HOLY SPIRIT PARISH invite you to the Annual Parish Dinner
Thursday 24th July 6.30pm for 7pm
To be held at the Pandanus Room Byron Services Club
Buffet dinner $30

This is a lovely opportunity to socialise and unite the School and Parish. All staff and parents are warmly invited. Please email Jo Wilkie thewilkes@live.com.au if you would like to be included on a table.

School Fees
Payments can be made by cash, cheque, credit card or forwarded direct to Bank account BSB 062-614 A/C No. 00800371. 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.

Women’s Reflection Day
St Francis Xavier Parish, Ballina invites you to join us in a day of prayer and reflection with Sister Maureen McDermott on Sunday, August 31 2014
St Francis Xavier Old School Hall, Swift St Ballina from 10am till 4pm.

For More Information and to Register
Ballina Parish 6681 1045 or Gemma Duffy - 0407 722 546
aligata@bigpond.net.au

Danniele Miller is one of Australia’s foremost educators, authors and media commentators on teenage girls. They are excited to have Danniele presenting a Parent Seminar at Xavier Catholic College on Monday, August 11 at 7pm. The seminar will look at factors affecting teenage girls today such as body image and low self esteem and will provide parents with tools to help their daughters cut through the negativity and blooming into confident teen girls.

BYS 24th June 2014 Week 9

Principal’s Message
Dear Parents & Carers

Sunday’s Gospel

John 6:51
Jesus said to the crowd, “I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever”.

These words in John’s Gospel reinforce the significance that the Eucharist plays in the lives of Catholics every week. We are equally reminded each week that millions go without bread, go hungry, in fact across the world 26 000 die every day of starvation. In 1961 the Then Jesuit General, Fr Pedro Arrupe said ‘while there is hunger in the world then our Eucharists are incomplete’. May the Eucharist instil in us a hunger for justice so that we do everything we can to eliminate poverty in our world.

Public Speaking Success
Congratulations to all finalists who performed yesterday. What an outstanding array of talented speakers! The following students will represent St Finbar’s at the Zone Public Speaking Final in August.

Kindergarten: Indiana Burden and Jye Paxton
Stage One: Mia Bridger and Jonah Taylor
Stage Two: Jude Taylor and Lola Hutchinson
Stage Three: Osian Quinn-Jarvis and Gabe Taylor

Student Reports
Report cards were sent home yesterday. I hope you have had an opportunity to celebrate with your child their successes and discuss learning goals for next term. Please remember to contact your child’s teacher if you would like to arrange an interview to further discuss any aspect of the report.

Thank You
Thank you to all parents who have been able to be involved in loving, growing and learning at St Finbar’s at some level this term. We have had assistance every day in classrooms, every week in the canteen, uniform shop and library, every month in our Parish School Forum Meeting and the many on the term in sports carnivals, social events and family gatherings.

I sincerely appreciate your willingness to work as partners to continue to make St Finbar’s a better school every day so that our children continue to achieve greater levels of learning and build their capacity to love; to give more of themselves to others.

I wish your family a safe and refreshing time together these holidays.

With best wishes.

Regards,

John Wilson
Principal
Evangelisation News

Are you inspired to make a difference? Then join Finneys Mini Vinnies!

St. Vincent de Paul is a Catholic organisation that aspires to live the Gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice and joy, and by working to shape a more just and compassionate society.

All students from Year 4 to Year 6 are invited to join Finneys Mini Vinnies, which will commence in Week 1, Term 3. Meetings will be held on Thursdays for 20 minutes at lunchtime in the library. Members of Finneys Mini Vinnies will develop leadership skills through identifying needs in our community, come up with ideas of how to help and make decisions about fundraisers and service activities. Members will also raise awareness of social justice issues in our school community at Friday assemblies. Students will hear from guest speakers and connect with members from other primary and secondary schools in our area.

Students can let me know in person or parents can contact me on their behalf via email at katejoness@lism.catholic.edu.au to express interest in becoming a Finney Mini Vinnie.

Wishing you a happy, safe and restful holiday.

Kind regards,
Kate Jones
Leader of School Evangelisation and Catechesis

Evangelisation and Catechesis Noticeboard

- 27th June: Stage 3C is leading prayer at assembly. Confirmation certificates will also be handed out at this assembly.
- 28th June: Mrs Jones will be leading the children’s Liturgy at Mass on Saturday night.
- 17th July: First Mini Vinnies meeting
- 24th July: Parish dinner
- 29th July: Parent Information Night for First Holy Communion (Year 3 students and above)
- 14th September: First Holy Communion

A big, big thank you! During the last fortnight, I have been thoroughly spoilt with morning teas, flowers, gifts, banners, balloons, cards and compliments for my contribution to the library/school and in celebration of my birthday. I would like to express my warm and heartfelt thanks to John Wilson and all the staff at St Finbar’s, Anne and Tony McCabe in representing the Parent Forum, Jo Wilkie on behalf of parents generally and the students who helped decorate our desk area, making it so bright and cheerful. These acts of acknowledgement and gratitude are greatly appreciated and reflect the essence of this lovely school. They also reaffirm my reasons for choosing to be here and for continuing my commitment to such a worthwhile cause, namely our students in their pursuit of knowledge through a love of learning and literature and our teachers for their enormous efforts to nurture and nourish the young minds of our future. I look forward to many more rewarding days in your company.

Thank you all.
Very fond regards,
Jacquelyn Wilkosz

Important Dates

**June**
- 25-27 Stage 2 Tyalgum Camp
- 20 Maths Olympiad workshop
- 27 2300pm School Assembly
- Last day of term

**July**
- 14 First day of term 3
- 16 830-900am Forum Executive meeting
- 21 600-800pm Forum meeting
- 24 Parish Dinner
- 25 Zone Athletics Carnival
- 2300pm School assembly
- 28-30 Stage 3 Sydney Excursion
- 29 600-800pm Parents info night 1st Communion

**August**
- 1 Maths Olympiad 3rd Test
- 8 DIO Athletics Carnival
- 2300pm School Assembly
- 11 Pupil Free Day
- 13 Band Eisteddfod
- 14 School Disco
- Maths Olympiad workshop
- 15 Tweed Public Speaking Final
- 18 600-800pm Forum meeting
- 20 Maths Olympiad 4th test

Sport News

ZONE GYMNASTICS

Congratulations to Alaina Rojo who competed in the State Stream Gymnastics Championships in Sydney on Saturday 14th June. Her results in her beam, bar, vault and floor routines gave her 1st place in the Level 3 Women's Gymnastics (out of 83 competitors).

SCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

What a great day we had on Friday for the School Athletics Carnival. Winners for the day were Penola house with the Sportspersonship award going to McKillop house.

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected in the 2014 Athletics Team.

St Finbarr’s Athletic Team 2014

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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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Would you like to make a difference?

Would you like to positively contribute to St Finbarr’s?

Would you like to meet some new friends?

Would you like a free lunch?

Would you like to please your children?

If you answered YES to any of these questions... then volunteering for Canteen duty is for YOU! Cyra would love to see you... even if you can only spare an hour (9-10am is the crucial time).

July has been allocated to Mr O’s stage 2 class.

Our return to school occurs during July, so please consider what dates suit you, and email Cyra to let her know you are coming.

Cyra.Teller@Gmail.com