Dear Parents and Carers

Last Sunday was the 101st World Day of Migrants and Refugees and Pope Francis sent a message to all about the need for compassion towards the most vulnerable in the world. It’s a sad fact that this has been a “Day” for over a century and the same issues remain with currently over 45 million people displaced. The Church is not silent on this issue and has a strong position on the issue of global inequality, which is the root cause of the current dilemma. As the message states, “A person’s country of birth is the single biggest factor that will determine their quality of life. Ambition, intellect and education run a very distant second”. This is a call to challenge the negative attitudes that can sometimes dominate discussion around refugees and to look beyond the political hype to safeguard the dignity of every person. For more information on the Church’s position, go to: https://www.catholic.org.au/

Chaplaincy. The school has once again applied for funding to continue the Chaplaincy program next year. This initiative supports children who need extra support and guidance at certain times throughout the year due to home or friendship issues or events. Sometimes, all that is required during tough times is a trusted person to listen and support then provide a point of contact for the future. The Chaplaincy role fills this need. It is likely that the funding will be reduced next year due to Government cutbacks but we are hopeful this service will continue.

Thumbs Up! Thank you to all parents and carers who send along healthy lunches and snacks for children each day. I understand that it often hard to pack healthy options that children like but I would encourage all to keep experimenting to find the best mix for each child. The habits of healthy eating started during primary school set up future success so it is very important to make this a priority.

Staff News. Congratulations to Mrs Maree Kennedy who will be leaving us next year to take on the role of Leader of Pedagogy at Bellingen and Dorrigo. This role will see her become a ‘teacher coach’, assisting teachers to improve how they teach and to improve results. It’s very exciting news for Maree but we will miss her very much.

Facebook. If you want an insight into the great things happening on a daily basis at the school, check out our Facebook page. Here’s a sample of the last couple of weeks: Enviro Warriors taking up the challenge; The Year 3 Learning Journey – An Aussie Adventure; The award winning children’s garden area; Year 4 creating board games around Early European Settlement; The Foyer Art Space; Poems in Your Pocket; The Week of Service for St Augustine’s Feast Day; The choir singing at the Diocesan Priests and Principals’ Conference; Providing fresh produce for the Soup Kitchen from the veggie garden; Cakes stalls; Lego Club; Chess Club; Mini tinnies for Mini Vinnies drive; Book Week Dress Up Parade; Taize; and much, much more. There are so many wonderful opportunities for the children to get involved and the school is blessed with talented and hardworking teachers who make these things happen while providing an excellent teaching and learning program. Double Thumbs Up!

Enviroweek. We are currently ranked third! Please go to the website below and vote today! Voting closes on Saturday 5 September at midnight.

http://www.enviroweek.org/teams/st-augustines-enviro-warriors/

Grace and peace
Peter Watts
CATECHETICAL NEWS

Our Patron Saint, St Augustine was celebrated this year with a Week of Service to the local community. Each cohort came up with their own idea as to how they may fulfil this.

Kindergarten took it in their stride to look after God’s creation by having a clean up St Augustine’s Day. Year One baked and bought scrumptious cakes and biscuits and took morning tea for our Fire men at the Fire Station and for the Nurses and carers at St Augustine’s Nursing Home. Year Two brought joy to the St Augustine’s Nursing Home residents and staff, with a beautiful rendition of songs to take them away from the business and routines of their day.

Year Three also graced The St Augustine’s Nursing Home with a wonderful repertoire of songs they had been learning for this special occasion. The parishioners at St Augustine’s were able to join in the singing of the Taize Session which Year 4 provided which finished with a cup of tea and making time for conversation between the young and the old. Year Five also loved meeting with parishioners and providing for them a beautiful morning tea at the Curran Centre. Year Six had a special idea in showing their gratefulness to their parish community in helping to clean the pews in the Church. What a great way our children have shown what Love really looks like. To end this beautiful week of service we celebrated the St Augustine’s Mass where the children of Mini Vinnies brought to the altar a symbol of all the goods our students had been collecting for the poor in our community.

Thank you to all of our parents and students who made this a special week.

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

SAVE THE DATE

ST AUGUSTINE’S SCHOOL MUMS’ LUNCH

♦ Y-Knot Bistro at Coffs Hbr Yacht Club
♦ Sunday 18 October
♦ 12:00 noon

RSVP to Year Level Parents or to school office by Wednesday 14 October.
More information in 18 September Newsletter!
P & F NEWS

MEETING
The next P & F Meeting will be held on Tuesday 8 September at 7:00 pm in the LARC. All welcome.
Stephen Appleton—P & F Committee President

RAFFLE FOR EVE
The raffle for Eve will be drawn very soon. Please return tickets to the office as soon as possible.

