Dear Parents/Carers

Parent Orientation
This Friday’s Orientation is a significant gathering for the parents of the 2014 Kindergarten class and for the Year 5 students and their families. Over the years this event has become an important mechanism for welcoming new families into the community as well as being a strong symbol of the school’s ethos, with the future leaders and their parents caring for the Kinder students and their families.

I offer my sincere thanks to our future leaders and their parents for accepting the roles with such enthusiasm. Year Five parents should have received separate information about the Orientation last Thursday.

Parent Information Night Monday 28 October 7:00—8:30pm
The focus of this important information session is as follows:
- Student success in learning—what does the research tell us about what is most important?
- Why are our classes arranged in stages? Is this a permanent arrangement?
- What are PLTs (Professional Learning Teams) and how are they impacting on my child’s learning?
- How can we as a school community collaborate and communicate more effectively in 2014

The evening will include input from members of the School Leadership Team, small group discussion and an opportunity for parents to provide feedback.

Speech Pathologist Program
During Term 4 staff from St Finbarr’s are involved in the Federal Government More Support for Students with Disability project (MSSD). Jenna Feros, an experienced Speech Pathologist from Therapy Matters will facilitate this professional development activity.

Every Monday, for the duration of Term 4, Jenna will work in classrooms with individual classroom teachers. Jenna will assist teachers to improve their understanding of the needs of students with speech and language difficulties. They will work together to develop processes and strategies to implement in the classroom to support these students in their learning.

Have a wonderful week.

Regards

John Wilson
Principal

Measles - Urgent
A child from a Byron Bay school was found to be infected with measles last week after catching the bus with many St Finbarr’s students. We have as yet not had any reported case of measles from within our school community however it is still a possibility that this could occur. Please read the attached Fact Sheet and the notice over the page from the Director of North Coast Health regarding the disease. Please be vigilant in monitoring your child and see a doctor immediately if any symptoms are present.

Altar Server Roster, Saturday 26 October
Group C
Tom Leary, Erin Boggis, Takara Stewart, Nora Woolsey, Paige Wilkie, Please be at the church at 5:40pm.
Assistant Principal Message

Last term 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 essential learning that each stage is currently working on and an update as to how this is being implemented in the classroom is listed below. 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.**

Teachers are currently implementing an intervention process for those students who did not achieve the learning outcome and who will be working with Maureen Bracken on a modified Quick Smart program over the next 4 weeks.

**Stage 2: Uses mental and informal written strategies for division.**

Students last term finished their essential learning on multiplication and are now moving onto division. Teachers are currently devising a pre test for students to complete in the upcoming weeks.

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

Kinder: Counts and represents number to 30.

Kinder and Stage 1 teachers have just finished analysing the student data from their essential learnings (together) and are currently working on an intervention plan, which will target both students who require extension as well as help those students who require more assistance in this area. I will be assisting these teachers as we work with students across all 4 classes and group them according to their needs. I look forward to reassessing the students learning and providing feedback to you about their progress.

Based on the Stage 1 findings we would like to congratulate the following students who have shown significant growth in their essential learning, particularly in the area of “Representing Number”. The % listed is the positive learning growth the students achieved in their post test, when compared with the pre-test.

Our Top Learners in Stage 1 are:

- Christopher Kyprianou: 45%
- Charlie Berry: 44%
- Maya Sullivan: 50%
- Kaia Dobson: 50%
- Imogen Hofer: 50%
- Paige Smith: 60%
- Lily Amos: 56%
- Isarbella Walner: 53%
- Hayden Rogers: 50%

Congratulations to ALL Stage 1 students for showing such positive growth in your learning and thank you to the teachers who are planning and implementing very effective teaching and learning strategies to assist our students in these essential areas of their learning.

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

Carolyn Wade
Assistant Principal
Leader of Pedagogy

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**Measles Alert - URGENT!**

We have received a request from the Director of North Coast Public Health about minimising the spread of measles in the Byron area following recently reported cases.

The incubation period for measles is between 8 and 18 days after exposure. Therefore we can expect further cases to arise from Tuesday 22 October and continue to appear until around 1 November. A rule of thumb is that measles is infectious 5 days before, to 4 days after, the appearance of the rash. This includes the 24 hours prior to the onset of prodromal symptoms. I strongly encourage anyone displaying early symptoms to be assessed promptly by a doctor. Children suspected of having measles should be excluded from school until 5 days after appearance of the rash or when measles has been excluded as the cause of their illness.

