Dear Parents, Teachers and Children

This week I’d like to pose two schools of thought with you. During the past few weeks the staff have been spending time working together on delivering effective learning sessions for our students. It has been a most energetic conversation dissecting what makes an effective instruction.

Firstly, knowing that all students are different, I wonder how the following cartoon sits with you. Should everyone sit the same test?

Secondly, the following reflection comes from Perside and William Himmele who wrote a book: ‘Total Participation Techniques: Making Every Student an Active Learner’. (You might like to read this reflection directly to your children and discuss the article with them.)

**Being “Bad at Maths”**

A Student came home from school one day, and announced, “I’m bad at maths”. What did her parents say? “Then get good at maths.”

To help her, they focused on the two things that seemed to trip her up. First of all, they checked that she was taking her time and not rushing her work. Second, they made sure she checked her work. A few days later, she came home to tell them proudly, “I got full marks in my maths test!” When asked how she replied, “Because, I took my time. And, because I checked my work!”

How many times have you heard someone say, “I’m bad at maths”. You may even have said it yourself. And the more you say it, the more you believe it and guess what? You will find you really are bad at maths when all you needed to do was as simple as taking your time and checking your work.

In fact, whenever you say you are no good at something your inner voice should say, “Then get good at it!”

People, who are good at maths, or anything else for that matter, are not born with an implant in their brain that makes them able to do maths.

Nobody is born being able to do long division. As long as you believe being good at something like maths is because you were born good at it, then you’ll never understand the importance of your own part in the process of becoming “good at it”.

There is no doubt you can do it.

Mathematics is something that with enough effort, everyone can get good at. It may not happen overnight and you will have to put in some effort but you can develop your own mathematical problem-solving and reasoning skills. All you need to get started is to really believe that being good at maths is within your reach with enough effort. So, it really comes down to your own belief in yourself and your ability to learn.

Do you think you are bad at maths? Then get good at it!

So, what does this “all this” mean for our school? Learning is a complex matter and at our school we differentiate learning to meet the needs of each student. Encourage our learners to ‘have a go’ is one thing; the other is to ensure the task fits the student. Fortunately we have excellent staff who are committed to ensuring each student achieves and is working hard on your behalf for the students in our school.

Peace & Best Wishes

Jake
**ST AUGUSTINE’S DAY**

St Augustine’s School will join with the Parish to celebrate the Feast of St Augustine on Tuesday 28 August.

All students will participate in a whole school Mass at 9:15 am in the Church. Parents, carers and grandparents are invited to sit with their child in their class group.

Then at 2:00 pm family groups are invited to participate in a Year 6 led “St Augustine Trivial Pursuit” activity.

**ST JOSEPH’S HA’APAI**

St Augustine’s staff are gathering resources for Diiga to share with staff at our sister school, St Joseph's Ha'apai.

Sr Sina from St Joseph's is leading the way in improving teacher online engagement and is most grateful for the support from St Augustine’s School.

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**RE AND MINISTRY NEWS**

**P & F NEWS MEETING**

The next P&F Meeting will be held on Tuesday 4 September at 7:00 pm in the LARC. All welcome.

**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/bookmarks, woodworking/leather work, banners, cushions, painting, flags, room signs, door hangers etc.

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

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**INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TUITION**

Term Three Music Tuition fees are due by 7 September. Thank you.
SPORT NEWS

YEARS K-2 SPORTS CARNIVAL 20 SEPTEMBER
Sport House Captains:
Blue House: Levi Taylor and Erin Pike
Green House: Hunter Pearce and Zoe Allom
Red House: Lachlan Kennedy and Kadie Franklin
Gold House: Jarrah Vanderploel and Laila McDonald

LISMORE DIOCESEAN ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
Good luck to the following students when they represent the Lismore Diocese at Newcastle on 7 September: Joel Guy, Joshua Guy, Sophie Scott and Nathan Zawadski.

