Dear Parents, Carers and Staff

During the spring holidays I spent some time visiting schools in Perth as part of a professional development tour with a group of principals and Catholic Schools Office consultants from our Diocese. For me, there were a number of key observations from the trip that affirm the educational directions St Augustine’s has implemented over the past few years. One of the significant learnings centred on the role and use of digital devices for enhancing student learning.

The role of parents in supporting the learning agenda around the use of digital devices is of vital importance to sharing the message of cyber safety. Parents have differing views on what is acceptable use and what is unacceptable. (We see this across all fields; eg bedtime routines; watching TV; eating food; household chores; etc) It stands to reason that there will be differing views on the use of devices. (How many children under 13 have a facebook account?)

While our school has a number of cyber safety programs that we run for each grade throughout the year we rely upon the support of parents in teaching our children responsible use of the internet and digital devices.

Here are some key messages around internet safety that could help parents help their children.

1. Don’t let potential problems stop you from letting your child use technology for their education and personal interests.
2. Put computers in a communal area of the house and don’t allow portable internet devices (laptops, phones, tablets etc) in the bedroom.
3. Find out what your child is doing online. Talk to them regularly about what websites they visit and take the time sit with them as they use the internet. Make sure you’re familiar with how the sites that they visit work.
4. Encourage your child to tell you if they ever have a problem on the internet or if they’re ever unsure about anything. Reassure them that you won’t take away their connection to the internet if issues occur.
5. Remind your child to keep personal information private. YAPPY is a useful acronym to remind children of the personal information they should not share on public online spaces (blogs, forums etc.) – Your full name, address, phone number, passwords, your plans.
6. Remind your child that not everything on the internet is true and not all internet users tell the truth.
7. Don’t support your child to sign up for sites that are 13+ if they are under age (Facebook, YouTube, Instagram etc). Make sure your child sets their online accounts to private to limit access to people they know well (when they are old enough to sign up).
8. Encourage your child to balance their leisure time so they’re not spending all of their time online.
9. Create your own internet rules for your household and have your child agree to adhere to them.

Peace and Best Wishes
Jake

P & F Centenary Fete Fabulous ‘i’ Raffle
St Augustine’s School Fete is fast approaching and the P & F Committee has organised wonderful prizes from Coffs Computing.

1st Prize iPad (valued at $550)
2nd Prize iPod Touch (valued at $250)
3rd Prize iPod Shuffle (valued at $60)

Drawn Friday 22 November 2013 at St Augustine’s Fete
Tickets $2.00 each. A book of 5 tickets will be sent home to each family at the beginning of next week.
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

CATECHETICAL NEWS

YR K LITURGY AND LEARNING JOURNEY
Please note that the Yr K Liturgy will now be held on Thursday 7 November at 9:15 am in the Church followed by the Learning Journey in the classrooms.

YR 6 LITURGY
The Year 6 Liturgy will now be held on Wednesday 6 November at 9:30 am at school followed by the Learning Journey in the classrooms.

YR 1 LEARNING JOURNEY
The Yr 1 Learning Journey will be held on Tuesday 3 December from 9:15—10:45 am in the classrooms.

CLAIM THE DATE
Pope Francis has announced that on April 27, 2014, Pope John XXIII and Pope John Paul II will be declared Saints.

Pope John XXIII was pontiff from 1958—1963 calling the Second Vatican Council that has transformed the Church.

Pope John Paul II led the Church from 1978—2005 and is credited for his work with the youth.

SOCK IT TO HOMELESSNESS IN MONGOLIA
Students and staff have united together to join with Catholic Mission to reach out to help children in Mongolia who are homeless and in desperate need. Catholic Mission assists over 180 developing countries to both know of the love of Christ through the work of committed lay missionaries, priests and religious as well as providing for the practical needs of communities. The fundraising we are focusing on at the moment is directed towards the specific needs of children of Mongolia, be it food, accommodation, medical assistance, school resources, aids for the impaired or for those who are homeless or at risk thereof. This program provides the opportunity for “children to help children”.

