Dear Parents/Carers

Congratulations to the 2014 St Finbarr’s student leaders (current Year 5 students) for your outstanding leadership during Friday’s Kindergarten Orientation. Not only did you warmly care for your new buddies; you were also excellent ambassadors for our school, guiding, escorting and conversing with our Kinder parents in a very mature way.

Thank you to Shanti and Raj and the huge team of Year 5 parents for the wonderful BBQ dinner you provided for all who were present on Friday night. We all sincerely appreciated your hospitality (and the food was fantastic!).

Parent Information Night

Thank you to all who joined us last night for this very valuable session. If you were unable to attend (and I received a number of apologies) you might be able to find out about some of the content discussed by chatting to any friends who were present. We will upload as much of the presentation as we can onto the school website.

Donna Clark (Leader of Curriculum) and Carolyn Wade (Leader of Pedagogy) outlined with genuine passion the detailed process through which teaching teams (PLTs) are currently collaborating and challenging each other to closely monitor and extend the learning of each of their students. We also outlined why class size and class structure (multi-age or straight year level) are not as important to student achievement as a student’s self-belief as a learner, their understanding of what is to be learnt and a range of teacher influences such as teacher-student relationship, detailed feedback and the teacher’s ability to enable students to see themselves as directors of their own learning (J Hattie, 2009).

The insights shared by those who attended last night provided us with rich feedback and the open and honest discussions were much appreciated. It is a school goal that this collaboration across all levels of our school community continues to grow. I welcome any suggestions about ways in which we can continue to communicate more effectively.

Parish News

Congratulations to Alana and Oliver Rojo and Max Cubis who recently received the Sacrament of First Communion at St Finbarr’s Church.

The Parish RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) program begins soon. This is a program of instruction and preparation for anyone who is interested in becoming a catholic. If you would like to find out any further information please contact Fr Anthony by phoning Jane Kelly at the parish office (66852620).

With best wishes for a wonderful week,

John Wilson
Principal
Assistant Principal Message

CYBER SAFETY

A few weeks ago we were fortunate to have Nathan Verinder (Police officer for 17 years) and Andrew Burgess (Online Education Manager for Lismore Catholic Education) address issues around cyber safety to St Finbarr’s parents. Nathan presented interesting and sometimes shocking information about how children use the internet and the possible implications of their usage.

Last week Nathan came to talk to the Stage 3 children about this and we wanted to share some of their reflections with you.

Nathan told Stage 3 the following:

- We shouldn’t put up personal information online
- Only interact with people you know
- Even if something is deleted it is never gone off the internet
- There are cyber criminals on the internet
- People aren’t always who they say they are online
- The internet can be a useful tool if used wisely
- It is really easy to track people down
- Your parents should know what you’re doing online
- Don’t lie about your age

Nathan gave Stage 3 some valuable information that we will remember when on the internet.

Lily Sansom & Hamish Wilson
Stage 3 Media Team

So how do kids and parents get cybersmart? There are a million things we can do online. Most of the time things go well; kids have fun, chat to their friends and play games. But sometimes things don’t go to plan and our children don’t know why or what to do about it.

Visit these sites with your children and get cybersmart:
This is a great online activity for parents to participate in with their children. This is suitable for students in Stage 1 or 2 and an online resource that the whole family can do together.

This is more appropriate for our Stage 3 students and parents who want information on the implications of cyber-bullying.

A great website for Stage 2 and Stage 3 students and parents. It provides an excellent definition of what cyberbullying is and the many different forms it can take (ie: mobile phones, snap chat, Instagram etc) and kids give real life examples of their experience with online harassment and bullying.

Carolyn Wade
Assistant Principal
Leader of Pedagogy

Year 7 2014 Resource Pack is available to purchase online www.officemaxschools.com.au (Search for: Xavier Catholic College and select Xavier Catholic College, Skennars Head NSW / Password: 2XAV/CATIND)
To ensure delivery prior to Term 1 and save $9.95 off packing & handling charges please place order before 31st December 2013.

Student Awards
Congratulations to the following St Finbarr’s students whose achievements will be recognised at our next whole school assembly this Friday, 1 November at 2:30pm.

