Dear Parents, Staff and Children

Welcome to the final Newsletter for the term, and the final day. A lot can happen between Newsletters both in the school and in our society. The recent announcement by the Fairfax Group to restructure its printing operations in Australia as part of the 'Fairfax of the Future' strategy struck a chord with me. This strategy will see changes in the way it publishes its newspapers with the closure of two printing facilities. Media reports on losses of jobs due to the restructure highlight a significant change in direction for the newspaper industry.

The shift could eventually lead to a digital only model of delivering newspaper articles and editorials. The rationale for such a direction (while partly financial) could lie in the reading behaviours of the community. If the Federal Government's Digital Educational Revolution is an example of future expectations for learners in our schools then the future of working and leisure life will inevitably follow suit.

For me, it raises the question of how do we communicate today, particularly from a school's perspective. If the digital media is the future then should our students be given the opportunity to learn in a rich digital environment? And what does a rich digital environment look like?

Having grown up on reading newspapers regularly as a child and into my adult years reading newspapers online is an emerging challenge. However, the Kindergarten student starting school in 2013 won't have that same experience. Their gathering of current affairs will be digital oriented.

Consequently, our teaching techniques must move with the times. As we break for the end of term I’d like to share with you some of the communication channels our school uses to help, not only move into the digital world, but provide a diverse parental community information pertaining to our school across a diverse range of digital media. Finding information about our school is easy. Here are a few strategies.

Our first media is via an electronic newsletter that is emailed to parents on a fortnightly basis. (Parents are encouraged to ensure their email address is current and to let the office know of any changes -Grandparents too can be part of the email list by simply letting the school office know of their address). You can also access the newsletter as well as other relevant information by visiting the school website (http://www.cofhplism.catholic.edu.au/)

Our second strategy is via the school's online learning management system, "KnowledgeNET". School daily notices for parents and our school calendar are found on this password protected site (at the moment via your child's username and password. We are working towards parents having their own!!)

Visiting the school's Facebook page (http://www.facebook.com/staugustinesschool) and following the school on Twitter (https://twitter.com/StAugustinesPri or @StAugustinesPri)

Following the commentary at http://staugustinesprimaryschool.blogspot.com.au/ will offer further insight into the life of our school.

Recently I have set up http://pinterest.com/jakemadden/ which will provide a visual explanation of life in our school and highlights the learning program.

Communication is a serious business and needs active engagement from all stakeholders. It is hoped that the few strategies listed above provides a beginning point to be informed. However, don't forget, popping in to visit us is also very important.

Enjoy the holiday period with your family.

Peace & Best Wishes
Jake

**COMING EVENTS**

**JULY**

16 FIRST DAY OF TERM THREE
17 Clarence Zone Athletics Carnival
20 Year 6 at Parish Mass in Church 9:15 am
22 Coffs Races—St Augustine’s sponsored races
23 Walk-a-thon sheets go home
24 Year 2 Breakfast 7:30—8:15 am
25 Maths Olympiad
27 Newsletter Day
Diocesan Athletics Carnival at Lismore
GRANDPARENTS’ DAY MASS
31 ICAS English Competition
Years K-2 Sausage Sizzle lunch

**AUGUST**

3 Primary Diocesan Athletics at Lismore
7 P & F Meeting 7:00 pm in the LARC
10 Newsletter Day
Year 2 at Parish Mass in Church 9:15 am
14 ICAS Mathematics Competition
15 Brainstorm Productions performance
16 Years K-2 Walk-a-thon
17 Year 5 at Grade Mass in Church 9:15 am
Years 3-6 Walk-a-thon
RE AND MINISTRY NEWS

NAIDOC WEEK LITURGY
The theme for NAIDOC Week 2012 is Spirit of the Tent Embassy: 40 years on.

They dared to challenge — this year’s theme celebrates the champions who lived to renew the spirit of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples through the establishment of the Aboriginal Tent Embassy in 1972. Forty years ago, the embassy became a powerful symbol of unity. Its founders instilled pride, advanced equality and educated the country on the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. To move forward, we must acknowledge our forbearers, learn from their experiences and ask ourselves... what have their sacrifices meant for me and my family today? from: http://www.naidoc.org.au

Our school gathered today in prayer to listen to God’s Word, praying for peace, hope and love across all communities. Thank you to all parents and staff who assisted in the preparation of the liturgy and NAIDOC Week activities in our school this week.

GRANDPARENTS
Saints Joachim and Anne
Joachim and Anne were greatly honoured by God who gave them a daughter conceived without sin who was to become known as the Mother of God! It would seem that they performed their parenting responsibilities with great grace. Their feast day on July 26 is a day to honour them and all grandparents for their contribution to our lives. We will celebrate their Feast on Friday July 27 in the grounds of St Augustine’s School.

FACT FILE
We know very few facts about Saints Joachim and Anne, the only recorded stories of them are from an apocryphal gospel dating from the 4th Century AD called the Protoevangelium of James. The legend told in this document says that after years of childlessness, an angel appeared to tell Anne and Joachim that they would have a child.

