Dear Parents, Staff and Children

ST MARY MACKILLOP
On Wednesday we celebrated the Feast Day of Australia's first saint. Born in Australia in 1842; died on May 25, 1909; beatified Blessed Mary Mackillop by Pope John Paul II in 1995.

Although Mary MacKillop's heritage was Scottish, she is Australia's first native-born saint. Her father was a seminarian educated at the Scots College in Rome, but left before his ordination. Instead he emigrated to Australia where he met his future bride.

In 1860, Mary became a governess in Penola, South Australia, where she met Father Julian Tenison Woods. He became her spiritual director. Several years later they founded a new congregation of Josephites, whose mission was to found schools and orphanages to provide much needed educational outlets. The first rule was drawn up in 1867 and received episcopal approval the following year. In 1869, Mary professed her final vows.

The next few years were difficult, during the absence of the Australian bishops at the First Vatican Council. Mary established a foundation in Brisbane. At the same time, Fr. Woods undermined her work by encouraging some visionary nuns, insisting on excessive poverty, and refusing all state funding. Upon the return of the bishops, Father Woods was removed from the direction of the sisters, who then numbered over 100 in 34 schools.

The bishop of Adelaide, an alcoholic who listened to gossip, attempted to control the congregation. He excommunicated its foundress on the charge of disobedience, then dispensed 47 nuns from their vows. In 1872, on his deathbed, he apologised for his actions and absolved Mary from excommunication.

The Holy See sent a delegation to investigate. Their findings led the Vatican to support MacKillop and her nuns against some of the local bishops.

In 1873, Mary traveled to Europe, where she was well received in Rome. The Holy Father permitted the congregation to have a superior-general, who could move the sisters from house to house within the congregation but across diocesan borders. The rule of poverty was also modified to permit the sisters to own, rather than simply rent, property. During her time in Europe, Mary MacKillop also visited England, Ireland, and Scotland to obtain new recruits for the enterprise and funding to support it. MacKillop was elected to the office of superior-general in 1875.

MacKillop's exemplary attitude towards the bishops who opposed her was complemented by the outstanding work of the congregation. Protestants, as well as Catholics, loudly praised their charity to the poor, their personal poverty, and their abstinence from active proselytizing. They found many supporters who contributed to their mission.

Beginning in 1885, the congregation was again under attack by the bishops, but found support from Rome. The Holy See, however, believed that MacKillop had remained in charge too long, so another superior-general was elected and served from 1888 until 1998. During that time, Mary served as visitor to the houses of New Zealand. At the death of her successor, Mary again took up the reins and remained as superior-general until her own death. The congregation flourished even in the face of internal dissensions. The foundress suffered from rheumatism for many years, but finally died of a stroke.

Photographs of Mary MacKillop reveal a beautiful woman with a firm jaw and chin. About 1,000 of her letters survive. They show that she was a woman of patient persistence in adversity and a respect for authority. Some see Mary as a feminist pioneer; others as one who cared for Aborigines in difficult times; still others connect her with conservation of the eucalyptus, which is her emblem in art.

One of Mary's famous saying is “never see a need without doing something about it”. These words still hold great value for us today. Mary was canonised in October 2010, in Rome.

Peace & Best Wishes
Jake

SCHOOL HOURS
The school day begins with the 8:50 am bell and concludes at 3:00 pm. Important learning takes place during this time. It at all possible, parents are asked not to collect their children early. Students miss out on part of their learning program if this happens. Medical appointments should be made for outside school hours if this can be arranged.

COMING EVENTS - See Page 7
RE AND MINISTRY NEWS

YEAR 6 GRADE LITURGY AND LEARNING JOURNEY

Year 6 will conduct a Grade Liturgy of the Word in their classrooms on Friday 23 August at 10:00 am to support their Learning Journey.

YEAR 5 PARISH MASS

Year 5 will attend the Parish Mass on Friday 17 August at 9:15 am. Parents and friends are welcome.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

Kindergarten to Year 4 will attend a Liturgy of the Word on Wednesday 15 August in the wet weather area as part of their Feast of the Assumption celebration.

