Dear Parents, Teachers and Children

I hope this Newsletter finds you well after the winter holidays and that the cold and flu season hasn’t impacted too heavily on your family.

Supporting St Joseph’s Community College Tonga
During the July school holidays I had the pleasure, together with the Michelle Scott (our school’s Religious Education Coordinator), Annie Madden (our Teacher Librarian), and parent, Mika Kama to travel to Ha’apai to visit St Joseph’s Community College. This is the school community we have been supporting over the last couple of years (remember the backpacks). There will be more time to share the story (P&F meetings, breakfasts, our Facebook Page, etc) however here is a quick overview.

It was great to catch up with principal, Sr Malia and her staff, meet the students and be part of the parish. (check out the photos on our school’s Facebook page). The students are really looking forward to working with our students over the next few months. In September, we are hoping the Fr Daniella, Parish Priest in Ha’apai will be able to visit St Augustine’s to continue the conversation.

Following the school visit a meeting with newly appointed director of Catholic Education, Soane Vahe provided the opportunity to learn more broadly about Catholic Education in Tonga. As part of the meeting I provided a presentation to the staff at Apifo’ou College, a large Catholic High School, on the role of the Catholic teacher.

The next stop was a visit to Ahopanilolo Technical Institute. Run by the sisters, the institute offers students the opportunity to gain an internationally recognised accreditation in hospitality, fashion and design, cooking and art. We had the opportunity to meet with the Bishop of Tonga and shared our partnership with the school. Our final official function was visiting St Francis of Assisi Kindergarten in Nuku’alofa.

Community Forum
I was fortunate enough to be invited to attend a childcare and early childhood learning forum today with the Shadow Minister for Childcare and Early Childhood Learning, the Hon. Sussan Ley. Hosted by our Federal Member, Luke Hartsuyker, the forum provided opportunity to share our thoughts on the recent legislative requirements for pre-schools, child care centres, long day care and outside school hours organisations.

Understandably the changes imposed upon the industry has exposed some teething problems that has seen some concerns raised including the implications of ratios, certification of programs and administrative expectations, the expectations of raising qualifications and the implementation of the National Quality Framework for Early Childhood Education & Care.

With an election not too far away it will be interesting to see how the conversation today is reflected in policy, come election day.

Peace & Best Wishes
Jake

COMING EVENTS

**JULY**
- 31 ICAS English Competition
  Yrs K-2 Sausage Sizzle Lunch

**AUGUST**
- 3 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY—no students at school
  Primary Diocesan Athletics at Lismore
  NSW Rugby 10's Knockout Final
  7 P & F Meeting 7:00 pm in LARC
  9 Class 6P Cake Stall
  Year 4 Excursion to Englands Road Waste Facility
- 10 Year 2 at Parish Mass 9:15 am in Church
  Newsletter Day
- 14 ICAS Mathematics Competition
- 15 Brainstorm Productions Performance
- 16 Years K-2 Walk-a-thon
- 17 Year 5 Grade Mass 9:15 am in Church
  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
RE AND MINISTRY NEWS

GRANDPARENTS’ DAY 2012
Grandparents’ Day turned out to be just what we hoped—a lovely family occasion where our children showcased their school learning environment. The day began with a beautiful liturgy followed by a School Learning Journey. Many families gathered for a picnic lunch afterwards.

CONFIRMATION
Many of our students received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Monday night. It was officiated by Reverend Bishop Jeffrey Jarrett, Bishop of Lismore. The Church was filled to capacity and was a very special occasion for the Confirmation candidates and their families.

Paddy Dent - Coordinator: Ministry
Michelle Scott - Coordinator: Religious Education Curriculum

P & F NEWS

P & F RACE DAY
The wet and windy weather didn’t deter an enthusiastic crowd who gathered at the Race Course to see the running of two races sponsored by the school. This sets the scene for a bigger involvement in our Centenary Year in 2013. A huge thank you to our P & F President Stephen Appleton for all his organisation for the day and the many parents who helped with the barbecue.

SPELL-A-THON
Congratulations to Joss Cowling and Zoe Hilliar who won the Spell-a-thon draw. Thank you to students and families for another successful fundraiser!

WALK-A-THON
Sponsor sheets have gone home and students are asked to find sponsors for the upcoming Walk-a-thon. Children will walk laps of the oval to raise money to buy resources for their school.

Scott Bohringer—P & F Committee Secretary

EMAIL ADDRESSES
If you know of any parent/carer who is not receiving our school emails with Newsletters and notes, please ask them to contact the office and supply us with a current email address.

BECOME A CATHOLIC?

WHY?
Do you know anyone who has been thinking of becoming a Catholic? An information evening on the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (being received into the Church) will be held on Thursday 9 August at 7:00 pm at the Curran Centre, 12 Gordon Street, for anyone who wishes to enquire.

