Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the second term where we literally hit the ground running with a very successful St Finbarr’s Cross Country Carnival held on Friday in near perfect conditions. The students were courageous, spirited, enthusiastic and beautifully behaved under the direction of their house leaders. Congratulations to the winning Tenison House and to all children who gave their best.

Thank you to Mr Wills for his thorough and seamless management of the carnival and to Mrs Caroline Bailey for the many hours of expertise she provided over the last 2 months to prepare our students. Congratulations to those who will be representing St Finbarr’s at Friday’s Zone Carnival.

**Mother’s Day**

Please join us on Friday morning from 8:00am for the legendary Mother’s Day breakfast. You would have received an invitation last week highlighting the delicious menu. Please remember that Mums and Grandmothers dine for free! The breakfast will be followed by a special assembly that you will not want to miss!!

The **Mother’s Day Gift Stall** takes place tomorrow and all students will need to have brought their $5 by tomorrow morning to make a purchase (don’t tell mum).

**About Boys!**

Please take note of the flier included today inviting you to attend the important Education Evening with Warren Hopley (recently on 60 Minutes) who will share his research and insights into boys’ education and growth. The evening has been organised by our School Forum and Parent Assembly and takes place at 7:00pm on Thursday 30 May in the Hall. Don’t miss this opportunity!

**Important Dates**

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**Professional Development**

The following professional development activities are being undertaken by our teachers during the coming weeks. These activities are important components in furthering expertise and professional practise as well as further developing the curriculum.

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**Altar Server Roster**

**Saturday 11 May**

**Group C**

Tom Leary
Erin Boggis
Takara Stewart
Nora Woolsey
Paige Wilkie

Please be at the church at 5:40pm.

Regards

John Wilson
Principal
Assistant Principal Message

Student Awards

Congratulations to the following St Finbarr’s students whose achievements will be recognised at our next whole school assembly at 9am on Friday 17 May

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ANZAC DAY MARCH

Thank you to the St Finbarr’s students and families who joined teachers; Miss Morton, Miss Slattery, Mrs Boggis, Mrs Ormsby-Cavanagh and Mrs Lisa Clark last week. It was a beautiful day and we were so impressed with the way in which the St Finbarr’s students marched, reflected and participated in the memorial service. The service was, and always is touching, where we stop and take time out of our busy lives to pay our respects to those who fought and lost their lives at war. Because ANZAC day occurred during the school holidays, I thought I would share with you 10 FACTS about ANZACs.

1. ANZAC is an abbreviation of The Australian and New Zealand Army Corps.
2. April 25, 1915, was the day the ANZACs landed on the Gallipoli Peninsula, now known as ANZAC Cove (see photo above) to battle the Turkish army during WWI.
3. More than 11,000 ANZACs died on the Gallipoli Peninsula, despite only being there for 8 months.
4. The original ANZAC biscuit was known as an ANZAC wafer or tile and was part of the rations given to ANZAC soldiers during World War I. They were included instead of bread because they had a much longer shelf life.
5. ANZAC was originally named the Australasian Army Corps. However protests from New Zealand led to the adoption of Australian and New Zealand Army Corps. Administration clerks found the title too long and adopted the abbreviation of ANZAC.
6. Despite being affiliated with Australia and New Zealand, ANZAC included officers from Britain, Ireland, India, Zion, Ceylon and the Pacific islands.
7. “Lest WeForget” is a phrase popularised in 1897 by Rudyard Kipling, which was adopted as the final line of The Recitation along with the “Ode of Remembrance”, taken from Laurence Binyon’s “For the Fallen”.
8. The last surviving ANZAC, Alec Campbell, died on May 16, 2002.
9. The ANZAC Bridge was given its name on Remembrance Day in 1998 to honour the memory of the ANZACS. An Australian Flag flies atop the eastern pylon and a New Zealand Flag flies atop the western pylon.
10. Today, the ANZAC Battle Group is an active battle group of Australian and New Zealand units.

You will also recognise a musician or two who will be playing throughout the ceremony, led by Fr. Anthony. The happy couple are then off to Cambodia, where they will be working at a school for children with (physical) disabilities, before embarking on a cycling trek north of the capital. Carolyn will be back at St Finbarr’s on Monday 17th June.

Carolyn Morton
Assistant Principal
School Cross Country Carnival
What a fantastic day!! Thank you to all our wonderful children who participated with absolute conviction and determination throughout the day. We had a record number of students enter into the Championship Races this year and all looks good for the Tweed Zone Carnival to be held on Friday 10th May at Murwillumbah. Tenison were our winners this year taking revenge on Mckillop who defeated Tenison for first place in 2012 by one point.

Again these days are only possible with the support of a fantastic staff and supportive parents. Thank you! A special acknowledgement of Caroline Bailey who spent several weeks at school training the children and giving them a great deal of confidence leading into our carnival.

Zone Cross Country.
Forty – eight children will head off to Murwillumbah this Friday 10th May for the Tweed Zone Catholic Schools Cross Country Carnival. Children selected received notes on Friday with all the relevant information for the day. All notes were to be returned to school by Tuesday (today). Please check to see if your child’s note and payment has been sent to school. Note: The first six placegetters will represent the school next Friday. Two children in each age were selected as reserves in case a runner pulls out of the squad. Children selected as reserves do not need to return notes unless they are needed to join the squad.

