Dear Parents, Staff and Students

What a week it’s been. Many of our Year 5 and 6 students have been showcasing their talents in our musical, The Wizard of Oz. If you were able to come along to one of the shows you would have been amazed at the talent on display. My heartfelt thanks go to staff members Wendy O’Sullivan, Julie McCabe and Leonie Hewitt for their outstanding effort. A special thank you to Rachael Kama who returned from Sydney for the week to work with the team. The hours and hours of time dedicated to the musical had to fit in around the normal teaching and working hours of these ladies. They are exhausted! The support team made up of parents, staff and students really made this a team effort and what a well drilled team it was! Everything went like clockwork. Thank you one and all.

When children ‘belong’ and feel connected to a group it makes a difference to how they behave in all areas of school life and indeed outside school. We have provided a number of extra curricula activities so that students can connect to an interest group. These groups include Gardening, Enviro Awareness, Drama, Skipping, Debating, Robotics, Lego, Chess and Minecraft. As well as these we have activities in the LARC before school and during lunchtimes. Mini tournaments are run on the Multi- Purpose Court each Wednesday. We would like to offer more however we’ve run out of days! These opportunities wouldn’t be possible without staff volunteering to run the activities and giving up their lunchtimes to do so. Please encourage your children to say thank you to the staff.

A reminder to parents that if you have any concerns at all about your child to contact their teacher first. There are times when children come home with mixed messages about what happened at school. To get the right information, a conversation with the teacher is most helpful in getting all the information needed. We’re here to help and support you and I know you are there to support us too.

Have a great weekend.

Leanne Feltis
Acting Principal

**FATHER’S DAY STALL**

A huge thank you to our wonderful helpers the Father’s Day Stall, especially Jann Golding who successfully coordinated the stall and to and Karla Gilliland for assisting Jann.
CATECHETICAL NEWS

On Thursday 28 August we celebrated our patron saint, St Augustine of Hippo. Our special day began with Mass celebrated by Father Paul Winter.

Classes then had an opportunity to reflect and pray around the statue of St Augustine and children posted their prayers to St Augustine and some were hung in St Augustine’s Church on display.

Some of our children’s prayers:

St Augustine, help us to have God in our words and in our hearts. Please pray for us to be good children for our mums and dads. St Augustine, help us also to be responsible for our own things.

Dear St Augustine, pray for me when I do the wrong thing and help me to always do my best in everything.

PROCLAIM PARENT GATHERINGS 2014 IS COMING!

The Coffs Harbour gathering is on the 15 October 2014.

Please register by copying and pasting the link below.


WHAT DO YOU WANT FOR YOUR CHILD?

Be inspired! Copy and paste link to watch.


“God loves each of us as if there were only one of us”

St. Augustine

Paddy Dent — Leader of School Evangelisation
Mary Machatsch — Leader of Catechesis

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

*** ADVANCE NOTICE ***

There will be a Staff Development Day on Tuesday 7 October.

Term 4 for students will commence on Wednesday 8 October.

EXURO 2014

Exuro is a one day gathering of Year 5 students from Lismore Diocese Parish Primary Schools.

It is organised and run by the Catholic Schools Office in several locations in the diocese and brings Catholic students together to share their faith and learning.

Eighteen Year 5 students will be chosen to represent St Augustine’s at this year’s Exuro to be held at Sawtell Surf Club on Tuesday 21 October 2014.

A selection process for students is now happening. More information will follow.

Paddy Dent—Leader of School Evangelisation

NEWCASTLE PERMANENT MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

St Augustine’s entered 43 students in the 2014 Newcastle Permanent Primary Mathematics Competition. The paper was challenging and gave the students plenty of opportunities to apply their mathematical knowledge and problem solving skills.

Special thanks to the Year 5 and 6 teachers, particularly Mrs Clarke and Mrs Charles, for their assistance in organising and supervising the competitions.

All candidates will receive a Participation Certificate. High Distinction, Distinction and Merit Certificates will be awarded across the region. The school will be advised if our students have achieved any of these awards at a later date.

