Dear Parents, Staff and Children

It's that time of the year when the Coffs community focuses on the musical abilities of our students. The local Coffs Harbour & District Eisteddfod is an opportunity for students to perform in front of an audience and for our community to showcase its talent.

It's a great opportunity to watch and listen to not only the breadth of talent across our school but also the high standard of performance. We have some very gifted (and creative) students.

Fortunately I had the opportunity to attend a number of Eisteddfod sessions and witnessed first hand students (and adults) performing with great enthusiasm. From solo singing to choirs, from pianists to string ensembles and from speech and drama to dance, the entertainment factor was high.

Having the opportunity to perform gives meaning to the endless hours of practice and allows the students to receive recognition for their efforts.

I finished reading Sir Ken Robinson’s book titled “The Element” where he argues that when someone finds a passion then they become more focused in all areas of their learning. One of the great criticisms of recent educational reforms in our country has been the relentless focus on standardised results resulting in a narrowing of learning.

Our school has a strong commitment to providing diverse learning opportunities and the provision of music and drama into our specialist program highlights that commitment. Like Maths, English or the Sciences, the creative realm is a discipline worth visiting. With research linking academic success with musical and creative pursuits, the opportunity for our students to be involved in music and drama is a step in the right direction. As you are aware students are able to learn a musical instrument (including vocal), participate in drama (our musical this year is called ‘The Nowhere Boy’) and are involved in specialist visual arts lessons (launch of our art show is on Friday 29 June).

With the support of a great staff we again performed extremely well in this year’s Eisteddfod (come and check out the trophies on the counter at reception!!!) Congratulations to all our performers.

Students who are able to stand confidently in front of an audience and perform are well positioned to not only engage in their learning but also have strong interpersonal skills. This trait will hold them in good stead for the future.

Peace and Best Wishes

Jake
RE AND MINISTRY NEWS

YEAR 6 RE TEST

Year 6 students are preparing for the Diocesan Religious Education Test to be held on Wednesday 13 June. We wish the students and teachers all the best in their preparations.

LITURGY AND MASSES

June 5  Year 2 Liturgy
June 8  Year 3 leading the Parish Mass
June 14  Year 4 Liturgy
June 22  Year 5 attending Parish Mass

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

P & F NEWS

P & F RACE DAY—22 JULY

Save the date! Sunday 22 July. The St Augustines P&F Committee is very excited to announce that the school is to be part of the fabulous NBN Community Cup Day at the Coffs Harbour Racing Club. The school has obtained naming rights to two of the afternoon's races. Alongside the mix of punters, families, fashionistas & galloping horses there will be Big Dog, a children's fashion parade, jumping castle and a face painting stand. The P&F will be running a sausage sizzle and drink stand on the day. Gate entry tickets will be on sale at the school office soon.

SPELLATHON

The children had their Spellathon test day today. Thank you for supporting them with learning their words and obtaining sponsors. Please send in money and sponsor forms as soon as possible.

MOVIE NIGHT

Great news everybody! Once again the St Augustines P&F is immensely proud to present the annual Movie Night at the historic Sawtell Cinema on Thursday 28 June screening ‘Ice Age 4’. Doors will open at 6:00 pm for a 6:30 pm start. Tickets are $10 each on sale at the school office. Thank you to organiser, Jo Brown!

Scott Bohringer—P & F Committee Secretary

MOTHERS’ AND DAUGHTERS’ WEEKEND

Information has been emailed to all families this week.

If you booked earlier and haven’t paid your deposit please phone Darlington Beach Resort Park on 66491920 to secure your booking. To make a booking contact Darlington Park and quote our Reservation number 118564. For more information please call me after hours at home on 6652 8200. I’m looking forward to another fabulous weekend with our girls.

Katrina O’Connell—St Augustine’s Parent

UNMATCHED AFTER SCHOOL CARE PAYMENTS

A number of deposits have been made through becu (formerly Bananacoast Credit Union) and references have not been put on the deposits. We would appreciate you contacting Tess in the School Office if you have made any of these payments to ensure receipts can be processed accordingly. The receipt dates are: 16.08.2010, 15.08.2011 and 21.05.2012. Thank you.

