Dear Parents, Staff and Children

Last Tuesday Year 2 went across to the Church for their Liturgy. During this time the children re-enacted the story of the Ten Lepers. I’m sure you know the story well...Jesus cured the ten of leprosy but only one returned to say thank you to Him. During the reflection, Mrs Loader talked to the children about being grateful and remembering to say thank you. Her words certainly got me thinking!

One of the most important things we need to do for our children is to build resilience. At St Augustine’s we frame this in the ‘Bounce Back’ Program. The ability to bounce back after encountering difficulties, negative events, hard times or adversity and return to almost the same level of emotional wellbeing is something we all want for our children.

The Core Values of ‘Bounce Back’ are Integrity, Support, Cooperation, Acceptance of Difference, Respect and Friendliness. All of these are linked to resilience. We can find out something about all of these values in the story of the Ten Lepers. We communicate these important values each week at school. We want St Augustine’s to have a strong value base.

The two most important protective environmental factors for developing children’s resilience are family connectedness and school connectedness. No family is immune from challenges. The extent to which different families are resilient and cope with challenges is linked to their family strengths. Together families and schools offer the most important protective processes to foster resilience in young people today.

From time to time children will have their differences with friends. As parents we want to help and make things right. It’s important we don’t jump in and “fix” things. A listening ear and knowing there are always two sides to the story will often help them work through the problem. We need to avoid solving problems for our children.

Michael Grose says that some children are resilient by nature but resilience can also be nurtured and developed. His 4 key points around this are:

- Having a positive attitude yourself
- Look for teachable moments
- Make children active participants in the family
- Build children’s coping skills

This is a continuous process but one worth sticking to.

This year an opportunity was given for parents to find out about a wonderful model for building resilience called ‘The Resilience Doughnut.’ Those who attended were really impressed by this model. One of our staff members and parents, Mrs Kyanne Kachel, has undergone training and will be working with staff, children and parents to see the benefits of the program.

So returning to where I began, I hope that our children always remember to say “thank you.” Even after the excitement of being cured, the one leper remembered what was really important. In a world where pessimism can sometimes override our thoughts, let’s take the time to be grateful and to remember to say “thank you.”

Leanne Feltis
Assistant Principal

FINAL DAY FOR TERM FOUR

The last day of Term Four for 2012 will now be Thursday 20 December, so that we can meet our obligations under new industrial legislation, to provide a half-day holiday in lieu of the Coffs Cup Race Day. This decision, in consultation with the Catholic Schools Office, the Parish Schools Board and our other local Catholic Schools, will provide least disruption and inconvenience to parents rather than finishing half-way through the day on Friday.

COMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER
21 Year K 2013 Orientation morning
JPC Orientation Day for Year 6
22 Year 6 Public Speaking Competition
Year 3 Liturgy in classroom
Bedtime Stories
23 Diocesan Summer Sports Trials at Grafton

SCHOOL FETE
27 Years 5/6 Chicken Burger Lunch

DECEMBER
3-7 Year 6 Camp
4 P & F AGM 7:00 pm in the LARC
5 Swimming Time Trials
Year 5 Liturgy in the Church then Learning Journey in the Classroom
Years 2-4 Nativity Pageant
7 Giving Mass 9:15 am in the Church
10 Reports go home
18 School Speech Day 9:15 am
19 Year 6 Graduation Mass and Graduation Dinner
20 FINAL DAY OF TERM FOUR

JANUARY
30 First day of school for Years 1-6

FEBRUARY
6 First day of school for Year K
PILGRIMAGE OF GRACE
The Relic of St Francis Xavier
The relic of the right forearm of St Francis Xavier will visit our Parish for a day in St Francis Xavier Church, Woolgoolga on Thursday 22 November 2012. Everyone is invited to partake in the great opportunity of experiencing our Lord through the presence of the relic of St Francis Xavier.

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

P & F NEWS—FETE 23 NOVEMBER
Calling For Help!!!
Can you spare just one hour to help at the Fete? At the time of printing we are still short a number of helpers for stalls at the Fete. The 3-4 pm timeslot for many stalls does not have a helper for the coordinator. Please ring Stephen Appleton on 0457 860070 or email sappleton67@yahoo.co.uk if you can help in any way. We are particularly keen to hear from new families who may not have been involved in the past.

FETE RAFFLE—fantastic prizes
First prize is an ipad, second prize is a family portrait from Model Me Studio and third prize is a Bunnings Gift Voucher. We are relying on all families to sell the book of tickets that was sent home. More books are available from the office should you be able to sell more and they will be on sale at the Fete.