Many of our students have donated a gold coin for this cause and we hope to keep raising money until the end of October. “When you give to the poor, you lend from the Lord, because He is the one who will repay you” “You can be sure that whoever gives even a drink of cold water to one of the least of these my followers because he is my follower, will certainly receive a reward.” Matt 10:40.

Please copy and paste the following web address into your browser to see what Catholic Mission has already done for some of these children.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2X3pHrMQSs8

ROSARY MONTH
October is the month of the Rosary and all our classes have been praying a decade of the Rosary each day. This is helping to tie together Australian Catholic Mission Month and Fundraising for Mongolia.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS
Children enrolled in the 1st Penance and 1st Communion begin their Parish based program this week.

Paddy Dent - Leader of School Evangelisation
Mary Machatsch – Leader of Catechesis

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM
Term 4 invoices will be sent home next week. Parents wishing to enrol their children in the Instrumental Music Program for 2014 should collect an enrolment form as soon as possible from the office.

BUS FORMS - YEAR 2 STUDENTS PROGRESSING TO YEAR 3 IN 2014
Transport NSW requires a new application form for free travel from students who commence Year 3.

Busways has sent a letter and applications to all current Year 2 students who hold a bus pass and currently attend St Augustine’s School.

To reduce the risk of Year 3 students not having a pass at the beginning of 2014, please send in your completed application forms to the office as soon as possible.
SPORT NEWS

KnowledgeNET
Check out the 2013 Sports News page on KnowledgeNET. This page has current information and what’s happening this week. It also has Term 4 important dates. If you have information you would like on this page please contact Regan Kama at school.

NSW PSSA ATHLETICS
Three students from St Augustine’s competed in the NSW PSSA Athletics Trials on Wednesday 16 and Thursday 17 October.

Congratulations to:
Sophie Scott – 11yr Girls 100m and 200m
Blair Boulton – Junior Boys Shot Put
Joel Guy – 11yr Boys Long Jump

Results will be on KnowledgeNET next week.

SUMMER SPORTS TRIALS
The Clarence Zone is calling for Year 4 and Year 5 students only to nominate in the Summer Sports Trials, these sports include Basketball (boys and girls), Touch Football (boys and girls), Softball (boys and girls), Tennis (boys and girls) and Cricket (boys only).

To nominate you must be of representative standard. To get a nomination form please see Mrs Kama in the sports office.

Nominations are due on Thursday 24 October.

RUGBY LEAGUE DEVELOPMENT OFFICERS
For the next three weeks our students from Year 1 to Year 6 will be given a taste of rugby league during sport by the Regional Game Development Officer. This initiative gives the children an opportunity and introduction to a sport they may not have tried.

We are looking forward to the sessions and will have some photos posted on KnowledgeNET early next week.

LISMORE DIOCESE CRICKET
Congratulations to both Chloie Rose and Georgie Martin who will represent the Lismore Diocese for cricket on Tuesday 19 November.

Both girls successfully trialled for the Clarence team last Friday. They will now travel to Dubbo to trial for the Polding team which will compete in the NSW PSSA Cricket Tournament early in 2014.

Well done and congratulations to both girls. St Augustine’s wish you and your family a safe and successful trip.

EUROPEAN HANDBALL
On Wednesdays during lunch time, Mr Podesta has been running a European Handball competition for Year 5 and Year 6 students. The children organised their own teams and team names and are now in their final weeks of the competition.

Both finals will be on Wednesday 30 October. The Year 6 final will see Thaumaturges playing against the All Blacks, while the Year 5 competition has two more weeks left before the first and second place teams are decided.

Thank you to for Mr Podesta organising this competition.

Rugby, Football (Soccer) and Netball Uniforms
Please return all uniforms to Mrs Kama as soon as possible. These uniforms are required for future games. Thank you.

Dan Hammond—Sports Coordinator

MEN’S AND BOYS’ CAMP
Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 October.
Venue: Valla Beach Tourist Park.
All welcome! Information has been sent home to those who have indicated they are attending.