Year 5 and Year 6 will attend Mass next Wednesday to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption. They will be joined by Year 7—Year 10 students from John Paul College.

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS

Parents and carers interested in enrolling children in Parish Sacramental Programs need to attend Sunday Mass and follow the Parish Bulletin for dates and times. The Reconciliation and First Communion programs will be the next Sacraments offered to children who have been Confirmed.

BRAINSTORM PRODUCTIONS

Brainstorm Productions will present three performances for the students in the hall on Wednesday 15 August. These performances, which have been a part of our PDHPE program for the past 12 years, give the students strategies to cope with social media and relationship issues, including bullying.

Michelle Scott - Coordinator: Religious Education Curriculum

Paddy Dent - Coordinator: Ministry

P & F NEWS

FETE—CRAFT STALL

Calling all Crafty Creators!!

We are planning to have a ‘better than ever’ Craft Stall at this year’s St Augustine’s Fete and we need your help.

If you, grandma, grandpa, aunts, uncles or friends are crafty in any way, we would like to hear from you. Any help would be appreciated.

We are looking for hand made goods to be sold at our Fete. This could include:

Knitted scarves, beading, jewellery, key rings, crocheting, sewing, scrap booking, photo frames, cards/ book marks, woodwork/leather work, banners, cushions, painting, flags, room signs, door hangers etc.

If you are able to help with ideas and items could you please contact either Carolyn Perkins on cperkins@lism.catholic.edu.au or Kyanne Kachel or kkachel@lism.catholic.edu.au

Carolyn Perkins/Kyanne Kachel
Craft Stall Coordinators

WALK-A-THON

Please encourage your children to obtain sponsors for the Walk-a-thons which will be held on 16 and 17 August.

Scott Bohringer—P & F Committee Secretary

ALBANY STREET PICK-UP ZONE

The Albany St drive-through zone is a ‘No Parking’ area. Unfortunately parents and carers are parking along the curb, preventing the flow of traffic. Cars are banking up in a ‘No Stopping Zone’ in Albany Street making it hazardous for pedestrians at the crossing. Several people have made complaints because of near misses and traffic fines will be issued if infringements occur.

The safety of our children is at stake and we ask that parents and carers assist staff by not parking in the pick-up zone. The bell sounds at 3pm however it takes a few minutes for the children to walk down. The first five minutes are particularly busy although parents who arrive after this time have a clear run. Staff supervise the children until 3:15 pm. After this time students are taken to the office. Thank you for your cooperation.

AFTER SCHOOL PROCEDURE

Your children are accompanied to one of three areas after the 3:00 pm bell by their teachers: the Gordon St pick up area, the Albany St drive through area and the bus lines. There is also an After School Care line. We have instructed the children to be on one of these three lines. Would you please assist us in this busy afternoon time by collecting your children from these areas only. The children know this routine and should expect to meet you at one of the designated areas.

There are teachers on duty until all children have been collected. The school is a busy place at 3:00 pm and it becomes difficult for staff to supervise students when they are leaving their line to go to another place in the school to be collected.

Leanne Feltis - Assistant 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
Corraneagh 2nd & 4th Sunday  10:30 am

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Email. mail@chpa.com.au  Website. www.chpa.com.au
LISMORE DIOCESAN ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
The Diocesan Athletics Carnival was held on Friday 3 August at Lismore. Well done to all the athletes who competed on the day. Congratulations to the following students who will represent Lismore Diocese at Newcastle on 7 September; Joel Guy, Joshua Guy, Emily Conlan, Sophie Scott and Nathan Zawadzki.

NSW Catholic Primary Schools Rugby Knockout
Last Monday the St Augustine’s First XV took part in the NSW Catholic Primary Schools Rugby Knockout at St Joseph’s College, Hunters Hill. This competition involved the top ten teams from NSW. The team won their first game convincingly, drew the second but were defeated in our final match. Congratulations to the players for a wonderful effort. A big thank you to coaches and parents for all your help and support on the trip.