Stephanie George
Leader of Learning: Administration/Curriculum

Do you want your child to be Baptized?

Our Parish runs Baptism Information Nights for parents every month (except December). For more information contact the Parish Pastoral Associate on 6651 0000
COUNCIL RANGERS
Council Rangers will be patrolling our streets daily in future and will be paying attention to parking offences, traffic offences and student behaviour.

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!!!

BBQ AT SPORTS CARNIVAL
** Helpers required for the P&F BBQ **
K-2 Athletics Carnival
Thursday 11 September 2014

As usual the P&F will be running a sausage sizzle and drinks stall to help raise funds for our school. This is a call out for helpers. There will be three shifts:

Shift # 1 is 10:00 am - 11:00 am
Shift # 2 is 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
Shift # 3 is 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Ideally I’d like three or four helpers for the first shift and about four helpers for the second and three or four helpers for the third shift.

The tasks are either cooking the sausages and onions on the BBQ itself or serving the sausages & drinks.

If you can assist please give me a call, send me a text or email.
My phone number is: 0457 860 070
My email is: sappleton67@yahoo.co.uk

Stephen Appleton—P & F Committee President

COMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER
7 Fathers’ Day
11 Yrs K-2 Sports Carnival
12 Yr 3 at Parish Mass 9:15 am
17 Yr K Social 6:00 pm
18 Yr 4 Liturgy 10:20 am
19 Newsletter Day
LAST DAY OF TERM 3

OCTOBER
7 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY—no children at school
P & F meeting 7:00 pm in the LARC
8 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR TERM 4—CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL
13 Musica Viva Yrs K-6
15 Proclaim parent gathering 6:00 pm
16/17 Yr 5 Retreat at Bonville
17 Newsletter Day
18/19 Men’s and Boys’ Camp at Valla Beach
21 Yrs K-2 Sausage Sizzle day
23 Yr 3 Liturgy 10:20 am in the church
31 Newsletter Day

CANTEEN ROSTER
08.09.2014
Mon G Franklin, S Kendall, S O’Reilly, L Seccombe
Tues R Saunders
Wed L Trotman, K White
Thur K Gilliland, J Shannon
Fri B Dougherty, P Duffy, J Roach, L Zawadzki, K-A Van Ryswyk

15.09.2014
Mon E Joyce, R Mott
Tues G Bull, R Kennedy
Wed M Bulloch, J Jenkins
Thur J Devitt, M Felton, C Inwood, N Smith
Fri D Budd, L Budd, P Duffy, B Guest, 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

POLDING ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
Congratulations to Thomas Anderson, Ashan Arob, Nathan Zawadzki, Alexandra Harrison, Jacob Field, Laila McDonald and Eve Guy who are representing St Augustine’s, the Clarence Zone and the Lismore Diocese at the Polding Athletics trials today in Newcastle. We wish them the best of luck and safe travels to and from their event.

K-2 SPORTS CARNIVAL
The K-2 Sports Carnival will take place on Thursday 11 September on the school grounds. The carnival will begin at 9:00 am and finish by approximately 2:30 pm. In preparation for the carnival the children will begin practising running and playing ball games during their Thursday sport time.

If you are able to assist on the day please contact Regan Kama on rekama@lism.catholic.edu.au.

BARNEY BARSELAAR CUP
Good luck to the St Augustine’s Football team competing in the Barney Barselaar Cup in at York St Fields today.

This competition has been running for five years since Barney's tragic death in 2008. Barney was a student in Year Three at St Francis Xavier at the time of his death. This soccer competition is related to Barney's love of the game. The children will play St Francis Xavier, Bishop Druitt College and Mary Help of Christians in honour of Barney Barselaar.

RUGBY
Last Friday the St Augustine’s teams played their grand finals for their respective competitions, congratulations to all our teams, coaches and parents who have put in a lot of time and effort for these teams. We are looking forward to the 2015 season.

If you have a rugby uniform at home, please bring this in as soon as you can as it will help us with our stocktake for the end of Term 3.

