General Messages

Kids Hapkido Classes
Great for helping with confidence, discipline and focus while having fun and learning an effective self defence.
New Kids Class Now Available on Tuesdays
3:45pm-5:00pm
Hapkido Kids Class Timetable (8 – 12 Years)
Tues 3:45pm-5:00pm
Weds 3:45pm-5:00pm
Location
St Finbars Primary School Hall, Byron Bay
For more info call: 0404 489 781

New Rainbow Club in Byron Bay
Rainbow Club believes that learning to swim is important for all children, including those with a disability, and we recognise that concentrated and individual focus helps those with a disability to pursue the skills needed to stay safe in and out of the water.

Rainbow Club offers specially designed swim lessons for children with a physical or intellectual disability, from pre-school to high school age.

A new Rainbow Club is being established in Byron Bay and classes will begin in September 2014.

We are now looking to register children who would like to participate. We are also looking for parent committee members to assist in running the club.

If you would like to hear from interested corporate sponsors to ensure the club continues to operate in the years to come.

For further information please email
rainbowclubbys@gmail.com
or
call Lacey on 0409 038 153
jane@oceanclubbys.com.au

OASIS 2014: ‘Light the Fire Within’
Lismore Diocesan Young Adult Weekend
Age suitability 18-40yrs
The weekend will be held from
Saturday 31 May – 2nd Sunday 1st June 2014
At “Kolonitia by the Sea” Terrace St, EVANS
HEAD NSW 2473

DIOCESAN CO-ORDINATOR Fr Richard Foley
02 6623 2011 / 0417 697078 catholicchurch.coffs@bigpond.com

Principal’s Message

Dear Parents & Carers

John 14: 1 and 6
Do not let your hearts be troubled. You trust in God, trust also in me.
Jesus said: I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me.

How much of our day is spent with a troubled heart or an anxious mind? John draws our attention in Sunday’s gospel to Jesus being the way to the Father; the way into a deeper experience of life itself. Perhaps it is an invitation to pause, to trust that everything is okay just as it is and to love like Jesus.

Parent Teacher Interviews
I look forward to a week of engaging discussions between parents and teachers (and in some cases, students) regarding your child’s learning successes. I hope that you are able to share detailed information and wisdom that will lead to clear learning goals for our children for the remainder of the term. Interviews are of 15 minutes duration unless you have arranged a longer session with your child’s teacher. If during your interview anything arises that needs further discussion please just make another time to address this as there are many interviews occurring each day and for the sake of all we rely on keeping to time.

Professional Learning Community (PLC)
Some important learning has recently occurred in our ongoing journey as a PLC: Late last term our staff learned how to be more targeted and creative in using simple check-ins to assess student learning. Early this term Mr Piccoli and I learned some clever ways of planning for and implementing learning interventions from Packenham Springs School in Melbourne; and last week our Leadership team spent 90 minutes in conversation with leading scholars and practitioners, Richard and Rebecca Du Four from America, learning about which practices we need to be ‘tight’ about (committed to and consistent with) in our learning community.

As a teaching staff we have made some significant changes to our practice over the last 18 months in order to improve learning results for all our students, particularly in the most essential elements of the curriculum. It is very important that our students and parents are engaged in these practices with us so that we are indeed a professional learning community.

To that end, the new Learning for Life team is a group of parents who nominated early this year to take part in supporting learning in our school. At our first meeting I invited the team to help me engage our parents more fully in this process; to do more than just relay information about the work of our teachers. The team will meet again next Thursday to develop some strategies in pursuit of this goal. If you would like to be involved please contact the Learning for Life Coordinator, Simone Webbe (swwebb@bigpond.com)

I encourage you to look out for updates from the LFL team about ways that you can discover more about and become involved in our work together as a professional learning community.

With best wishes for the coming week.

Regards,

John Wilson
Principal

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

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

BONYON BAY WRITERS FESTIVAL
1-3 AUGUST 2013

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 18th 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 Bajantine, Malcolm Fraser, Clare Wright (winner of the 2014 Stella Award) and so many more. Full program announced June 6.
Pick-up your 3 Day Pass and Youth Pass now. Call 1300 368 552 or www.byrnonbaywritersfestival.com

155 Bangalow Road Byron Bay NSW 2481 tel: 6685 6342 fax: 6685 6784 email: sbjbyron@lism.catholic.edu.au www.sbjbyron@lism.catholic.edu.au

Loving, Growing, Learning for Life
Learning

Last week Nic Constable, from the Catholic Schools Office, presented K-2 parents with an informative workshop about fostering a love reading in our children. He also recommended the following websites for accessing further reading ideas, resources and games:

Reading Rockets site - http://www.readingrockets.org/
School AtoZ site - http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au
Interactive reading games - http://www.roythezebra.com

If you would like any of the handouts distributed please collect them from the office.