FATHERS’ DAY STALL
A Big thank you to Jann Golding and her helpers for organising another successful Fathers’ Day Stall!

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Saturday 12 September 2015
TRIVIA NIGHT

At St John Paul College
6:00 for 6:30 pm start
In support of the Guy family
Child-minding available at the
College for children over 4 years.
Contact Kelly O’Carroll
0411 617557 to book.
Tickets $10 each available at
St John Paul College office
& St Augustine’s School office
for tables of 8-10 people

COMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER
7  Yr 1 Pet Liturgy 9:15 am
     Yr K Teddy Bears Picnic
8  P & F Meeting 7:00 pm in the LARC
10 Yrs K-2 Sports Carnival
     All welcome
11 Yr 2 & Yr 4 at Parish Mass 9:15 am
12 TRIVIA NIGHT AT JPC—6:00 pm for 6:30 start
16 Diocesan Gala Day at Grafton, netball, football
18 Yr 3 at Parish Mass 9:15 am
   LAST DAY OF TERM 3

OCTOBER
6  STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY—NO STUDENTS AT SCHOOL
7  First day of Term 4 for students
14-16 Yr 5 Camp
16  St JPC Yr 10 CSYMA visit to our Yr 6
20  Yr 5 Exuro Faith Development Day

CANTEEN ROSTER
07.09.2015
Mon  K Wilkinson, L Wood
Tues  J Armytage, A Bonus, G Bull, R Kennedy,
       C Williams
Wed  M Bulloch, J Jenkins
Thur  M Eden, M Felton, R Felton, C Inwood,
       C Thompson
Fri  D Budd, L Budd, P Crawford, B Guest, J Roach

14.09.2015
Mon  K Apps, S Small
Tues  J Bourne, D Olutayo, N Savige
Wed  G Franklin, M Murphy, S O’Reilly, M Santana
Thur  M De Satge, N Ferrett
Fri  P Crawford, P Duffy, H Gallatly, W McLean,
     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
SPORT NEWS

Yrs K-2 Sports Carnival
The K-2 Sports Carnival will be held on Thursday 10 September at school. The carnival will begin at 9:00 am and finish by approximately 1:00 pm. In preparation for the carnival, the children have been practising running and ball games during their Thursday sport time. If you are able to assist, support or help on the day, please contact Dan Hammond.

Polding Representative Trials – Athletics
The following students competed in Newcastle at the Polding Athletics Carnival today:

Riley Dagger (discus), Zaviar Harde (100m), Alexandra Harrison (long jump, high jump, relay), Madison Howarth (relay), Gabrielle Kolic-Clarke (shot put), Caden McClelland (high jump), Laila McDonald (800m, 100m, relay), Elizabeth Sanders (relay).

Results to follow in our next Newsletter.

Lismore Diocesan Primary Netball and Football (soccer) Challenges
Good luck to our netball team and football team when they play in the finals of the Lismore Diocesan Netball and Football Knockouts which will be held in Grafton on Wednesday 16 September.

The football team was triumphant last week in order to reach the finals, as well as the netball team.

NSWPSSA Representative Trials – Softball
Mr Shane Podesta attended the NSWPSSA Softball (girls) trials last week as an official. Part of his capacity was to help select the NSW team from this tournament. Unfortunately it was largely affected by rain, but they still managed to select a team for the next level of representation.

Benjamin Langler will also be travelling to Curl Curl in northern Sydney for the NSWPSSA Softball (boys) trials from 15 – 17 September. Teams that attend this tournament include both Polding (Ben’s team) and Mackillop, as well as all of the teams from the state schools, so there is a great deal of talent at this event. Good luck Ben, in trying to gain selection for the NSW team.

Rugby Union
The rugby union competition culminated in finals last Friday. St Augustine’s have had three teams participating during the 2015 season. There will be a comprehensive report in our next Newsletter.

Rugby Union uniforms
With the end of the 2015 rugby union season, it is time to hand uniforms back as soon as possible. For many this includes a jersey, shorts and socks. Thank you.

Sport Enquiries
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or (02) 6652 1204
kmcdermid@lism.catholic.edu.au
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Yours in sport
Dan Hammond—Sports Coordinator
Kristy McDermid—Sports Administrator
CURRICULUM CORNER

This week was National Literacy and Numeracy Week. Year 3 enjoyed writing poems about Australian native animals for the ‘Poem in my Pocket’ activity as part of National Literacy and Numeracy Week. Their poems were displayed next to their information reports about that animal. They also had a copy in their pocket to read to family, friends and teachers. Here are some of their efforts.

