Principal's Message

Dear Parents & Carers,
Matt 28: 20

"And know that I am with you always, yes to the end of time."

Sunday’s feast of the Ascension provides an assurance for us of God’s continued presence in our lives, even (or perhaps especially) when life seems difficult or we feel alone.

Confirmation Congratulations

Congratulations to Conall, Scarlett, Anastacia, Charlie, Jack, Joshua, Thomas, Sara, Tilly, Lily, Thomas, Joseph, Jake, Sophia, William, Olivia, Coco, Mathew, Jake, Melody, Sofi, Bella, Emily, Asha, Jack, Indigo, Scarlett, Beau, Tom, Archie, Isabella, Erin, Laura, Jonah and Annika who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last night. Thank you to Bishop Jarrett and Fr Anthony for spending time with the children yesterday and for the way in which you led the celebration. Thank you also to our teachers, to the beautiful choir and to Mrs Jones for the hours of time she gave to assisting the children over the last six weeks.

Finally I thank you, our parents, for taking the time to help prepare your children for this important sacrament. It is an expectation of the parish that parents be involved in their children’s sacramental preparation but I appreciate that this is not always easy. I am confident that your involvement made the experience more meaningful for your children.

The four critical questions within our professional learning teams

After ensuring they are crystal clear about what specifically needs to be learned within a unit, the teachers in each team then address the second question, how they will know if each student has learned it.

1. How will we know when the students have learned it? What will proficiency in this learning look like? How do students demonstrate their knowledge and skills? The teachers collaborate to develop simple common assessment tasks that they use throughout their teaching of the unit to check that each student has learned the expected knowledge and skills.

At St Finbar's we are committed to a focus on checking that students have learned what is being taught. If we are too focussed on ‘getting through’ content the detailed learning of some students can easily be overlooked.

Christmas Fair

The Parish School Forum made a decision at its last meeting to provide some payment to the position of Christmas Fair Coordinator. Currently there is a Christmas Fair Committee, strong in number, and a very clear outline of tasks and timeframes but no one to coordinate the Fair. If you are interested in being considered for the role would you please email Rachel Kearney at the school office on rkearney@lism.catholic.edu.au

Regards,

John Wilson
Principal
Learning

Year 6 Religious Education Test
All Year 6 students within the Diocese of Lismore will sit for the Diocesan RE test on Wednesday, 11 June. This test covers all areas of the RE curriculum taught in our school. The test is marked externally and each child will receive their results later in the year. The school also receives valuable information informing us of our areas of achievement and areas for improvement.

Finnie’s Five
1. Hands are for helping not for hurting
2. Speak to please not to tease
3. Play it safe in the right place
4. While you eat sit on a seat
5. Want to play? Wear a hat today

The Eight That Make Finnie’s Great
1. Love like Jesus did
2. Be True to Yourself
3. Always do Your Best
4. Speak up and support others
5. Encourage each other
6. Give everyone a Fair Go
7. Help everyone Belong
8. Celebrate and educate For Life

Michael Piccoli
Assistant Principal

Important Dates

**June**
- 5 Maths Olympiad workshop
- 11 8.30am School Forum Executive-meeting
- 12 Yr 6 RE Test
- 13 Math Olympiad 2nd test
- 14 Questacon Science Day
- 15 2.30pm School Assembly
- 16 6.00–8.00pm Forum meeting
- 20 School Athletics Carnival
- 23 Public Speaking Finals 11.30–1.30pm and 2.00–3.00pm
- 25–27 Stage 2 Excursion
- 27 Maths Olympiad workshop
- 27 2.30pm School Assembly

**July**
- 11 2.30pm School Assembly
- 21 6.00–8.00pm Forum meeting
- 25 Zone Athletics Carnival
- 25-27 2.30pm School Assembly
- 28-30 Stage 3 Sydney Excursion
- 29 6.00–8.00pm Parents info night 1st Communion

**August**
- 1 Math Olympiad 3rd Test
- 8 DIO Athletics Carnival
- 23 2.30pm School Assembly
- 11 Pupil Free Day

Evangelisation News

Congratulations to all our students who were confirmed last night by Bishop Geoffrey Jarrett and Fr. Anthony.

We were also fortunate to celebrate the first St. Finnie’s Family Mass for 2014 on Saturday night. 18 students from Kindy to Stage 3, led by Lavender and Camille, joined Mr O’H in leading the singing and what a beautiful job they did! A special Mass was made even more memorable by Fr. Anthony’s homily, one that reminded us that God is with us always because God, quite simply, is love, gentle and ever present much like the love of a parent for their child.

We look forward to our next Family Mass in Term 3, which will be held in Bangalow.

Kate Jones
Leader of School Evangelisation and Catechesis

Evangelisation and Catechesis Noticeboard
- 7th June: Mrs Clark will be leading the children’s liturgy this Saturday.
- 11th June: Year 6 Religious Education Test.
- 19th June: Early Years Liturgy of the Word in the School Chapel.

Road Safety Tips for Parents
To comply with national child restraint laws, your child should be restrained in the car as follows:
- 0 – 6 months – Approved rearward-facing child car seat
- 0 – 6 months – Approved rearward-facing or forward-facing child car seat
- 6 – 7 years – Approved forward-facing child car seat or booster seat.

Make a rule that every child passenger must be securely buckled into a seatbelt or child car seat before you start the car.
A sleeping child must remain firmly buckled up while the car is in motion. Reward your child with lots of praise for good road safety behaviour.
Assist your young child to buckle up – always check the buckle and make sure the belt is not twisted.
Ensure your children always get in and out of the car through the ‘safety door’. This is the rear kerb side door of the car.
Never allow children to get out of the car on the traffic side.
When possible, children should remain in the car until an adult opens the ‘safety door’. This helps ensure that children get out of the car safely. Children aged between four and seven years cannot travel in the front seat of a vehicle with two or more rows, unless all other back seats are occupied by children younger than seven years in a child car seat.
A child that is properly secured in an approved child car seat is less likely to be killed or injured in a car crash than one who is not.

If time is short... ONE HOUR of help 8.30-9.30 would be greatly appreciated.

Thankyou to Michelle Herbert who consistently gives of her time to the Canteen.