Dear Parents, Staff and Students

I’ve just returned from representing our school at the St John Paul College Year 12 Graduation. It was a wonderful time for the graduating students and their families. There were many students in the cohort who began their formal school education here at St Augustine’s. I felt very proud, as they did, knowing our school had a part to play in their journey thus far. I listened to talented musicians, applauded great academic results, heard confident speakers and felt the gratitude the students so clearly displayed. I was in awe of the contribution the students had made to community groups. We wish the Year 12 students all the very best as they prepare for their HSC exams.

Over the past fortnight our teachers have been involved in a program called Peer 2 Peer. This is a process whereby staff observe colleagues in the classroom and give specific feedback on teaching practice based on the observation. This is just one of the ways we come to understand and improve our practice. Another school based initiative is the Learning Walk. Cohort teachers visit other teams working in the classroom and provide feedback on goals previously set. It’s a wonderful opportunity for professional growth for all concerned. Just like our students, we reflect on what we’re doing and work hard to improve our craft.

It was wonderful to see our Kindergarten children enjoy their social last night. (“What’s a social?” one child asked.) Lots of dancing and games were enjoyed by all. Thank you to our parents for coming along to the information session. I was glad to hear it was helpful.

Now that the beautiful spring weather is with us I wish the children a very happy holiday. Thank you for your support this term, especially during this transition period. I have really appreciated the kind words and encouragement given to me by parents. The Principal’s position has not yet been filled but I’m sure there will be news early next term. Thank you also to the staff for all their hard work and support throughout the term.

See you next term,

Leanne Feltis
Acting Principal
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

Sacramental Program
Congratulations to those families who last week enrolled in the St Augustine’s Parish Reconciliation and First Communion program.

This program will commence 6 October and will complete with First Communion 6 and 7 December. Good luck everyone.

Year 4 Liturgy
Year 4 celebrated a beautiful class liturgy in the hall on Thursday.

Entitled the Law of Love the liturgy highlighted God’s commandment of “Love One Another” in scripture, prayer and song.

The students were well supported by parents and grandparents and a terrific band of musicians including guitarists, ukulele players and even a student playing the harp (which was beautiful).

Well done Year 4!

Making Jesus Real
With the holidays coming up don’t forget your MJR days.

See if you can do Manners Monday, Cheers Tuesday, Winking Wednesday, Thumbs Up Thursday and High Five Friday at home!

Retreats
Year 5 need to remember that their Year 5 Camp will be held at Bonville in Week 2 and The Diocesan Exuro Retreat at Sawtell in Week 3.

Staff Development Day
There will be a Staff Development Day on Tuesday 7 October.
Term 4 will commence for students on Wednesday 8 October.

Police Remembrance Day Service
The Police Remembrance Day Service are to be held on Monday 29 September 2014 at Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church 44 Boronia Street Sawtell. The Service will begin at 10:00 am and refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the ceremony for those who wish to stay on.

In the past our Student Council has attended with staff. Any student and community member is welcome to attend. It is very encouraging for our local Police Force to witness this support. Students should wear their full school uniform and meet Mrs Feltis at the front of the Church.

We understand this falls in the school holidays but we would like as many as possible to be at this important service.

Be Captivated!
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F_BCSooZ3qE

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 7 October 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!!!

Fathers’ Day Raffle
Congratulations to the winner of our Fathers’ Day Raffle, Brad Beech!

Stephen Appleton—P & F Committee President

Year 6 Camp Payments?
Two separate payments have been paid into the school account without any form of identification.

29.08.14  $34.55  Direct Credit 148008 BCU Ref: Yr 6 Camp

Would you please let me know as soon as possible if the payments belong to your family so I can credit your account.

Thank you Dot Trevaskis — 66521204
**LARC MATTERS**

Instilling a love of literature is one of the most important jobs for a teacher. As if enjoyment of a great story is not enough reason to read to your children, a recent report from Scientific American tells us that reading literary fiction “...improves a reader’s capacity to understand what others are thinking and feeling.” In other words, **reading quality literature improves empathy.**


This is great news with the implementation of the BOS English syllabus. There is a marked increase in emphasis on quality literature of all types. Mind you, I don’t think there would be a primary school teacher anywhere who doesn’t already know how important exposure to a wide range of quality literature is for students, or anyone, at any age.

