Dear Parents/Carers

Raising Boys
Why are dads and father figures important? How do boys think and learn? How can we help boys be happy and well-balanced? How can parents help at home? What is St Finbarr’s doing to help boys learn?
Warren Hopley, Thursday night, 7:00pm St Finbarr’s Hall, babysitting provided in the library.

Parish News
Congratulations to the many students who were confirmed last Friday night at St Finbarr’s Church and thank you to the many teachers who have been involved in their preparation and who played a role in the ceremony.

Today is the 20th anniversary of Fr Anthony’s ordination as a priest. Fr Anthony is a wonderful pastor to our community and on behalf of all at St Finbarr’s I wish him every blessing for the next 20 years and thank him sincerely for his support of and care for all in our school community.

Noah’s Ark Fundraiser
This Thursday is our chance to send a school-load of support and well wishes to Noah Brink who is now recovering from his recent heart surgery. All students and teachers are invited to come in free dress, to place a wish/ get well card for Noah in the class collection box and enjoy a sausage sizzle at lunchtime. All donations and free dress fines will go directly to Noah’s family to assist with his recovery.
Here is the latest update from the Noah’s Recovery Facebook page –

“Hi everyone, it’s too early to tell but Noah has had a breakthrough this arvo. His heart rhythm is showing signs of stabilization. This is truly a cause to celebrate. We can now exhale after 5 long days. Not out of the woods yet but a great sign. Yay....”

Maths Accolades
Last Thursday 5 students from Stage 3 attended a Maths Enrichment day with students from other local catholic schools. We received very positive feedback from the coordinating teacher, an excerpt of which I have included below.

‘...your students stood out as being able to think on a much higher and more critical level..’

Congratulations Finn, Jordan, Finn, Aydin and Hamish and to those students who just missed out on gaining a place at the day. Congratulations also to the Stage 3 teachers for the quality of your Maths program and thanks to our expert tutor Mike Neighbour for your Maths Olympiad support this term.

Thank you to all who participated in the recent Parent Teacher Interviews. It was great to see so many parents at the school last week.

Regards

John Wilson
Principal
Pizza Party Winners
The Stage 2H class is preparing to enjoy the ‘fruits’ of their bushdance win last term with a pizza party on Thursday 13 June very generously donated by Denise and David of Earth ‘n’ Sea Restaurant.

Noah’s Ark Mufti Day
Thursday 30 May (gold coin donation)
Sausage Sizzle - $2
On the day we will be having a sausage sizzle and Animal Face Painting (two by two of course so pair up with a friend or a group and dress the same).
A Kinder Riddle...

Question:
What has
and **GLOWS** in the **DARK**?

Answer:
**YOU!**

**STAY TUNED, JUNE 19TH!**
School Fees
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.

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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

STS Student Exchange— Contact us today to start your adventure 1800263964 or 0401741754 email: stsf@people.net.au

From Heroes into Men-Parents who want to learn a program to provide their sons with boy to manhood guidance are invited to a free info session Tues 28 May 5.30-7pm at Brunswick Heads Regional Library

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 $$ 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

Bangalow Museum Goes Indian— North Indian cuisine Fri 24 May 6-9pm
Bookings ring 66872183