How can you as a parishioner help?
You can contribute to the RCIA process:
- By babysitting for other people who are involved
- By publicising the RCIA by word of mouth
- By bringing non-Catholic family/friends to the enquiry night
- By introducing yourself to the candidates and assuring them of your support
- By praying regularly for the candidates
- By providing transport if required

For more information please call Margaret Lill on 6651 5678.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

There will be a Staff Development Day on Friday 3 August. There will be no school for children. If you require care for your child/ren please contact OSHC on 0417 666494 as soon as possible.

Bookings are essential on this day as numbers are limited (due to some staff attending training). YOUR CHILD MAY BE TURNED AWAY IF NUMBERS ARE HIGH AND NO BOOKING HAS BEEN MADE.
SPORT NEWS

LISMORE DIOCESAN ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
The Diocesan Athletics Carnival will be held on Friday 3 August at Lismore. Congratulations to these students who will represent the Clarence Zone: Joel Guy, Joshua Guy, Tess Bohringer, Benjamin Burridge, Thomas Burridge, Sarah Hartsukeyr, Caydn O’Connell, Regan Dougherty, Billy Mapleson, Georgie Martin, Faith Scully, Sophie Scott, Fatuma Reech, Bennet Reech, Emily Conlan, Tessa Conlan, Babygirl Barney, Chloe Bulloch, Bree Knight and Nathan Zawadski.

FRIDAY NIGHT RUGBY 2012
Friday Night Rugby competition will continue this week. Information about field conditions and draws can be found about the Friday Night Competition at http://www.coffsjuniors.rugbynet.com.au/

BASKETBALL
It’s not too late to join the Winter 2012 Basketball season at Coffi’s Harbour Basketball. For more information go to www.coffsharbourbasketball.com.au or phone 66511452.

Dan Hammond—Sports Coordinator

STUDENTS’ USE OF MOBILE PHONES
All students have been reminded that they are not to use their mobile phones to make calls or text during the school day. If your child needs to have a phone to use after 3:00 pm they are to keep it in their school bag whilst at school. Students can contact their parents through the school office. We also ask parents to phone the office if they wish to get a message to their children.

MACQUARIE READING TUTORS
Are you able to assist students with their reading on a regular basis each week? We are in need of parents and family members to support individual students with their reading through a simple, structured program. This is a wonderful program but we need volunteers to support it. Training is provided. Please leave your contact details at the office if you can help.

CALENDAR INFORMATION
PLEASE REFER REGULARLY TO OUR CALENDAR ON KnowledgeNET FOR UP TO DATE INFORMATION.

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 Yr 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.

SCHOOL MUSICAL
‘THE NOWHERE BOY’

LARC MATTERS
BOOK WEEK 2012
Book Week runs from Saturday 18 to Friday 24 August. The theme this year is “Champions Read”. As part of the preparation, each class in Kindergarten to Year 2 will be working with the various short-listed books. Each year the ‘Early Childhood’ and ‘Picture Book’ sections deliver to us a fabulous group of books which are a delight for the younger students to explore.

The highlight for the week is the Years K-2 Book Character Parade. This will be on Wednesday 22 August. Your child is asked to dress as their favourite book character. A very simple costume is all that is required, but please help your child to understand what character they are and what book they are from.

The parade is an absolute delight, every year, as the children are so excited about their character. All parents and carers are more than welcome.

See you in the LARC
Mrs Madden—Teacher Librarian

REMINDER - MUSIC TUITION FEES
Please bring your Term Two Music Tuition payments up to date as soon as possible. Continuation of lessons cannot be guaranteed if payments are not up to date.
Canteen Roster

JULY
30.07.2012
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

AUGUST
06.08.2012
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

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.

Barbra Symons and Magda Brouwer—Canteen Managers

Outside School Hours Care
It is imperative children are booked in for After School Care as staff need to be confirmed each day to ensure accurate staff:child ratios. IF YOUR CHILD IS NOT BOOKED IN and we are over the Staff:Child ratio, PARENTS WILL BE CALLED TO COLLECT THEIR CHILD FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

Please remember if you do not put an end date (ie. December 2012) on the Booking Sheet it will be assumed the booking is for the current term only.

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 (tlangler@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 does NOT attend a booked afternoon please inform OSHC staff before 1pm. Fees are still payable for these absences (unless communicated one week prior in writing).

A number of accounts are still outstanding (some from last Vacation Care) and current Invoices have been sent out by mail this week. All accounts need to be brought up to date without further delay please 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 with your email address (tlangler@lism.catholic.edu.au). This will ensure all information will be sent out as needed. Thank you for your help with this matter.

Vacation Care
Thank you to the children who attended Vacation Care, we hope you enjoyed your time with us. We would also like to thank the children for their behaviour during the holidays at the OSHC premises and during excursions. We always receive praise from venues where we take the children regarding their beautiful behaviour! We look forward to it continuing in Term Three.