Steve Ryan—Camp Coordinator
Today was the annual Book Fair day in collaboration with Dymocks Bookshop from Park Beach Plaza. Many thanks to Sonya from Dymocks who has worked tirelessly to ensure a top quality selection of books for our students. The proceeds from our Book Fair will go towards the purchase of more books for the students to borrow from the LARC. The students were also very clear in letting me know which are their favourites to add to the LARC collection and I am happy to accommodate where possible. This year we will also replace some old favourites that are in need of retirement.

As always, the enthusiasm at the beginning of the day was overwhelming. It is wonderful to see so many students and families excited about books. Thank you for the patience shown by everyone as Dymocks staff worked through the queues.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Book Fair. Our students will benefit greatly. And don’t forget to read your child’s new books with them - they will really appreciate it. I hope they become family favourites.

See you in the LARC
Annie Madden—Teacher Librarian

COMING EVENTS

OCTOBER
19/20 Men’s and Boys’ Camp
22 3 Man Chess Challenge at Sawtell PS
24 Yr 1 Pet Liturgy 10:15 am
25 Yr 5 Grade Mass 9:15 am in Church
26 Yr 6 Parents Social Evening at Pier Hotel
27 P & F Social Bowls Day 1:00—3:00 pm
29 Yr 3 Breakfast 7:30—8:15 am
Yrs K-2 Chicken Burger Day

NOVEMBER
1 Yr 3 Grade Mass 9:15 am
5 P & F Meeting 7:00—8:30 pm in Library
6 Yr 6 Liturgy 9:30 am at school then Learning Journey in the classrooms
7 Yr K Liturgy 9:15 am in the Church then Learning Journey in the classrooms
8 Yr 4 at Parish Mass 9:15 am
12 Yr 2 Liturgy 9:15 am at school then Learning Journey in classrooms
Yr 6 Transition Day (at JPC)
13 Yr K 2014 Parents Social Evening 7:00 pm
19 Yrs 5 & 6 Chicken Burger Day
20 Yr K 2014 first Orientation morning
Yr 6 Orientation Day (at JPC)
21 Yr 5 Liturgy & Learning Journey 12:00 noon
22 CENTENARY FETE 3:00—6:00 pm
Diocesan Summer Sports Trials at Coffs
25-29 Yr 6 Camp
26 Yr 1 Breakfast 7:30—8:15 am
Yrs 3/4 Chicken Burger Day
27 Yr K 2014 second Orientation morning

PLEASE NOTE: THERE HAVE BEEN SOME CHANGES TO THE CALENDAR FOR THIS TERM SO PLEASE CHECK THE LIST ABOVE.

Thank you to all of our volunteers who have helped throughout the year to date. Without the help of our parents many of the events we have hosted would not have been successful.
**CANTEEN ROSTER**

**Week commencing 21 October**
- **Mon**  K Apps, J Sharp, N Smith
- **Tues**  C Bailey, G Bull
- **Wed**  M Bulloch, F Gilliland, J Jenkins
- **Thur**  K Allen, K O’Carroll  **HELP!! HELP!!**
- **Fri**  J Arnold, E Dow, R Neal, J Roach, J Schultz, K Taylor

**Week commencing 28 October**
- **Mon**  S O’Reilly, L Seccombe
- **Tues**  J Arnold, M Murphy
- **Wed**  L Trotman, K White
- **Thur**  K Gilliland, J Golding  **HELP!! HELP!!**
- **Fri**  B Dougherty, P Duffy, J Roach, K Van Ryswyk, L Zawadzki

**CANTEEN NEWS**

Canteen helpers are always required. Help is needed for three hours from 9:00 am until 12:00 noon once 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*

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**THE GREEN SPOT**

*‘Bluearth’*

At the beginning of each term ‘Bluearth’ visits St Augustine’s and gives a number of our teachers different fun and inclusive activities for our children.

‘Bluearth’ is a national not-for-profit organisation whose focus is to increase the levels of physical activity amongst Australians, in particular school aged children.

The approach utilises movement, motivation and learning to support, encourage, enable and challenge active living. It not only teaches children and adults the enjoyment and fun of being physically active, it also draws on their feelings, reactions and thoughts that resulted from their participation and draws key developmental learning back into classroom settings and into their lives.