**Sport Messages**

**Swim & Survive (K-2)**

This program commences this Friday 25 October for all children in Kindergarten and Stage 1. I’ve included some helpful hints for first time parents to the program.

**How to get my child ready for swimming?**

1. Children will get changed at school before leaving for the pool.
2. Children will go to the pool in their swimmers with towel, thongs and goggles. No school uniform.
3. Label everything with your child’s name.
4. On return from the pool the children will change out of wet swimmers back into school uniform.
5. All wet swim gear will go home in swim bag.

**Note:** A rash shirt is compulsory for each child and must be worn during all swimming events at St Finbarr’s.

**Auskick**

Nominations for Auskick must be made online or by phone to the address on the flyer which went home last Wednesday. Auskick commences Wednesday 23 October from 3.10pm on the school oval.

**Tweed Zone Catholic School’s Sport**

**Summer Sports Trials**

These are the venues for Summer Sports Trials.

- **Tennis**: Byron Bay Courts. Thursday 24 October from 1.00pm
- **Boys Cricket**: Byron Bay nets (Rec Grounds) Friday 25 October from 4.00pm
- **Touch Footy**: Cudgen R.L Grounds Thursday 24 October from 4.00pm

**Boys & Girls Basketball**: No trials to be held. All students who nominated to trial have automatically been selected to trial at the Diocesan Trials. Information will be given to all students involved.

Successful students will compete at the Diocesan Trials in Coffs Harbour on Friday 22 November.

Notes with all information will be given to students selected on the day of the trials. Permission and consent forms to travel and attend the trials will be given to all successful students at a school level.

**Kerry Wills**

P.D.H.P.E & Sport
Welcome to “E Street” where we hope to keep you better informed about our wonderful Catholic Faith.

**Why We Do**

**The Sunday readings**

Does your family enjoy looking back over treasured photo albums and re-telling the stories behind the pictures? While every historic detail of your ancestry may not be recorded, the photos do capture the highlights and carry a ‘sense’ of your family’s history, identity and values.

The scriptures are a bit like that. They are our faith family’s ‘photo album’, the inspired recordings of our Christian ancestors, re-telling the stories of God’s revelation in their midst. As you listen to the readings each Sunday at Mass, allow God to speak to you through the stories of your faith heritage.

**Socktober is an initiative of Catholic Mission and one way which your school can fundraise and engage in advocacy and formation activities for Catholic Mission during World Mission Month in October, or at other times throughout the year.**

“Socktober” – Australian Catholic Mission

Thursday 24 Oct we will be holding a “Crazy Sock Day” here at St Finnies. Children may wear any sock combination to school. They are also asked to bring in a gold coin donation. “Crazy Sock Day” is a part of “Socktober”, an initiative of Australian Catholic Mission to end poverty.

Yours in Christ
Tom O’Dwyer
Leader of Evangelization

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**Finnies Idol 2013.**

Finnie’s Idol kicks off on Wednesday 30 October (Week 4). Due to many changes and withdrawals this is a new draw. Students are asked to read carefully and check if their allocated day is now correct or if their name is missing. Any changes to the draw must be made this week. Parents are welcome to attend Finnie’s Idol performances which will be held in the school hall from approximately 1:20pm—1:45pm each session.

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School Banking
School Banking is every Wednesday.
Could each student who has a banking wallet please hand it to their 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 25 October – Volunteer needed
Tuesday 4 June - 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 carolinebailey@rocketmail.com

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

Women’s Boxing at St Finbarr’s  Tues 6pm, Wed 6pm and Fri 6am.
Call Kendall for enquiries on 0432795933

Byron Hospital Auxiliary Craft Market fundraiser at Byron High Auditorium on Sat 23 Nov 9am-2pm

Babysitters Needed!
Byron Bay Runners members need reliable, experienced babysitters around the Byron area Tues 5-7pm and Thurs 6-8pm $$ 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

Guide to being a Great Father– Sat 26 Oct cost $147 contact Phil Sheridan 0413520435 or www.choicecoaching.com.au/fatherhood


Austswim Swimming Lessons call Sally Preston for bookings and info 042322918

FREE FINANCIAL ADVICE ~ WORK SHOP with Adam Wade
Tuesday 12 Nov and Wednesday 4 Dec from 5.45pm – 7:00pm. Hosted at TNR Byron Bay office, Suite 1 / 120 Jonson Street, Byron Bay. RSVP to Penny.Robinson@tnrbyron.com.au or email Adam.wade@afanet.com.au
For more information call Adam Wade on 0424141882.