Dear Parents and Carers

It was so pleasing to see our staff and students get into the spirit of our *Socktober* initiative last Friday. This activity was held to support the Catholic Mission Australia project to raise funds for disadvantaged communities in countries throughout the world. This year Mission Australia asked schools and communities throughout Australia to raise funds for the children suffering in Jamaica. These children struggle to survive, often having no home or refuge and being exposed to crime on the streets. Their plight is one no child should endure. It reminds us of how important it is to teach our children to always be grateful for their opportunities and never take their freedom for granted. We raised over $700 on the day. Thank you one and all for your support.

We have had some lovely feedback from the community about our students this week. It’s not uncommon for outside agencies to tell us how well mannered and friendly our children are. Some of our Year 5 students have been to the *Exuro* faith leadership retreat and participated with great enthusiasm. Others represented our school at one of the pre-schools this week to share the “big school” story. People have taken the time to write and tell us how wonderful the children were. It’s a credit to you the parents as well as the teachers in shaping these young people into confident and articulate individuals. The students themselves are encouraged by receiving this positive feedback.

Once again I encourage you to get behind the upcoming Fete. It’s big fund raiser for the P and F and the Executive really needs parents to put their hand up to help. It’s a frantic time for them leading up to the big event and every little bit helps. It’s also a great way to work side by side with other parents and build community. Please contact Steve Appleton or Tennille O’Rourke-Cox if you can help or have a great fund raising idea!

Lastly, I encourage you to contact the school directly if you have any questions or need information about school related matters. It’s always best to get accurate information from the appropriate source and by ringing (or visiting) the school office you will be able to do this. If the ladies in the office can’t answer your question they will put you in contact with someone who will. Second or third hand information is not always helpful.

Have a great weekend.

Leanne Feltis
Acting Principal

“Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless.”

― *Mother Teresa*
All Saints Day
Saturday 1 November is All Saints Day! It is a solemnity celebrated by the Catholic Church and several Protestant Churches in honour of all the saints, known and unknown, especially those who suffered martyrdom for Christ.

Children’s Liturgy
Children can take part in Children’s Liturgy at St Augustine’s Church at the early Mass on Sunday mornings at 8:00 am. At the commencement of Mass the children are invited to come forward and be escorted by an adult, mostly staff from St Augustine’s, and be provided with a child’s version of the Gospel. Many of St Augustine’s children take part in Children’s Liturgy. They find meaning and connection to God through this positive experience and if you wish for your child to join in just come along on Sunday mornings. It’s an early start but a good one!

Inspirational Video.
Are we just too busy?
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p1Szilex-KQ

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

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 seven years of primary school would you please email them to Rachael at rachelmsmyth@gmail.com

Mini Vinnies
This week saw the launch of Mini Vinnies in our school. Children from all classes attended the meeting and the teachers were very impressed with the great ideas the children shared. Mr Bob Gorman, President of the local St Vincent de Paul society, gave the children a brief history of the society and thanked them for the service they are endeavouring to provide. We are looking forward to the weeks ahead as we start working on ways we can be of service to others in our community. Watch this space…

AFTER SCHOOL CARE
Outside School Care Operators, Community OOSH and Tabatinga, will be providing a pick-up service from the school next year. Students will be accompanied by staff to the pick-up point as they do for bus lines. Families wishing to consider this option should contact these providers.

SCHOOL INFORMATION
Should parents and carers require school related information they should contact the school office. The office ladies can make appointments for you with relevant staff who can give you accurate information and answer any questions. This is the most appropriate method of finding out what you need to know.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS/PHONE NUMBERS
Please advise the school office as soon as possible if you change your address and/or phone numbers.

2015 STUDENT ATTENDANCE
If your child/ren will not be attending our school in 2015 please advise the school office as soon as possible. A minimum of two weeks notice is to be given to the Parish Office.
COMING EVENTS

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 7:00 pm
Yr 6 Liturgy 10:20 am in church
11 Yr 2 Learning Journey in classrooms 9:30—10:45 am
12 Yr K 2015 First orientation morning
Yr K 2015 Parent information in hall 9:20 am
14 Newsletter Day
16 Yrs K-3 Mums lunch CH Surf Club 1:00 pm
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
28 SCHOOL FETE 3:00—5:30 pm

DECEMBER
1-5 Yr 6 Camp
3 Yrs 3/4 Choir-Nativity Play 12 noon & 7pm
11 Yrs 5/6 Choir visit St Joseph’s Nursing Home 2:00 pm
12 Advent Giving Mass 9:15 am
Newsletter Day
16 Speech Day 9:15 am
17 Yr 6 Graduation Mass 5:30 pm in church
Yr 6 Graduation Dinner 6:30 pm
18 Buskers Day
19 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

F & P NEWS
MEETING
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!!!

FETE NEWS
Please refer to pages 10, 11 and 13 for all Fete information.

Stephen Appleton—P & F Committee President

FETE
A HELPERS NOTE HAS BEEN SENT HOME THIS WEEK. PLEASE RETURN TO THE OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THANK YOU.