Whatever their names or the facts of their lives, we can assume that Mary was raised in a Jewish family home faithful to God and to the religious traditions of her day such that she was led to respond wholeheartedly to God’s request with faith, “Let it be done to me as you will.”

(adapted from www.catholic.org/saints)

News Flashback: Pope Blesses Grandparents

Vatican City, July 26, 2009
Following the Angelus, Pope Benedict spoke about today’s feast of Sts. Joachim and Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary and grandparents of Jesus. The Pope then asked the faithful to pray for grandparents, “who in families are often the witnesses of the fundamental values of life.” “The educational role of grandparents is always very important and becomes even more so when, for various reasons, parents are unable to dedicate an adequate amount of time to their children. I entrust to the protection of St. Anne and St. Joachim all grandparents of the world, imparting a special blessing.”

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

NAIDOC WEEK
NAIDOC week is celebrated from July 1 – 8. These dates fall in the school holidays so our school acknowledged this important event this week. This included a flag raising ceremony and ‘Acknowledgement of Country’ to begin the school week. Each class reflected on and Aboriginal story and responded in art form.

Mr Tony Hart, local Aboriginal artist, worked with Year 4 to create artworks on Wednesday. Friday saw the school community gather in the hall for a beautiful liturgy and assembly. Students wore the colours of the Aboriginal flag to mark the day.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS
These interviews have been taking place over the last two weeks. The conversation between teachers and parents is a very important one. If you did not respond to the invitation to attend an interview please consider making an appointment early next term.

MUSIC ACCOUNTS NEED TO BE PAID PLEASE. THESE ACCOUNTS ARE NOW OVERDUE. THANK 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.
SUSTAINABLE GARDEN
What a turn out! We are so grateful to the many parents and children who gave a helping hand to build our beautiful new garden. The garden is looking fantastic and over the coming weeks the students will tend to the beds and greenhouse and will harvest the first crop of fruit and vegetables. Thank you once again to Steve Appleton our P and F President who brought the whole project together. It was a wonderful community event. Jed Moody, a Year 6 student has made a movie of the project and we will have a viewing after the holidays. We had two major sponsors, Twane and Harry form The Park Beach Hotel Motel and Richard Stubbs from Hibbards who donated the water tank. Many thanks to our families who donated cash and other items.

SCU RESEARCH
Ms Tara Kocek, supervised by Dr James Donnelly, is currently undertaking research into executive functioning of children ages 8 to 13 (attention, planning, impulse control and social information processing) relating to patterns of behaviour. The project identifies patterns of cognitive testing that underlie difficulties children experience in school or social settings. Children are asked to complete a questionnaire about the things they do well and their typical mood. Parents also provide input on questionnaires. In the past they have described the process as helpful and interesting. The following is an Eligibility for ‘at risk’ children.

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If you, as a parent, consider this to be an opportunity you wish to undertake, please contact Tara Kocek tara.kocek@scu.edu.au or Dr Jim Donnelly on 6659 3996

Children are tested at a time and location coordinated with parents directly. Summary feedback is provided to parents.

Leanne Feltis - Assistant Principal

SPORT NEWS

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
The St Augustine’s Athletics Carnival was held last week. Congratulations to Gold House who won on the day. A big thank to all the parents who helped in the organisation. Congratulations to those students who will represent St Augustine’s at the Clarence Zone Carnival.

Age Champions
Junior Boy Champion: Joel Guy
11 Year Boy Champion: Ben Burridge
Senior Boy Champion: Joshua Guy
Junior Girl Champion: Sophie Scott
11 Year Girl Champion: Tess Bohringer
Senior Girl Champion: Faith Scully

CLARENCE ZONE CARNIVAL
Due to the wet weather this week the Clarence Zone Carnival will now be held on Tuesday 17 July Week 1 Term 3 at the BCU Stadium Coffs Harbour.

POLDING RUGBY TRIALS
Congratulations to Connor Martin, Harrison Jacobs and Oliver Smyth who travelled to Forbes this week for the Polding Trials. The boys put in a wonderful effort during all matches and represented the Lismore Diocese with pride.

FRIDAY NIGHT RUGBY 2012
Friday Night Rugby competition will continue the first week back Term 3.
Information about field conditions and draws can be found about the Friday Night Competition at http://www.coffsjuniors.rugbynet.com.au/

Dan Hammond—Sports Coordinator

LARC MATTERS
The Lyle Campbell Collection is a helpful section for finding information that may help you to help your child. This section has a long history in the school library and was started by Lyle Campbell whose children and grandchildren all attended St. Augustine’s. He saw a need for a parent help section and donated the original selection of books. The collection has continued to grow over the years with regular donations from the Parent Assembly as well as specifically purchased books by the school.