FRIDAY NIGHT RUGBY 2012
Once again the Friday Night Rugby competition was a great success with five St Augustine’s teams in various age groups. Congratulations to all the players for a great rugby season. I would like to thank all the parents who supported our teams throughout the season. Thank you to the coaches and managers for your time and effort. You have been wonderful role models to the students throughout the season not only teaching them the fundamentals of the game but how to be good sportspeople. Please check the link for presentation night updates at http://www.coffsjuniors.rugbynet.com.au/

Please return all rugby shirts, shorts and socks (in a bag with your child’s name on it) to the office as soon as possible. Thank you.

Dan Hammond—Sports Coordinator

LARC MATTERS

BOOK WEEK CHARACTER PARADE
On Wednesday we held our Book Week Character Parade. The theme for Book Week this year is “Champions Read!” and St Augustine’s was awash with champions! The Parade was a mass of colour, excitement and many well-known and not so well-known characters. Everyone looked fantastic and had a fabulous time. Many thanks go to the mums, dads and extended family for their support.

Our winners this year:
Year 2
Sam Catling - Sam I Am from ‘The Cat in the Hat’.
Sienna Barrett - Willy Wonka from ‘Charlie and the Chocolate Factory’.

Year 1
Brady Blundell - The Mad Hatter from ‘Alice in Wonderland’.
Lila Smith - The Mad Hatter from ‘Alice in Wonderland’.

Kindergarten
Wylie Book - a Dalmatian from ‘101 Dalmatians’.
Alexandra Nealand - the Little Pig in the Brick House from ‘The Three Little Pigs’.

Photos from the morning can be viewed on our school Facebook page.

See you in the LARC
Mrs Madden—Teacher Librarian

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 Year K and present day to Gina Stocks at gstocks@lism.catholic.edu.au for the Powerpoint presentation. All photos to be emailed to Gina by Friday 14 September. Thank you.

2012 ICAS COMPETITION RESULTS

COMPUTER SKILLS COMPETITION
This year, 39 students participated in the Computer Skills Competition. Five Distinction, eight Credit and 26 Participation Certificates were awarded. Congratulations and thank you to all the students who participated.

Distinction: Jed Moody (Year 6); Brigitte Boyse, Lauren Hutchinson, Hayden Proctor (Year 5); Tyler Kooymans (Year 3).
Credit: Dominic Vorreiter, Claudia Charles (Year 6); Joseph Barker, Tahseen Sarwar, Benjamin Schultz (Year 5); Griffin Moore, Lilly Cook (Year 4); Ailish Barry (Year 3).

SCIENCE COMPETITION
Forty seven students participated in the Science Competition. Four Distinction, 19 Credit and 24 Participation Certificates were awarded.

Distinction: Tyler Kooymans (Year 3); Ciara Barry, Tahseen Sarwar (Year 5); Joshua Guy (Year 6).
Credit: Ailish Barry, Nicholas Bulloch, Alyssa Goldberg, Seifo Lo Tam, Lena Lo Tam, Finn Martin (Year 3); Thomas Ferguson, Rocco Greisel, Griffin Moore (Year 4); Brigitte Boyse, Dheeraj Adusumalli, Siena Bordignon, Emily Busby, Lily Goodacre, Lauren Hutchinson, Heath Robinson, Brock Symons (Year 5); Connor Martin, Dominic Vorreiter (Year 6).

Congratulations to all these students.

WRITING COMPETITION
This year, 34 students participated in the Writing Competition. It was pleasing to see such wonderful results with 7 Distinction, 14 Credit and 13 Participation Certificates awarded. Congratulations and thank you to all the students who participated.

Distinction: Lily Goodacre, Sarah Hartsuyker (Year 5); Jennifer Parks (Year 4); Ailish Barry, Deanna Borg, Kyah Humphries, Lena Lo Tam (Year 3).
Credit: Anna Jourdant, Sienna O’Carroll, Darcy Ryan (Year 6); Sienna Bordignon, Emily Busby, Sarah Fitzgerald, Lauren Hutchinson, Oscar O'Reilly, Tahseen Sarwar (Year 5); Ruby Lowrey, Aidan O'Reilly, Jaida Smith (Year 4); Alyssa Fitzgerald, Seifo Lo Tam (Year 3).

