General Messages

The Premier’s Reading Challenge has now begun!!

Every child at St Finbarr’s has been signed up this year and it is our goal to have all children finish the challenge by August 22nd.

Your child’s teacher will be passing on login details for your child to complete their online reading record as they finish each book.

K-2 need to read 30 books (5 of these are free choice but 25 have to be on the approved list). If your child is not reading independently they can also access the book either by it being read to them or by listening to an audio book.

Years 3-6 need to read 20 books (5 of these are free choice).

Our library is set up with the PRC books in special tubs so that it is extremely easy for them to choose an approved book.

It would be a great opportunity to visit Byron library in the holidays as they have books clearly labelled with PRC stickers. You could finish the challenge by the end of the Easter break!!

Please email Mrs Waters ewaters@ism.catholic.edu.au if you have specific issues with your child’s login details or type in “PRC NSW” to a search engine to find any other general information you need.

WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT IN HELPING YOUR CHILD TO COMPLETE THE 2014 CHALLENGE.

Pretty please with sugar on top....

The Heart Freezer would love some meals please, Mrs Jones’ class is allocated the month of April.

Unfortunately we have a few families in need of meals at present, and it would be nice to send some supply home for the holidays.

You should all have received your containers. Extra containers are readily available from the office.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Jo thewikes@live.com.au

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.

Term 1
7 April 2014

Trinity Catholic College Lismore

OPEN NIGHT
Thursday, 15th May
6.00pm
Trinity Sports Centre

Trinity Catholic College Lismore

HELPING FAMILIES MOVE

School Fees
Payments can be made by cash, cheque, credit card or forwarded directly to Bank account BSB 086-514 A/C No. 09000371. 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.

Principal’s Message

Dear Parents & Carers

John 11:25 - 26

Jesus said: I am the resurrection. Anyone who believes in me, even though that person dies, will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.

The resurrection is the pivotal event of the Christian story and in Sunday’s gospel John provides this precursor through Jesus’ dialogue with Martha and Mary at the death of their brother Lazarus. When told of the news of the death of Lazarus Jesus had responded, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, I am going there to awaken him”. As Holy Week approaches we are invited to reflect upon the meaning of Jesus’ resurrection in our lives, are we prepared to be ‘awakened’?

Thank You

Thank you for working so closely with our teachers this term. Our partnership and ongoing collaboration really make the difference to the learning and growth of our children. I really appreciate the many ways in which parents are involved in our community, through preparing heart freezer meals, uniform shop, library and canteen rosters, classroom support, Parish School Forum and Class Parent Involvement and many behind the scenes ways of assisting.

Parent Pickup Change - Important!!

This week we trialed a new system whereby the line of cars enters the school grounds. Our aim is keep more cars off the cul de sac and enable our children to wait safely under cover.

When queuing this week please follow our instructions as we direct your car through a new set of gates at the very end of our parking area, turning behind the goal posts on the oval and heading for the large sliding gate to exit. Please remain in your car as we direct children into the front cars. You will be unable to overtake but we will move you through quickly. After the first day we would appreciate your feedback. Once we have refined the process we will look to turn the area into a more permanent solution. Thanks to the Parish School Forum for pursuing this initiative.

Term One Successes

Our three school goals this year are as follows: 1. Further embed and celebrate our Catholic culture and rich tradition, 2. Improve learning results for all students, and 3. Collaborate systematically and interdependently.

Already this year we have together achieved a great deal:

Goal 1: Christian meditation has begun with staff. 40 days of Kindness program through Lent, parent participation in sacrament of Reconciliation, the first liturgy in our school chapel.

Goal 2: A snapshot of learning provided through Portfolios for every child in the school, professional learning teams have monitored strong growth in learning for our students in the number strand of mathematics, IEP meetings have established clear learning goals for students with additional needs

Goal 3: Parish School Forum initiation of new committees all of whom have been contacted for the first time via email through the school data base, parent pick up reorganisation, English and science classroom resources purchased through Xmas fair funds.

I wish your family every blessing through the coming Easter season and trust that you will enjoy a wonderful time of renewal with your family.

With best wishes for the coming week,

Regards,

John Wilson
Principal

Byron Bay Junior AFL
Still have U12 spots
(10 & 11year olds) available
Open to all boys and girls
Train Wed afternoon, game Sundays
Call 0433 198 205 or email: bregja@gmail.com

Bollywood Dance Kids Class
Dance, Play, Stretch, Laugh
Boys and Girls ages 4-11yrs
Tuesdays @ Yoga Peace in Mullum
Bookings Essential 0432310353 zerina@bollywoodsisters.com

Learn to Swim: Bangalow Swim School
Early bird enrollment special
babies to school age

Camp Millimbarre—2 day Financial Literacy course for students aged 9-16, Held in the April school holidays 26th and 27th April, 2014 at Byron Bay High School. Cost $199 per child or $348 for 2 siblings. Contact Kristy on 66888588 or kristy.board@kot.nsw.edu.au for bookings and further information.