SQUASH
Free come n’ try session.
Date: Sunday 10:00 am to 11:30 am
To register please call the centre on 6653 6523

Dan Hammond
Spots Coordinator

A full gallery of photos from our 'Wizard of Oz' Musical will be available on KNET around the middle of next week.


**ICAS COMPETITIONS**

**Writing Competition Results**
This year, 33 students participated in the Writing Competition. One High Distinction, seven Distinction, nine Credit, four Merit and 12 Participation Certificates were awarded. Congratulations and thank you to all the students who participated.

High Distinction: Russell Cole (Year 5)

Distinction: Jessica Harrison (Year 3); Kieran Murray, Connor Hennessy (Year 4); Ailish Barry, Lily-Rose Battaglia, Nicholas Bulloch, Alyssa Golding (Year 5).

Credit: Ainhoa Appleton, Abbey George (Year 3); Rory Beech (Year 4); Finn Murray, Sophie Ryan (Year 5); Lilly Cook, Emily Field, Olivia Henery, Jack McCormack (Year 6).

Merit: Amelia Arragon, Kayla Parks (Year 4) Jennifer Parks, Rebekka Robertson (Year 6)

Congratulations to these students.

**Spelling**

This year, 44 students participated in the Spelling Competition. 2 Distinction, 13 Credit, 4 Merit and 25 Participation Certificates were awarded.

Congratulations and thank you to all the students who participated.

Distinction: Jessica Harrison (Year 3); Omar Junaid (Year 4); Ainhoa Appleton, Riley Dagger, Flynn Metcalf, Abby-Rose Pocock (Year 3); Benjamin Langler, Kye Grant, Connor Hennessy (Year 4); Lily-Rose Battaglia, Russell Cole, Abbi Dagger, Alyssa Golding (Year 5); Zachary Clarke, Lilly Cook (Year 6).

Merit: Trinity Kachel, Nick Caldwell (Year 4); Nicholas Bulloch (Year 5); Thomas Fergusson (Year 6).

Stephanie George
Coordinator: Administration

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**Parish Schools Office Coffs Harbour Sawtell**

**Did you forget something?**

A reminder to those paying school fees by three instalments – the third (and final) instalment was due and payable by 1/09/14. If you are using our Direct Debit facility, these payments were automatically deducted from your account on 1 September, 2014.

For those not using our direct debit facility, please call our office urgently on 6651 0000 if you missed the due date, as payment by due dates is a condition of continued enrolment.
Week Seven was a busy week at St Augustine’s and one of the many special events was our involvement in National Literacy and Numeracy Week. Included below are a few highlights from the week.

Years 3 & 4 had a great time getting involved in the *Poem in your Pocket* activity.

Year 3 wrote diamante poems about the Australian animals they had been researching.

**Eastern Brown Snake**  
By Max Grant & Oskar Cragg

**Echidnas**  
By Diaz Voglsinger

Year 4 had fun creating limericks.

**Fred**  
There was a boy named Fred  
Who ate a piece of lead  
Down went the graphite  
It really felt like dynamite  
And in seconds he was dead.  
By Saarang Baba

The numeracy activity for NLNW each year is called *Reach for the Stars*. This year, the focus was on water. Years 3 and 4 spent some time sorting their water bottles according to various criteria such as height, capacity, colour and materials.

Some of the Year 4 classes conducted a water audit. They drew a map of the school, then walked around the school looking for water outputs (taps, toilets, dishwashers) and marked these on the maps. They discussed which were connected to the town supply and which weren't (sprinklers, tank in the garden). They also discussed the importance of ensuring that taps aren't dripping and the wise use of water, with so many taps in our school. This was a great mapping activity.
OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

After School Care
If you would like your child to do homework throughout the week on Mondays or Wednesdays please let an educator know and we will add them to the homework list.

A friendly reminder, that when you come to pick up your child if you could please shut the gate when leaving. Also that 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
The vacation care program is available now. You can collect a program at either the office or the OSHC room. Please book in as soon as possible so you do not miss out. Just a reminder that vacation care is open from 8am – 6pm from September 22 through to 3 October. This also includes a Staff Development Day on Tuesday the 7 October.