ICAS Computer Skills

Yesterday 9 of our students sat the ICAS Computer Skills assessment set by the UNSW. Congratulations to those students for their enthusiastic participation and we eagerly await their results. Thank you to our ‘Learning for Life’ team who assist to coordinate and supervise the ICAS assessments.

Lisa Conte
Leader of Pedagogy

Evangelisation News

On Saturday night, Fr. John reminded us at Mass of the importance of giving time and energy to those we love.

In his homily, Fr. John surprised us a little by drawing on Harry Potter as a way of conveying the message of love from last weekend’s Gospel of St. John. In ‘Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone’, Harry finds the Mirror of Erised in a distant room of Hogwarts. When a person looks into this mirror, the mirror will reflect whatever that person’s heart most greatly desires. For Ron, this is holding the Quidditch Cup, while for Harry it is seeing his deceased parents. Harry returns to the room several times to see his parents and on his third return, Dumbledore finds him here. As only Dumbledore can do, he gently explains to Harry that five minutes with those we love is never enough, as we are always left wanting more.

As humans we relate to stories. We empathise with the characters and are drawn into their joys, hurt and struggles. Stories such as Harry Potter have poignant messages of friendship, loss and the power of love a parent has for their child, even at the cost of their life.

Sometimes it feels like there is never enough time to let our family and friends know that we love them. Nor is there ever enough time for us to allow ourselves to fully take in the love of family and friends for us. This is equally true of our relationship with God who is always there for us and whose love nourishes and sustains us every day of our lives.

Kate Jones
Leader of School Evangelisation and Catechesis

Evangelisation and Catechesis Noticeboard

• 26th May: The Bishop will be visiting St. Finbarr’s to talk to the Confirmation candidates about their preparation and understanding of the sacrament of Confirmation.
• May 31st: All families are invited to attend the family mass, where the Confirmation candidates will be presented to the Parish community. Students of all ages, including the Early Years, are invited to sing at this Mass. Please let Mrs Jones know at school or via email if you are interested.
• June 2nd: Confirmation is at 6pm in St. Finbarr’s Church.

Altar Server Roster - Saturday 24th May
Gabe & Jude Taylor
Tom Wilson
Amelia Luckman
Please be at the church at 5.40pm.

ICAS Dates

ICAS Science - 4th June 2014
ICAS Spelling - 10th June 2014
ICAS Writing - 11th June 2014
ICAS English - 23rd July 2014
ICAS Mathematics - 8th August 2014

Professional Development

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

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School Fees

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

School Photos Reminder

Reminder that school photos are being taken next Monday, 26th May. If you wish to purchase photos please be sure to get your money and order in by this Friday.

Head ice

As we have advised of a number of cases of head lice throughout the school, we are asking that you please check your child’s hair for nits/lice tonight using the methods recommended in information from NSW Health (http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/pubs/healthenv/lice/headlice/treatment.aspx).

If you find any eggs or lice please commence treatment as recommended.

Further information on head lice is available on the NSW Health website (details above) or through the Department’s website at http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/studentsupport/studentshealth/conditions/headlice/index.php.

St Finbarr’s School Band

St Finbarr’s concert band, Barn Thursdays in the school hall. Open to all Xavier Music Program students. Particularly after brass players.

Lots of fun!!!

Athy Inquiries contact:
Rebecca Fogarty 0458 106 317
beccafogarty@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

Sports news

Diocesan Cross Country

Good luck to our runners who travel to Lismore for the Diocesan Cross Country.

Polding Representative: Congratulations Lola Neal & Oliver Rojo

Congratulations to Lola (Girls Football) and Oliver (AFL) who gained selection in their respective Polding Team to compete at the All Schools Carnival. This is a mighty achievement and sincere thanks must go to the parents for their support. It is a tough and expensive road to travel for country kids to reach this level.

School Sport Term 2

Gymnastics commences on Wednesday and will continue for the next 6 weeks. All classes will participate in the program which is being presented by North Coast Gymnastics. Each session will run for 40 minutes.

School Athletics Carnival: Friday 20th June

Kerry Wills
Sport and PDHPE Coordinator

Canteen

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

Please email Cyra to pledge your help:
Cyra.fisher@gmail.com
Friday—23 May—help needed
Tuesday—27 May—help needed
Assistance from 9-10am is appreciated.