Women’s Boxing at St Finbarr’s’ll Tue 6pm, Wed 6pm and Fri 6am.
Call Kendall for enquires on 0432175933

Toastmasters – meeting every 1st & 3rd Mon of the month in the music room at St Finbarr’s

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Learning

Assistant Principal’s Message

ANZAC Day
A reminder that ANZAC Day is fast approaching and St Finbarr’s has been invited to participate in the ANZAC Day March on Friday 25th April. Please be aware that this day falls in the school holidays. The parade will assemble in Bay Street outside the Beach Hotel at 10:15am and finish at the Memorial Gates Tennyson Street at approximately 12 noon. It would be wonderful to see as many of our students and families attend this special event to represent our school and honour all the men and women who so bravely gave of themselves for our country.

Absent Notes
As we come to the end of Term 1, teachers are working towards finalising class rolls. It would be greatly appreciated if you could assist in this area by ensuring that you have sent in any absent notes that may be required for your child.

Lost Property
The lost property container is overflowing with items of school clothing. Unfortunately, the majority of these items do not have a name. If your child has misplaced any items during the term, please come and check the lost property container outside the library.

Year 6 Leaders
Congratulations to all our Year 6 Leaders for the way in which they have carried out their roles of responsibility within the school community during Term 1. Their leadership and support is greatly appreciated by staff and students.

I would love to hear any positive feedback in regards to Year 6 leaders providing (TAA) teamwork at home and demonstrating initiative in help out in their families.

Michael Piccoli
Assistant Principal

THANK YOU
As we conclude Term 1 I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our wonderful parent helpers who make such a positive difference in our school community every day. During the Term the teachers have been very focused on creating positive learning environments, setting high expectations, and in response to their students’ knowledge and progress, based on data, they have created and implemented flexible and intentionally developed differentiated learning programs to enrich each student’s understanding across all Key Learning Areas. Your active engagement in your student’s learning, in partnership with our dedicated teachers, allows Finnie’s students to experience greater academic success and confidence in the classroom. Research indicates that active parental engagement, both at school and at home, will foster greater student success at school. As parents in partnership at St Finbarr’s Professional Learning Community (PLC), we thank you for your time and devotion in further fostering our love of learning.

Wishing you and your family a happy, safe and Holy Easter.

Lisa Conte
Leader of Pedagogy

Sports News

Congratulations to the following students for making it into the Zone Cross Country team:


Evangelisation News

This week, each class is participating in guided meditations from Monday to Thursday around the key events of Holy Week. The students will be spending 10-15 minutes each day in Jarum Gardens for these meditations.

Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday and finishes on Easter Sunday. Monday’s meditation explores Palm Sunday, where Jesus is welcomed back to Jerusalem. Tuesday’s meditation draws the students into the experience of those at the Last Supper, where Jesus instituted the first Mass and taught us through his washing of the feet that we should serve one another. On Wednesday, the meditation focuses on the experience of Jesus in the Garden at Gethsemane where he trusted in God’s unfailing support for him. Despite the terrible fear he was experiencing while in the Garden, Jesus remained calm.

Thursday’s meditation explores the events of Good Friday including Jesus’ death on the cross, before his resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Guided meditations lead us into a deeper friendship with Jesus Christ because we grow in our understanding of Him, including his human suffering and joys. Through the guided meditations, the students not only get a chance to see Jesus Christ as a person, but also to listen to him.

We invite you to encourage your children to talk with you about their guided meditation each day and how they are growing in their insight, understanding and friendship with Jesus.

Wishing you a peaceful, happy and safe Easter holiday with your families.

Kate Jones
Leader of School Evangelisation and Catechesis

For the diary:

10th April: Year 6 students have been busy baking for a cake stall which raises money for Project Compassion. Cakes are $1-$1.50.

Week 11: Stage 3 students are running an Easter egg raffle all week to raise money for Project Compassion. 11 prizes to be won!

10th April: Any outstanding Confirmation notes to be returned to Mrs Jones before holidays.

13th April: Mrs Conte will be running the children’s liturgy at Mass.

1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd May: 3:30-4:15pm Confirmation Sacramental Program in S. Finbarr’s school hall.

31st May: Family mass and presentation of Confirmation Candidates.

Canteen

Miss Slattery’s stage 3 class has been allocated the month of April for canteen duty.

Email Cyra, cyra.fisher@gmail.com to express your availability.

Friday the 11th April is the final day of term, but is canteen as usual.

