Dear Parents, Staff and Students

Welcome back to Term 4. This term is a busy one (what term isn’t I hear you ask) and the weeks will no doubt fly by.

This week we hosted the Clarence schools’ region Parent Proclaim meeting. This event has been in the planning for some time and attendees had fruitful discussion about Catholic education and in particular the partnership between Parish, school and parents.

The best outcomes for your child will be achieved when all three are working well together. Conversation and careful listening are vital for this to progress. My thanks goes to the staff, clergy, parents (though only few in number) and parishioners who came along on Wednesday night. We want our school to be a great school. More importantly, we want it to be a great Catholic school. I encourage you to be part of the conversation.

Father Paul Winter, our Parish Priest, informed the staff this week that our new Principal will be Mr Peter Watts. Peter is a former teacher at our school and a long-term Assistant Principal at St Francis Xavier Primary School in Woolgoolga. He has been the Acting Principal of SFX this year. Hopefully Peter will be able to come along to some of our events this term so you can meet him. I know you will give him a warm welcome.

Our P and F needs your support at our upcoming Fete. Please don’t wait to be asked as we need many volunteers to pitch in leading up to and including Fete day. This is a big fund raising opportunity for us as well as a great way for our community to come together.

I’ll leave you with the Parents Proclaim prayer. It’s a particularly beautiful one.

Leanne Feltis
Acting Principal

A Parent's Prayer

Loving God,
You are the giver of all we possess,
the source of all of our blessings.
We thank and praise you.
Thank you for the gift of our children.

Help us to set boundaries for them,
and yet encourage them to explore.
Give us the strength and courage to treat
each day as a fresh start.

May our children come to know you, the one true God,
and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.
May your Holy Spirit help them to grow
in faith, hope, and love,
so they may know peace, truth, and goodness.

May their ears hear your voice.
May their eyes see your presence in all things.
May their lips proclaim your word.
May their hearts be your dwelling place.
May their hands do works of charity.
May their feet walk in the way of Jesus Christ,
your Son and our Lord.
Amen.
CATECHETICAL NEWS

Sacramental Program
Children from the Parish began their preparation to receive the sacraments of Penance and First Communion last week.
This nine week program, which is organised and run through the Parish, is an essential component of every Catholic.
We congratulate the families who have embarked on this worthwhile task and we encourage them through our prayers.

Parent Proclaim
Congratulations to the many parents who attended the Parent Proclaim program in the school hall on Wednesday evening.
The challenging and exciting program engaged parents in the task of being Catholic parents in a modern society.
Feedback following the evening has been very positive.

Mini Vinnies
St Augustine’s has joined the majority of schools in our Diocese in forming a branch of the St Vincent DePaul Society to operate within our school.
Called “Mini Vinnies”, our school group consists of representatives of each class. Meeting each fortnight, the group guides the school in social justice issues including fundraising, specialty drives for goods and support of the local St Vincent DePaul chapter.
Their first big task will be the St Vincent DePaul Christmas Appeal which will culminate in the Advent Giving Mass on 12 December.

Socktober
St Augustine’s is joining with Lismore Diocese schools in raising money for Catholic Mission by supporting Socktober.
Wearing a pair of crazy socks on October 24 and giving a gold coin donation will be a fun and meaningful way of raising awareness and money for the poor and needy of the world.

PARISH MASS TIMES
Coffs Harbour  Saturday  6:00 pm
              Sunday  8:00 am  6:00 pm
Woolgoolga    Sunday  9:00 am
Coramba 1st & 3rd Sunday  10:30 am
Glenreagh 2nd & 4th Sunday  10:30 am

Rosary
October is the month of Mary’s prayer, the Rosary. Ask your child what they know about the Rosary, it is quite different!
   Paddy Dent - Leader of School Evangelisation
   Mary Machatsch – Leader of Catechesis

P & F NEWS

MEETING & FETE NEWS
Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 4 November at 7:00 pm in the LARC. The main item on the Agenda will be the school Fete which is being held on Friday 28 November 2014. All parents and Fete helpers welcome!!!

