Dear Parents and Carers

It struck me at Mass last week the amazing breadth of work being done at the Parish level. The school is but one work of the Parish and every day many people work to bring Christ’s love to others in a quiet and meaningful way. Some examples are parishioners who comfort those grieving, fundraise for the poor in the community and wider world, facilitate youth groups, teach English to refugees, meditate, teach Sacramental programs, take communion to those unable to get to Church and do other good works. If you want to know more about these ministries or want to get involved, visit coffscatholic.com or call the Parish Office on 6651 0000.

It has been a jam-packed few weeks of activity for the staff, students and families at school over the last few weeks. The fast-paced fun of the ‘Smarty Party’ and ‘Flower Power’ discos have been held and we’ve had our fabulous Showcase night, highlighting the extraordinary talents of the children and staff. The fundraiser ‘Socktober’ raised money for those less fortunate in other countries, the Year 6 speech competition put a focus on public speaking, Valla hosted the Men’s and Boys’ Camp and we had visiting authors and illustrators sharing their craft. Phew! It is quite amazing the amount of opportunities for children at the school – all making it an interesting and fun learning environment.

Don’t forget the P&F meeting next Tuesday from 7:00 pm in the LARC. As always, all are welcome.

Grace and peace

Peter Watts
Principal
STUDENTS LEAVING AT END OF 2015
If your child/ren will be leaving our school at the end of this year please let the office know as soon as possible. Please be aware that the Parish Office requires two weeks’ notice of student departures.

SCHOOL SHOES
Parents are asked to ensure their children come to school in correct footwear right up until the last day of school.

Students must wear polishable black leather shoes and predominantly white sports shoes.

As feet grow and shoes need to be replaced it’s a good idea to purchase new pairs that will carry over to next year.

ALBANY ST DRIVE-THROUGH FAMILY NAME ON SUN VISOR
Have you got your surname on your sun visor?

Children who are picked up at the Albany St drive-through area will be sitting in cohort lines. Teachers will call them to their car when it pulls up.

It’s important that staff can see your surname on your sun-visor to be able to do this. Please call the office on 66521204 if you would like one made.

YEAR 6 PHOTOS
Leigh Golding is currently organising the photos for Year 6 Graduation. If you have any photos of the students over their seven years of primary school, email leigh.golding@bigpond.com

Thank you.

P & F NEWS
MEETING
Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 3 November at 7:00 pm in the LARC. All welcome.

FETE NEWS
The 2015 FETE planning is well underway. We are excited to announce that there will be rides on the field for the children to enjoy. As well there will be additional food stalls with a variety of choices to feed the family before you head home. Stay tuned as more information will be provided at a later date.

We are asking for businesses to contribute to the Fete. Sponsorship of stalls and prizes are always welcome. If you are interested, then please email Tennille on torourke-cox@lism.catholic.edu.au

Please see pages 5, 6 and 12 of this Newsletter for all our Fete information.

Stephen Appleton—P & F Committee President

COMING EVENTS

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| 27 | SCHOOL FETE 3:00—5:30 pm |
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| 3 | Yr 3 at Parish Mass 9:15 am |
| 30 | Yr 6 Camp (Nov 30—Dec 4) |

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CANTEEN ROSTER

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Tues A Bonus, G Bull
Wed  C Williams
Thur K Allen, K O’Carroll, H O’Rourke, L Rowthorne
Fri  J Arnold, J Arragon, T Blundell, J Cutler, E Dow, A Stephens

09.11.2015
Mon  G Franklin, L Seccombe
Tues J Armytage, R Morrison, C Williams
Wed  K White
Thur N Aranibar, M Martinez
Fri  P Crawford, P Duffy, H O’Rourke, K Stubbs, K Van Ryswyk

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

LARC Matters
The last few weeks have been a fabulous time in the LARC, even more so than usual. Our Book Fair was a raging success. The feedback I have received is that parents were happy to have a greater variety of ways to purchase and a longer time frame to buy. We have many dollars to buy new and updated books for our LARC. Ordered books will be delivered as soon as they arrive at school. Thank you to all parents and students who were able to support our Book Fair. Happy reading to everyone who is lucky enough to have a new book.