RYANS BUS SERVICE

Last Friday there was a traffic accident on the Highway north of Coffs Harbour. In future, for current and up to date information concerning bus services and school services that may be experiencing delays, please follow Ryans Bus Service on Twitter @RyansBusService

OUR NEW SUSTAINABLE GARDEN

Plans are well underway to build a sustainable garden near the staff car park. This area has been set aside to build a garden for all members of the school community to use. The students will be able to use the garden in many and varied ways and as the new Australian Curriculum has a focus on sustainability, the garden will be a great asset to our school.

We need your help! Please mark Saturday 16 June in your diary. Staff, students and their families are encouraged to come along to a working bee and help in whatever way you can for as long as you can. We have engaged the “permablitz” team to guide us build the garden. The plan is done, the materials will be on hand but we need manpower and equipment. We hope it will be a great community event.

We will need plenty of newspaper for the gardens. If you can help out please let us know. Tools such as shovels, hammers and power tools will also be needed. We would love to hear from you!

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.

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Telephone. 02 6652 2999  Fax. 02 6652 4694
Email. mail@chpa.com.au  Website. www.chpa.com.au
SPORT NEWS

DIOCESAN RUGBY GALA DAY 2012
The Diocesan Rugby Gala Day was held last Wednesday at BCU Stadium Coffs Harbour. Congratulations to the St Augustine’s Year 6 team who won on the day. The team will travel to Sydney in Term Three to participate in the NSW Catholic Schools Knockout to be held at St Joseph’s College, Hunters Hill. Well done boys—Ben Hutchinson, Nathan Thomas, Harrison Jacobs, Connor Martin, Oliver Smyth, Blake Southam, Cameron Dehnert, Will Vignes, Liam Doherty, Lauchlan Rielly, Alex Majarich, Darcy Ryan and Ethan Bottero.

FRIDAY NIGHT RUGBY 2012
Friday Night Rugby competition continues this week. Information and draws can be found about the Friday Night Comp at [http://www.coffsjuniors.rugbynet.com.au/](http://www.coffsjuniors.rugbynet.com.au/)

AFL
Congratulations to Billy Mapleson on Captaining the Polding AFL team which played in Griffith last week. The boys enjoyed the day and Billy is to be commended on his leadership skills.

Dan Hammond—Sports Coordinator

MATHS OLYMPIAD TEAM
Each year a team of 30 Year 5 and 6 students make up our Maths Olympiad Team. This competition tests problem solving skills and really stretches the minds of our top mathematicians. The first Olympiad (there are five over the course of the year) has been completed with some encouraging results. Brock Symons, a Year 5 student, achieved a perfect score in his first attempt. Brock got all five questions right. Faith Scully, Alexander Hill, Caydn O’Connell, Claudia Charles, Claire Brown, Sienna O’Carroll, Domenic Vorreiter and Joseph Barker all scored 4 out of 5. These are great results and we look forward to the next round on June 20.

LARC MATTERS
This week our School sponsored a visit by author, Cameron Stelzer, which was a real hit with the younger grades. This was a ‘National Year of Reading’ event. We have had his books, all about ‘The Stroogle’, in the LARC for a few years. Since Cameron’s last visit he has published two new stories which are now available only from [www.thestroogle.com](http://www.thestroogle.com) as Cameron writes, illustrates, produces and publishes his own work.

If your child is in Kinder, Years 1, 2 or 3, please ask them about Cameron’s visit if you haven’t heard about it already. It was a great day!

See you in the LARC - Mrs Madden—Teacher Librarian

YEAR 6 STUDENTS’ CAKE STALLS
Year 6 children will be holding the next two cake stalls on 21 June and 26 July and cakes/slices will be on sale for all students.