FRIDAY NIGHT RUGBY 2012
Friday Night Rugby competition will continue this week with the Grand Finals.

AUSTRALIAN SPORTS AEROBICS
Congratulations to Claudia Baff who competed in the Australian Sports Aerobics Championship in Adelaide. She came first in the Trio event and fourth in Singles. She was first in the state for both her routines.

Dan Hammond—Sports Coordinator

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN
St Augustine's School has received an enormous amount of Woolworths sticker cards. The promotion ends on Sunday 12 August. Please send in your sticker cards to the school office by Monday 20 August. St Augustine's School would like to thank all families and friends for contributing to the program. We envisage receiving great resources for our students.

COLES VOUCHERS
We have also received many Coles Sports for Schools dockets. This promotion will continue until Friday 24 August. Please keep sending in your dockets to the school office. St Augustine's Primary School would like to thank all families and friends for their continued support.

YEAR SIX KEEPSAKE SHIRT
Final orders will be accepted on Monday 13 August.

SCHOOL MUSICAL—NOWHERE BOY
Rehearsals for our musical, ‘The Nowhere Boy’ are in full swing. Our musical director Mrs Wendy O’Sullivan, supported by Mrs Julie McCabe, Miss Rachael Kama and Ms Sue Dickinson are part of large team of staff and students who are putting together a must see production on Wednesday 12 and Thursday 13 September. Tickets on sale from Monday 20 August and can only be purchased from the office. See the flyer on page six.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TUITION, STRING ENSEMBLE/BAND PRACTICE REMINDER
Please note that there are no lessons during the FIRST and LAST weeks of all Terms for all instruments and there are no after school rehearsals for Band and String Ensemble in the first and last weeks of terms also.

Music Tuition Fees have been sent out to families and are due by 7 September. Thank you.

Suite 2 Level 2
43 Gordon Street
Coffs Harbour

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**Canteen Roster**

13.08.2012

Mon  M Switzer           HELP!!!
Tues N Al-Athami, D Craig, D Olutayo
Wed  S Grimmond, L Wood
Thur N Anning, A Betland, M Felton
Fri  C Cowling, P Duffy, E Fitzgerald, J Roach, B Symons

20.08.2012

Mon  A Millward, J Sharp
Tues N Al-Athami, C Bailey, D Craig, D La Rosa
Wed  M Bulloch, J Jenkins           HELP!!!
Thur K-A McCormack, K O’Carroll
Fri  J Arnold, J Schultz, J Roach, B Symons

**Canteen News**

Canteen helpers are always required. Help is needed for three hours from 9:00 am until 12:00 noon once a month. Grandparents are very welcome also. If you are able to help in the Canteen on any day please call us on 66521204. Wendy McLean—Canteen Manager

**OSHC**

Booking Sheets for all sessions MUST be completed please.

If you wish to change the session time that was originally booked, please ensure an email is sent to Tess (tflangler@lism.catholic.edu.au) or a revised Booking Sheet completed. This saves a lot of administration time when bookings are correct. Thank you.

If your child is NOT attending a booked session please inform OSHC before 1pm. Fees are still payable for these absences unless communicated one week prior in writing.

Please remember if you change address, contact phone numbers or emergency contacts, please let the Service know in writing. Thank you.

Family Invoices have again been sent out this week. Accounts have gone home via your class teacher. All accounts need to be brought up to date without further delay to ensure further action (and your child’s place in care) is not taken.

For us to correspond more effectively with families, we would like to set up a Group within our administration email. Staff at After School Care have a print out of the emails we currently have on system. Can you please either check your address with a member of staff or email Tess (tflangler@lism.catholic.edu.au) with your address. This will ensure all information will be sent out as needed. Thank you for your help with this matter.

**STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY**

Thank you to all families for booking your child into care last Friday for our Staff Development Day. No child attended who was not booked in which helped staff immensely. Thank you again. The weather was beautiful and the children were able to be outside most of the day.

