Dear Parents and Carers

I offer my sincere thanks for your support, involvement and contributions to the term. School concludes this Friday for the winter break after a very positive and full 9 weeks of schooling. School resumes on **Monday 15 July**. A huge thanks to our Kinder parents for the wonderful St Finbarr’s Disco last week. We had a ball!!

**Pupil Free Days**
Please note that we have two remaining Pupil Free Days that take place early next term on **25 and 26 July**. I really appreciate how difficult it is for working parents, in particular, to make alternative arrangements for these days and for this reason we advertised the dates at the beginning of the year. If you have any difficulties with childcare on either day please contact Jenny in the school office.

Both days are mandated by the Catholic Schools Office however the dates may vary between schools. In our case the two Pupil Free Days are being held in the second week of term because the Year 6 Canberra Excursion takes place in the first week. The first Pupil Free Day is the final day of preparation for staff in relation to the implementation of the Australian Curriculum in NSW, the first stage being English and Science in 2014.

During the second day the staff will work with our Education Consultant Mr Michael Mullaly from the CSO on capturing the parent and student survey feedback in our school review and development process. Qualtrix has collated all the feedback under each question which makes it very easy to compare this feedback against the staff reflections and then establish clear goals and strategies for the future.

**Camps Tyalgum and Canberra**
Our Year 4 and 5 students depart tomorrow morning for their 3 day outdoor education program at Tyalgum Ridge. The students will work closely together to build their initiative, confidence and problem-solving skills as they tackle a range of exciting and challenging activities.

On the last Sunday of the holidays the Year 6 students will depart for a 4 day excursion to Sydney and Canberra to take part in the Centenary celebrations in the nation’s capital.

I sincerely thank the many teachers who are taking part in these camps for their enthusiasm and dedication during these important school activities. Our school community certainly appreciates their 24 hour-a-day care and supervision.

**Public Speaking**
Students wishing to take part in this year’s Public Speaking Challenge are invited to prepare a short speech to be presented on **Friday 19 July** (please see over page for details). This year the challenge is not compulsory for all students and therefore is not taking place in each class. Instead, any student wishing to try out for the St Finbarr’s team (to compete at the Tweed Zone Public Speaking Competition, to be held on Friday 16 August, the same day as the Tweed Zone Gala Sports Day for Stage 3), is invited to challenge for a place on Friday 19 July in the school hall from 9:00am. Parents are most welcome to attend. Times for each age group will be advertised in the first newsletter for Term 3.

Regards

John

John Wilson
Assistant Principal Message

Term 2 in Review...
Thank you for such a warm welcome back to school – Adam and I were blessed with a wonderful wedding day and an excellent honeymoon in Cambodia. It was so special to see many families at the church before I made the LONG walk down the aisle, thank you. I would like to also acknowledge and thank Mr John Wilson for allowing me time away from school for this trip, and to Donna Clark for stepping in as AP while I was away.

With the first semester almost behind us, we would like to acknowledge all the wonderful hard work put in by each member of our school community, including staff members, students, parents and volunteers. Your dedication to learning and teaching is much appreciated. The following are great examples of St Finbarr’s learning events that have taken place throughout the term. Although some are not structured teaching/learning lessons as such, children learn in a variety of ways and in many different settings. For example, children learn a great deal from sports carnivals, such as; how to be a team player, how to be a good winner/loser etc.

Cross Country carnival
Mother’s Day celebrations
NAPLAN
School Reporting
Parent Teacher Interviews
First Eucharist program
Dance workshops
School Band performance
Year 6 RE Test
School Disco
Athletics Carnival
Years 4 & 5 Camp

“Learn everything you can, anytime you can, from anyone you can – there will always come a time when you will be grateful you did.” ~ Sarah Cadwell

We wish you a very safe and restful holiday and look forward to seeing you again in the second semester.

Regards
Carolyn Wade
Assistant Principal
Leader of Pedagogy

Congratulations Caspian, winner and youngest competitor of the Hot Shots Tennis Classic on Sunday!

Parking In Front of School
We have been contacted by Blanch’s Bus Company regarding vehicles parked in the bus bay in front of the school steps of a morning. Please ensure that you move down to the drop off zone adjacent to the school oval when dropping off your child of a morning. This will help to keep our children safe!

HEART FREEZER
An enormous THANKYOU to all who have contributed meals. The response has been astounding- “sharing the love”

OUR FABULOUS SCHOOL DISCO

‘Cyber’ Bullying by email or instant messaging
We like to remind parents and carers from time to time about the importance of keeping in touch with what your children are both sending and receiving via email and instant messaging. In this age of increasing technological advancement, anti-social communication may be easily transmitted using this media.