**The Primary Research Project** is again available to students from Years 5 and 6 in Term 4. It is a wonderful opportunity to exercise research skills and problem solving techniques in preparation for high school. Information and registration forms are available from Mrs Madden in the LARC and are attached to this Newsletter. Registration and money is due back to Mrs Madden by Friday 17 October (Week 2 Term 4).

*See you in the LARC*

Annie Madden—Teacher Librarian

**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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**COMING EVENTS**

**SEPTEMBER**

19 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR TERM 3
29 Police Remembrance Day

**OCTOBER**

7 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
  P & F meeting 7:00 pm in the LARC
8 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR TERM 4—CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL
14 Musica Viva Yrs K-6
15 proclaim parent gathering 6:00 pm
16/17 Year 5 Camp at Bonville
17 Newsletter Day
18/19 Men’s and Boys’ Camp at Valla Beach
21 Years K-2 Sausage Sizzle day
23 Year 3 Liturgy 10:20 am in the church
31 Newsletter Day

**NOVEMBER**

4 Yrs 3/4 Sausage Sizzle day
  P & F Meeting 7:00 pm in the LARC
5 Yr K 2015 Parents Social evening 7:00 pm
7 Yr 6 Liturgy 10:20 am in the church

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**CANTEEN ROSTER**

**06.10.2014**

Mon PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Tues STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY — no children at school
Wed T Blundell, L Wood
Thur M De Satge, N Ferrett
Fri P Crawford, P Duffy, H Gallatly, J Roach, L Zawadzki

**13.10.2014**

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

**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*
FAREWELL AND THANK YOU

We bid a sad farewell to two of our staff members this term. **Mrs Anna Humphries** will be taking maternity leave and relocating to the Newcastle area. Anna has been teaching Kindergarten and will be dearly missed by staff and students. Mrs Kathy Abbotts will take care of KH in Term 4.

![Image of Mrs Anna Humphries]

**Mrs Regan Kama** will be moving to take up a new position in Toowoomba. Regan and her family have been great supporters of our school and we wish them all the very best in their new town and state! Miss Kristy McDermid will be taking up the Sports Administrator’s role in Term 4.

![Image of Mrs Regan Kama]

**Mrs Stacy Wong** will be taking maternity leave from the beginning of Term 4. We wish Stacy every blessing as she prepares for her new baby.

![Image of Mrs Stacy Wong]
**SPORT NEWS**

**NSW PSSA ATHLETICS TRIALS**
Congratulations to Thomas Anderson (100m 13yrs Boys), Ashan Arob (100m 13yrs Girls), and Alexandra Harrison (11yrs Girls High Jump), who will represent St Augustine’s, the Clarence Zone, the Lismore Diocese and Polding at the NSW PSSA Athletics Trials in Sydney in Term 4. We wish them the best of luck and safe travels to and from their event.

**K-2 SPORTS CARNIVAL**
Congratulations to Blue House and the following children who were the age champions for the 2014 St Augustine’s School Carnival:
- 5yrs Boys – Cooper Seccombe
- 5yrs Girls – Liliana Marle
- 6yrs Boys – Aaron Erskine / Ewan Baker
- 6yrs Girls – Madison Jones
- 7yrs Boys – Harry Watson
- 7yrs Girls – Eliana Straw
- 8yrs Boys – Liam Bouboulas
- 8yrs Girls – Clare Kelly

Thankyou to all the parents, staff and students on such a successful day. For photos and more information regarding the carnival please go to knowledgeNET under the sports page.

**BARNEY BARSELAAR CUP**
Congratulations to the St Augustine’s Soccer team who played in the Barney Barselaar Cup on Friday 5 September. Our team came runners up to BDC who were eventual winners, well done St Augustine’s.

**RUGBY UNIFORMS**
Please get your rugby uniforms into the sports office as soon as you can.

**NETBALL AND SOCCER LISMORE DIOCESE KNOCKOUT CHALLENGE**
Congratulations to the Netball and Soccer St Augustine’s teams who played in the Lismore Diocese Knockout Challenge on Wednesday 10 September. Our teams played against the other three zones in the Diocese. Both Soccer and Netball finished off fourth in the Diocese. Well done!