Our author visit for this year was an absolute highlight. Not one, but four authors visited our school for an all-day Author Festival on Monday. Deborah Abela, Frances Watts, Sandy Fussell and Sarah Davis (illustrator) were delighted with our students and the warm reception they received from children and teachers. Everyone was highly engaged with their presentations and we cannot keep the books of these authors up to the students. New books will be available soon and pop in to the LARC to see where our authors have signed our author wall. I have heard many stories of families sharing what they had learned over dinner, children writing stories at home and teachers amazed at how enthusiastic the students were completing follow up activities in the classroom.

What a wonderful two weeks we have had.

See you in the LARC, Annie Madden—Teacher/Librarian
SPORT NEWS

Amart Sports ‘Community Kickbacks Program’
St Augustine’s Primary School participates in the ‘Amart Community Kickbacks Program’. Under this program, the school can earn 5% of your purchases at Amart Sports as instore credit to spend on our school sports programs. Thanks for your support.

Swimming Time Trials
Parents and students should note that the St Augustine’s Representative Swimming Time Trials will be held on Monday 30 November. These trials are to qualify for the Clarence Zone Swimming Trials to be held early in 2016. Age champions will also be determined at this event. Permission notes for children who turn 8 years of age and over in 2016 were sent home this week. If your child is a strong, representative-level swimmer and they have missed out on a note, please ask them to see Ms M’Dermid in the Sport Office to collect a note, as soon as possible. Notes are due back on Monday 9 November.

Date: Monday 30 November 2015
Time: 9:00 am – 12:30 pm
Venue: Coffs Harbour War Memorial Olympic Pool

We will also be looking for parent and community volunteers to help at this event. Please fill out the appropriate section on the note to indicate your interest to help at the trials.

Cricket
Local cricket clubs kicked off the new 2015/2016 season last weekend. To find out where your local cricket club is located and for contact details simply visit www.playcricket.com.au and scroll down to the bottom to click on the ‘Find my local club’.

CricketNSW is currently offering free cricket coaching and umpiring courses for females. Contact Hayley Blight Hayley.Blight@cricketnsw.com.au or Darren Goodger at darren.goodger@cricketnsw.com.au with regards to the umpiring courses.

Clarence Zone Representative Trials – Summer Sports: Basketball, Cricket, Softball, Tennis, Touch football
The Clarence Zone summer sports trials were held last Wednesday.

Students who nominated for girls basketball attended a trial in Woolgoolga at St Francis Xavier PS, whilst other sports have all already advanced through to the Lismore Diocesan Summer Sports Trials. Congratulations to the following students for making it through to the Lismore Diocesan Trials: Centaine O’Carroll, Jonty Gourlay, Richard (Holden) Stubbs, Benjamin Langler, Connor Hennessy, Cooper Jones, Max Jones, Lachlan Carlyle.

The Lismore Diocesan trial will be held on Friday 20 November.

Uniforms – Rugby union, Football, Netball
If you have not returned your uniforms to school, please do so as soon as possible.

Netball
The Coffs Harbour Netball Association has commenced the 2015 Term 4 After School netball competition. It will run for nine weeks and is aimed at all levels of competence. Should you wish to join a team and you have not done so already, please contact Mrs Naomi Loader at school for more information.

Term Four Sport
Students from Kindergarten to Year 6 will be participating in a round-robin kickball/t-ball/softball competition for Sport during Term Four. One of the main focuses of this tournament is on participation.

Dates for your diary
20 November – Lismore Diocesan summer sports trials
21 November – CHBA last round games
28 November – CHBA semi finals and grand finals
29 November to 1 December – Lismore Diocesan sport enrichment camp
30 November – School swimming time trials.

Yours in sport
Dan Hammond—Sports Coordinator
Kristy McDermid—Sports Administrator
SPIN THE BOTTLE

We are asking families to recycle plastic soft drink bottles by filling them with goodies and donating them to this stall. Just cut drink bottle in half, wash and dry, place contents inside and then sticky tape bottle back together.

Contents (up to the value of $2) should include small new toys, sealed confectionery, erasers, pens, pencils, highlighters, notebooks, hair bands, tennis balls, skipping ropes etc. We ran out of bottles early last year so we need lots of families to donate.

Any children who bring in bottles will go into a draw for a chance to win a $20 Fete pack!

