General Messages

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.
When: 10am–4pm Sunday, August 31 2014
Where: St Francis Xavier Old School Hall, Swift St Ballina
Contact: For info & to register contact before 22 August, Ballina Parish 6681 1048 or Gemma Duffy - 0407 722 546 alligata@bigpond.net.au

Parent Seminar—Xavier College
Dannielle Miller is one of Australia’s foremost educators, authors and media commentators on teenage girls. We are excited to have Dannielle 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 children cut through the negativity and bloom into confident teen girls.
When: Monday 11 August, 7pm
Where: Xavier Catholic College
Cost: $20

Principal's Message
Dear Parents & Carers

Sunday's Gospel
"Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed some seeds fell on the path and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on the rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched: and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

Welcome to Term Three! In particular I offer a warm welcome to our new students Lola, Leelu, Blossom, Noah and their families. I hope you that you very quickly feel at home at St Finbarr’s. We have a great deal happening this term to enhance and support our children’s learning. Some highlights include: ‘What Style’ music program, Stage Three Sydney Excursion, School Disco, Maths Olympiad, Stage 3 Gala Sports Day, NAIDOC Celebrations, ‘Adamoriginal’ performance, Father’s Day Breakfast, Dr Karl via Skype and our First Eucharist Celebration.

I look forward to our work together this term and thank you for your tremendous practical support of and teamwork with our amazing staff to improve learning outcomes for every child.

Xmas Fair
As you know expressions of interest were called for last term for the role of Christmas Fair Coordinator. We are extremely fortunate to have Renae Weller (mother of Priya) and Gabby LeBrun (mother of Misha) sharing the role for the 2014 Christmas Fair.

Renae and Gabby will meet tomorrow at 9:00am in the school hall with all who ticked the Christmas Fair Committee box on the Parent Involvement Form in February. New parents and those with a renewed interest in getting involved are most welcome to join the gathering.

The Christmas Fair is our major fundraiser and relies on the involvement of all families at some level. In 2013 the Parish School Forum budgeted to make $20,000 to target resources to support the new English and Science Curriculum and upgrade class literacy materials and the school library collection.

The Fair made almost $30,000 and the following resourcing has been achieved:
- $2,000 ‘hands on’ kits have been purchased and created for new Science Curriculum learning units
- $5,000 worth of new library books including titles to support the new English Curriculum have been purchased
- $13,000 worth of classroom readers, literacy materials and further library books are currently being purchased
- $4,000 has been spent on new computers to provide additional Stage 3 students with a computer each
- $2,000 has been spent on music and RE resources
- $3,000 towards the new pick up area to create a safer parent pick up zone and to relieve c un de sac traffic

Goals for this year’s Fair will soon be discussed with a number or priorities already on the Forum agenda.

With best wishes.

Regards,

John Wilson
Principal

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Loving. Growing. Learning for Life

Winter Program Enrolling Now!

Learn to swim for Babies to Pre School children
Stroke Correction for older children
Enclosed Heated Pool Year Round

www.bangalowswim.com.au
0415 463 837
168 Sirius Burren Road, Bangalow 2479
Learning

In Stage 3 the students set themselves academic and behavioural learning goals at the commencement of each Term. Please ‘check in’ with your child and ask them what goals they are focusing on this Term and how they are going to work towards achieving their learning goals. Personal learning goals are about improving students’ learning and achievement and building students’ capacity to learn.

They are about students becoming active participants in the learning process, empowering them to become independent learners, and motivating them to achieve their full potential. When students are assisted to delve into their own thinking and learning processes, they are drawn to think about the effectiveness of the strategies they use to achieve the learning goals they set. Planning what to do, monitoring progress towards achieving it and evaluating the outcome can help students take more control over their thinking and learning processes and equip them with learning to learn skills.

Lisa Conte
Leader of Pedagogy

Evangelisation News

Welcome back to Term 3! I hope your family enjoyed a restful break together. Like most people, I had enjoyed a movie afternoon at home. Unable to put it off any longer, coupled with the rave reviews given to it by the movie critics in Kindy and Stage 1, I caught up on the ‘must see’ movie, Frozen.

It’s not hard to see why this is so many children’s (and their parents’) favourite movie. It is laden with important messages and gives examples of what it means to love like Jesus, one of the three elements of our school framework. Anna and Elsa both embody the kind of love this value celebrates, where Anna climbs mountains and Elsa conquers her fear in the name of sibling love and reconciliation. Elsa demonstrates a sacrificial love for those around her, most of all her sister, when she pushes everyone away, believing she is protecting them. Even Olaf the Snowman demonstrates what it means to love like Jesus when he offers to stay with Anna by the fire when she is hurt, capturing it perfectly by saying, “some people are worth melting for.”

As a school community we celebrate moments in the playground where students experience the love of Jesus through their friends each day. We look forward to celebrating the stories of kindness, compassion and selflessness that the students share, not from a frozen fictional world, but somewhere far better, our school.

Kind regards,
Kate Jones
Leader of School Evangelisation and Catechesis

Altar Server Roster - Saturday 19 July 2014
Natalia Hosie
Paige & Angus Wilkie
Please be at the church at 5.40pm.

Evangelisation and Catechesis Noticeboard

• 17th July: First Mini Vinnies meeting at 1.15pm
• 19th July: Mrs Conte is leading the children’s liturgy.
• 24th July: Parish dinner
• 29th July: Parent Information Night for First Holy Communion (Year 3 students and above)
• 14th September: First Holy Communion

Sport News

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 theowees@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 389 062 614 A/C No. 00990371. 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.

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.

Improving Parking in Byron Bay

Have your say

Even brought frustration trying to find a parking spot in Byron Bay town centre? Current parking demand means that parking spaces in Byron Bay town centre are at, or near, capacity every day. The recent Parking Management Review considered how residents and visitors use car parking in Byron Bay town centre. As part of the review, the potential benefits of changing the limits and increasing paid parking was considered. Potential benefits include:

- Improved turnover of existing on-street car parking spaces
- Improved safety of parking in Council car parks
- Increased financial contribution from the 17,503,300 days drivers each year to help support council services
- A new revenue share of all car parks $7 million per year for infrastructure maintenance and upgrades

All feedback will be presented to Council for consideration. Submissions should be in writing addressed to the General Manager, Byron Shire Council, PO Box 216, Mullumbimby, 2482 or sent by email to submissions@byron.nsw.gov.au. Enquiries: (02) 6625 7339

How can you be involved?

• Be informed and find out more on Council’s website
• Complete our online survey
• Share your feedback on our interactive online platform
• Watch our information kiosk
• Be part of a focus group
• Attend an information session
• Make a submission

The residents Parking Scheme will not reduce change which means residents can still park for up to 4 hours in the existing council carparks in the centre of town. Council is also looking for feedback on this program to ensure that we capture suggested improvements or concerns.

Submissions and feedback due Friday 25 July 2014

Even More: access improved parking areas
- Yellow line for paid parking
- Vehicle access for disabled parking

Two main changes to the current parking arrangements are proposed:
- Expand the number of paid parking areas
- Expand the number of parking areas in the town centre.

Find out more at www.byron.nsw.gov.au