Dear Parents and Carers

Congratulations to the Chisolm House on your win at last Friday’s School Swimming Carnival and to the Penola House who took out the Sportsmanship Trophy. All students were wonderful competitors and the spirit between the teams was positive and enthusiastic. This is the first swimming win for Chisolm since 2002.

Thank you to Mr Kerry Wills for his thorough organisation and hard work. Because of the dedication of Kerry, the staff and parents who assisted on the day it was a very successful carnival, enjoyed by competitors and spectators alike.

Classes 2014

Please find below the arrangement for teachers and their classes for 2014. Further staffing will be finalised over the coming weeks. Teachers will begin the process of arranging the placement of students into classes for 2014 next week and will meet a number of times over the following two weeks to finalise these class groups. This process involves the current and future (where possible) teachers of the stage, the Additional Needs Teacher, Mrs Boggis and myself.

Please be aware that many, many factors contribute to these arrangements. Because of this it is not appropriate for parents to ‘choose’ the class into which their child will be placed. If however there is any information about your child’s learning that might have an impact upon their placement, about which your child’s current teacher is unaware, please put this in writing to the attention of your child’s teacher or to me.

Kindergarten = Mrs Katherine McGloin

Stage 1 I = Mrs Jaeanne Imeson, Stage 1 J = Mrs Kate Jones, Stage 1 B = Mrs Sharon Boggis. Mrs Sheridan Hill will work across Stage 1.

Stage 2 O = Mr Tom O’Dwyer, Stage 2 H = Miss Sheryl Hurley, Stage 2 W = Mrs Emma Waters. Mrs Lisa Clark will work across Stage 2.

Stage 3 P = Mr Michael Piccoli, Stage 3 S = Miss Brianna Slattery, Stage 3 C = Mrs Donna Clark. Mrs Lisa Conti will work with Stage 3 P.

Mrs Helen Hunter and Mrs Celia Coleman will complete their contracts at St Finbarr’s at the end of this year. Both Helen and Celia have made significant contributions to the St Finbarr’s school community and I thank them both sincerely for all that they have given and wish them every blessing for 2014. A more formal thanks will take place at the final liturgy on December 20.

Regards

John Wilson
Principal

Professional Development

The following professional development activities are being undertaken by our teachers during the coming weeks.

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Important Dates

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| December |
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| 7 | 10am-3:00pm Xmas Fair |
| 17 | 10:00am Year 6 Graduation Mass at St Finbarr’s church |
| 18 | 6:00pm Graduation Supper and Ceremony at school hall |
| 19 | Stage 3 Wet N Wild excursion |
| 20 | 11:30am Final Liturgy and Ringing of the Bell Last day of school year |
Assistant Principal Message

REMINDERS

Making appointments with teachers

At Finbarr’s we whole-heartedly believe that a healthy partnership between parents and teachers is vital for providing the best education for your children. Open communication is an important aspect of this partnership. All of our teachers are dedicated and very happy to discuss issues that parents wish to raise regarding their children. In general, teachers will be busy with planning, making preparations and marking before and after school but there may be an opportunity to briefly mention something that is important for the teacher to know or to ask a quick question. However, if there is something that parents wish to have a discussion about, it is important that parents make an appointment with the class teacher at a time that will suit both parties. Class time from 8:50am to 3:10pm is not an appropriate time to approach a teacher expecting a discussion.

If you would like to call and leave a message for your child’s teacher during the school day, bare in mind that they may not receive this until after school. Teachers have limited time to read emails or check messages during the day, but they will get back to you as soon as possible.

School Uniform

As we move closer to the end of the school year, some students are becoming a little too relaxed with wearing the correct school uniform, particularly with shoes, socks and hair accessories. We ask that parents please ensure that their children are wearing the correct (navy) school socks, black shoes and school coloured hair bands, etc. for coming to school. Students should not have any bands or jewellery around their wrists or be wearing any nail polish to school.

Mobile Phones and I-Pods

A reminder for parents that students who bring phones or IPods to school, must keep them in their school bag throughout the day. This helps ensure that these expensive items are not lost or damaged at school. It also means there won’t be the temptation to use them during the school day. Students who catch the bus are reminded that they are not to use any of these devices until they have left school grounds.

