Dear Parents and Carers

What a wonderful spirit of happiness, care and laughter I could sense through the phone during Friday’s Father’s Day celebrations! It was wonderful to have so many dads and grandads enjoying the fruits of the community.

Thank you to Gabby and the very large band of Stage One parents for your organisation, hard work and thoughtfulness. These celebrations are so very important for building community, making connections and putting love into action for our children.

School Review Validation
Tomorrow and Thursday the School Review validation process is undertaken under the leadership of the school’s Education Consultant Mr Michael Mullaly. Michael will be joined by a team of 4 consultants from the Catholic School’s Office (who work in the areas of Religious Education, Additional Needs and Learning and Teaching) and the principal of another primary school in our diocese.

The team will spend two days interviewing groups of staff, students, parents and Fr Anthony about the processes undertaken by the school this year. The panel will look at the data from teacher, parent and student surveys, visit classrooms and review the draft strategic management plan developed by the school for the period 2014 to 2018. At the conclusion of the process the school will be provided with a series of commendations and recommendations.

The strategic management plan should be ready to circulate to the school community by early Term Four.

First Eucharist
On behalf of the school community I offer our prayers and warmest wishes to the 20 students who will be receiving the Sacrament of Eucharist for the first time this coming Sunday. May the celebration be a rich experience as you take this final step of initiation into the church.

2014 Kindergarten Enrolment
Parents should receive a letter next week regarding their child’s Kindergarten place at St Finbarr’s in 2014.

Stop Press—Further Lismore Music Eisteddfod Success
Mrs McKlellan’s woodwind ensemble gained a first place yesterday. Many of the duets gained placings and Will Nash and Aydin Neighbour gained placings in their solo sections. Congratulations to all! Further details will be included as soon as they come to hand.

Have a wonderful week,
Regards

John Wilson
Principal

Altar Server Roster
Please turn to page 3 for this week’s roster.

Important Dates

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SCHOOL REVIEW FEEDBACK

Key themes in the area: Catholic Identity and Mission

- Build upon the warm and welcoming spirit of Fr Anthony
- Educate families more about Catholic tradition and symbols
- Build a strong Parish/School Sacramental Program
- Provide more opportunities for children to take part in the parish mass

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Assistant Principal Message
Last week I outlined the process of teachers meeting with me in their stages every Tuesday morning. I hope this provided some insight as to how this time is spent and also highlighted our learning priorities for working in Professional Learning Teams.

The current essential learning for each stage is listed below. In upcoming weeks we hope to share some wonderful learning growth in these areas and I am hoping to share with you how each stage went with their post teaching/learning analysis. Feel free to have conversations with your child about their learning in the following areas:

**Stage 3:** Using mental and informal written strategies for multiplication.

**Stage 2:** Quickly and accurately recalls multiplication facts.

**Stage 1:** Counts and represents numbers to 999.

**Kinder:** Counts and represents number to 30.

This week Stage 3 teachers; Donna Clark, Brianna Slatery and Celia Coleman brought their post-test results to our meeting and we collaborated on a Google Doc to input this data and analyse the results. Based on our findings we would like to congratulate the following students who have shown significant growth in their essential learning of multiplication. The % listed is the positive learning growth the students achieved in their post test, when compared with the pre-test.

Our Top 5 Learners in Stage 3 were:

- Takara 38%
- Jude 30%
- Elke 28%
- Coco 28%
- Tim 27%

The data also informed us that our current QuickSmart Maths programme is beneficial for students, as all Quicksmart students showed high positive growth in this area. Thank you to John De Maria and our support staff for your efforts in this area – the students and teachers are seeing great results.

I look forward to sharing more student learning results with you soon.

Carolyn Wade
Assistant Principal
Leader of Pedagogy

**Student Awards**

Congratulations to the following St Finbarr’s students whose achievements will be recognised at our next whole school assembly on Friday 13 September at 9:00am.

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**New Student**

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The Year 6 RE test awards will also be presented at next week’s assembly.

**CREATIVE ARTS COSTUMES**

Students are getting very excited about the upcoming Creative Arts Showcase – which is happening on Wednesday 18 September at 5pm. The following is a list of the “costume” requirements. We do not want students to feel that they have to “dress up” or go out and spend money on costumes, so please contact your class teachers if you have any difficulty obtaining these items. There is also no need for students to be wearing any make-up of any kind.

- **Kinder:** all white
- **1/2B:** free dress (but no skirts or dresses. Must be shorts or pants please)
- **1/2M:** all black and black closed-in shoes
- **1/2I:** boys in T shirts, shorts and joggers girls in gathered or flared waisted dress or top and skirt+ joggers. Hair in pigtails if possible
- **3/4H:** all black clothing (no shoes)
- **3/4W:** black pants and red/white/blue top
- **3/4O:** free dress
- **Stage 3:** all black

The students are looking forward to showcasing their wonderful creative talents with you soon!

**Premier Reading Challenge Afternoon Tea**

On Friday 20 September at 2pm we are hosting an afternoon tea to celebrate the successful completion of the challenge. Congratulations to all students who participated.
E Street....Evangelization news and views at St Finnies

Welcome to “E Street” where we hope to keep you better informed about our wonderful Catholic Faith.