Save the Date… 9th May 2014, at 7.45am is our famous Mother’s Day Breakfast.

Stage three will be hosting this motorsport morning. Professional photos have been arranged for the morning, and will replace the “Gift Stall”.

Coffee Cart, gourmet food, St Finbarr’s School Band, and back poplar demand our famous singing Principal - Mr Wilson

We look forward to sharing this wonderful occasion with the school and parish families.

Mr B is going for a little run!!!

This Friday, 11th April 2014, when the bell sounds for the start of school Mr B will be running laps of the school oval and continue running until the bell sounds at the end of the school day - that is about 6 hours!!!

The run is to raise money and awareness for a local charity ‘Our Kids’ who purchase lifesaving pediatric medical equipment for local hospitals. Mr B would like to invite anyone within the school community to join him during the day. One lap or one hour is it up to you! Donation can be made at the school office or via https://give.everydayhero.com/au/bellbell

ICAS Dates

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ICAS Computer Skills - 19th May 2014
ICAS Science - 4th June 2014
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Altar Server Roster - Saturday 12th April

Aydun Neighbour Camille Neighbour Julie Brophy

Please be at the church at 5:40pm.
Do you have children 6.5 to 14 years?
Are you worried about their weight?
✓ Fun games and activities for kids
✓ Tips to improve family nutrition
✓ Ways to maintain a healthy weight

CALL: 6620 7504

The Challenge of Disciplining Your Child
Assisting parents with constructive techniques in disciplining and encouraging their children
Monday, 14th April 2014, 10am to 1pm
Interrelate Family Centres
Ground Floor, 5 Market Street, Lismore
$25 ($15 concession card holders) Ph: (02) 6623 2750

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### BEFORE SCHOOL

**Fit Fins Run Squad 2013**  Learn how to run!

**Monday mornings 8.00—8.40am**

10 week training program developed specifically for primary age children, to improve running form, aerobic fitness and racing technique, with an Athletics Australia accredited coach (Level 2, Advanced).

Training Mondays 8-8.40am (lower school field). $40 for the term, including training/racing singlet for new registrations. Contact carolinebailey@rocketmail.com to register.

**School Band**

**Thursday mornings 8.00—8.45am**

Students who currently learn an instrument through the Xavier Music Program are invited to join Mrs Rebecca Fogarty each Thursday.

Contact the office if you are interested.

### DURING SCHOOL

**Xavier College Music Program**

- Small Group Lessons $125 per term
- Individual lessons $248 per term
- Ensemble Rehearsal & Performance  Free
- Application forms from the Office.

Woodwinds: Flute, Recorder, Clarinet, Saxophone
Brass: Trumpet, Trombone & Vocal
Percussion & Drum
Orchestral Strings: Violin, Viola, Cello

### AFTER SCHOOL

**Hapkido**

Korean Martial Art of Self Defence

**Adults & Teenagers**

Tues & Thurs 6.30pm-8.30pm
Sat 9.30am-11.30am

**Kids 8 – 12 Years**

Wed 3.45pm-5.00pm

**Location**

St Finbarr's Primary School Hall, Byron Bay

For more info call: 0404 489 781

**New French classes**

Research shows that learning another language at a young age can improve learning abilities across the board.

New French classes for Kindy children and new students at St Finbarr’s will begin on Thursdays after school in Term 2.

Enrolments are being processed now; please see the ‘New Classes in French in 2014’ flyer on the school’s office noticeboard for more details; or email French teacher Patsy Bennett at patsybennett@hotmail.com directly.

$10/ class, Thursday after school, 3.15pm-3.45pm

**ST FINBARR’S AFTER SCHOOL YOGA CLUB**

After School Yoga Club @ St Finbarrs with Karen
For - 5-8 Year olds
**Starts - Term 2 Tuesday 6th May**
**Time - 3.15 - 4.15**
Cost - $91 - 7wk block
Book with Karen - 0420 239 791

**Music Teachers:**

- Piano: Christina Gobert-Freeman 0402549 953
- Email: leelavalleyfarm@hotmail.com

Piano & Guitar: Christina Rygiert 0402 549 953

**AUSSIE HOOPS— Junior Basketball**

Join in the fun, Term 2, no experience necessary

**NEW! NOW AT 2 LOCATIONS; Aussie Hoops,(4-8yr olds)**
1. Thursdays; 3.30-4.15pm @ Byron Bay primary school
2. Fridays; 3.30-4.15pm @ St. Finbarrs Gym.

Costs per; Initial Registration $100.00/term, subsequent terms $80.00/term

All First time participants receive a Singlet and Ball, just turn up and register 8th or 9th/5/14.

For Enq. e-mail, info@byronbasketball.com or phone a/h 66872246 Website; www.byronbasketball.com