Dear Parents/Carers

This Thursday I will join Mrs Wade and Mrs Clark for an important day with Professor John Hattie whose research into Visible Learning continues to have far-reaching implications for our school regarding students and their learning.

John has undertaken a synthesis of over 1000 meta-analyses (and climbing) relating to student achievement. His conclusions point to the importance of the visibility of teaching and learning. He contends that learning achievement is most successful when teachers SEE learning through the eyes of the student and when students SEE themselves as their own teachers.

Musicians Perform

I wish our very best to our bands of musicians who will perform at this year’s Lismore Music Eisteddfod. Approximately 35 students will perform (some this Wednesday and others Monday 2 September) in either the Woodwind Ensemble with Mrs McLennan, the School Band with Mr Pamphilon or the Finnie’s Drummers group with Miss Slattery.

In addition, Mr Jaggle’s percussion students (and possibly Mr Doyle’s brass students) will perform at Assembly on 9 September.

The students have been practising with great enthusiasm and I sincerely thank their teachers for the care and attention they continue to provide. We look forward to news of outstanding performances.

High School Transition

We are very grateful to our partner high schools for the time offered to individuals and small groups of students to support their smooth transition for 2014. Some future Xavier students will take part in two enrichment days on 4 September and 6 November.

Finally, we wish our Stage 3 students the best of luck in their chosen sport at Friday’s Tweed Zone Gala Day. Stage 2 takes part in the Milo Cricket Carnival next Tuesday and Stage 1 and Kinder have their own Mini-Athletics morning on 23 August.

Regards

John Wilson
Principal

Important Dates

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School Review Feedback

Key themes in the areas: Community and Organisation

- Streamline clear, effective, regular communication
- Gather annual feedback from all within school community
- Provide further avenues for parent involvement and support and review existing School Forum structures
- Review master plan for school resources (technology, capital facilities, learning resources)
- Review timing and impact of pupil free days and other professional development days

Altar Server Roster

Saturday 17 August

Group E
Aydin Neighbour
Natalia Hosie
Indiah Kairies
Camille Neighbour
Ossian Quinn-Jarvis

Please be at the church at 5:40pm.
Assistant Principal Message

PUBLIC SPEAKING
This Friday the Finnie’s finest public speakers will represent our school at Tweed Heads for the Zone Public Speaking Competition. We were so impressed with the students who chose to enter this year, as with a different format, we offered any student (who was interested and had the time to prepare) an opportunity to speak to the whole school. This can be quite a daunting experience, and usually only reserved for the students who make it through to the final round. However, this was a wonderful opportunity to give every student a captive audience and congratulations to ALL students who participated. The following students will represent the school this Friday and we wish them all the very best in the lead up to the event.

Kinder: Jonah Taylor
Stage 1: Indigo Soria and Coco Neale
Stage 2: Jude Taylor and Freya Robertson

This term our school masses and feast day celebrations have clashed with two assemblies. That means we have 3 remaining assemblies for Term 3. These fall in weeks 5, 7, and 9. Four students from each class will receive learning and value awards, and these will be advertised in the previous week’s newsletters (ie: week 4 newsletter advertised the student awards for week 5 assemblies). These assemblies are also advertised on the school calendar, which you can access via the website and follow these steps: http://www.bbplism.catholic.edu.au/ click on “News” and then click on Calendar. We hope to see you there if you can make it.

Stage 3: Indiah Kairies and Stella Hutchinson
Carolyn Wade
Assistant Principal

Stage 3 Gala Sports Day
All students and teachers in Stage 3 will travel to Tweed Heads on Friday for a great day of sport with the other Catholic Schools in our Tweed Region. A note went home on Friday with all children with the organisation of the day. Please refer to the note for all details regarding uniform, travel times and lunch options.

Stage 1 and Kindy Sports Morning:
The children from Kindy and Stage 1 will participate in their own mini Athletics Carnival on Friday 23 August from 9-11am. A note with all details will go home with all the children this week. Parents are most welcome and your assistance on the day would be greatly appreciated.

Diocesan Carnival
A team of athletes from St Finbarr’s travelled to Lismore as part of the Tweed Zone Team for the Diocesan Carnival. A detailed report on their results will be published in our next newsletter. Some early reports through from our spy at the grounds were of some wonderful results.

Finnies Idol 2013
Finnies Idol is coming!!! Watch this space for all details of this year’s Idol. Competition will commence in Term 4 Week 2 so get those songs ready, polish up the dancing shoes and tune those guitars.

Kerry Wills
P.D.H.P.E.& Sports

AUTHOR VISIT
(written by Stage 3 students: Morgan, Lily and Natalia)
On Wednesday 7 August, a group of students from Stage 3 got the chance to meet an author named Emma McTaggert. Emma came to St Finbarr’s after speaking at the Byron Bay Writer’s Festival on the weekend. She showed us how to come up with ideas on how to write a great children’s picture book. Emma also spent some time brainstorming how to come up with original characters and plots. It was a great experience and lots of fun. Emma was entertaining, funny and very creative.