St Augustine’s Fete
SAVE THE DATE
Friday 28 November
3-6pm

The countdown is on and we need your help.
If you have a new idea or would like to become involved in this year’s Fete then please email Tennille at:
torourke-cox@lism.catholic.edu.au

It’s time to start collecting donations:
Plants
Coloured Hair Spray
Lollies for prizes
Small novelty toys for prizes
Tombola prizes
Spin the Bottles

Do you want your child to be Baptized?
Our Parish runs Baptism Information Nights for parents every month (except December). For more information contact the Parish Pastoral Associate on 6651 0000

FETE POSTER ON PAGE 10 FOR ALL STUDENTS TO COLOUR AND DISPLAY IN CARS, BUSINESS WINDOWS ETC. THANK YOU.

Stephen Appleton—P & F Committee President
COMING EVENTS

OCTOBER
18/19 Men’s and Boys’ Camp at Valla Beach
21 Yrs K-2 Sausage Sizzle day
23 Yr 3 Liturgy 10:20 am in the church
29 Yr 3 Choir visit St Joseph’s Nursing Home
30 Yrs K-2 Walkathon
31 Newsletter Day
Yrs 3-6 Walkathon

NOVEMBER
4 Yrs 3/4 Sausage Sizzle Day
Yr 6 Speech Competition 9:30 am
P & F Meeting 7:00 pm in the LARC
5 Yr K 2015 Parents Social Evening
7 Yr 6 Liturgy 10:20 am in church
11 Yr 2 Liturgy 10:20 am in church
12 Yr K 2015 first orientation morning
Yr K 2015 Parent information in hall 9:15 am
13 Yr K Liturgy 10:20 am in church
14 Newsletter Day
18 Yrs 5/6 Sausage Sizzle Day
Yr 3 Learning Journey in classrooms 2:00 pm
19 Yr K 2015 second orientation morning
20 Yr 5 Liturgy 10:20 am in church

SCHOOL FETE 3:00—5:30 pm

CANTEEN ROSTER

20.10.2014
Mon G Franklin, S Kendall, S O’Reilly, L Seccombe
Tues R Saunders
Wed L Trotman, K White
Thur K Gilliland, J Shannon
Fri B Dougherty, P Duffy, J Roach, L Zawadzki, K-A Van Ryswyk

27.10.2014
Mon E Joyce, R Mott
Tues G Bull, R Kennedy
Wed M Bulloch, J Jenkins
Thur J Devitt, M Felton, C Inwood, N Smith
Fri D Budd, L Budd, P Duffy, B Guest, J Roach

CANTEEN NEWS
Canteen helpers are always required. Help is needed for three hours from 9:00 am until 12:00 noon every four weeks. Grandparents are very welcome also. If you are able to help in the Canteen on any day please call us on 66521204.

Barbra Symons & Alicia Betland—Canteen Managers

Men’s and Boys’ Camp is on this weekend!
It’s not too late to come - just call the park on 6569 5555 to make a last minute booking or simply turn up on Saturday.
The day begins on Saturday with a Sausage sizzle at Midday- $2 sausage sandwiches available or BYO.
A fishing comp will be held throughout the weekend - with the final weigh in being at 11:00 am on Sunday.
Activities have been planned for Saturday afternoon such as a kicking comp and a simple game of cricket.
Make sure the kids bring their bike and scooters.
You’re all invited to a BBQ on Saturday night (BYO). A movie will be played in the recreation room for the boys to keep them entertained.
It’s shaping up to be a great weekend.
If you have any queries please call Jeff on 0418 290579.

2014 SCHOOL YEAR BOOK
Our full colour issue celebrating:
* Our students   * Artwork   * Photos
* Sporting Achievements
* Educational Achievements
* Memories of 2014
* Only $20 if ordered by 12 December

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St Augustine’s School Year Book 2014

Student’s name: ____________________________  Student’s class: ______________

No. of copies: ____________________________  Amount enclosed: ______________

Please return this slip and money in an envelope by 12 December to qualify for the discounted price of $20.00 each.

All orders after 12 December will be charged at $25.00
SPORT NEWS

KnowledgeNET
Check out the 2014 Sports News page on KnowledgeNET. This page has current information and what’s happening each week. It also has Term 4 important dates. If you have information that you would like on this page, please contact Ms Kristy M’Dermid on kmcdermid@lism.catholic.edu.au.