Email Tennille at torourke-cox@lism.catholic.edu.au
St Augustine's
SCHOOL FETE 2015

FRIDAY 27 NOV
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FROM 3PM
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FOOD COURT
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LOADS OF FUN
GAMES & PRIZES
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AMART SPORTS
MEGA CHOCOLATE
WHEEL
WIN WIN WIN
Toys or Meat Trays

- Kid's Disco
- Jumping Castle
- Funky Hair Spray
- Show Bags
- Yogurtland
- Animal Farm
- Wipeout!
- Gladiator Challenge
- Dolphin Waterslide
- Cake & Sweet Shop
- Knock-'em Downs
- Smash-A-Jaffa

Hot Dogs : Mini Pancakes : Ice Cups
Nachos : Jelly Cups : BBQ : Ice Creams
Tombola : Sports Arena : Plant stall
Craft Stall : Lucky Dips : Spin the bottle
Guessing competition : Lolly Shop

ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL
GORDON ST COFFS HARBOUR
★ FREE ENTRY ★

RAFFLE
THE ULTIMATE
SPORTS PACK

VALUE: $340
MOTHERS’ & DAUGHTERS’ WEEKEND!!
12 & 13 MARCH 2016

The Mothers’ and Daughters’ Weekend is being held on 12 and 13 March at Darlington Beach Resort & Holiday Park. It’s a great weekend to bond with your daughter, spend time with your friends and your daughter’s friends, and meet and make new friends.

Notes will be sent home soon! To make a booking phone Darlington on 66491920, and quote St Augustine's Reservation Number 139791.

After you receive the note, if you have any further questions you can call Meagan Kelly on 0437 175055, or Jann Golding on 0412 586148.

Kyah, our writer

Kyah has been selected from people over the world to win a trip to New York. After writing a letter she entered her work into “Together for Good” Nickelodeon competition and is now one of 19 finalists. Kyah is one very special finalist though. She is the only Australian. With such a great young student in our midst we couldn’t just let the opportunity slip by without telling our school community about Kyah. So from our wonderful writer here is some Q and A.

Q: What was your piece about?
A: The dolphin killing in Taiji, Japan.

Q: Why did you enter the competition?
A: I care about the slaughter and I aim to make it more known around the world, to help stop it.

Q: Did you expect you were going to achieve this goal?
A: I had no idea I would be able to get this far and have this opportunity.

Q: What was your reaction when you heard the news?
A: I was excited when I read the email. I was amazed that I could get so far doing what I feel so strongly about.

Q: How did you find your topic and use it to your advantage?
A: I saw it numerous times on the internet and it interested me. When I first saw what was happening it deeply saddened me. I thought it was cruel and inhumane. I wanted to use a topic that was different and would interest the judges.

Q: Did the writing come naturally?
A: Yes because I felt so strongly about the topic and I had so much to write down about it.

Q: Briefly, what is your opinion on the slaughter of dolphins?
A: The Japanese are being insensitive about the killings. Each year they kill over 23,000 of these amazing creatures. The dolphin killing in Japan is inhumane and should not be happening. I aim to raise awareness and gain support in trying to stop this terrible practice.
INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM 2016

Instrumental Music Program lessons will be offered to students in Years 3-6 in 2016. Students in Years 2-5 will be given the opportunity to experience first-hand a showcase of the Instrumental Music Program and the instruments available to learn in 2016 in Week 6. 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, 2016, please complete the Expression of Interest form and return it to the office. Enrolment forms and Information Booklets for 2016 will be sent home in Week 7.

Please note, existing IMP students will need to re-enrol for 2016.

For any enquiries, please contact Sione George at the school office.

THE GREEN SPOT

Let’s Look at Lunches

Inspiration for fresh, fast & budget friendly lunchboxes from your local health service

Take the challenge out of packing a healthy lunchbox thanks to a new initiative from Northern NSW Local Health District. They have created a fortnightly e-newsletter that will be delivered straight to your inbox full of lunchbox inspiration, tips, recipes, ideas and competitions. Our school encourages healthy lunchboxes so we recommend you subscribe if you haven’t already. The feedback has been amazing! All you need to do is send us your first name, email address and postcode by:

Email to lookatlunches@gmail.com
Or text to 0429 033 517

You can also follow us on Instagram @lookatlunches. We look forward to sharing ideas!

Alex Shaw and Candice Butcher - Coordinators
Congratulations to our Year 6 Speech Competition Finalists!

On Wednesday the final of the Speech Competition was held in the hall.