All the best for the week ahead.

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 this Friday 15 November.

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RAFFLE TICKETS

Every student should have received their Raffle ticket book. Thankyou very much for helping raise funds, as you are aware the Christmas Fair is our biggest fund raiser for the year.

If you require more raffle books, or have not yet received your book, please send a note/contact Jenny in the office.

ANY UNSOLD tickets are to be returned to school, in addition to sold ticket please.

Thankyou, Christmas Fair Committee

Kinder at the school swimming carnival

BUSKERS WANTED

For the BUSKERS TENT AT THE FAIR

Can you sing? Dance? Play an instrument? Tell a joke?

Then we WANT YOU!

Please fill out your details on the form outside the library (on the leadership notice board) to put your name down as a Finnie’s busker and raise money for your school with your own amazing skills.
FOR THE GARDEN OF YOUR DAILY LIVING
PLANT THREE ROWS OF PEAS:
1. Peace of mind
2. Peace of heart
3. Peace of soul

PLANT FOUR ROWS OF SQUASH:
1. Squash gossip
2. Squash indifference
3. Squash grumbling
4. Squash selfishness

PLANT FOUR ROWS OF LETTUCE:
1. Lettuce be faithful
2. Lettuce be kind
3. Lettuce be patient
4. Lettuce really love one another

NO GARDEN IS WITHOUT TURNIPS:
1. Turnip for meetings
2. Turnip for service
3. Turnip to help one another

TO CONCLUDE OUR GARDEN WE MUST HAVE THYME:
1. Thyme for each other
2. Thyme for family
3. Thyme for friends

WATER FREELY WITH PATIENCE AND CULTIVATE WITH LOVE.
THERE IS MUCH FRUIT IN YOUR GARDEN BECAUSE YOU REAP WHAT YOU SOW.

Spring is the perfect time to plant a garden or to attend to an old garden which may be in need of some long overdue attention. In our prayer this week I invite you to reflect on your ‘Garden of Daily Living’ where Peas, Squash, Lettuce, Turnips and Thyme are identified as the seeds and plants necessary for fruitful and flourishing daily growth.

In November we remember the Saints and pray for all those who have passed before us. Our saint this week is St Fiacre, one of the many saints whose patronage is that of the herb and vegetable garden. Vegetable gardens have several patron saints. They include St. Werenfrid, patron saint of vegetable gardens; St. Isidore, patron saint of farmers and large gardens; and St. Patrick, who is not only the patron saint of the Irish, but also of organic gardening.

Blessings as you reap and sow,
Helen Hunter
Leader of Catechesis

Altar Server Roster Saturday 16 November
Group A
Caelan Maladay, Ben Callahan, Julia Brophy and Sam Callahan
Please be at the church at 5:40pm.

FROM THE MEDIA TEAM:
On November 8th the whole school slipped on a shirt, slopped on some sunscreen and slapped on a hat for the 2013 St. Finbarr’s Swimming Carnival. The days started with a prayer, a word from Mr Wilson and the Kindergartens being welcomed to their first swimming carnival, they then went off to the infant’s pool for some games. The first championship race was the one hundred metre freestyle which was followed by the fifty metre races. In between these events there were some non-competitive across the pool races and some novelty events. Penola won the sportsman ship award and Chisholm won the Carnival for the first time in a while. Big thanks to Mr Wills and to all other teachers and parents that helped out and for all the students showing great enthusiasm and sportsmanship.
written by Hamish Wilson and Lilli Sansom
**School Fees**
School fees are due Fri 22 November. 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.

**HAPKIDO CLASSES**
Korean Martial Art of Self Defence
Have Fun and Get Fit
New kids classes starting on 15 May
Class Times
**Kids** (8 years – 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

**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
18000263964 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 $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

**Austswim** Swimming Lessons call Sally Preston for bookings and info 0423222918

**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.

**Lismore Symphony Orchestra** – Lismore City Hall Sat 16 Nov 7.30pm 1300066772

**RRISK (reduce risk increase student knowledge)**- Free presentation Tweed Heads Civic Centre Thurs 5 Dec 4-6pm. Bookings essential by Fri 29 Nov ph. 1300292872 or 0266702400