FETE MONEY HANDS
The Student Council are selling “Fete Fingers” each day leading up to the Fete. The students are able to purchase a $5 or $10 hand. Each finger has the name of a stall printed on it. These are presented to stall holders on Fete day so goods/prizes can be redeemed. The “Fete Fingers” are held at school for the children and handed to them on Fete day. A great idea that saves the children carrying around cash on the day!

CRAFT STALL
Thank you for all the beautiful hand made items that have already been donated. If you still have items to donate, please bring them in to the office on Monday 19 November.

Scott Bohringer—P & F Committee Secretary

YEARS 6 INFORMAL SOCIAL GET TOGETHER
A few parents thought it would be nice to have a chance to get together and meet other families whose children will be starting at John Paul College next year.

2012 Year 6 students and their families are invited to meet at the Jetty Foreshores (near kids’ park and bbq shelters - weather permitting) on Sunday 16 December 2012 from 11:00 am.

Come for an hour or two, it’s up to you. BYO food, drinks, chairs/blanket & amusements.

BUS APPLICATION FORMS FOR 2013
If you have been sent a bus form for your child in Year 3 in 2013 please return it to our office as soon as possible.

CHESS NEWS
B and C Grade Three Player Tournament
Wednesday 14 November was a very busy day at St Augustine’s School. Over 70 students gathered to play in the B and C Grade Three Player Tournament, organised by Mr Gelagin and Mr Maddox of the Coffs Harbour Chess Club.

St Augustine’s entered five teams in B Grade and six teams in C Grade. Many excellent games were played, with great concentration and sportsmanship being shown all day. In a very close finish, St Augustine’s 1 was victorious in B Grade, followed by Urunga Primary and Coffs Primary. St Augustine’s 2 finished fourth. In C Grade, St Augustine’s 3 finished third with another two St Augustine’s teams finishing equal fifth. Most importantly, everyone enjoyed the day.

Thanks must go to the Year 3 teachers who allowed us to use their learning spaces for the morning while the Hall was in use and to Mr O’Connell who organised the quick setting up of the Hall after the Kinder orientation morning.

Well done to all our Chess players. It is always a pleasure to see you enjoying your Chess so much.

Mrs George—Chess Coordinator

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
Glenreagh 2nd & 4th Sunday 10:30 am

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.

Suite 3, 14 Edgar Street, Coffs Harbour NSW 2450
Telephone. 02 6652 2999   Fax. 02 6652 4694
Email. mail@chpa.com.au  Website. www.chpa.com.au
SPORT NEWS

LISMORE DIOCESE SUMMER SPORTS TRIALS
On Friday 23 November October a number of St Augustine’s children will try out for the Lismore Diocese Summer Sports Trials which include Basketball, Cricket, Touch Football and Tennis. We would like to wish all of these children good luck during these trials.

SWIMMING TIME TRIALS FOR 2013
As part of our PDHPE program, Swimming Time Trials are being held on Wednesday 5 December. Any child who turns eight or older in 2013 has the opportunity to participate in the swimming Time Trials. To qualify to represent St Augustine’s School at the Zone Swimming Carnival in 2013 you will need to attend time trials at the Coffs Harbour Olympic Pool on Wednesday 5 December 2012. The trials will begin at 11:30 am and finish at approximately 2:30 pm. The cost for the bus and entry to the pool is $6.00.

Students will be categorised into Junior, 11 Years and Senior age groups. Participants can compete in the following events:
- Open Age 100m freestyle
- 50m freestyle, backstroke, butterfly and breaststroke
- 200m Junior / Senior Medley

A permission note has been sent home with the children. If your child has not received this note please ask them to collect one from Mr Hammond in 6H. We are also looking for some assistance from parents and carers, so please let the office know if you are able to help on Wednesday 5 December.

RUGBY CAMP
During the January school holidays, there is an opportunity for all Rugby players aged between 8 and 17 to attend a Rugby Camp. The National Rugby Camp has been running for over ten years. Each year in January, the Camp is hosted in Armidale, NSW, and provides a great Rugby learning experience for many young boys and girls, particularly those from regional areas. Formerly named Abigroup, the National Rugby Camp now receives the proud support of the New England Mutual Group - a local community financial group. With nearly 300 campers each year, the National Rugby Camp is a must for any child wanting to improve their skills and understanding in 'the game they play in heaven'.