NSW PSSA Athletics Trials
The NSW PPSAA Athletics trials were held yesterday in Sydney.
Ashan Arob (100m 13yrs Girls) placed 2nd in the final! Congratulations on your success Ashan!
Thomas Anderson (100m 13yrs Boys) made the final coming 9th! What an achievement. Congratulations Thomas!
Alexandra Harrison (11yrs Girls High Jump) placed 13th out of 40 finalists with a jump of 1.35m. Congratulations Alexandra!
They represented St Augustine’s, the Clarence Zone, the Lismore Diocese and Polding.

Netball and Basketball competitions
The Term 4 netball summer competition has commenced, whilst the winter basketball season is also well underway. St Augustine’s have a total of twelve teams representing in all age groups for both competitions. These competitions continue until the end of November. Good luck to all teams participating in these competitions.

Summer Sports Trials
The Summer Sports trials will be held soon. These sports include basketball (boys and girls), touch football (boys and girls), softball (boys and girls), tennis (boys and girls) and cricket (boys and girls). Students have nominated for the trials and will be receiving more information soon.

Swimming Time Trials
Swimming time trials will be held this Term. These trials are to qualify for the Clarence Zone Swimming Carnival to be held early in 2015. Permission notes for children who turn 8 years of age and over in 2015 will be available in November.

Date: Wed 3 December 2014
Time: 1:00—3:00pm
Venue: Coffs Harbour War Memorial Olympic Pool

We will also be looking for some wonderful parent volunteers to help at this event.

Cricket Development Officers
For the next few weeks, all our students will be given a taste of cricket during sport by the development officers of Cricket NSW. This initiative gives the children an opportunity and introduction to cricket.

We are looking forward to the sessions and will place some photos on KnowledgeNET in the coming weeks.

Rugby, Netball and Football (Soccer) Uniforms
With the cessation of the 2014 rugby union season, as well as the completion of the netball and football (soccer) knockout competition in Grafton, it is time to hand uniforms back. Please get your rugby, netball and football (soccer) uniforms into the sports office as soon as you can. Thank you.

Welcome to Ms Kristy M’Dermid
I wish to introduce the new Sports Administrator, Ms Kristy M’Dermid. She joins the fantastic staff of St Augustine’s in this role with both a teaching and sporting background. Ms M’Dermid can be contacted through the school on (02) 6652 1204 or via email on kmcdermid@lism.catholic.edu.au should you have any sporting enquiries.

Also, I would like to thank Mrs Regan Kama for all of her input over the last couple of years. She has been a wonderful asset to our school. Thank you!

Dan Hammond
Sports Coordinator

YEAR 6 PHOTOS
Rachael Smyth and her committee are currently organising the Year 6 Graduation. If you have any photos of the students over their (nearly) seven years of primary school would you please email them to Rachael at rachaelmsmyth@gmail.com

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ICAS COMPETITIONS

2014 ICAS Competition Results—Mathematics

This year, 74 students participated in the Mathematics Competition. Two High Distinction, one Distinction, 24 Credit, 13 Merit and 34 Participation Certificates were awarded. Congratulations and thank you to all the students who participated.

High Distinction: Saarang Baba, Kieran Murray (Year 4)

Distinction: Adam King (Year 5)

Credit: Lily Betland, Jessica Harrison, Jagdeep Sandhu, Archie Budd, Riley Dagger, Eve Guy (Year 3); David Gilliland, Ella McKiernan, Centaine O’Carroll, Kayla Parks, Kiahni Wainwright, Rory Beech, Jacob Field, Jacon Hibbard, Trinity Kachel (Year 4); Alexandra Harrison, Nicholas Bulloch, Madison Howarth, Maddison Smith, Alyssa Golding, Oscar Pike (Year 5); Thomas Fergusson, Zachary Clarke, Griffin Moore (Year 6)

Merit: Oskar Cragg, Abbey George, Max Grant, Duke Rowthorne (Year 3); Marcus Field, Kye Grant, William McCormack (Year 4); Finn Murray, Lily-Rose Battaglia, Gabriella Majarich, Abbi Dagger (Year 5); Rocco Greisel, Jennifer Parks (Year 6)

Stephanie George
Coordinator: Administration

SAVE THE DATE!
YEARS K–3 MUMS’ LUNCH
Sunday 16 November
More details soon!