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CANTEEN NEWS

“We Need You” is our new campaign slogan.
The structure of volunteer rostering for the Canteen is changing. Each class will be allocated a Calendar month, it is then the responsibility of the parents/carers in that class to fill Tuesdays and Fridays that fall within that allocated month.

Cyra needs a minimum of one helper every canteen day. Under the new structure, this should be achievable.

November has been allocated to Stage 1B. Information will be emailed and sent home in reader sleeves to all parents in this class. You can pledge your support by emailing Cyra – cyra.fisher@gmail.com

HEART FREEZER

The Heart Freezer continues to work hard keeping families fed in times of need. The month of October has been allocated to Stage 1B and 1M. Please fill the container with a meal suitable for freezing and return to the office or canteen. A reminder that each class is only asked to contribute once for the duration of the calendar year.

“Seeing a need and doing something about it”.
RE NEWS
All Saints Day : November 1st.

The History
All Saints Day is a commemoration of All Holy Martyrs, all the apostles and the just and perfect servants of God who have died throughout the whole world.
In the year 835 AD the Roman Catholic Church made November 1st a church holiday to honour all the saints. This feast day is called "All Saints Day".
All Saints Day is the modern name of what was once called in older English "All Hallows Day". Hallows was a word that referred to the Saints; they were the "hallowed ones", in the same sense that we say "Hallowed be Thy name" in the Lord's prayer.

Reflection
These two special days remind us that God has a special plan for everyone and when we were baptized, we became part of a special family called the *communion of saints*, who share in Jesus’ gift of His holiness. The saints are people who said “yes” to God's plan for them and are now in heaven. Some were children and young people, some were mothers and fathers, some were monks, priests or nuns, and some were single people. On All Saints Day we praise and thank God for what He has done for us through these holy people. We ask the saints especially St Finbarr and St Mary MacKillop to pray for us that we might love our God and neighbour the way Jesus taught us. On All Souls Day, we pray for all people who have died. We ask God to bring them to heaven to be with God and the saints forever.

Helen Hunter
Leader of Catechesis

Andrew Chinn Concert: On November 12th, Australian religious songwriter and singer, Andrew Chinn, will be visiting our school to share his songs with our children. Andrew's songs, such as “These Hands”, “Rainbow” and “Together As One” are used in classrooms and liturgies around Australia, New Zealand, USA and Canada. Parents/parishioners are warmly invited to be a part of the celebration of faith and fun. There is no charge for adults. The concert will take place in St Finbarr's school hall, from 1:50-2:55pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

Altar Server Roster Saturday 2 November

Group D
Hamish Wilson, Gabe Taylor, James Kearey, Tom Wilson. Please be at the church at 5:40pm.

Last week's Crazy Sock day
REMINDERS

**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.

**REMINDERS**

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Mondays 3.15 to 4.15pm
$63 for 7 week block
Bookings essential contact Karen to register 0420 239 791

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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

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1800263964 or 0401741754 email: stsf@people.net.au

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Call Kendall for enquiries on 0432795933

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**Helping families move.**

**6685 8466**
byronbayfin.com.au

**AFTER SCHOOL BYRON BAY SKATEBOARD COACHING CLINIC**

Coach: Jai Lewan **ACREDITED**
Tuesday afternoon
Terms 1,2,3,4 coaching in 2013.
St Finnsbarr Primary School $180 includes 8 lessons (minimum of 8 students). All inquiries of interest please contact Jai Lewan.
Ph. 0413 058 189 Email. byronbayskateboardcoaching@gmail.com

**HAPKIDO CLASSES**
Korean Martial Art of Self Defence

**Class Times**

**Kids** (8years – 12 Years) Wednesday 3:45-5:00pm
**Adults** Tuesday 6:30pm-8:30pm
Thursday 6:30pm-8:30pm
Saturday 9:30am-11:30am

**Location** St Finbarr’s Primary School Hall
For more info call 0404 489 781

**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

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**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.

**School Banking**
School Banking is every **Wednesday**.
Could each student who has a banking wallet please hand it to their teacher.

**Canteen**
Rostered on for canteen this week is

**Friday 1 November** – Volunteer needed

**Tuesday 5 November** - Volunteer needed

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