**Eastern Brown Snake**
by Marcus Reynolds

Silent and deadly,
It moves mighty fast,
So fast you can’t even catch it.
Don’t dare go near it
Or you will die
Because it is venomous
With a very sharp eye.

**Saltwater Crocodile**
by Radin

Feisty, quiet, sharpened teeth.
Spiky back, always eats
Meat
with 64 teeth.

**Eastern Brown Snake**
by Ruby Crosley

An eastern brown snake
is such a round snake.
When it eats
it can’t even move.
When people see it
they shout and scream
as the snake slithers by.
It roams round a corner
and zooms round a bend.
It terrifies little children
and it feeds on mammals
which sadly are us.
So you’d better watch out!
They’re ruling the ground.

**Platypus**
by Clare Kelly

A platypus has a fang-like spike
and a strong flat tail.
But be careful if you touch one
Make sure it’s not a male.
It’s dark brown fur will probably make
the spike
a bit of a blur.

Stephanie George—Leader of Learning: Administration/Curriculum

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S & K HORSE CONNECTIONS RIDING SCHOOL

We will be running our popular holiday programs over
the school holidays. All activities are with our beautiful
horses with lots of country games. (max 8 per day)
Don’t miss out - call us on 0438377858 for more info.
11 August 2015

To Parents and Caregivers who have enrolled their children in Catholic schools of the Diocese of Lismore

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The campaign to redefine marriage continues daily to occupy a prominent place in the news media. It appears to be a very well organised and resourced campaign. Some of its public proponents have even claimed the high ground of making same-sex ‘marriage’ the hallmark of progress, equality and freedom, consigning anyone daring to hold a different view to deserted lowlands ‘on the wrong side of history.’

With this letter I attach a copy of the Pastoral Letter of the Catholic Bishops of Australia, Don’t Mess with Marriage. In booklet form it has already been circulated widely through the 22 parishes of the Diocese. However, I would like to ensure that our carefully considered response to the current debate is widely available to those like yourselves who are related to the Church by entrusting the education of your children to a Catholic school.

In commending the Pastoral Letter to your reading and reflection, I would make two points.

First, that marriage is not the invention of either the State or the Church. The marriage of a man and woman and all that this union implies for procreation and family is as old as the human race. All human societies and their religions have understood its nature and over many centuries both the Church and civil legal systems have protected and upheld marriage as a unique relationship existing for clearly understood purposes. For individual states to attempt to redefine what has been obvious over millennia to every generation until the last twenty or so years of western European culture is to risk enormous consequences for the common good.

Secondly, as the Pastoral Letter makes clear right at its beginning, the Catholic Church opposes all forms of unjust discrimination, including towards those who experience same-sex attraction. They must be treated with respect, sensitivity and love. Many such adults and teenagers are members of our families and within the circles of valued friends, as well as in the wider community. It is our belief as Christians, however, that everyone, including those with same-sex attraction is called by God to live chastely and to find their value and dignity in fulfilling His plan for them. This is a demanding challenge and possible only with the help of a power beyond ourselves, in unlimited supply to those who seek it with faith and trust.

I thank you for the confidence which you have in the quality of the whole-of-life approach to the education of your sons and daughters offered in our Catholic schools. I thank so many parents for the generous cooperation with which they engage in the support of the daily life and objectives of the schools attended by their children, not least in the education of their children in the goodness, beauty and truth of the teachings of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and in the way of life and witness which He enjoins upon His followers.

With every good wish and blessing,

Yours sincerely,

Most Revd Geoffrey H Jarrett,
Bishop of Lismore

Click on this link for the booklet
A St Augustine’s P&F Association Event

TRIVIA NIGHT
In support of the Guy Family

SAT 12 SEPTEMBER 2015

TIME: 6pm for a 6:30pm start

VENUE: St John Paul College Hall

TICKETS: $10pp CASH ONLY
Available from:
St Augustine’s School
St John Paul College

BYO drinks & nibbles

Get a group together - tables seat 8 to 10 players

Child-minding available for children aged 4 to 12 years

Prize for the most creative table decoration

NO DEVICES... JUST BRAINS!
Phone police in attendance - fines may apply!

For more info OR to donate prizes please contact
KELLY O’CARROLL 0411 617 557
LARC Matters

Last week saw our annual Book Character Parade which was a wonderful reflection of the love for books and characters our students have.