Emma has written, illustrated and self published two children’s picture books, ‘I Can Do Anything,’ and ‘Lily, Fabourama, Glamourama.’ Her short story ‘Sam, I Am’ was included in an anthology ‘Time Will Tell’ which was published by the Toowoomba Education Centre. Emma has published a cookbook ‘A Little Black Cook Book’ and the anthology ‘A Child’s View’ (for Child Protection Week 2008) as well as over 130 books written and illustrated by Child Writes participants. She is currently promoting the Child Writes competition....

If you are a child writer or illustrator, this is a competition that is unique and an exciting opportunity to see your name in print! The winning writer will be paired with the winning illustrator, to be mentored (by Emma McTaggert) through the Child Writes program and to produce what we expect to be an extraordinary book!


BOOK WEEK
The theme this year is READ ACROSS THE UNIVERSE!
Find your best space suit, create your alfoil antennas, perfect your moon walk and join the fun on Wednesday 21st for our Book Week parade.
This year our Book Week parade will be happening in the hall – and every class will have an opportunity to show off their creative space themed outfits. Parents are welcome to join in this special assembly at 9am where we will be celebrating Book Week and giving out prizes to the best dressed students.
To the students and teachers of St Finbarr’s school,
Your donation of clothes and goods to the Vincent de Paul Society has now been sorted and put to good use. Some has been placed in our shop for sale and will generate income to enable us to assist people in need. Some has been given directly to those with no money to buy items they desperately need. Some has been sent to our warehouse in Goonellabah and then on to other stores in Australia, or even as far as South Africa. So all members of Vinnies in Byron Bay thank you for your generosity and perhaps you may see some of the clothes you no longer needed walking around the Bay on someone else.
Thanks again
Ian Leggo
President
St Finbarr’s Conference

The Feast of the Assumption

The Feast of the Assumption of Mary (August 15), is a very old feast of the Church. It commemorates the death of Mary and her assumption into Heaven. Mary’s assumption is the most important of all Marian feasts and is a holy day of obligation which means we are asked to go to Mass to celebrate this special day.

Of course, the Assumption (as with all feasts of the church), does not merely commemorate the past. Holy days and feast days also look to the present and the future and they give us insight in our own relationship with God. We are invited to be like Mary and have a close relationship with God.

Blessings
Helen Hunter
Leader of Catechesis

SAVE THE DATE:  FAMOUS FINNIES FATHER’S DAY BREAKFAST
FRIDAY 30 AUGUST FROM 7.45AM

STAGE 1 PARENTS, PLEASE TAKE NOTE: WE ARE CO-ORDINATING THIS EVENT:

It’s not hard and not time consuming, but to make it happen, and to be a meaningful memorable day with plenty of scrumptious food, the school needs our participation.

How can I help?
Donations of breakfast muffins, Freon’s, Pastries, Quiches, breakfasty kinds of things to be dropped off on the Thursday before (29 August) or on the morning of the Event.
We did run out of food such was the enormous response to Mother’s Day breakfast this year so we do need a significant amount of food donations to ensure no one misses out.

On the Day
We will need helpers from 7am to set up tables, tablecloths, set up tea/coffee, etc – Grind Date Coffee Cart will be there from 6.45am!
BBQers to cook the delicious egg and bacon rolls
Money collectors at front gate (breakfast will be free for Dads and Grandpas but $5 for everyone else)
Ushers for Dad and kids photographs and to collect donations – instead of the Gift Stall (more info to come on this)
Pack uppers.

Please call or email Gabby 0419158482 gabby.lebrun@tyrgroup.com or grab me in the Parent pick-up queue
School Fees
Fees invoices have been sent home with children. If you didn’t receive 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.

School Banking
School Banking is every Wednesday. Please hand bank books to class teacher.

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 16 August - Sonia Wilkin
Tuesday 20 August - Ami Tsunashima

HAPKIDO CLASSES
Korean Martial Art of Self Defence
Have fun and get fit

Class Times
Tues 6:30-8:30pm (Adults and Teenagers)
Wed 3:45-5pm (Kids 8-12yrs)
Thurs 6:30-8:30pm (Adults and Teenagers)
Sat 9:30-11:30am (Adults and Teenagers)

Location St Finbarr’s Primary School Hall
Opposite Byron Bay High School
For more info call 0404 489 781

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 in St Finbarr’s Hall 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

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

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

Michelle Dawson Let’s Go to Sleep Exhibition Opening– 31 July 6pm till 14 Aug. Artist talk, book signing , Q & A 3 Aug 11am @ Retrospect Galleries
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Email: Byron@retrospectgalleries.com

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