Recently, the collection has had a major donation from the Parent Assembly which has enabled us to purchase many new additions.
The collection houses many topics including your child in a Catholic school, teenagers, hints to assist your child with reading, stressed children and a myriad of other topics.
Feel free to come in and have a look at the section. We have a comfortable seat there for you to browse at your leisure while finding something to take home. Anytime is fine and we are open to assist you until 4pm.

See you in the LARC - Mrs Madden—Teacher Librarian
CANTEEN ROSTER

JULY
16.07.2012
Mon  M Switzer        HELP!!!
Tues  N Al-Athami, D Craig, H Murray, D Olutayo
Wed   S Grimmond, L Wood
Thur  N Anning, A Betland, M Felton
Fri   C Cowling, P Duffy, E Fitzgerald, J Wilson, B Symons

23.07.2012
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 Wilson, 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

VACATION CARE
As another term draws to a close, on behalf of all staff at After School Care, I would like to thank the children for their continued good behaviour and manners whilst at care and hope all can be continued in Term 3.

It is imperative that children are booked in for Vacation Care as staff numbers are low these holidays. Therefore, a limited number of spaces for care will be available to ensure safety and legal requirements are met. At no time will we be able to allow children to attend WITHOUT PRIOR BOOKING.

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 ASC without an enrolment or you may not leave your child at Vacation Care.

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. Thank you.

A number of accounts are still outstanding (some from last Vacation Care). As care will be limited these holidays, care may be refused if numbers are high and your account has not been settled. Thank you.

Invoices have been forwarded to families (through your Class Teacher) prior to the holidays.

Brigitte will be on annual leave so please direct all emails relating to After School Care and Vacation Care to tlangler@lism.catholic.edu.au

PLAYGROUP
Playgroup will recommence on 18 Wednesday. Enjoy the break with your little ones and we will see you in Term 3. Families from outside the St Augustine’s School community are most welcome to come along. 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 can play in the enclosed outdoor area surrounding the room. See you there next term.

YEAR 4 NAIDOC WEEK
On Thursday, in preparation for NAIDOC Week, Year Four were treated to a special visit by Mr Tony Hart.

Mr Hart shared some of his artworks with the students discussing technique, design and use of colour. The students then went on to create their own paintings using Tony’s artworks and words of wisdom for inspiration.

We would sincerely like to thank Mr Hart for spending this valuable time and his amazing talents with us. We are truly blessed to have such a wonderful resource within our school community!

P & F NEWS

P & F RACE DAY
In preparation for our St Augustine’s Centenary Race Day next year, the school is participating in the Coffs Cup Carnival and will have two races in our name on Sunday 22 July. On the race day, the P & F will be hosting a BBQ fundraiser.

MOVIE NIGHT
Thank you to Mrs Jo Brown for organising another great Movie Night at Sawtell Cinema. It was lovely to see many families enjoy Ice Age 4.

SPELLATON
Thank you to all those children who brought back sponsorship money. A wonderful amount has been raised.

Scott Bohringer—P & F Committee Secretary
YEAR 6 STUDENTS’ CAKE STALL

Year 6 children will be holding the next cake stall 26 July and cakes/slices will be on sale for all students. Children will be able to purchase items at lunchtime.

YEARS K-2 PARK GET TOGETHER

When: Monday 9 July 2012 from 10.30 am onwards
Where: Brelsford Park
Bring: Snacks, Drinks, hats etc
A chance for kids and families to meet up. All welcome, just turn up!

For Queries please contact Carol Cowling (Yr K)
ph 6652 2292, Rebecca Guy (Yr 1) 0404 90 88 61, Regan Kama (Yr 2) ph. 6651 1791

ART ENRICHMENT EXHIBITION

Student Art Exhibition - Open this weekend only!
Art Enrichment students from Years 5 and 6 have spent the Term creating paintings and sculptures on the theme of “Food”. These works will be on display this weekend only. You will be amazed at what they have produced so please come along and support the visual arts in our school.

Food - Learning To Eat With Our Eyes
When: Friday 29 June 6pm - 8pm (Opening night)
Saturday 30 June 11am - 4pm
Sunday 1 July 11am - 4pm
Where: Cr8 Studios, 1/10 GDT Secombe Close, Coffs Harbour
Cost: Free entry, donation appreciated
Raffle tickets $2
People's Choice Votes $1

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.

CHICKENPOX

For your information there has been a report of Chickenpox within the school.

CALENDAR INFORMATION

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

NEWS FLASH

School Holidays Cartoon Workshop

How to draw “The Clunkertons”

for anyone over the age of 8.

Mon 9 July 2012
10.30am – 11.30am

Conducted by local cartoonist Jules Faber

Coffs Harbour Regional Art Gallery
across the foyer from Coffs Harbour Library

Cost: $5.00 (payable on the day)
Art materials supplied.

Places are limited – Don’t be disappointed

For more information or to book for the cartoon workshop, contact Judy.

Phone: 66484900, or
Email: coffs.library@chcc.nsw.gov.au
Web: http://libraries.coffsharbour.nsw.gov.au