WHAT’S IN YOUR CHILD’S LUNCHBOX?
Staff are becoming increasingly concerned about what food children are bringing to school. Please consider healthy options for your child such as fruit and sandwiches. Chocolates, chips and sugary snacks are not great options for a lunchbox. A healthy diet helps children to concentrate and have the right energy to learn and play.

PUNCTUALITY
It is important that children arrive at school on time and begin the school day in a settled manner. This is best achieved when the children have some play time before the 8:50 bell. Similarly, it is disruptive to learning when children are taken out of class before the finish of the school day. Thank you for your cooperation.

SEE PAGE SIX FOR DETAILS

Instrumental Music Program Invoices due for payment by 12 June and is appreciated. Thank you.
CANTEEN ROSTER

JUNE

04.06.2012

Mon  N Al-Athami, M Switzer
Tues  H Murray, D Olutayo
Wed  S Grimmond, L Wood
Thur  N Anning, A Betland, M Felton
Fri  C Cowling, P Duffy, E Fitzgerald, J Mannall, J Wilson

11.06.2012

Mon  PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Tues  C Bailey, D La Rosa
Wed  M Bulloch, J Jenkins
Thur  K Lakiss, K-A McCormack, K O’Carroll
Fri  J Arnold, J Mannall, J Schultz, J Wilson

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

Are you interested in becoming a volunteer helper during homework time (4.30pm)? We are looking for parents/carers/grandparents/aunties/uncles/neighbours etc to help our children during this time. Please contact Brigitte to find out more (a working with children check will be conducted prior to starting).

Every day the OSHC lost property basket is filled with hats, jumpers, homework folders and water bottles. All items tagged with a name are sent to the office for collection. We would like parents/carers to remind their child(ren) to check the basket for their belongings before they leave the service. Items not tagged will be binned (bottles and lunch boxes) or clothing donated to the school clothing pool after a week in the basket. Please help us keep this task to a minimum and save staff time.

‘Housekeeping’ matters to keep in mind for next holidays:

- Booking Sheets for all sessions MUST be completed.
- 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.

We still need to remind families please to keep their accounts up to date. This is to ensure your placement at After School Care / Vacation Care is kept. If you need to discuss any matter regarding your account, please call the School office and speak to Tess. Some accounts still have Vacation Care accounts outstanding. This will impact on your Vacation Care use for July if not settled. Thank you.

PLAYGROUP

Playgroup is on again and we are having so much fun!

Children and parents are being spoiled by all the yummy home baking and healthy varied fruit platters we dish up from the ‘share-a-fruit’ and ‘bring-a-plate’ goodies. Families from outside the St Augustine’s School community are most welcome to come along. Cost is $3.00 per family. Booking is not 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 can play in the enclosed outdoor area surrounding the room. See you there ☺!

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

Commenting on your Child’s Journal

You may have noticed that there is a space for parent comments within some areas of work on KNet. Presently this function is not available but will be part of what can be done once Caregiver Logins are rolled out. Until then, you can comment, however it will show up as your child’s post, so to avoid confusion, make sure you type your name at the end of your comment.

- Enrolment Forms MUST be completed before care is required. This is a legal requirement and no child will be accepted into care without an Enrolment Form.
- Staff will call you to collect your child immediately if they attend OSHC without being enrolled and you may not leave your child at Vacation Care unless enrolled.
- All new enrolments will be checked by the Administrator and a phone call from Brigitte will be made to discuss the enrolment form and your child’s needs.
“Positive Parenting with Boundaries and Expectations”

Restorative Practice

ALL parents are invited to attend this free workshop on Thursday June 14 at 6.30pm

Parents of students attending:
St Augustine’s Coffs Harbour, Mary Help of Christians Sawtell,
St Mary’s Bellingen, St Patrick’s Macksville,
John Paul College Coffs Harbour

This workshop will be hosted in St Augustine’s Coffs Harbour hall entry via Albany Street

These two hour workshops will explore the challenges parents face in raising today’s child. A range of parenting styles will be examined to highlight which approach provides the most desirable outcomes. Participants will go away with information and strategies, which promote quality-learning relationships with our children and reflect Gospel values. Many of our schools use this model as the formation of their behaviour and discipline policy and their behaviour benchmarks are based on this information.