**Lost Property**

At the end of every ASC day we are collecting a lot of lost property. Even though staff ask the children if they have collected all their belongings, many jumpers, hats, water bottles etc are still being left behind. These belongings (when labeled with a child’s name) will be handed over to the office for the children to collect. As this is an extra chore for the office staff we would very much appreciate you checking your child’s backpack to make sure all belongings go home. Thank you.

**Playgroup**

Please invite families from outside the St Augustine’s School community to come along as all are welcome. Cost is $3.00 per family, a booking isn’t needed, but please make sure you write down your contact details upon arrival and pay the fee. Playgroup is located in the OSHC room (Albany Street entrance) and if weather permits, the children play in the enclosed outdoor area surrounding the room.

**Year 6 Students’ Photos**

In preparation for the Year 6 Graduation, could all Year 6 students’ parents please email about six to eight school related photos of their child between Kindergarten and present day to Gina Stocks at gstocks@lism.catholic.edu.au for the Powerpoint presentation.

**Calendar Information**

Please refer regularly to our calendar on KnowledgeNET for up to date information.
FOOD
Learning To Eat With Our Eyes

Thirty four selected students spent all of Term 2 learning how to think creatively about food under the guidance of local artist and staff member Jan Allsopp.

The students from Years 5 and 6 visited the Coffs Harbour Regional Gallery where they were introduced to the world of sculptures by another local artist Peter Wade. The end result was each student producing a ‘food’ themed painting and ‘cake’ sculpture. They all successfully learned how to mix colours, paint shadows and highlights and how to build up a painting in layers. Crazy ideas bounced back and forth on KnowledgeNET and in the art room.

To celebrate and showcase the students’ hard work, an art exhibition “Food – Learning To Eat With Our Eyes” was held at Cr8Studios with opening night on Friday 29 June. Over 160 parents, staff, students, relatives and friends of the artists attend the opening where they were entertained by the school choir, enjoyed light canapés from Coffs Harbour High Teas and were nourished by the P & F food stall. All were enthralled by the wonderful paintings and sculptures displayed in a professional way in a contemporary art gallery. It was a treat for all!

The exhibition remained open over the weekend following and was moved to the LARC and Administration foyer for the first two weeks of this term. The children involved learned a lot about showing their artwork as well as creating it.
St Augustine’s Primary School
Presents

The Nowhere Boy
A Musical Fable

Matinees
Wednesday 12 & Thursday 13 September at 11:30 am
Tickets—Adults $5.00, Children $2.00 (limited seats)

Evening Shows
Wednesday 12 & Thursday 13 September at 7:00 pm
Tickets—Adults $10.00, Children $5.00

Tickets (reserved seating) on sale at school office from Monday 20 August. For information phone 66521204
COMING EVENTS

AUGUST
14 ICAS Mathematics Competition
15 Brainstorm Productions performance
   Feast of the Assumption
16 Years K-2 Walk-a-thon
17 Year 5 Grade Mass in Church 9:15 am
   Years 3-6 Walk-a-thon
21 Year 3 Breakfast 7:30—8:15 am
   Years 3/4 Sausage Sizzle Lunch
22 Book Week Character Parade
   Maths Olympiad
23 Year 6 Liturgy 10:00—10:45 in classroom
24 Mufti for Fathers’ Day
   Newsletter Day
26 Tournament of Minds Regional Final
27 National Literacy and Numeracy Week
28 St Augustine’s Feast Day Mass 9:15 am
   Catholic Schools Netball Championships
29 Newcastle Perm. Maths Comp Years 5/6
31 Fathers’ Day Stall

SEPTEMBER
3 Chess Week
4 P & F Meeting in the LARC 7:00 pm
11 Year 1 Learning Journey 9:15—10:45 am
   Yrs 5/6 Sausage Sizzle
   School Musical final dress rehearsal
12 Maths Olympiad
   School Musical 7:00 pm
13 School Musical 7:00 pm
14 Year 4 Grade Mass in Church 9:15 am