During this visit our ‘Bluearth’ expert Mr Matt Dillon attended our staff meeting where he was able to introduce different brain break activities.

To learn more about ‘Bluearth’ you can go to their website [www.bluearth.org](http://www.bluearth.org)

**Are you getting enough water?**

Now that we are getting closer to Summer (though some days it feels as if it’s already here), our children need to ensure they are getting enough water in their bodies.

We’ve all heard that drinking water will help keep us healthy. But how much is really enough?

The experts have always said, on average, that eight 250ml glasses per day will suffice. However, that might not be enough. While eight is great, amounts really need to be tailored to meet the needs of every individual.

By the time someone gets thirsty, it is too late! Or, if one is thirsty, they may go for a beverage that does not actually replenish the body. Water is the best remedy for dehydration. If mild dehydration sets in, it can decrease one's energy level and mental functioning and increase stress on the body. Severe dehydration can have far more damaging effects. There are three important rules when it comes to drinking water:

1. Drink twice as much as it takes to quench your thirst.
2. Drink frequently throughout the day to prevent dehydration.
3. Drink at least eight glasses daily, or one cup for every 10 kilos of body weight. For example, a 70 kilo person who does not exercise or work in hot climates needs 7 cups.

*Alex Shaw—Coordinator*
It’s Term 4! FETE Term

Save the date
Friday 22 November 3 – 6pm

We have some exciting new stalls in 2014 and have made some changes to make this Centenary FETE one to remember.

If you have a new idea or want to join our fete committee please email Tennille at: torourke-cox@lism.catholic.edu.au

We are meeting on Tuesday afternoons beginning Week 4 at 5pm in the staff room.

How can you help??

By donating small prizes to the value of no more than $3 such as yoyos, tattoos, any stationery such as fancy pencils and erasers, slap bands, hair bands, sporting balls, stickers for the many stalls we have.

By donating non-perishable items the children love for the Tombola Stall.

By making bottles for the Spin the Bottle Stall.

By coordinating a stall (contact Tennille – torourke-cox@lism.catholic.edu.au).

By working for 1 hour on a stall (more details in the next Newsletter).

By baking cupcakes and freezing them for our cake decorating stall.

By donating food that we require for the food stalls such as sausages, cans of soft drink, small packets of chips etc.

Donating prizes for the chocolate wheel such as hams, chicken trays, fruit boxes, seafood platters, meat trays

Donation of plants for the plant stall.

Contact torourke-cox@lism.catholic.edu.au for more information.

2ND Hand Books Stall

Please send in unwanted books.

(Please do not send in Encyclopaedias)

TOMBOLA

Non-perishable items which children love to buy are required for the Tombola Stall.

Please send in items to your child’s classroom.

Children who bring in grocery items will go into a draw for a chance to win $20 to spend on the day!

SPIN THE BOTTLE

We are asking families to recycle soft drink bottles by filling them with goodies & donating them to this stall. 1.25ltr and 600ml bottles are a good size. What you need to do is use any plastic soft drink bottle, wash & dry the inside, cut bottle in half around the middle, place contents inside and then sticky tape bottle again.

Contents should include small new toys (not old McDonalds toys please), sealed confectionery, erasers, pens, pencils, highlighters, notebooks, hair bands, scrunchies, tennis balls, skipping ropes etc. Whatever is placed inside your bottle needs to be to the value of $2, as they are sold for $2 at the Fete—we ran out of bottles early last year so we need lots of families to donate.

Simply bring the bottles into your classroom teacher as soon as possible.

Children who bring in bottles will go into a draw for a chance to win $20 to spend on the day.
2013 SCHOOL YEAR BOOK
Our full colour issue celebrating:
* Our students  * Artwork  * Photos
  * Sporting Achievements
  * Educational Achievements
  * Memories of 2013
* Only $20 if ordered by 22 November
ORDER FORM BELOW ↓

ORDER FORM
St Augustine’s School Year Book 2013

Student’s name: _______________________________  Student’s class: __________________

No. of copies: ________________________  Amount enclosed: __________________

Please return this slip and money in an envelope by 22 November to qualify for the discounted price of $20.00 each.