The finalists had to prepare a three minute speech on the topic “What can we learn from animals?’ They then had to present an impromptu one minute speech. Ms Bridget Punch from St John Paul College was the judge. She said the impromptu speeches were the best she’d heard from a Year 6 group!

Congratulations to Mariah Anderson (third from right in picture) who took out the final. We were also very proud of the other finalists: Nicholas Bulloch, Emily Zhang, Lara Baker, Ailish Barry, Lily-Rose Battaglia, Alyssa Golding and Tyler Kooyman.

Socktober

If you were driving past our school last Friday you may have noticed lots of children wearing some rather colourful socks!!! No, we haven’t changed the school uniform, instead children were supporting Socktober – a Catholic Missions Australia initiative to support children in Madagascar. Mini Vinnies held the crazy sock day and children supported this by paying a gold coin for wearing the socks. We raised over $570 and this money will be used to help establish programs for fresh water and clean sanitation in Madagascar. Mini Vinnies, on behalf of Catholic Missions Australia would like to thank the children for their efforts.
New to “Skoolbag”

‘Skoolbag’ is now available for Windows Phones running version 8.1 of Windows, and Windows devices running Windows 8.1 or 10 (eg Surface tablet, Laptop, PC etc).

You can install the app on your phone or tablet by following these instructions:

**For iPhone and iPad users:**
1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. You will see your school appear, click "Get" then "Install".
4. The app is FREE to download.
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.

**For Android users:**
You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.

**Please Note:** Some brands of Android phones need the setting in "Notification Manager" changed to "Allow" instead of "Notify" in order for the push notifications to work. The phone must also be running at least version 4 system software to run the app.

**For Windows 8.1 Phone and Windows 8.1 or 10 device users:**
1. Go to the Windows Store on your 8.1 Windows Phone or Windows 8.1/10 Device
2. Search for "Skoolbag" in the keyword app search
3. Install the Skoolbag app
4. Find your school either by using the keyword search or location service.
5. Click the "Pin" icon to pin the school tile to your Windows Phone home screen.
6. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup"
7. Toggle the Push Categories that are applicable to you by tapping the on/off switch.

**Please Note:** The Skoolbag Windows App is for 8.1 version Windows Phones, or Windows 8.1 and 10 devices.
On Tuesday 20 October 2015, 24 students from St Augustine’s Year 5 Cohort went on a bus trip with Mrs Sprowles to the Toormina Sports and Recreation Centre. Students came from Catholic schools throughout the Coffs Harbour area for a religious retreat to help ‘set our hearts on fire’. We did lots of fun and cool activities led by the CSYMA Year 10 students from St John Paul College like playing the shoe game, rock paper scissors, congo, and the cat and mouse game. We also split into small groups with other students from other schools and talked about our relationship with God. After our day at Exuro all students left with a smile on their face, a flame in their heart and the confidence to express our faith in God. We were shown the real meaning of being a Christian. A big thanks to our coordinator for the day, Amanda Howle. Thank you to all the teachers for transporting and supervising us throughout our day at Exuro!

Written by Siena Carrett and Kiahni Wainwright 5S :)

MEN’S AND BOYS’ CAMP

Another successful Men’s and Boys’ Camp was held at Valla last weekend. Over 50 fathers and 100 children attended and a lot of fun was had by all.

All the children who were present for the Sunday presentation received a treat. Thanks to Drew from Country Cubs and Tim from the Palm Centre Chicken Butchery for their generous contributions to the weekend.

The BBQ fund had additional money left over and it was decided by the boys at the camp that the $90 will be given to Eve.

A big thank you to Jeff Cox and Brett Butcher who have coordinated the camp for the past three years. The job has been handed over to David Metcalf, who is looking forward to the planning of next year’s camp. If you have any ideas for the next camp, please give them to the office and they will be passed on to Dave.

See you all at Valla in 2016.
ST AUGUSTINE’S SCHOOL 2015 P & F FETE – PIE DRIVE

ORDERS & MONEY (CASH ONLY) DUE BACK BY FRIDAY 20 NOVEMBER
Pies will be packed & delivered to School on Fete Day - Friday 27 November

ALL PIES $8 EACH – FAMILY SIZE
Great for the freezer – check Nan and Pop too! Please put a number eg. 1 or 2 in columns, not a tick

They must be picked up between 4:00 and 5:00 pm outside the Office Student Entrance (near staffroom)

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