Hapkido
Korean Martial Art of Self Defence
Adults & Teenagers
Tues & Thurs 6:30pm-8:30pm
Sat 9:30am-11:30am
Kids 8 – 12 Years
Tues & Weds 3:45pm-5:00pm
Location St Finbarr’s Primary School Hall, Byron Bay
For more info call: 0404 489 781

OASIS 2014: ‘Light the Fire Within’
Lismore Diocesan Young Adult Weekend
Age suitability 18-40yrs
The weekend will be held from
9am Saturday 1st May – 2pm Sunday 1st June 2014
At “Koinonia by the Sea” Terrace St, EVANS HEAD NSW 2473

DIOCESE CO ORGANIZER Fr Richard Foley
82 6083 2051 / 0411 699 708 catholicchurch.com.au@icloud.com

All parents and parishioners are warmly invited to attend
An afternoon retreat with Fr Richard Leonard SJ
From Darkness into Light: holding onto faith through tough times
Thursday 16th May 15:00-17:00

School Fees
Payments can be made by cash, cheque, credit card or forwarded direct to
Bank account BSB 052-514 A/C No. 00900371. Please quote account number or child’s name as details. BPAY facilities are also available using Bili Code & Reference No. from statement. Please contact John Wilson if you are experiencing financial difficulty.

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

St Finbarr’s Heart Freezer
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.

General News
- On Display - Parent Notice Board (Old Library)

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 884 733
Email: sydney@wep.org.au
Web: wep.org.au/info/hosting-enq

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

Byron Bay Fire Station OPEN DAY
Firefighters are encouraging people to visit Byron Bay Fire Station, 3 Kingsley St, Byron Bay on Saturday 17th May for Annual Open Day.
From 10.00am–2.000pm

Early Bird tickets on sale now for Byron’s celebration of all things literary
Food, history, true crime, travel, music, politics, screenwriting, memoir, journalism, sport, surf, poetry, art, romance, education, comedy... whatever your literary love, the Byron Bay Writers Festival has it covered. Early Bird tickets for the 16th Festival are on sale now and if history is any indication, they’ll sell fast. Don’t miss seeing Bob Brown, Tim Flannery, Mem Fox, US author Poe Ballantine, Malcolm Fraser, Clare Wright (winner of the 2014 Stella Award) and so many more. Full program announced June 6.

Term 2 13 May 2014 Week 3
Loving, Growing, Learning for Life

Principal’s Message
Dear Parents & Carers
John 10:1-10
Jesus said: …The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice…’ I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold.

Mother’s Day Breakfast Thank You
Have you noticed that no matter how inclement the weather looks the night before, the rain always disappears on the morning of our MD Breakfast – clear proof of just how influential a group you mums are! Thanks to Emma, Jo, Denise, Gabby and their team and the Stage 3 parents for a beautiful celebration on Friday morning.

Parent Pickup Update
Thanks to all parents for the speed and positive manner with which you’ve got on board with the new drive through routine. Our next step is to paint arrows and no parking areas outside the fence to ensure all are clear on where the queue forms to enter the oval. By all accounts the new procedures have made a real dent on traffic flow entering the cul de sac, our children are now able to stay dry while waiting during rainy weather and the management of parent pick up is much smoother for our students and staff.

NAPLAN
Students in Years 3 and 5 take part in the four NAPLAN assessments over the next three mornings. These cover Language Conventions, Writing, Reading and Numeracy. Each test lasts approximately 45 minutes. It will help students in those classes if they are here ready to begin the day by 8:50am.

With best wishes for the coming week.
Regards,

John Wilson
Principal

Putting People First: The call for an economy of social inclusion
The following is an excerpt from the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council’s Pastoral Letter for the Feast of St Joseph the Worker. Pope Francis has renewed the call of the Church to make the dignity of the human person the central focus of national and global economies. Australians are being warned that the so-called ‘age of entitlement’ is over. It is regrettable that, throughout the two decades of economic growth, there has been so little discussion of our society’s obligations to those who have been left behind and excluded from the mainstream. These people do have entitlements.

We need an economy that is animated by a concern for dignity of workers and their families. In cooperation with all sectors of business, unions, and the community, Government has a responsibility to ensure workers and their families are put first in the nation’s economic system.

We need a competitive and productive national economy. But we cannot leave it to the market alone. There is a responsibility on government to ensure all people can make their contribution to the productivity of our nation and reap the benefits of growth. In a modern society, how can we create employment – decent employment – for all who are capable of it? As Pope Francis says:

Growth in justice requires more than economic growth, while presupposing such growth: it requires decisions, programmes, mechanisms and processes specifically geared to a better distribution of income, the creation of sources of employment and an integral promotion of the poor which goes beyond a simple welfare mentality.