FETE POSTER ON PAGE 11 FOR ALL STUDENTS TO COLOUR AND DISPLAY IN CARS, BUSINESS WINDOWS ETC. THANK YOU. MORE AVAILABLE IN THE LARC.

FETE PIE DRIVE PAGE 14
COLLECT YOUR ORDERS FROM FRIENDS AND FAMILY AND RETURN ORDERS AND PAYMENT TO SCHOOL BY FRIDAY 21 NOVEMBER. PIES TO BE COLLECTED FROM SCHOOL AT THE FETE FROM 4:00—5:30 PM

CANTENE ROSTER
03.11.2014
Mon K Apps, J McConchie, S Small
Tues D Olutayo, K Taylor
Wed T Blundell, L Wood
Thur M De Satge, N Ferrett
Fri P Crawford, P Duffy, H Gallatly, J Roach, L Zawadzki

10.11.2014
Mon M Switzer, C Woods, G Van Hamond
Tues G Bull
Wed N Aranibar, S Hartsuyker
Thur K Allen, K O’Carroll, L Rowthorne
Fri J Arnold, J Arragon, J Cutler, E Dow, P Duffy, J Roach

CANTENE 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
SPORT NEWS

‘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 in store credit to spend on our school sports programs.

All you need to do is join Team Amart, select our school from the list of participating groups and swipe your loyalty card every time you make a purchase at Amart Sports. You'll receive access to great member prices and other initiatives and the school will receive a 5% credit.

Thanks for your support.

SUMMER SPORTS TRIALS
The Clarence Zone Summer Sports trials were held on Wednesday 29 October in Woolgoolga. Congratulations to Trinity Kachel (basketball), Madison Howarth (basketball), Karlee Howarth (basketball), Gabriella Majarich (basketball), Finn Martin (cricket), Connor Hennessy (tennis), Cooper Jones (tennis) and Max Jones (tennis) for successfully trialling and making the Clarence Zone team. They will also join Dylan Loader (touch football), Oliver Canning (touch football), Natmae Mannall (touch football), Gabrielle Kolic-Clarke (softball) and Benjamin Langler (softball) in Lismore to attend the Lismore Diocesan Summer Sports trials.

Information regarding the Lismore Diocesan trials will be distributed to those students next week. Please ensure that all registration details are completed by the stated due dates on the information notes.

The Lismore Diocesan Summer Sports trials will be held on Friday 21 November. We wish all students good luck at this event!

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 shortly. Please check that your child is aware that information will be given out soon.

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

We will also be looking for some wonderful parent volunteers to help at this event. Please start registering your interest to be a parent helper with Ms M’Dermid via email kmcdermid@lism.catholic.edu.au

CRICKET DEVELOPMENT OFFICER
Last week, students from Kindergarten through to Year 6 were given a taste of cricket during sport by Mr Ben Heaton, of Cricket NSW. Tips were given in a few areas of cricket, although special concentration was placed on throwing and catching. We are looking forward to the second session which will be held during sport next week.

RUGBY, NETBALL AND FOOTBALL 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.

SPORTS ENQUIRIES
Please direct all sport enquiries to the Sports Administrator, Ms Kristy M’Dermid. Contact can be made through the school on (02) 6652 1204 or via email on kmcdermid@lism.catholic.edu.au should you wish to ask anything in relation to sport or if you have any sporting news to share with our community.

PSSA ATHLETICS
Thomas Anderson ran a fantastic semi-final to qualify by one hundredth of a second for the 100m final. He said it was ‘a wonderful experience’. Thomas with his NSW PSSA Athletics Championships Finalist ribbon. Congratulations!

Dan Hammond
Sports Coordinator
LARC MATTERS

The Primary Research Project will be running in weeks 7 and 8 of this term. Twenty three students from Years 5 and 6 have nominated to be a part of this valuable learning opportunity. This competition is completed in their own time and is logged electronically. It is difficult but really helps students work through the process of investigating information to find the answers. Congratulations to the students looking to extend their skills and learning outside of school topics.

We have author visiting some grades later in the Term. More news coming soon.

It is wonderful to see our senior students stepping up with their LARC borrowing. They are continuing to be leaders in our school through great role modelling and enthusiasm. Biographies and historical diaries are popular and classics for mature readers are starting to be really enjoyed. Well done, Year 6.

The next Friday workshop will be this coming week.

See you in the LARC
Annie Madden—Teacher Librarian

CENTENARY BOOKS ON SALE AT THE OFFICE FOR $20 EACH.
WriteOn

WriteOn is an annual writing competition run by the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards. Schools are invited to enter one piece of writing from each Stage. At the end of last term, experienced teachers on the WriteOn judging panel selected 17 Gold, 14 Silver and 19 Bronze Award winners from the 470 entries received from around the state. Paulini Kaidrookia achieved a Bronze Award with her moving narrative "My Great Inheritance". The school community enjoyed Pau's reading of her story at assembly recently.