SPELLING COMPETITION
Distinction and Credit certificates for the Spelling Competition will be presented at the whole school assembly on Friday 31 August, commencing at 2:00 pm in the Hall. Parents are welcome to attend. Participation certificates have been presented in class. Congratulations to all students who participated in the Competition.

Stephanie George
Coordinator Pedagogy

Welcome new patients
Dental Design Studio 32
offers Special Discount for St. Augustines Students, Parents & Staff

FOR BOOKINGS AND MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT: 02 6652 3242
CANTEEN ROSTER
AUGUST
27.08.2012
Mon  
C Jourdant, P Duffy

Tues
N Al-Athami, D Craig, D Stephenson

Wed
T Cook, P Gordon

Thur
N Anning, M Dowden, J Golding

Fri
H Brindle, B Dougherty, J Roach, B Symons

L Zawadzki

SEPTEMBER
03.09.2012
Mon
R Mott

Tues
N Al-Athami, K Apps, D Craig, R Kennedy

Wed
K Close, S Hartsuyker, R Werstak

Thur
M De Satge, N Ferrett, M Waugh

Fri
J Arnold, L Budd, D Budd, J Roach, B Symons

OSHC NEEDS YOUR HELP!
When your child attends OSHC on the same day as they attend sports on the school grounds (AFL, Auskick, basketball, etc) could you please remind your child to come to OSHC BEFORE going to their sport. The children will have to leave their school bags at OSHC and take whichever they need from it to their sport area. Frequently we DO NOT KNOW if a child has been picked up from sports by parents/carers as they have NOT BEEN SIGNED OUT. Leaving the bag at OSHC will at least make sure we know the whereabouts of your child as the bag needs to be collected. Thank you.

MESSAGES
When you contact the OSHC mobile phone and it goes to message service it would be very much appreciated if you could leave a CLEAR MESSAGE. Please state your full name, the full name of the child you are calling in regards for, their class and the reason for calling. It is also possible to leave a text message with the same information or an e-mail. Unfortunately sometimes we miss bookings or cancellations due to not getting all information clearly. Our number is 0417 666 494 or email to tlangler@lism.catholic.edu.au

VACATION CARE TERM 3 2012
It’s hard to believe but the school holidays are not far away (only four more weeks of school). We would like to have your input into the program, so please feel free to e-mail Brigitte next week on bklinkers@lism.catholic.edu.au with suggestions, ideas or maybe you would like to participate in a multi-cultural day and do some cooking with the children and educate them about your country of origin?

LOST PROPERTY - lost property still continues to be an issue at OSHC. Children are reminded to collect all their belongings each afternoon but unfortunately many items are still being left behind. Lost property (when labelled with a child’s name) will be given to their teacher. As this is an extra chore for staff we would appreciate you checking your child’s backpack to make sure all belongings go home each day. Thank you.

PLAYGROUP
Please invite families from outside the St Augustine’s School community to come along as all are welcome. 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. Cost is $3.00 per family.

CANTEEN NEWS
If you are able to help in the Canteen on any day please call us on 66521204.

Wendy McLean—Canteen Manager

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE
Thank you to families completing Booking Sheets or emailing Tess with your bookings or cancellations for care. If you are able, can you please send through all bookings or changes before 2:00 pm on Friday (of the week prior to care being needed). This will ensure all bookings/cancellations are correct for the Roll when printed each Friday afternoon.

If your child is not attending a booked session please inform OSHC no later than 1:00 pm on the day care is needed please. Fees are still payable for these absences unless communicated one week prior in writing.

If you have not already given Staff at OSHC your family contact email details, can you please speak to a member of staff or email Tess tlangler@lism.catholic.edu.au with your address. This will ensure all information will be sent out as needed to correspond more effectively with families.

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

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
A Staff Development Day is set for Monday 8 October (meaning school will be closed), OSHC will be open from 8am-6pm. Bookings are essential. YOUR CHILD MAY BE TURNED AWAY IF NUMBERS ARE HIGH AND NO BOOKING HAS BEEN MADE. Monday OSHC bookings do NOT go automatically over to the SDD booking! Costs for this day are as per Vacation Care fees.
Hey Parents,

Our school cares about your child’s health and nutrition! Did you know that our school is a member of Healthy Kids Association? That’s right, we want to provide good food and nutrition education to your children and Healthy Kids provides us with resources for the canteen and teachers. This is just one of the ways that we ensure your children learn about healthy food and eat well from the canteen.