St Finbarr’s Cross Country Squad.

School Sport.
Tennis commences tomorrow ( Wednesday ) and Thursday as part of the children’s sports program. The Tennis program will run for 5 weeks and the children are most excited. The cost for the program has been deducted from the swimming levy.
Kerry Wills
Sport and PDHPE Coordinator

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN
We are excited to be taking part in the Woolworths Earn & Learn programme again this year. Last year the programme enabled us to purchase hundreds of dollars of Maths equipment which has been used to enrich and support learning in all classes.
To help us purchase more equipment for Maths and Science this year, please start collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You can collect these anytime you shop at Woolworths between Monday, 8th April and Sunday, 9th June, 2013.
For every $10 spent at Woolworths you will receive a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker. All you need to do is pop the stickers onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheet and once it's completed, bring it back to school. The more we collect, the more we will be able to redeem so please ask family and friends to help us collect as many points as we can.
Donna Clark
Leader of Curriculum

NAPLAN
"The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It has been an annual event for schools since 2008. On Tuesday 14, Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 May, students will take the 2013 NAPLAN tests.

NAPLAN assesses skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australian children. It also provides valuable information that allows schools and governments to better target effort and support to help all students achieve their potential and acquire the basic skills to help them build successful and happy lives.

All students are expected to participate in the tests. NAPLAN tests fundamental skills rather than specific content, and as such is not a test for which students can study or drill. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to let them know that NAPLAN is just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day. The use of services by coaching providers is not recommended.

An individual student NAPLAN report will be issued by the school later this year. Parents can use this information to monitor how their child is progressing and to identify any areas of concern. Parents may also wish to use their child’s results to discuss progress with teachers. More information is available at www.nap.edu.au."
**School Fees**
School fees were sent home to every family last Wednesday. If you have not received them please contact the office.
Payments can be made by cash, cheque, credit card or forwarded direct to Bank account BSB 062-514 A/C No. 00900371. Please quote account number or child's name as details.
BPAY facilities are also available using Biller Code & Reference No. from statement.
Please contact John Wilson if you are experiencing financial difficulty.

**Keep us up-to-date**
If you change any of your contact details i.e. address, work/home/mobile phone numbers, emergency contact details, email addresses you need to let the school office know immediately.

**School Banking**
School Banking is every Wednesday.
Could each student who has a banking wallet please hand it to their teacher. This is then placed into a grey folder and delivered to the office for collection by Susan Cubis.

**Canteen**
Rostered on for canteen this week is

- **Friday 10 May** - Bev Dhnaram
  Michelle Herbert

- **Tuesday 14 May** - Michelle Herbert

**General News - On Display - Parent Notice Board (Outside Library)**

**The Ballina-Byron Family Centre**
6686 4109
See notice board for all services and programs.

**After School Yoga Club - St Finbarr’s with Karen**
Mondays 3.15 to 4.15pm
$63 for 7 week block
Bookings essential contact Karen to register 0420 239 791

**Fit Fins Run Squad 2013**
Running Club from Kinder to Year 6
Training sessions Mondays and Fridays from 8am to 8.30am
$50 per term
Contact Caroline Bailey on 0409 804 131 or carolinejbailey@rocketmail.com

**Byron Bay Junior Basketball**— Winter comp starting for Terms 2 & 3. www.byronbasketball.com

**Suffolk Park Football (Soccer) Club** needs boys/girls turning 9 yrs in 2013.
Training at Suffolk Park Sports Field Thurs 4-5pm. Contact Paul 0411546544

**Family Referral Service—Your link to Support**
1300 338 774
Voluntary referral service for families, children and young people

**Babysitters Needed!**
Byron Bay Runners members need reliable, experienced babysitters around the Byron area
Tuesdays 5-7pm and Thursdays 6-8pm
$5 negotiable.
Email byronrunner@rocketmail.com with your contact details, for more information.

**Toastmasters** - meeting every 1st & 3rd Mon of the month in the music room at St Finbarr’s

**HAPKIDO CLASSES**
Korean Martial Art of Self Defence
Have Fun and Get Fit
New kids classes starting on the 15th of May
Class Times
- **Kids** (8 years – 12 years) Wednesday 3:45-5:00pm
- **Adults** Tuesday 6:30pm-8:30pm
  Thursday 6:30pm-8:30pm
  Saturday 9:30am-11:30am
Location St Finbarr’s Primary school Hall
For more info call: 0404 489 781
WINNERS ARE GRINNERS! WELL DONE TENISON
A Catholic Schools Forum For Parents: Raising Boys to Live & Learn

RSVP

ST. PHILIP’S SCHOOL HALL
7:00PM
THURSDAY 30 MAY

Dads: Come and join discussions on this vital, important topic. An informative evening for both Mums and Dads – especially parents of boys!

Learn:
- What are schools doing to help boys
- Why are Dads important? How do boys think and learn?

Please call Jenny in the school office 6685 6342 by Monday 27 May to confirm your place.

Alternatively email Jenny.