General Messages

Trinity Catholic College Lismore

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

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.

LOST PROPERTY
New lost property bins have been installed outside the library. Please feel free to check these bins throughout the term for lost items. Note that any items that remain in the bins at the end of term will be donated to the uniform shop or local op shop.

Principal's Message

Dear Parents & Carers

Anzac Day is a day to acknowledge those who suffered and still suffer from the effects of war. A day to remember the strength of the human spirit and the value of mateship, but above all else, it is a time to remember those who have fallen. Almost a century after the Gallipoli landing we need not search for more than four words to embody the spirit of Anzac – courage, endurance, mateship, sacrifice. These words have stood the test of time.

Lest we forget.
General David Hurley, 25 April 2013.

Congratulations to the 25 St Finbarr's students and their families who participated in Friday’s ANZAC march and ceremony. This is a very important day in our nation’s history and culture and it was wonderful to see our students take their place in the local community to honour the ‘courage, endurance, mateship and sacrifice’ of our local men and women.

Parent Pick Up Update

The trial that took place in the final week of last term was very successful. By bringing the cars into the school grounds we were able to significantly reduce the queue of traffic entering the cul de sac and waiting in the bus bays. With thanks to Adam Thistlethwaite and Chris Foster a number of loads of gravel have been bedded down along the new internal drive. Please consider using parent pick up of an afternoon to reduce the number of cars competing for a parking space. Just enter through the new gate at the end of the cul de sac and follow our directions.

School Visit

Today and tomorrow Mr Piccoli and I are at Pakenham Springs Primary School in Melbourne where the school has been operating as a Professional Learning Community for about five years. Our aim is to learn from the Principal and staff about specific strategies and protocols the school has developed that has enabled them to be so successful in achieving excellent learning results for their students. We are most interested in how the school manages intervention for students who are not proficient at the end of a unit and for those who are already proficient prior to beginning a unit. We are looking forward to working more closely with you as St Finbarr’s continues to grow as a professional learning community.

"A Professional Learning Community (PLC) is educators committed to working collaboratively in an ongoing processes of collective inquiry and action research to achieve better results for the students they serve. PLCs operate under the assumption that the key to improved learning for students is continuous,job-embedded learning for educators." (from the Pakenham Springs website: http://pakenhamsprings.vic.edu.au/)

With best wishes for our Term together.

Regards,

John Wilson
Principal

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Learn to Swim: Bangalow Swim School
Early bird enrolment special
Babies to school age
Bangalow Swim School www.bangalowswim.com.au
Ph: 6687 2911

Student Exchange—New Students Arriving in July.
World Education Program (WEP) Australia is a not-for-profit student exchange organisation. We are now looking for volunteer host families interested in welcoming an exchange student into their home and family in July.

If you too want to partake in this life changing opportunity and enrich your family with an enthusiastic exchange student from another culture, contact WEP now to receive program information and student profiles. Full support is provided.

Request Free Program Information
Phone: 1300 864 733
Email: sylvia@wep.org.au
Web: wep.org.au/info/hosting-enq

BYRON BAY JUNIOR BASKETBALL TERMS 2 & 3
Join in the fun of our Winter Season, Terms 2 & 3, no experience necessary
Miniball: (5-12yrs old) Skills Sessions-Tuesdays 4-5pm. (6/5/14 to 24/8/14: $75.00). Must turn up to register child at 4pm 5/5/14.
Also Team Nominations now accepted for: Boys and Girls GIRLS - Primary & High School - Saturdays (starts AM 10/5/14), Early games!
BOYS - Primary & Junior High Boys - Intermediate (yrs. 7 & 8 only) - Monday Afternoons (starts 5/5/14)
MUSTERS - if looking for a team!!!
Boys 5.30pm- Monday (5/5/14)
Girls 10.30am- Saturday (10/5/14)
For Enq. + Forms e-mail info@byronbasketball.com or phone a/h 66572246
Website: www.byronbasketball.com

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Learning
A big thank you to Jacky Wilkosz, Finnis’s finest Librarian, for the amazing Science resource kits that she sourced and assembled for each class family during the holidays. These kits will greatly assist our teachers with the implementation of their dynamic hands on Science units of work this Term. Thank you Jacky we really appreciate your efforts, our children are blessed.

Lisa Conte
Leader of Pedagogy

ANZAC Day March 2014
What a beautiful day it was to celebrate such an important date in our nation’s history. It was lovely to have so many children and families in joining the march this year.

Evangelisation News
Welcome back to Term 2. In recent days we have been reminded of the many acts of bravery by the ANZACs. We heard about soldiers who put the needs of their comrades first and in doing so acted heroically. For many this meant giving their life so that we might have the freedom that we now enjoy.

Just prior to ANZAC day we also celebrated another kind of freedom through the selfless love of Jesus Christ who gave his life for us at Easter.

As Christians, we believe that the death and resurrection of Christ signals a new freedom for each of us. This is the freedom to choose love. Filled with courage and strength we embrace the future with hope, despite the challenges we experience in everyday life. Meeting the risen Christ through prayer and friendship can transform our capacity to live loving, just and peace-filled lives.

Kate Jones
Leader of School Evangelisation and Catechisis
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Student Awards
Congratulations to the following St Finbarr’s students whose achievements will be recognised at our next whole school assembly on Friday.

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Evangelisation and Catechisis Noticeboard
Is anyone from Year 3 up interested in joining the Altar Servers roster for this term? St. Kevin’s, Bangalow and St. Finbarr’s, Byron Bay are both looking for new altar servers. All training will be provided – just bring your enthusiasm!

Confirmation Preparation program begins this Thursday at 3:30pm in the hall.

Mrs McGlone will be leading the children’s liturgy at Mass this Saturday, 3rd May.

Are there any students interested in singing at 6pm Saturday mass on May 10th and 31st? All ages warmly invited! Mrs Jones will hold a lunchtime practice before each.

St Finbarr’s Heart Freezer celebrates its fifth Birthday!
That is five years of sharing the love, and “Seeing a need, and doing something about it.”

MAY has been allocated to Miss Hurley’s class. A full explanation and instructions will come home in a takeaway container this week. Please see Rita, Jenny or Rachel in the office to deliver your donation.

The Heart Freezer distributes meals to families within our school community who are in need of support. This could be the birth of a baby, illness, or loss, or just because!

The heart freezer operates confidentially. Class teachers, Cyra (Canteen) or the office staff can help you with any queries.

ICAS Dates
- ICAS Computer Skills - 19th May 2014
- ICAS Science - 4th June 2014
- ICAS Spelling - 11th June 2014
- ICAS Writing - 16th June 2014
- ICAS English - 23rd July 2014
- ICAS Mathematics - 6th August 2014

Mr B’s run for ‘Our Kids’
On the last day of term 1, Mr B successfully completed his goal of running the oval from the front bell at the start of school until the bell rang at the end of the school day - an incredible 6 hours!!!

Mr B would like to extend a big thank you to all who donated and supported him on the day, with a special thank you to parents Jo Wilkie and Nathan Allen who joined him in running an hour each and to all the kids who joined him throughout the day and helped to raise his moral and keep him going.

Donations for the ‘Our Kids’ run can still be made at the school office or via https://give.everydayhero.com/au/belltobell

Our Kids

Natalia Hole
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Please be at the church at 5.45pm.

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 along details on how 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 experience 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 tabs so that it is extremely easy for them to choose an approved book.

It would be a great opportunity to visit Byron library as they have books clearly labelled with PRC stickers.

Please email Mrs Waters ewaters@lism.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.

Our Kids