**RUGBY COFFS COAST CHALLENGE**
During the July school holidays St Augustine’s participated in the Coffs Coast Rugby Challenge. Just recently the school received this photo of the U10s Rugby Team with their ribbon, thankyou to Bruce Wilson, the parents and students on such a wonderful event during the school holidays. Thankyou for this gift it will be hung proudly in the Sports office.

**Dan Hammond**
Sports Coordinator
Cyber-safety Tips!

NINJA
Well done to all students and families who have been working though the NINJA courses. Keep up the great work! The holidays are a great chance for students to start this great course if they haven’t already. There is a link to the NINJA course on each cohort KnowledgeNET page. Good luck and remember to follow the instructions carefully.

ACCEPTABLE USE AGREEMENT
These have gone home to all students and need to be returned as soon as possible so that students have access to technology at school. If you have lost yours please see the office for another copy.

Remember over the holidays to have a healthy balance of activities and screen time. Always think before posting online......
- is it true?
- is it helpful?
- is it inspiring?
- is it necessary?
- is it kind?
Parents sometimes our children need help with this when using devices so it’s a good idea to check in on them regularly and support them when making decisions online.

Naomi Loader
Coordinator—E-Learning

TIPS FOR PARENTS
An interesting article from ‘The Journal of the Australian Catholic Primary Principals’ Association’.

51 THINGS TO DO BEFORE YOU’RE 12

There are some things that every kid should get to experience. How many of our 51 things have you done? Why not print off the list, stick it on your fridge or bedroom door and challenge your friends to see who will be the first to complete them all.

1. Climb a tree
2. Sleep under the stars (even in your backyard)
3. Fall off a bike
4. Learn to swim
5. Build a cubby or a tree house
6. Find a geocache in your neighbourhood
7. Go beach combing after a storm
8. Cook damper in a campfire
9. Go on a school camp in the bush
10. Catch a wave (start with a small one)
11. Play chess in the rain
12. Catch a yabbie in a dam (or at least have fun trying)
13. Make a water slide with builders plastic and a hose (do it on your watering day)
14. Find a cave
15. Make something with things you find
16. Play in a creek
17. Do something you’re scared of
18. Watch kangaroos in the wild
19. Slide down a grass hill on cardboard
20. Yell “cooeee!” in a gorge or a valley
21. Camp on a beach
22. Build a sandcastle city
23. Skills a stone
24. Plant something and watch it grow
25. Play spotlights
26. Ride your bike on a bush trail
27. Visit an island
28. Go for a two-day hike
29. Snorkel at the beach or on a reef
30. Ride a flying fox
31. Play under a sprinkler
32. Climb a big rock
33. Play in the bush for a whole day
34. Visit a waterhole
35. Meet kids in a park and invent a game
36. Paddle a kayak
37. Dig for worms in your backyard
38. Catch a crab
39. Learn the Aboriginal names for five plants and five animals
40. Visit a national park
41. Catch a fish
42. Play on a rope swing
43. Eat bush tucker
44. Make a kite and fly it
45. Jump in a muddy puddle
46. Identify the birds in your backyard
47. Go abseiling
48. Catch a tadpole (and release it)
49. Make a mud pie
50. Find a lake, puddle, pond etc and use a magnifying glass to spot the living creatures in it
51. Play beach cricket
OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

After careful consideration, the parish and the school regret to inform parents that due to the excessive statutory compliance requirements and the increasing administration demands, After School Hours Care and Vacation Care will cease operating on the last day of Term 4. This has not been an easy decision but unfortunately the difficulties we have been facing have been such that we cannot continue to operate the service.

After School Care

As previously mentioned St Augustine’s OSHC will be closing at the end of the Term 4. There will be no Vacation Care over the Christmas holidays. The final Vacation Care program running will be in the Term 3 holidays (starting next week).

Please ensure that if your child/ren is attending After School Care in Term 4 that you have booked them in and confirmed your bookings.

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.

Vacation Care

Vacation care starts next week, so if you have not booked your child in in yet please do so as soon as possible so you do not miss out. We have a range of fun and exciting activities planned for the holidays. Make sure you check the program so you know what is on each day.

Active Sport

This is the last week of active sport for Term 3. We have played a variety of games, however if you have a game that you would like to play make sure you tell an educator so we can play it in Term 4.