Socktober

St Augustine’s will be taking part in SOCKTOBER to support Catholic Mission! This year, the Catholic Mission Australia appeal is themed ‘When I grow up I want to be alive,’ and focuses on Jamaica, a country troubled by violence and crime.

Throughout October the World Mission Month campaign will highlight the work of brave missionaries who are helping Jamaica’s youth living in the dangerous ghettos and working to break the cycle of violence in the country through the power of education and the spirit of Jesus Christ.

On 24 October you are invited to wear your CRAZIEST PAIR OF SOCKS and bring a GOLD COIN to support the people of Jamaica!
**e-Learning News**

It’s always a good reminder to check in with your child and how they are engaging with technology use.

This poster from cybersmart.gov.au is a good prompt for discussion at home. Remember the St Augustine’s Ninja course is an online self paced course that supports students’ learning in this area. They can access the course and instructions on their cohort’s KnowledgeNET page.
OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

After School Care
After School Care is back in full swing. This involves Active Sport Tuesdays and Thursdays, art and craft on Fridays and an option for doing homework on Mondays and Wednesdays. If you would like your child/ren to do their homework at OSHC please advise an educator. On one of our crafty Fridays we made some beautiful flowers.

Please ensure you update your child/ren’s attendance for After School Care for Term 4 there has been confusion with some bookings or cancellations. It is still essential to advise OSHC if your child is due to attend After School Care and is absent from school and/or not attending for that day. Please notify Educators by calling 0417 666 494 before 1:00 pm. This will alleviate Educators spending additional time looking for your child at roll call.

Vacation Care
During the holiday period we had an awesome time. We were lucky enough to see the Buskers perform at the Racecourse for the Kids’ Day as well as being able to go Ten Pin Bowling. Other exciting things we did included dressing up in our favourite book character, wearing inspired clothing from different cultures/countries around the world, coming dressed as our favourite sport, creating beautiful paper bag butterfly artworks and finally we did some exciting science experiments.

Active Sport
Active sport is back this term, so if you have any suggestions of what sport games your child would like to play please let an educator know.

Invoices
Updated invoices were sent home via children last week. These need to be bought up to date by Monday 20 October. It is important that the account is not in arrears. Should accounts not be finalised future bookings will not be possible. Your attention to this is appreciated.

For all bookings, changes to enrolments or bookings, queries or messages please email OSHC on cofhp-oshc@lism.catholic.edu.au

CONTACT DETAILS:
Sarah (Coordinator OSHC)        Linda (Administrator OSHC)
cofhp-oshc@lism.catholic.edu.au  lrick@lism.catholic.edu.au
0417 666 494                    6652 1204

PLAYGROUP
PLAYGROUP is on at St Augustine’s Parish. All mums (or dads!) and their 0-5 years olds are invited. The playgroup runs during term time on Mondays starting at 9:00 am and finishing at 11:00 am. The playgroup takes place in the backyard behind the Curran Centre. Tea and coffee is provided, byo morning tea please. Everyone is welcome! For more information contact Fran Davis on 0409 597 866.
**GARDENING CLUB NEWS**
The Gardening Club is a winner!

Our Gardening Club entered the Coffs Harbour Gardening Club Spring Garden Competition. We love our garden and wanted the community to see what we have been busy doing. We are so excited to announce we placed 2nd for our vegetable garden and also 2nd for our rose garden outside the school office and mixed flower bed in our sustainable garden.

Thank you again for the continued support from our gardening grandparents. Don't forget if you would like to volunteer to help in our garden please come to the school office on Tuesday or Thursday at 11:20 am.

*Miss Erin Lyons*
*Gardening Club Coordinator*

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**INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM**
Welcome back to the Instrumental Music Program for Term 4. Lessons commenced this week. If you are uncertain of your child’s lesson day and time, please contact Sione George in the school office.