All orders after 22 November will be charged at $25.00
OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

VACATION CARE
Vacation Care was an absolute blast. The program was well-received by the children and many activities will be on the program for the next holiday. The weather was in our favour which meant a lot of water play and outdoor time. We welcome any feedback to help make our program fun for children.

After School Care – there has been some confusion about bookings at the start of this Term. Please make sure to check your bookings and let staff know of any changes. Unless otherwise specified bookings will only last for one Term.

Active After School Care Sports starts next week. On Tuesday Lindy will have great poses for the children to practice during yoga and on Thursday Claire will teach the children cricket skills. We appreciate the children’s commitment in completing the full seven week program. There are only 16 spots available for each of the days - maybe you would like to discuss with your child which sport they would like to participate in.

Homework is back on the agenda from this week. We have informed children we will expect them ALL to do homework UNLESS otherwise informed by the parents/carers. If you do NOT want your child to do homework during OSHC contact the OSHC staff.

INVOICES
Reminder invoices were sent home via your child’s class teacher this week. Payments need to be brought up to date please to help us meet our financial commitments to the Service and provide valuable resources for your children. Outstanding invoices must be attended to immediately. If you haven’t had an invoice in the last two weeks please contact Linda in the school office. Thank you.

Please contact Brigitte on 0417 666494 or email bklinkers@lism.catholic.edu.au to enrol your child into St Augustine’s OSHC so enrolment orientation can be organised. Thank you.

Playgroup had their first get together and we celebrated Diego’s second birthday. He was quite a champ at blowing out the candles. We welcome all families with children under school age to attend our Playgroup, held in the OSHC room. A $3 per family fee, payable on arrival, applies and we ask you to contribute either a snack (biscuits, cake, etc.) or a piece of fruit towards morning tea. Coffee, tea and hot chocolate are provided. Our emphasis at St Augustine’s playgroup is to provide a safe and happy environment for the children so they can play and interact with other children while their parent(s) enjoy a chat, a cuppa, and friendship. See you there!

Brigitte
# Maths Games to play at home

We all know that children enjoy playing games. Experience tells us that games can be very productive learning activities. Here are a few games that you can play at home to reinforce math skills and have fun at the same time.

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<td>FISH</td>
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<td>The game begins when player 1 asks the player sitting to their left if they have a card that matches one of theirs so that they can make a pair. If they do have the card, they give it to player 1. If they do not have the card they say &quot;fish&quot; and player 1 picks a card from the players count the number of pairs they made. The winner is the one with the most number of pairs.</td>
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| 6 – 10 years | Addition and Subtraction using mental strategies | **24**  
Deal out all the cards an equal number to each player. The person to the dealer’s left goes first and the game continues clockwise. The first person turns over a card and places it face up in the centre of the play area. The next player turns over a card and adds it to the card already played, says the sum out loud, and places the card on the top of the previously played card. The next player turns over a card and adds the card to the sum of the first two cards. Play continues in this way until someone adds a card that makes 24 or more. If the sum is exactly 24 that player wins. If the sum is over 24 the value of the card is taken away from the previous total. Play continues until someone gets a total of exactly 24. |
| 10 – 13 years | Numeral Recognition | **MAKE THE LARGEST NUMBER**  
Short deck cards 1-9  
Players take turns drawing one card at a time until they have 5 cards.  
Each player makes the largest number they can and says the number. The person with the largest number receives a point. Play continues in this way. After using all the cards in the pack, the player with the most points is the winner. |
| 5 – 8 years | Addition | **MAKE 10** - A pack of cards 1-10.  
One player deals out ten cards and places them face up in a row.  
The first player then looks across the row of cards for combinations that add up to 10 (any number of cards is fine). Only one combination can be removed.  
The aim of the game is to collect as many cards as possible, so combinations that require more cards are favoured.  
Once a combination of cards has been removed the cards are replaced with new ones from the pack.  
Play continues until there are no more cards or combinations to 10. The winner is the player with the most cards.  
**Variation:** Choose a different target number for the combinations |