Invoices

All families should have received invoices this week. These are current as at the end of last week and need to be brought up to date by the end of this week please. Should this account be in arrears bookings for Vacation Care/Term 4 may not be accepted. Your attention to this is appreciated.

CONTACT DETAILS:

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

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

Proclaim Lismore Parents 2014

In the latest edition of the Proclaim Lismore Parents e-bulletin, we ask the question: what does it look like when parents, teachers and the parish work together to create an environment that foster’s collaboration, communication and community? We take a closer look at parent-teacher partnerships in one of our schools: St Joseph's Primary School, Maclean.

Make sure you register your interest in attending the Proclaim Lismore Parent Partnerships Gatherings 2014 which will be held over six separate days across the Diocese of Lismore in October (numbers are limited).

Proclaim Lismore 2014 is an unprecedented opportunity to join with us as partners in co-designing an even stronger and more effective Catholic schooling for each child.

Please visit the Proclaim Lismore website to find out more: www.proclaimlismore.com.au or subscribe to our monthly e-bulletins by emailing proclaim@lism.catholic.edu.au.
ICAS COMPETITIONS

English Competition Results

This year, 51 students participated in the English Competition. 5 Distinction, 15 Credit, 9 Merit and 22 Participation Certificates were awarded. Congratulations and thank you to all the students who participated.

Distinction: Riley Dagger (Year 3); Kieran Murray, Centaine O’Carroll (Year 4); Ailish Barry, Nicholas Butcher (Year 5);

Credit: Lily Betland, Riley Evans, Max Grant, Jessica Harrison, Jayda Kachel, Jagdeep Sandhu (Year 3); Saarang Baba, Blake Butcher, Kye Grant, Kayla Parks (Year 4); Abbi Dagger, Alyssa Fitzgerald, Alyssa Golding, Kyah Humphries (Year 5); Lilly Cook (Year 6).

Merit: Leilah Fitzgerald, Ore Olutayo, Jessica Potter, Lily Ryan (Year 3); Finn Murray (Year 5); Liam Berg, Olivia Henery, Shannon Kearns, Jennifer Parks (Year 6).

Stephanie George
Leader of Learning - Administration

Parent invitation to Proclaim Lismore Parents 2014 Gatherings

What will effective partnership between families and schools look like in the years ahead? The Catholic Schools Office in partnership with parish schools invites the cooperation of parents and caregivers in the exciting program of building a stronger parental partnership for the 21st Century.

The first steps in building this stronger partnership are to listen to parents and enter into dialogue so that we can build common understanding around where we are at and where we want to be in time with partnership.

In this commitment to listen to parents the Catholic Schools Office currently is conducting a survey which all parents are invited to participate in. The next step in this process of listening and entering into dialogue will be the Proclaim Lismore Parent 2014 Gatherings which will be held from 5:45 pm -9:00 pm including dinner in the following regions:

Proclaim Lismore Parent Gathering Dates:
- Venues to be advised
- Times: Dinner 5:45 pm – 6:15 pm, Meeting 6:15 pm - 9:00 pm
  - 14 October   Port Macquarie
  - 15 October   Coffs Harbour
  - 16 October   Grafton

We know how busy you are. But it's never been more important to put in the time and effort to foster open and honest communication with each other. So please register your interest in attending these meetings at (remembering that only 10 parents can be finally selected to represent each school):


PLEASE NOTE:
Registration for Proclaim Lismore Parents 2014, Gathering nights will close on 19 September, 2014.
INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM

INVOICES AND PAYMENTS
Invoices for some families are still outstanding for Term 3. Reminders were sent out again this week. Term 3 tuition fees must be finalised before children can commence lessons in Term 4. For all account enquiries, please contact Sione George or Dot Trevaskis in the office.

TERM 4
If your child is intending to cancel their music tuition for Term 4, please collect a cancellation form from the office. This will need to be completed and returned by Week 1 Term 4.

THE GREEN SPOT

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE SCULPTURE COMPETITION
On Tuesday St Augustine’s celebrated Fruit and Veg month by holding our very first Fruit and Vegetable Sculpture competition. The entries were outstanding and it was great to see so many families getting involved. On the day there was a great conversation about the variety of fruits and vegetables, and of course the odd sculpture was eaten!