A wonderful, colourful display highlighted the enthusiasm our students have for this annual event. I congratulate the students on their wonderful behaviour and thank the parents for supporting them with their costumes. Also a big thank you to the teachers for getting into the spirit of the day, as you always do!

Our winners were:

**Year 2:**
- Sunny Higgins-Smith as Mr Birthday from the Mr Men series
- Makaylah Beatty as Audrey from A House of her Own

**Year 1:**
- Sean Kelly as The Enormous Crocodile by Roald Dahl
- Caitlin Armstrong as Grug from Grug

**Kindergarten:**
- Jackson Nealand as the peddler in Hats for Sale
- Lily Mackay as There was an Old Lady who Swallowed a Fly

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

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CLAIM THE DATES:
Book Fair: Friday 23 October
This will have very different organisation this year. Look for more info early next term.

Visiting Author Festival: Mon 26 October
A whole day event for the whole school. Also, more info coming!
Thank you from Mini Vinnies

Last week saw our school celebrate a week of service to honour our patron saint, St Augustine. As part of the week of service, Mini Vinnies conducted a canned food drive that resulted in an abundance of canned foods being donated to St Vincent de Paul. At the Mass, Mrs Cecily Foley from St Vincent de Paul accepted our donation and told us it would be used to make food hampers for the needy in our community. Mini Vinnies would like to take this opportunity to say a big THANK YOU to everyone who sent cans of food in last week for our Mini Tinnie drive. Your generosity is much appreciated, not only by the Mini Vinnies team but by the wider Saint Vincent de Paul community.
Talking about IT

A lot of our students are keen users of technology both here at school and at home. It is always good to remind them about being respectful users of technology. This means caring for equipment and treating others with kindness. The poster to the right is a great reminder to us all.

Our Coding Club was off to a great start last week and so far we have each created a band. We are using the program Scratch. Lots of fun! You can play one of our Bands here or copy and paste

https://scratch.mit.edu/projects/74033562/

before you

think

t = is it true?
h = is it helpful?
i = is it inspiring?
n = is it necessary?
k = is it kind?

Naomi Loader - Leader of eLearning
THE GREEN SPOT

Physical Activity
Physical activity can greatly benefit children between 5-12 years old.

Physical activity:
- Promotes healthy growth and development
- Builds strong muscles and bones
- Improves balance, develop skills
- Maintains/develops flexibility
- Improves cardiovascular fitness
- Helps relaxation
- Improves posture
- Provides opportunities to make friends
- Improves self esteem

How much physical activity do children need?
The National Physical Activity Guidelines for Australians recommend at least 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity each day for children. This can be spread throughout the day. Children do not get enough physical activity at school so encourage your child to be active before and after school.

Some ways to be active with your children:
- Walk to school, the playground or childcare
- Bike ride at the park or on a bike track
- Play ball games in the backyard
- Dance to music
- Encourage sport and organised games
- Schedule regular family time for activity

Alex Shaw and Candice Butcher - Coordinators
Enviro Week 2015

The Enviro Warriors began the week by receiving their badges to wear all week and show that they are representatives of our Enviro Club. They busily prepared boxes and signs for the Waste Audit that was held at lunch on Wednesday. The amount of plastic wrap and plastic zip lock bags astounded all members of the group. All the waste was then placed into two boxes - one for yellow recyclables and one for red bin waste.

At assembly on Friday the Enviro Warriors presented every learning space with new red and yellow bins in exchange for their old ones.
Only one day left to support our enviro club in the EnviroWeek People’s Choice Awards. Simply visit www.enviroweek.org/leaderboard/ and select St Augustine Enviro Warriors and cast your vote. Voting closes midnight Saturday 5 September. Thank you to all who have voted already.

Mrs Catling and the Enviro Warriors
**TYPE 1 SEMINAR**

**Wednesday 23rd September 2015**

At Cavanbah Centre (Big Hall) in Harbour Drive, Coffs Harbour

6.30 pm for a 7 pm start

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| 7.30 pm| Continuous Glucose Monitoring
Interpreting results & using this information for management strategies | Dr Devina Joshi
Wendy Martin - Diabetes Educator
Alicia Rees - Diabetes Dietitian |
| 8 pm   | Exercise & BGLs
How exercise effects BGLs and strategies to prevent Hypos & High BGLs | Alex Pearson - Exercise Physiologist         |
| 8.30 pm| Diabetes - Burnout & Strategies to assist with living with Type 1 Diabetes | Lisa Kennerley - Counsellor                 |

Cost - Gold Coin Donation

**Supper will follow**

**Registration is essential** – please call Elsie Langford on 6651 6123
or email on ,langfordlodge@bigpond.com>