Healthy Kids Association also provides a free parent e-newsletter with important nutrition information and great recipes that can help you stay on top of what is going on in the world of nutrition. To sign up, simply visit www.healthy-kids.com.au.

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**Go4Fun** is a **FREE** healthy living program for kids to become fitter, healthier & happier. The program is fun & interactive & supports 7-13 year old children, who are above a healthy weight range, and their families, to adopt a healthy lifestyle.

**Bayldon Community Centre,** Mon & Thurs, 4:15 pm – 6:15 pm.
**Narranga Primary School,** Mon & Wed, 4:15 pm – 6:15 pm.

**Start date: Monday 8 October 2012**

Go4Fun is delivered in a friendly & relaxed atmosphere by specially trained staff. Thanks to funding by the NSW Ministry of Health, places are offered completely **free** of charge. To register, contact Go4Fun on 1800 780 900 or text 0409 745 645 to request a call back. Any questions, call Hayley Johnson at Coffs Harbour Women’s Health Centre on 02 6652 8111 or email hjohnson@chwhc.com.au

**HURRY—PLACES ARE LIMITED!**
A reminder that term 3 payments are due and payable by 1/09/12

Please ensure that payments occur by due dates or call to make an alternative payment arrangement on 6651 0000, as payment by due dates is a condition of continued enrolment.

Once again, as an incentive for prompt payment of schools fees and as a reward for the commitment of families who honour their school fees agreement, we are pleased to announce that families who have paid their accounts in full by due dates will be entered into a draw for the following prize. (All families who have a direct debit arrangement, which is up to date at 31/12/12, will automatically be entered in the draw.)

Novotel Coffs Harbour Pacific Bay Resort has generously donated one nights’ accommodation in a Resort Room for two adults including a full buffet breakfast in Charlie’s Restaurant.

So, don’t miss out on your opportunity to go into the draw!

As explained in our letter to all families in April, and in previous newsletters, your school fees account from 2013 will include all compulsory fees and activities (some of which have previously been billed by schools).

However, with the recent changes to tax legislation, the Parish Schools Board’s proposal to facilitate claiming part of the fees for the Education Tax Refund in 2013 is no longer relevant.

Please feel welcome to call if you have any queries or need to discuss any other issues concerning your account.

Thank you,
Cathy Sheridan (School Fees Manager)

Parish Office Coffs Harbour
Monday-Thursday 8:30am-5:00pm, Friday 8:30am-3:30pm
(including school holidays)  Email: admin@parishschoolsboard.com.au
Website: www.parishschoolsboard.com.au
St Augustine’s Primary School
Presents

The Nowhere Boy
A Musical Fable

Matinees
Wednesday 12 September - SOLD OUT
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
Men’s and Boys’ Camp at Darlington Park

27 to 28 October 2012

***** Reminder*****

Men and boys interested in attending this year’s camp will need to book soon to reserve a site.

Please call Darlington Park direct on 66407444 and quote reservation number #122369 when booking.

The camp was great fun last year so don’t miss out!

Please call me on 0413 753255 if you have any questions
Jeremy Hill – Camp Coordinator

COMING EVENTS

AUGUST
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
Year 1 Excursion to Brelsford Park
30 Year 4 Excursion to Growers Market
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
Years 5/6 Sausage Sizzle
School Musical final dress rehearsal
12 Maths Olympiad
School Musical
13 School Musical
14 Year 4 Grade Mass in Church 9:15 am
19 Diocesan Gala Day at Grafton
20 Years K-2 Sports Carnival
Author Deb Abela visiting Years 3-6
Year 3 Liturgy & Learning Journey in classroom 12:00—1:00 pm
21 Newsletter Day
FINAL DAY OF TERM THREE

OCTOBER
8 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY—no children at school
9 FIRST DAY OF TERM FOUR