At today’s assembly the Major prize winner Jesse Day received a box of fruit and vegetables kindly donated by Mother Nature’s and the seven runners up Lily Hooper, Nate Dawes, Riley Carniato, Abby Rose-Pocock, Holden Stubbs, Alyssa Golding and Georgia Saunders-Murray received a five dollar voucher to spend at Mother Nature’s to buy some more delicious fruit and vegetables.

Next term we will be introducing some ‘Nude Food’ days, so keep an eye out for these. Keep up the healthy eating!

Alex Shaw and Candice Butcher —Coordinators
TERM 4 AFTER SCHOOL
SUMMER COMPETITION

Commences:
Wednesday
4pm - 5pm, 5pm - 6pm
10th October - 26th November
Primary School
Years 3 & 4 - Years 5 & 6

Where:
Vost Park Netball Courts
Murray Drive Coffs Harbour

Nominations:
Register as a team or Individual Player and we will put you in a team
Nominations Close:
Tuesday 7th October 2014

Teams:
Girls, Boys and/or Mixed

Entry Fee:
$80.00 per team

Please Note:
This comp will be run on the grass courts, due to the asphalt courts being resurfaced.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
www.chna.netball.asn.au
Email: chna1@bigpond.com
Telephone
Joanne 0439 864 707

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Coffs Harbour
Swimming Club Inc.

2014 / 2015 season starts
Friday 3rd October 2014
at 5.30 pm

Club nights commence at 5.45pm each Friday at the Coffs Harbour War Memorial Olympic Pool.

If you are a new member, please show up early to avoid the queue!!

Coffs Harbour Swimming Club is very excited to be holding a development carnival on
Sunday 12th October at Coffs Harbour War Memorial Olympic Pool
from 9am
Registrations close on Sat 4th Oct 2014

Please support our club by coming along to this event. Swimmers need to be registered with a swimming club to compete.

FOR MORE INFO LOG ONTO SWIMMING NORTH COAST WEBSITE FOR THE PROGRAM
www.northcoastsw.org.au

FOR INFORMATION VISIT
www.coffsharbourswimclub.com
Enquiries: Richard Lloyd 0434 333 378
Maree Spencer 0422 591 566
Oral Health Services

**Oral Health Contact Centre on 1300 651 625.**

All children aged between 0-18 are eligible to receive **FREE** general dental treatment through the Mid North Coast Local Health District. Parents **do not** need to hold a pension card or health care card for their child to be eligible.

Please call the Oral Health Contact Centre on **1300 651 625** if you would like your child to have a check-up. If they are having problems or pain they will be prioritised - just ring **1300 651 625** to be triaged.

The Mid North Coast Local Health District has dental clinics situated in:

**Port Macquarie:** - Morton Street (Old Hospital)
  Port Macquarie

Wauchope: - Wauchope Community Health Campus
  High Street (adjacent to hospital)
  Wauchope

Laurieton: - Camden Haven Community Health Campus
  Laurie Street Laurieton

Kempsey: - Kempsey Community Health Campus (in hospital grounds)
  Polwood Street Kempsey

Coffs Harbour: - Coffs Harbour Health Campus
  Pacific Highway, Coffs Harbour 2450

**If you have received a letter indicating you are eligible for the Child Dental Benefit Scheme you can use this at any of our clinics**
Free dental care for children

The Child Dental Benefits Scheme (CDBS) provides up to $1,000 every year for two consecutive years in dental treatment for eligible children aged 2 to 17 years.

Eligibility
- If you are a family who holds a Health Care Card, receives a Centrelink payment or Family Tax Benefit A, your child(ren) may be eligible for the CDBS
- Call Medicare on 132 011 to confirm your family’s eligibility

If your eligibility is confirmed
- Make an appointment with a dentist of your choice
- Ask your dentist about additional costs and payment methods (mention the CDBS)

At the appointment
- The dentist must discuss your child’s treatment and associated costs before starting treatment
- You will need to sign a consent form before treatment begins
- Some dentists may bulk bill OR you will have to pay the account and claim the refund through Medicare

Beneficial treatment could include:
- examinations
- x-rays
- cleaning
- fissure sealing
- fillings
- root canals
- extractions

Make your child’s smile shine!
It's all about health

For more local health information visit
www.healthynorthcoast.org.au