RETURNING UNIFORMS
It is that time of year again when we do a stocktake of the school sport uniforms. It seems we may be a couple of singlets, jumpers, shorts and socks short in our sets. If anyone has any St Augustine’s basketball (they are not currently using) or rugby uniforms at home please send them into the sports office to be counted.

BASKETBALL AND RUGBY 2013
If you are interested in playing basketball or rugby for St Augustine’s or you have a team already playing that wants to remain in the competition in 2013, please see Mrs Kama in the sports office to make sure you don’t miss out.

Dan Hammond—Sports Coordinator

CURRICULUM CORNER

NEWCASTLE PERMANENT MATHS COMP.
On Monday two of our Year 5 boys received accolades at the Awards Presentation of the Newcastle Permanent Maths Competition. Brock Symons was awarded the shield for the Year 5 District Winner. Over 17000 students from Years 5 and 6 sat the test which makes Brock’s achievement a truly outstanding one. Tahseen Sarwar also received a district award. We are very proud of both students.

Stephanie George—Coordinator Pedagogy

TWITTER - http://www.twitter.com/sapcoffs
Our school has a new twitter account where we tweet about the many wonderful things happening at St Augustine’s School. You can discover our account by entering @sapcoffs into the Connect or Discover section of your twitter page. Don’t have twitter? It’s easy to join and a great way to see what’s happening in our school.

SCHOOL YEAR BOOK
LAST WEEK TO ORDER FOR ONLY $15
ORDER FORM BELOW ↓

ORDER FORM
St Augustine’s School Year Book 2012

Student’s name: ____________________ Student’s class: ____________________

No. of copies: ____________________ Amount enclosed: ____________________

Please return this slip and money in an envelope by 23 November to qualify for the discounted price of $15.00
(All orders after 23 November will be charged at $20.00)
CANTEEN ROSTER

NOVEMBER

19.11.2012
Mon  K-A McCormack, M Switzer
Tues  N Al-Athami, H Murray, D Olutayo
Wed  S Grimmond, L Wood  HELP!!!
Thur  N Anning, A Betland, M Felton
Fri  C Cowling, P Duffy, E Fitzgerald, D La Rosa, J Roach, B Symons

26.11.2012
Mon  J Sharp  HELP!!!
Tues  N Al-Athami, C Bailey, D Craig, D La Rosa
Wed  M Bulloch, J Jenkins  HELP!!!
Thur  K O’Carroll  HELP!!!  HELP!!!
Fri  M Batson, E Dow, J Roach, J Schultz, 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

Just a reminder that from 1 December, 2012 a new procedure for bookings/cancellations will take effect due to staff increases as a result of the non-receipt of prior bookings/cancellations. Details of the bookings and fee structure were sent out with the last school Newsletter and OSHC Newsletter enclosed with an earlier invoice.

Our School Fete is on Friday 23 November 2012. To ensure we have adequate staff on hand, please let me know if your child will be attending OSHC on that afternoon. Please do this by Wednesday 21 November – thank you.

If your child will be at OSHC on Friday 23 November, we will walk around the Fete with them. We would encourage children purchasing ‘Fete Money Hands’ prior to the day so they are not carrying a lot of cash around with them. Children have been told about the ‘Fete Money Hands’ at assemblies.

LUNCH BOXES

Often children attending OSHC are very hungry; even after they had their afternoon snack at OSHC at 3pm. Children have their main meal at 11:00 am and then only a small snack at 1:40 pm. On the days your child is going to OSHC, please include an extra sandwich, roll, savoury food, etc (preferably no chips, dried noodles or noodles in a cup). Thank you.

Accreditation

Our Service Approval was granted on 6 September 2012. Staff are now preparing the Quality Improvement Plan (QIP) which must be lodged by 6 December 2012. The purpose of the plan is to help identify and prioritise which areas may need improvement. The plans will also inform the assessment and rating process.

The QIP is a continuous and on-going improvement plan. This ensures our OSHC service does not only look at our strengths and what we need to improve when accreditation and assessment is due, but always. Therefore, it is imperative we have HELP of families who use our service to give us input into all areas. So please GET INVOLVED in St Augustine’s OSHC - join our parent committee and decide together which changes are needed, what stays the same, what resources are needed and how can we generally improve our centre for our children.

My door is always open. You can find me in the OSHC room every Tue, Wed and Thu from 9am and Fri from 10am. Hope to see you soon!