At school, students have access only to authorised sites and there are stringent measures in place to ensure educational use of internet technology. The site http://au.reachout.com/find/articles/cyberbullying is a great kid’s site to use for discussion on this issue.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS
What information relating to allergens must be on a food label?
The food labelling laws (Food Standards Code) require the following major allergens to appear on the label if they have been used as an ingredient or as part of the processing of a product:
- Peanut and peanut products
- Tree nuts and tree nut products other than coconut
- Crustacea (shellfish) and their products
- Egg and egg products
- Fish and fish products
- Milk and milk products
- Sesame seeds and sesame seed products
- Soybeans and soybean products
- Cereals containing gluten and their product

If a food has any of the above substances identified in the ingredients list, the food is not suitable for a person with an allergy to that food. For products with no labels (e.g. baked goods), suppliers of these goods are required to give you a true list of ingredients contained in their product/s in writing so that you have it available if a customer asks about food content. You can then share the information verbally or in writing. If the information received is not satisfactory, consider changing suppliers to one that can support your needs and answer your questions.
RE NEWS
Sacramental Programme – First Reconciliation and First Eucharist
Children who are baptised from Year 3 and above are invited to enrol in our Parish / School Sacramental Programmes for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist in Term 3. A parent meeting will be held on Tuesday, 30 July at 7pm in the Stage 2 classrooms at the school. Children who were confirmed last year in Year 2 will be automatically enrolled. Parents of new children are asked to email me at todwyer@lism.catholic.edu.au or the school office sfpbyron@lism.catholic.edu.au by the end of Week 1, Term 3.

First Reconciliation will take place on Tuesday 6 August at 7pm at St Finbarr’s Church, Byron Bay. First Eucharist will take place on Sunday, 8 September at 9.30am at St Kevin’s Church, Bangalow.

Children’s Liturgy Leaders
At the Saturday night Parish Mass, Children’s Liturgy classes are offered to families within the mass. Presently, generous staff from St Finbarr’s school lead these. We are looking for extra volunteers to help out here. All materials and notes are provided. If you would like to join this team contact me through the school office.

Altar Servers
A new roster will be published soon for Term 3. A big thank you to the children and their families for supporting us in this important ministry. On his return from annual leave Fr Anthony will arrange a time to meet with our new and experienced servers.

Yours in Christ
Tom O’Dwyer

Crafternoon is an exciting new art and craft workshop run by local artist Sarah Harvey. It is open to St Finbarr’s students aged 7-12, cost $12 per class and will be held every Tuesday afternoon in the Art Room from 16th July till the end of Term. Spaces are limited to ten so please register your interest asap to secure a place. For more details contact Sarah on 0423393701 or email sarah@saraharvey.com.au.

The Block Sky High is Coming to Byron Bay!
Bec and George from The Block will be visiting Byron Bay Mitre 10 on Tuesday 23 July from 3.00 – 5.30pm. There will be entertainment, giveaways, demonstrations and of course the opportunity to meet the contestants. To celebrate, Mitre 10 are running a colouring in competition for primary school children. There are 3 age divisions (4-6yrs, 7-9yrs, and 10-12yrs) and some great prizes. Look out for your colouring sheets which will be distributed at school this week or available in store.

Athletics Carnival Washout.
Unfortunately, when you think you have everything ready to go for an exciting day the weather turns nasty and changes everything. The children were all very disappointed and I feel a great deal of empathy for our Student Leaders who have had little to cheer about this year due to two washed out carnivals.

Due to the Year 4 and 5 Camp to Tyalgum Ridge starting this Wednesday and the Year 6 trip to Canberra during the first week of Term 3 finding another time to run a carnival has proved very difficult.

With the Zone Carnival set down for Tuesday 23 July (Week 2 Term 3) it was important to complete several events in order to finalize the selection for the school athletics team to compete at this carnival. We ran the final 100m and 200m events on Monday which allowed me to finalise the team.

Over the past several weeks the children (8yrs – 12yrs) have competed in Long Jump, Shot Put and 800m selection events during P.E times and lunch.

Successful children have been given a note with all the details for the Zone Carnival. To assist with the organisation of this event I would appreciate that all forms and payments be sent into school no later than Friday 19 July.

Thank you to all our parents who were set to help out at the carnival. As always we are most appreciative of your support.

Infants Fun Day!! Coming Soon.
Due to our washed out carnival we will be holding a special mini athletics morning for children in Kindy, Year 1 and Year 2. A date for the event will be advertised and a note will be sent home to all parents early next term.

Zone Sport
Polding Cross Country Results
Congratulations to several of our students and their families who made the trip to Sydney recently for the Polding Cross Country Trials at Eastern Creek.

Results were.
Masato Leishman (27th) and Freya Robertson (30th) in the 8-9 yrs division.
Erin Boggis (10th) in the 10yrs division and Riley Buckland (8th) in the 12 yrs division.

Coming Zone Sporting Events:
Zone Athletics Carnival Tuesday 23 July at Cudgen.
Zone Gala Sports Day Friday 16 August at Tweed Heads (Stage 3 only).

Kerry Wills
P.D.H.P.E and Sport

TRINITY CATHOLIC COLLEGE AND LORD’S TAVERNERS RACE DAY 2013
At the Lismore Turf Club on Saturday 27 July. Marquee tickets available for $50 (includes admission and buffet luncheon). Lucky door prizes and ‘Fashions of the Field’.

Everyone welcome! Tickets available at St Mary’s site office - Trinity Catholic College Lismore. For further information telephone 66276647.
**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 Suan Cubis.

**Keep us up-to-date**

Don’t forget 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.

**Canteen**

Rostered on for canteen this week is

**Friday 28 June** - Michelle Herbert

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

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

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