**VIOLIN LESSONS for previous violin students**
We are pleased to offer violin lessons at school during Term 4 for previous violin students through the Coffs Harbour Regional Conservatorium. Lessons will be taught by Barbara Crosbie at school and commence Week 3 (1 lesson per week for 6 weeks). Expressions of interest forms were sent home with previous violin students this week. Enrolment forms will be sent home early next week. Payment of fees for these lessons will be made to the Coffs Harbour Regional Conservatorium.

**BAND**
Band will resume for Term 4 next Monday, 20 October from 3.10pm – 4.00pm. All Instrumental Music Program students are welcome. Please see Mr Skelton.

**INVOICES AND PAYMENTS**
Invoices for some families are still outstanding for Term 3. Reminders have been sent home today. **If payment is not received by Friday 24 October, lessons will be suspended until the account is settled.** Invoices for Term 4 will be sent home next week. For all account enquiries, please contact Sione George or Dot Trevaskis in the office.

**2015 ENROLMENTS**
Instrumental Music Program lessons will be offered to Years 3-6 students in 2015.

Current Years 2-5 students will be given the opportunity to experience a demonstration of the Instrumental Music Program and the instruments available to learn in 2015. Expression of Interest forms will be sent home with students.

If you would like to receive an Instrumental Music Program Booklet and enrolment form for your child to commence lessons in Term 1, 2015, please complete the Expression of Interest form and return it to the office. Enrolment forms and Information Booklets for 2015 will be sent home in the next few weeks. For any enquiries, please contact Sione George.
THE GREEN SPOT
Did you know being physically active is linked to reduced risk of heart disease, some cancers and diabetes?

Being active as a family is a great way to help children develop healthy habits. Here are some ideas for your family:

- Make playing with your kids part of every day
- Play outside with your kids, go for a walk as a family
- Get involved in family sporting activities
- Take the dog for a walk
- Plan an outing at the local beach, pool or river
- Pack a picnic lunch and explore the beautiful coast or hinterland

Lunch box ideas
Are your children tired of the same old lunch box items each day? Try one of these ideas to help encourage them to have a healthy and yummy lunch each day.

The three bowl approach: fill one bowl with fruit, one with treats and one with dairy (such as tubs of yoghurt or cheese sticks). Let the kids make their own lunches by selecting one item from each bowl. Just add a sandwich, a bottle of water and lunch is ready.

Moving on from bread: try bagels, wraps, multigrain sandwich crackers, pitta bread, hot cross buns, scones or pikelets.

The leftovers lunch: Cook a little extra dinner the night before and save for lunch the next day. Roast chicken, pasta salad, quiche, homemade pizza slices and sausages are just a few examples that are a delicious cold lunch.

The lunchbox: If you use a lunch box that keeps food chilled, you can send tubs of yoghurt, small containers of dip or cottage cheese mixed with pineapple pieces to school without fear of salmonella poisoning.

Perfect packaging: the ziplock bags are a sandwich's best friend - no spills; no soggy sandwich.

Filling fillings: banana and honey; mashed egg and mayonnaise; ham, cheese and tomato; cream cheese, tuna, cucumber and carrot.

The love note: add a little message from you to brighten their day, and their lunch if they're not going to be happy with what you snuck in!

Alex Shaw and Candice Butcher—Coordinators

Instrumental Music Tuition, Year 6 Camp and Outside School Hours Care payments
A reminder that Instrumental Music Tuition and Outside School Hours Care are invoiced by St Augustine's school and are payable directly to the school, not the Parish Schools Office. These fees are separate to your school fees account.

If you wish to pay School-related fees by direct credit, please ensure you use the correct bank details which are printed on your invoice. If unsure please call the school before making a payment.

Please do not use bank details from the School Fee invoice sent to you by the Parish Schools Office. Thank you.

Again, we wish to thank you for keeping your fees up to date.
ST. AUGUSTINE’S
COFFS HARBOUR

Fete

Friday 28 November
3-6pm
Mrs L Feltis  
Acting Principal  
St Augustine’s Primary School  
PO Box 399  
COFFS HARBOUR NSW 2450

2 October 2014

Dear Leanne,

It was pleasing to see your school represented at the Police Remembrance Day service held earlier this week. I appreciate that staff, students and parents give up their time during the school holidays to attend the service and their effort and support is very much appreciated by the community.