Active Sport
Active sport is going fabulously throughout this term. Although we have had some wet weather over the past couple of weeks, we have not missed out on being active. Instead we have been practising our dance moves as well as playing various games on Tuesdays and Thursdays. If you have a game that you played at school and would like to play it at OSHC please suggest it to an educator or write it down on the clip board near the star of the week box in the OSHC room.

Invoices
Updated invoices have again been sent home via children this week. These are current and need to be bought up to date as soon as possible. It is important that the account is not in arrears especially from the 2013 year. Accounts are to be finalised within seven days. Future bookings may not be taken where fees are in arrears.

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

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0417 666 494                     6652 1204

PLAYGROUP
PLAYGROUP is on at St Augustine’s Parish. All mums (or dads!) and their 0-5 years olds are invited. The playgroup runs during term time on Mondays starting at 9:00 am and finishing at 11:00 am. The playgroup takes place in the back-yard behind the Curran Centre. Tea and coffee is provided, byo morning tea please. Everyone is welcome! For more information contact Fran Davis on 0409 597 866.
Catholic Education is seeking the Views of Parents

2014 is a special year when Catholic educators in the Diocese of Lismore are listening to the views of parents regarding our working together to provide each child with the best educational opportunities to have a full and meaningful life.

As part of this process of listening a survey has been developed for the Catholic Schools Office, Lismore, by the Centre for Children and Young People (CCYP), Southern Cross University. All parents will receive this survey during the coming week by direct e-mail. Principals may obtain hard copies of the survey from the Catholic Schools Office should any parent prefer this option. Surveys will need to be complete by 5 September.

The results of this survey will be vital to attaining a ‘snapshot’ of how we understand and work together as partners for each child. Your assistance in taking a few minutes to complete the survey is highly appreciated because it will help us build stronger Catholic schools together for each child.

In October, special Proclaim Lismore Parent 2014 Gatherings will be held across the Diocese of Lismore between parents, clergy, principals and the Catholic Schools Office. The data from the online survey will inform our listening and talking together as to how we can work even more strongly together for each child. As well, the results of this survey and the discussions for the October Gatherings will be made available to parents during November 2014.

Best wishes
David Condon
Director of Catholic Schools

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Instrumental Music Tuition, Year 6 Camp, Year 5 Retreat and Outside School Hours Care payments

A reminder that Instrumental Music Tuition and Outside School Hours Care are invoiced by St Augustine’s school and are payable directly to the school, not the Parish Schools Office. These fees are separate to your school fees account.

If you wish to pay School-related fees by direct credit, please ensure you use the correct bank details which are printed on your invoice. If unsure please call the school before making a payment.

Please do not use bank details from the School Fee invoice sent to you by the Parish Schools Office. Thank you.

Again, we wish to thank you for keeping your fees up to date.

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LEGO CLUB

- LEGO is back! It has become extremely popular again.
- We would like to add to our LEGO resources and would welcome any LEGO you may not be using at home. Duplo, Mega Blocks and smaller LEGO are all appreciated.
- Deliveries can be made to the Kindergarten learning area.
Fruit and Veg Month 2014

Fruit and Veg Month is about trying new foods and developing healthy eating habits for the future. Variety is the key! Eat fruits and vegetables of many different colours every day to help ensure your children are getting a wide variety of nutrients.

Vegetables, both raw and cooked, are a great snack. Research shows Aussies don’t eat enough of them. Try making your kids veggie chips. Just finely slice carrots, parsnips, potatoes, zucchini, sweet potato, and pumpkin. Toss them in a small amount of olive oil and garlic powder, then bake until crisp.

Fruit and Vegetable Ideas for recipes

Quesadillas are a quick and easy snack. The great thing is you can fill them with whatever veggies you have: corn, beans, tomatoes, capsicum, onion, or anything else you have in your kitchen. Add some low-fat cheese and you have a delicious, healthy snack.