Moat Rev Christopher Saunders, DD
Bishop of Broome, Chairman Australian Catholic Social Justice Council

165 Bangalow Road Byron Bay NSW 2481 tel: 6685 6342 fax: 6685 8784 email: sfbyron@lism.catholic.edu.au www.sfbyron.lism.catholic.edu.au
Learning

K-2 Parent Reading Workshop 3.30pm – 4.30pm Wednesday
Parents and caregivers are reminded that our school family will be hosting an informative reading workshop this Wednesday afternoon in the Library. Nic Constable, from the Catholic Schools Office, will host this session which will empower parents to support their child’s independent reading at home. You will get to witness reading in action, receive practical advice and obtain comprehension and reading strategy handouts to use when reading at home. We would love to see you there.
Lisa Conte
Leader of Pedagogy

Evangelisation News

Last weekend, Catholics celebrated Good Shepherd Sunday at Mass. The Gospel story, ‘The Good Shepherd and His Sheep’, is one of the most popular stories used in Catholic Primary schools around the world. This parable forms a significant part of the first Religion unit taught in Kindergarten. It provides a way of helping students develop an understanding that Jesus is the Good Shepherd who loves, protects and cares for them.

Each staff member in a Catholic school seeks to be the presence of the Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ, in their interactions with children. St. Finian’s emphasis on pastoral care and student wellbeing is based on the same values shown to us in this parable. Staff seek to ensure our students are known, cared for, safe, welcomed and experience a sense of belonging. This is best achieved in partnership with parents and caregivers. We welcome every opportunity to work together in building a Catholic school community that has the care and wellbeing of our students at its heart.

Evangelisation and Catechesis Noticeboard

- Confirmation Preparation program continues this Thursday at 3:30pm in the hall.
- Budding singers? Any students interested in singing at the Family Mass on May 31st are asked to let Mrs. Jones know by the end of Week 3.
- Any students in Stage 3 interested in singing at the Confirmation ceremony are asked to speak with Miss Stelley this week to meet for lunchtime rehearsal and collect a permission note.

St Finbarr’s School Band
St Finbarr’s concert band, 8am Thursdays in the school hall. Open to all Xavier Music Program students. Particularly after brass players.
Lots of fun!
Any inquiries contact: Rebecca Fogarty 0458 106 317 becfogarty@bigpond.com

St Finbarr’s After School Yoga Club
After School Yoga Club @ St Finbarr’s with Karen
For - 5-8 Year olds
Tuesdays 3.15 - 4.15
Book with Karen - 0420 239 791

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Mother’s Day Breakfast
Thank you to our Sponsors

- Chatra Jewellery Designs
- Earth N Sea Pizza & Pasta
- Byron Beach Cafe
- Byron Bay Museums
- Justine Riley Graphic Design
- Terry Bleakley, Bleak Films
- Byron Bay Hot Bread Kitchen
- First National Byron Bay
- Byron Skips

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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Finniss Finest
Mary Mackillop

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Canteen
May Canteen Duty is allocated to Mrs McGlinch’s Kindy class.

Please email Cyra to pledge your help: cyra.fisher@gmail.com
Friday—16 May—help needed
Tuesday—20 May—help needed

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ICAS Dates

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Professional Development

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Learning for Life

ICAS COMPUTER SKILLS TEST ON MONDAY

The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) is run by the University of New South Wales and is the largest independent competition and assessment program for schools in Australia. Interested children who have registered from Years 3-6 will be participating in the computer skills test on Monday, 19 May.

The next ICAS test is Science on 4 June for children who have registered from Y2-6.

TIPS FOR ICAS TESTS

Instructions on ICAS tests will be explained on the day before each test but here are some helpful tips which you might like to read before the day:
1. Make sure you colour in the bubble next to the right question number.
2. Read each question carefully and choose the best answer from the options given.
3. If a question is taking a very long time, go on to the next question and go back to the one you missed at the end of the time but be sure to mark the page in the question booklet or circle the question number so you remember to go back to it.
4. If you are not sure of the answer, cross out the options you know are wrong and then decide between what is left.
5. Marks are not deducted for incorrect answers, so have a go!
6. If you are doing the English paper, read the whole passage before you start answering the questions.
7. When you think you have finished, use the leftover time to check your answers.
8. If you have done the Writing test, take care to read through your writing again and edit your work for errors in expression, spelling and punctuation.