Please congratulate your students on their neat and tidy appearance and on their exemplary conduct on the day, they are worthy ambassadors for your school and for our youth.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]

John P Casey  
Police Chaplain  
Coffs/Clarence Local Area Command
Have you ever heard the phrase “It takes a village”?

Well, we are inviting you to collaborate with us at our iConnect Conference around what this means in Catholic Education in 2015.

We will be exploring the idea of family, school, parish and community partnerships to support young people’s learning, well-being and faith development.

This conference just doesn’t begin and end on 16-17 May, we want to engage you in an extended conversation about what you think the essential elements are and what role we all have: parents, teachers and community members working together.

Michael Grose
Expert Parenting Educator

Bruce Sullivan
Relationship Specialist

For updates go to: www.ccsp.catholic.edu.au
Departures

A reminder that two weeks' written notice is required to terminate an enrolment. As there is a wait list for most years, please advise the school office asap if your child(ren) won't be returning. Thank you.

A reminder to families not on a Direct Debit Request, payment of school fees must be finalised as follows:

- All Weekly and Fortnightly payments - before 30/11/2014
- All Monthly payments - by 1/12/2014

Annual Prize Draw

All families who honour their 2014 school fees agreement and who have paid their accounts in full by the due dates will be entered into the prize draw in January 2015. (All families who have a direct debit arrangement which is kept up to date will automatically be entered into the draw.)

**BreakFree Aanuka Beach Resort & Novotel Coffs Harbour Pacific Bay Resort** have generously donated the following prizes:

**BreakFree Aanuka Beach Resort** - One night’s accommodation in a Paradise Spa Bure including full breakfast for two adults

**Novotel Coffs Harbour Pacific Bay Resort** - One night’s accommodation in a Resort Room for two adults including a full buffet breakfast in Charlie’s Restaurant
Adding names to faces

There are times when we all find it difficult meeting new people. Everyone does. By joining a Family Group you will be in immediate contact with a network of people from different walks of life - families, couples, students, retirees, singles.

Once you know them, you'll find that you will not only be able to talk with them after Mass but that you will begin to see them down the street or at the shops.

Your parish community will become an expanding network of friendships.

Why have Family Groups?

We focus on relationships because community is important to us.

We want to foster a context where it is easy for you to build and experience healthy relationships as you "do life" and we believe our Family Groups provide this natural setting.

Do I have to go to Mass?

No. You don't even have to be Catholic!

While you might be the partner of a Catholic or the friend of a Catholic neither of these is a requirement. Everyone is welcome!

Who will be in my Family Group?

People like you!

Each Family Group is different but we aim to have around a dozen households represented by each group, and they will include a cross section of ages, just like an extended family.

Everyone is welcome to join, from grandparents to babies. There is room for non-church attending spouses, one-parent families and single people, elderly or young.

What happens in a Family Group?

That's up to you.

Groups gather once a month for social events that are planned by the members of the group - picnics, BBQ's, casserole nights - the only limit is that we try to avoid expensive ideas.

Depending on the make up of the group, some events might be more for the adults (perhaps to give parents of young children a bit of breathing space), while others might focus on events for families with children.

Events are always informal.

How committed do I have to be?

Life today is busy and fast paced with many competing priorities.

You don't have to come every month to be part of a Family Group, but obviously, you will get more out if you put more time in.

We'll still keep you informed of up coming events and then it's up to you.

We do encourage all the members to be involved in the planning of their own group—and that's as simple as coming to someone's house for a pot luck dinner on a Friday night.

What can I offer to a Family Group?

Yourself!

You are a unique person with stories and experiences unlike anyone else!

People come to Family Groups because they want to be friends and make friends, so they are the perfect place for you to be yourself.

You can give as generous with your friendship as you like. It isn't hard: share your story and listen to others. It is you that matters.

How often do Family Groups meet?

Only once per month. The location will depend on the event. There is no obligation to hold an event in your home.
St Augustine’s Parish Family Groups

Our Family Groups exist to help people to begin to build meaningful relationships and lasting friendships: the missing ingredient in our busy, modern lives.

Our Family Groups are a natural and vital expression of our Catholic community life.

For More Information contact the Parish Office during office hours on (02) 6651-0000.