Fruit smoothies are great! They can be made with fresh or frozen fruit, low-fat yoghurt, and a splash of 100% fruit juice or milk. Use a variety of fruits to make drinking smoothies interesting and fun!

Fruit salads are a good way to increase your child’s fruit intake. Ready chopped, bite-sized fruit of different colours are very appealing.

VERY VEGGIE TUESDAY

Would you like to win a fruit and veggie box from Mother Natures for your family?

St Augustine’s will be holding a ‘Very Vegie Tuesday’ on Tuesday 16 September 2014.

Part of this day will include a vegetable sculpture competition, with first place winning a fruit and veggie box kindly donated by Mother Natures. We are asking students to start thinking about what they would like to create, and which vegetables or fruits they will use. Students will be asked to bring in a container with their vegetables and fruits on the day, cut into pieces, ready to assemble at school. We will provide toothpicks at school to help with construction, but will not be able to cut fruit and vegetables at school.

So next time you look at a carrot, zucchini or potato at your house, think like an artist! Keep an eye out for some inspirational ideas on KnowledgeNet.

Alex Shaw and Candice Butcher—Coordinators
Environment Week was a huge success. Thank you to all children who brought along a toy or piece of clothing to trade in their cohort.

The ‘Trader Challenge’ taught us all about caring for our environment and how important it is that we re-use materials rather than throwing them in the bin. This is important, especially when toys or clothes are in perfect condition. Perhaps you could think about a younger sibling or relatives you could give your unwanted clothes or toys to.

Thank you to everyone again for your participation.
Miss Erin Lyons.
Let’s build a stronger Catholic Education and the best possible future for your child.

Proclaim Parent Gatherings
October 2014

14.10 Port Macquarie
15.10 Coffs Harbour
16.10 Grafton
28.10 Lismore
29.10 Ballina
30.10 Kingscliff

Proclaim
Register & join the conversation at proclaimlismore.com.au/parents
(Numbers are strictly limited.)
**north coast regional botanic garden**

**holiday program for children & families**

**BASKET WEAVING FROM NATURAL MATERIALS WITH GLEN WILKINSON**

Glen is an accomplished basket weaver who has been weaving and exhibiting his woven forms for the last decade. You will be using flexible vines such as wisteria and honeysuckle to weave a free form on the day with both practical and ornamental use. This workshop is particularly suited to family groups as a shared activity, absolute beginners and those who seek a rewarding outcome within the limited timeframe. Bring two buckets, secateurs, old towels/rags, folding chair, picnic blanket or cushion, lunch, refreshments.

COST: $20 1 adult/1 child, $25 1 adult/2 children

WHEN: Sunday 29 June 10am - 1pm Payment to Glen

**GIFT BOX AND SEEDS**

Take a short walk in the garden and explore the Garden trees and their seeds.

Learn how baby plants move and grow.

Collect leaf litter and seeds to create your own natural gift box.

COST: $5 per child, $8 for two siblings

WHEN: Wednesday 9 July

**SCENTS AND FLOWERS**

Make a gift for someone special inspired by the flowers in the Garden. Take a short stroll through the Garden to examine the features of different flowers.

Go on a beautiful sensory walk and discover the scents of the Garden.

Create a beautiful dream catcher with paper flowers to take home as a gift or keepsake.

COST: $5 per child, $8 for two siblings

WHEN: Sunday 29 September

**WONDERFUL WATER**

Learn about the importance of water to plants.

Explore the various water holes in the Garden, where they are and what lives in them.

Make a leaf boat to float down a stream.

COST: $2 per child, $3 for two siblings

WHEN: Thursday 2 October

**GENERAL WORKSHOP INFORMATION**

For special requirements see each workshop’s details

AGE: 5-12 year olds

WHAT TO BRING: all materials supplied, wear hat, sunscreen and walking shoes

MEET AND PAY: at North Coast Regional Botanic Garden reception

TIME: 9am - 10am

BOOKINGS: bookings are essential to Ian Corbett 02 6648 4896

**Exciting workshops for next season to be announced soon!**