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

CANCER RESEARCH FUNDRAISER

Two of our Year 6 students, Claire Brown and Sienna O’Carroll had their beautiful long hair cut at assembly last Friday. The girls have donated their hair so that wigs can be made for cancer sufferers. The girls also raised over $1500 which is a wonderful result. Well done Sienna and Claire.
Our annual Fete is being held on Friday 23 November
Put this date in your diary—we need helpers on the day!!
Please contact Stephen Appleton on 0457 860070

2ND Hand Books & Toys
Please send in unwanted books and toys for the 2nd Hand Book & Toy Stall

TOMBOLA
Non-perishable grocery items are required for the Tombola Stall.
Please send in items to your child’s classroom. Any children who bring in grocery items will go into a draw for a chance to win $20 to spend on the day!

SPIN THE BOTTLE
We are asking families to recycle soft drink bottles by filling them with goodies & donating them to this stall. 1.25ltr and 600ml bottles are a good size. What you need to do is use any plastic soft drink bottle, wash & dry the inside, cut bottle in half around the middle, place contents inside and then sticky tape bottle again.

Contents should include small new toys (not old McDonalds toys please), sealed confectionery, erasers, pens, pencils, highlighters, notebooks, hair bands, scrunchies, tennis balls, skipping ropes etc. Whatever is placed inside your bottle needs to be to the value of $2, as they are sold for $2 at the Fete—we ran out of bottles early last year so we need lots of families to donate.

Any children who bring in bottles will go into a Draw for a chance to win $20 to spend on the day

NAIL PAINTING STALL
Please send in to the office any unwanted nail polish to be used on this stall—any colour, thank you.

CRAFT STALL
Please drop items in to the school on Monday 19 November. All hand-made items gratefully accepted.
You could transform your family life!

Does anyone in your family have unexplained health or behavioural issues such as:
- Behavioural disorders (ADD/ADHD/ODD)
- Learning delay
- Digestive disorders (IBS, sneaky poos)
- Skin conditions (eczema, psoriasis)
- Respiratory issues (asthma)
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Help Still Needed- for the 2012 St Augustine’s Fete

We have lots of great stalls for the School Fete and the stall coordinators need parents and friends to help run these stalls to ensure their success. The Fete is on Friday 23 November in the school grounds from 3pm-6pm.

Many hands make light work so one hour or more of your time would be fantastic and helps to support the additional equipment the P & F Association purchases for your children to use at school. Please phone Stephen Appleton on 0457 860070.

If you or anyone in your family can assist, please complete the form below and return to school by Monday 19 November 2012.

The following stalls need helpers and/or coordinators:

- Hot Dogs - 2 helpers between 3 - 4pm
- Balloon Popping - 1 helper between 3 - 4pm
- Afternoon Teas - 1 helper between 3 - 4pm
- Knock em Down - 1 helper between 3-4pm
- Balloon Pop - 1 helper between 3 - 4pm
- Jaffa Smash - 1 helper between 3-4pm
- Paper Aeroplane Race - 1 helper between 3-4pm

Thank you for your time and support. If you have any queries please phone 0457 860070 or email me at sappleton67@yahoo.co.uk

Stephen Appleton
Fete Coordinator, St Augustine’s Parents & Friend’s Association

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Yes, I can help at a stall. Name _____________________________ Phone ________________________

ANY STALL ☐ OR ___________________________ STALL

Please tick suitable time [if available for more than 1 hour please tick other boxes]:

- 3.00 – 4.00 pm ☐ 4.00 – 5.00 pm ☐
- 5.00 – 6.00 pm ☐ Clean Up 6pm ☐

My child’s class is: ___________ [so we can send a note home confirming stall and time]

Other comments: _____________________________________________________
St Augustine's School Fete
Friday 23 November
3pm – 6pm

FETE RAFFLE – Drawn 5pm at the Fete

Wonderful Prizes this year! Tickets are $2 each
Could you please return the tickets to school (sold or unsold) by Wednesday 21 November. More ticket books are available from the school office.

1st PRIZE  iPAD!!! valued at $600
2nd PRIZE  MODEL ME STUDIOS FAMILY PORTRAIT valued at $280
3rd PRIZE  BUNNINGS VOUCHER valued at $250

FETE MONEY HANDS

These are value for money!
Each finger is a ticket entry to the listed activity stall or food stall.
Saves your children carrying notes and coins around the fete.

$5

Pass the Foamy
Hairspray
Balloon Pop
Ice Cap

$10

Knock-em Down
Spin the Bottle
Tomola
Sweet Stall

Pre-purchase your FETE MONEY HANDS before the start of school or after the second lunch bell from in front of the canteen.

Krispy Kreme Doughnuts

Krispy Kreme Donuts will be available for purchase at the Fete.