Why We Do The Things We Do

The Penitential Rite

'To prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries, let us call to mind our sins,' says the celebrant at the penitential rite. Far from being a negative thing, the emphasis of this prayer is the infinite love of our compassionate God, personified in Jesus. In a healthy family, members are not afraid to recognise themselves to be always in need of forgiveness. Similarly, for our faith family, the penitential rite is one way of acknowledging that we always stand in need of reconciliation. This part of the Mass often includes the 'Kyrie eleison' ('Lord have mercy...') which is one of the most ancient of Christian responses.

First Eucharist Class Teaching Mass – 9.30am, Thursday 5 September, St Kevin’s Church, Bangalow
First Eucharist Class Reflection Day – Friday 6 September 9am – 1pm St Finbarr’s School Hall.
First Eucharist will take place on Sunday 8 September at 9.30am at St Kevin’s Church, Bangalow.

Mini Vinnies – Crazy Blanket and Care Pillows Raffle

It’s completed! Thanks to the wonderful assistance given by Parish member Mrs Irene Butler our Crazy Blanket and Care Pillows are now complete. In addition to this Mrs Butler has generously made and donated a beautifully made patchwork blanket to go into our raffle as first prize. The crazy blanket aptly named “St Finnies’ Technicolour Dream Rug” will be placed in our sick bay to bring warmth and comfort to the sick.

Tickets 50cents each or 3 for $1.00. All money goes to Vinnies’ Winter Appeal.

Yours in Christ
Tom O’Dwyer
Leader of Evangelization

Sports News

Stage 1 Mini Athletics Morning

What a wonderful morning last Friday at our Infants Athletics. The children had a wonderful time and we were blessed with a beautiful sunny morning. Many thanks to our parents who attended and cheered on the kids throughout the morning. Penola won the carnival and were also our School Athletics Champs for this year.

Stage 2 & 3 Colour Comp

Colour comp kicked off on Friday with all children from Stage 2 and 3 involved in a series of competitive sports against the other houses over the next 4 weeks. Children are to wear their coloured sports shirts on Friday for the rest of this term.

Term 4 Swimming

Swimming will commence in Week 5 of next term with a Whole School Swimming Carnival set down for Friday 8 November (Week 6). The children from Kindy to Year 2 will participate in a Swim and Survive Program and children from Yr 3 to Yr 6 will be at the beach for our Surf Safe Program. Full details about each program will be sent home in the coming weeks.

Finnie’s Idol 2013

Finnie’s Idol will commence in Week 2 of Term 4. The children are already rehearsing during lunch. This year Finnie’s Idol will once again be open to children from all grades. Again in 2013 Finnie’s Idol will be run in two sections. These being Junior (Kinder to Yr 2) and Senior (Yr 3 to Yr 6). Categories for this year are Dance, Song and Instrumental.

As with last year all children performing in Idol are limited to two entries only. Idol will once again be held on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday during lunch. Entry forms for this year’s Idol will be available from this Friday outside the Library.

Kerry Wills
Sport and PDHPE
School Fees
All fees were sent home last week. 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. 009000371. 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 6 September - Volunteer needed
Tuesday 10 September - Volunteer needed

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 Term 3.
www.byronbasketball.com

Mullumbimby Circus Festival - Mullum Showgrounds 4-6 Oct
www.mullumcircusfest.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 Tues 5-7pm and Thurs 6-8pm $5 negotiable.
Email "byronrunner@gmail.com" with your contact details, for more info

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

Byron Bay Nippers Sign on - Sun 15 Sep 3-5pm & Sun 29 Sep 10am-12pm at Byron Surf Club for more info, www.byronbaysurfclub.com.au

Byron Bay Junior Cricket Sign On -
Wednesday 11 & 18 Sept 3.30 - 5.30pm and Saturday 14& Sept 11am -1pm
Enquiries: Greg Daniels 0414494208
FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST WRAP UP

The sun was shining, the tunes were pumping, the bacon was sizz-ling, the coffee was brewing and the Dad’s were smiling. What an incredible morning!

Highlights included: Family photos, Dads and kids playing down-bow together, Kindy poetry and Dad's holding bunches of Rosemary. What an awesome community we have here at St Finbarr’s. Ellie from Grind Date said this “thanks for having us…such a fun morn-ing…We love being part of your events.”

Heartfelt thanks to Stage 1 parents and all teachers, our photo ush-ers, Student Performers, Mr Wilson for his virtual song; Jo, Denise and Cyra for pretty much everything, students who packed chairs and cleared plates.

Thanks to those who donated Raffle Prizes: Alice and Perry from Byron Dive, Danie and Jake from Fat Belly Kaf, Brad and Christina Rogers from Stone and Wood Beer and Denise and David Woolsey from Earth ‘n’ Sea.

Thanks to Justine Reilly who generously designed the Father’s Day flyer at short notice, Ben and Belinda from the Byron Beach Café for donating Quiches and Gary and Emma Sharman for the Macadamia Muesli.

Terry Bleakley from Bleak Films, thank you so much for cre-ating such gorgeous family portraits and donating your time and experience to the morning.

And a very special shout out for our Groundsman Mr Foster who got the grounds ready and was at school at 6.30am so we could get set up.

Hope all the Dad’s had a great day yesterday!

Gabby Le Brun: Class Parent Co-ordinator
MILO CRICKET AND MINI ATHLETICS