The names of the winners have been published on the WriteOn website and an anthology of the students' writing, The Best of WriteOn 2014 will be available early next year from the eBos Shop Online.

Congratulations Pau. Your family, teachers and school community are very proud of you.

SOCKTOBER!!
Well done everyone! We raised over $700!
OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

After School Care
As it has been very hot outside we have not been able to go on to the oval or Multipurpose Court until 4:30pm most afternoons. So we have been doing some relaxation to give our bodies a chance to cool down and recover before we head out for sport.

As it was Socktober last week, we decided to show our support by decorating our own paper sock with glitter paint by making wonderful patterns and beautiful designs. Our fabulous creations are displayed in our OSHC window so feel free to pop in and check them out.

Please ensure that if your child/ren is attending After School Care in Term 4 that you have booked them in. It is still essential to advise OSHC if your child/ren 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.

Active Sport
Active sport is in full swing again. We have been very active playing golden child, cat and mouse and Pacman on the Multipurpose Court. If you have any other games that you would like to play on a Tuesday or Thursday please let an educator know we can give it a go.

Invoices
Updated invoices have again been sent home via children last week. These need to be bought up to date as soon as possible. It is important that the account is not in arrears. Accounts are to be finalised within seven days. Further bookings may not be able to continue until accounts are up to date. Your attention to this is appreciated.

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Sarah (Coordinator OSHC)  Linda (Administrator OSHC)
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Email address for OSHC for any bookings, changes, queries or messages: cofhp-oshc@lism.catholic.edu.au
ST AUGUSTINE'S K-3 MUMS LUNCH

The K-3 Year Level Parents warmly invite all of our Mums to a Sunday lunch where you can relax, chat and meet other Mums from school.

To cater for everyone we will be ordering off the menu and drinks will be available from the bar.

Please text a Year Level Parent (see below) or fill in the RSVP and return it to the school by Monday 10 November so we can advise the Club on numbers attending.

This is a great opportunity and we really hope you can come!

WHEN:    SUNDAY 16 NOVEMBER
WHERE:   SURF CLUB RESTAURANT AND BAR
          (SURF CLUB ROAD, PARK BEACH)
TIME:    1:00pm

Year Level Parents:
Yr K  Alicia Betland  0437 613 157
Yr 1  Kylie Butcher   0458 628 959
Yr 2  Carol Cowling   0417 277 814
Yr 3  Rebecca Guy     0404 90 8861

RSVP: St Augustine’s K-3 Mums Lunch Sunday 16 November
I will be attending the St Augustine’s K-3 Mums lunch
Name: ______________________________
Child and class: ____________________
(*or text your RSVP to a Year Parent above)
Crunch and Sip
Crunch & Sip is an easy way to help kids stay healthy and happy!
Crunch & Sip is a set break of no more than 5 minutes to eat fruit or salad vegetables and drink water in the classroom. Students re-fuel with fruit or vegetables during the morning or afternoon, assisting physical and mental performance and concentration in the classroom. This gives kids a chance to refuel, a bit like putting petrol in a car.

Each day students bring fruit or salad vegetables to school to eat in the classroom at a set time. Each child has a small clear bottle of water in the classroom to drink throughout the day to prevent dehydration especially in the warmer months.

A simple way to add fruit and veg to breakfast...

Trying to think of other ways which you can try and increase your child’s fruit and vegetable intake? Why not try some of these ideas:

- Serve your toast with a sliced avocado and or tomato
- Create a breakfast pizza with a wholegrain muffin, mashed pumpkin, chopped vegies and melted cheese
- Blend bananas and frozen raspberries with a handful of baby spinach, add a cup of reduced fat milk, honey and unprocessed bran for a fruit smoothie.

Simply slice some banana or strawberries onto your regular breakfast cereal.

Alex Shaw and Candice Butcher — Coordinators
Thank you to those who have started to send donations in with the children. Please keep them coming - we only have four weeks until the Fete.

A reminder of how can you help:

- 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 etc for the many stalls we have
- Donating non-perishable goods for the Tombola Stall
- Making bottles for the Spin the Bottle Stall (see photos below)
- Coordinating a stall (contact Tennille ASAP 0404 463 464)
- Working for one hour on a stall
- Baking cupcakes and freezing them for our cake decorating stall
- Donating food which 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
- Plants
- Handmade craft items

**TOMBOLA**

Non-perishable grocery items are required for the Tombola Stall. Please send in items to your child’s classroom.

*Children who bring in grocery items will have their name placed in 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 from Monday 10 November.

*Children who bring in bottles will have their name placed in a draw for a chance to win $20 to spend on the day*

**CUPCAKE DECORATING**

Please start baking cupcakes and send in frozen uniced cupcakes packaged individually in ziplock bags to the canteen.
St Augustine’s Fete iRaffle tickets are just $2 each.

Buy your ticket today for a chance to win one of these amazing prizes.

Drawn Friday 28 November at the Fete

St Augustine’s Primary School