The next Vacation Care period will be from Monday 24 September to Tuesday 9 October.

Staff Development Day
A Staff Development Day is set for Friday 3 August (meaning school will be closed). OSHC will be open from 8am-6pm. Bookings are essential as numbers are limited (due to some staff attending training). YOUR CHILD MAY BE TURNED AWAY IF NUMBERS ARE HIGH AND NO BOOKING HAS BEEN MADE. Friday ASC bookings do NOT go automatically over to the SDD booking! Costs for this day are as per Vacation Care fees.

Group has recommenced for Term 3. Please invite families from outside the St Augustine’s School community to come along, 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.

Brigitte Klinkers—OSHC & Playgroup Coordinator
bklinkers@lism.catholic.edu.au 0417 666494

Woolworths Earn and Learn
Keep collecting your stickers from Woolworths. Completed sticker cards are to be handed in to the office or Woolworths (Park Avenue) as soon as possible.

Coles Sports for Schools 2012
We are participating in the Coles Sports for Schools 2012 program this year. Please collect the vouchers when shopping at Coles and send them into the office. The competition closes 24 August 2012.
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.
The Diocese of Lismore Parent Assembly invites all parents & caregivers to experience

An E-Conference on Family Life and Student Wellbeing

Leading experts will deliver up to date and practical information on *The Role of the Family in Student Wellbeing*. They will look at the unique health and wellbeing challenges facing generations Y & Z and how these challenges can be met by parents and caregivers of children in Catholic Schools.

Cathy Quinn 
Parent and school engaging with Generations X & Y.

Fr Ken Baker 
Forgiveness. How to forgive yourself and others.

Melinda Tankard Reist 
Porn and its impact on young people.

Ian Lillico 
How do we get boys to talk about their feelings.

Sunday 12 August - 10.30am to 3.30pm
Four venues:
Southern Cross University, Lismore Campus
Southern Cross University, Coffs Harbour Campus
Southern Cross University, Gold Coast Campus
North Coast Area Health, Port Macquarie

This Forum is free for all parents & caregivers of children in Parish Schools in the Diocese of Lismore.
Light lunch will be provided.

To register call 1300 557 874 or email: parents@ism.catholic.edu.au.
R.S.V.P August 2 (limited seats at some venues.)


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**Father Ken Barker** is the founder and Moderator of the Missionaries of God’s Love. He is a member of National Catholic Charismatic Renewal Service Committee in Australia and director of the Summer Schools of Evangelization in various locations in Australia. Father Ken is the author of *Becoming Fire, Radical Way of Love, Young Men Rise Up, His Name is Mercy, A Light for my Path and Amazing Love*. Fr Ken is also the director of the biennial Light to the Nation’s youth pilgrimage and founder of the Young Men of God Movement.

**Dr Ian Lillico** (father of three sons) is the founder and CEO of the Boys Forward Institute and international consultant in gender, boys’ education and middle schooling. Ian is the former Principal of City Beach High School in WA (recently retired).

**Cathy Quinn** has dedicated her working life to education. In a teaching career that has spanned 28 years, she has been an innovator who pioneered new systems and inspired staff and students to discover their unique abilities and paths to success.

**Melinda Tankard Reist** is an author, speaker, media commentator, blogger and advocate for women and girls. She is author/editor of four books including *Getting Real: Challenging the Sexualisation of Girls & Big Porn Inc: Exposing the harms of the global pornography industry*. Melinda is a regular guest on Channel 7’s Morning Show, and has made recent appearances on Sunrise, ABC Q&A and The Gruen Sessions. Melinda is named in Who’s Who of Australian Women and the World Who’s Who of Women.

**Locations**

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To register phone 1300 557 874 or email: parents@ism.catholic.edu.au

R.S.V.P August 2

For more information phone the Parent Assembly Cluster Organisers Paul Edgar 0427 118 122, Jo Kelly 0407 706 454, Peta Rourke 0400 420 614 or Leanne Robbins 0407 143 975

This is a complementary seminar.
Expression of Interest

Regional Project Managers Australia Pty Ltd on behalf of The Diocese of Lismore is currently Seeking suitably qualified trade contractors to work on an Iconic Heritage Restoration Project in the Lismore CBD

Initially we will be developing a database of contractors for the following trades:

- Hydraulics
- Concreting
- Lifts
- Civil
- Building
- Signage
- Carpet
- Glazing
- Block/Bricklaying
- Waterproofing
- Painting
- Communications
- Joinery

- Electrical
- Mechanical
- Fire Protection
- Formwork
- Carpentry
- Tiling
- Metalwork
- Roofing
- Plastering
- Furniture supply
- Landscaping
- Audio Visual
- Structural Steel

If you think your Company is suitably qualified to offer your services and to quote for any of these trade packages, please submit a written capability statement with your company’s background and relevant experience and referees.

Written expressions are to be sent to

tim.bodel@rpma.com.au