Workshop provides parents with an opportunity to:

• Meet other parents and to share key values and learning’s
• Understand the impact of punishment
• Provide information regarding the basic needs of today’s child and their developmental characteristics
• Explore the most effective parenting styles, which builds wellbeing, resilience in our children and acknowledges the role of the parent as the Primary Educator.
• Engage in group work activities
• Provide an opportunity to practice Restorative language

Childcare & Refreshment

We would like as many people as possible to attend these workshops so to help you we are providing FREE babysitting as we understand many of you have children that will need to be looked after. We will also be providing refreshments and an opportunity for you to network with other parents.

This workshop is being presented by Mauriilo Vespa who is an Educational consultant, sub contracted to Marist Youth Care.

Registration

For catering purposes and babysitting arrangements could you please -
Register you attendance at your preferred workshop by either -
phoning 1300 557 874
Or

Emailing: parents@lism.catholic.edu.au

If you have a friend that would also like to attend please bring them along. This is being presented by the Parent Assembly and is open to parents in all Diocesan School.

For further information please contact your Parish School Parent Assembly Representative,
or Paul Edgar 0427 118 122
Thirty four selected St Augustine’s School students have been thinking creatively about food for quite a while now. These students from Years 5 & 6 have been brainstorming, learning about important artists and artworks and the process of painting and creating sculptures. Crazy ideas have been bouncing back and forth on the school’s KnowledgeNET (St Augustine’s online learning and communication website) and in the art room. Students have learnt how to mix colours, how to paint shadows and highlights and how to build up a painting in layers. And that was just for the paintings!

Our artists visited the Coffs Harbour Regional Gallery and viewed sculptures by local artist Peter Wade. They learned to play with ideas and collage from recycled materials. Back at school the students continued their 3D investigations using cardboard and adding colour and texture.

The juicy result of all this toil will be on display at the “Food – Learning To Eat With Our Eyes” exhibition at Cr8Studios. The exhibition opens on Friday 29 June at 6pm. The school’s choir and musicians will provide music and there will be, of course, food! (Opening night is restricted to the School community and their invitees.) The exhibition will continue for two days, Saturday 30 June and Sunday 1 July from 11am to 4pm. All welcome. Entry is free but a donation would be appreciated.

CALENDAR INFORMATION
PLEASE REFER REGULARLY TO OUR CALENDAR ON KnowledgeNET FOR UP TO DATE INFORMATION.
COFFS HARBOUR AND DISTRICT EISTEDDFOD

St Augustine’s students performed well in both the Instrumental and Vocal sections of the Coffs Harbour and District Eisteddfod.

Last Friday the String Ensemble and Small Ensemble gave great performances coming third and first in their sections and the students enjoyed listening to the talented musicians from other schools.

The School Choirs gave excellent performances on Monday and Tuesday at the Schools Vocal Days. In the Yrs 3/4 Section the Yr 4 Choir came first and the Yr 3 Choir came second against very strong competition. The Yrs 5/6 Choir came second in the Yrs 5/6 Section with a confident and musical performance. All our musicians displayed excellent audience etiquette.

RE News

Last weekend in Dioceses and Parishes all around Australia, the beginning of a Year of Grace is being marked with special rituals and liturgies. Beginning Pentecost Sunday, this Year of Grace is a special invitation from the bishops to the church in Australia to join them in a time of reflection and renewal. It is to be something of a spiritual journey as we take time as individuals and communities to refocus our energies and attention on the person of Jesus Christ, taking the time to contemplate his face. It is a time not for ‘doing more’ but ‘being more’. Over the coming weeks further information about the Year of Grace will be available, but in the meantime you are encouraged to visit the national website.

www.yearofgrace.catholic.org.au