General Messages

Canteen Duty
August Canteen Duty has been allocated to Stage 2W.
If you can help, even for an hour first thing that would be appreciated.
Contact: Cyra on cfaifer@lism.catholic.edu.au
Friday 8th — Help needed
Tuesday 12th — Help needed

School Fees
Payments can be made by cash, cheque, credit card or forwarded direct to Bank account BSB 062-514 A/C No. 00900371. 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.

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 alygdata@bigpond.net.au

Parent Seminar—Xavier College
Danniele Miller is one of Australia’s foremost educators, authors and media commentators on teenage girls. We 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 bloom into confident teen girls.
When: Monday 11 August, 7pm
Where: Xavier Catholic College
Cost: $20

The BEGINNING EXPERIENCE: A personal encounter weekend for those who are grieving the loss of a spouse/partner through separation, divorce or death will be held from 17—19 October, 2014 at “Arabella Garden Inn Motel” in Wollongbar. It offers participants the opportunity to turn the pain of loss into growth. Bookings are essential and applications close on 3rd October 2014.
For further details call Judy 66241549, Jan 6624 5175 or 0437 112031, or visit our website: www.bellasmore.org.au for more information.

Principal’s Message

Dear Parents & Carers

Sunday’s Gospel
Matt 14:13-21
Jesus replied, ‘There is no need for them to go. give them something to eat yourselves.’ But they answered, ‘All we have with us is five loaves and two fish.’ So he said, ‘Bring them here to me.’ He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves he handed them to his disciples, who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps left over, twelve baskets full. Now about five thousand men had eaten, to say nothing of women and children.

What does this account from Matthew’s gospel say to us today about the way in which we understand and value food within our culture and the way we make sense of the great disparity between those with plenty and those with little?

Stage 3 Excursion
It was an absolute delight to spend three days in Sydney with our Stage Three students. Their enthusiasm, beautiful manners and support of one another was noticed by all who worked with them; guides, caterers, activity operators and of course, teachers. While we had a lot of fun together we also learned a great deal across many areas, not the least of which was how to manage ourselves, our time, our belongings and our different personalities.
I offer my sincere and genuine thanks to our wonderful team of teachers, Miss Clark, Miss Slattery, Mrs Conte, Mr Piccoli, Mr Wills and our recently retired Teacher Assistant Mr Bartholomew.

Learning Targets and Proficiency Scales used to set and monitor clear Learning Goals
You will have now received an outline of The Essential Learning your child is currently investigating in Mathematics. Beneath the Essential Learning you will see a series of targets written as “I can…”. Statements. These are the specific aspects of the learning that your child must understand or be able to do in order to demonstrate proficiency. Since we know that every child is potentially at a different point on the continuum of learning a Proficiency Scale is included with the I Can statements. This scale is split into four sections; the green is what is expected for your child to be proficient at this stage, the red and yellow show the preceding skills and knowledge that must first be understood while the blue section indicates the extension and enrichment that your child will be undertaking if he or she has already demonstrated proficiency.

With this information it is hoped that you can monitor and support your child’s growth in these essential learnings as we continue our important work together.

With best wishes.

John Wilson
Principal

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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 acquire the skills needed to stay safe in an aquatic environment.

Rainbow Club offers family subsidised, one on one swimming lessons for children with physical or intellectual disability, from pre-school to high school students.

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

Sorrelli, St Ives Pool.
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.
It would also be great to hear from interested corporate sponsors to ensure the club can continue to operate.

For further information please email byronrainbowclub@gmail.com or call Leonie on 0409 028 193
www.rainbowclub.com.au

WINTER PROGRAM ENROLLING NOW!
Learn to swim for Babies to Pre School children
Stroke Correction for older children
Enclosed Heated Pool Year Round

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www.bangalowswin.com.au
swim@bangalowswin.com.au
168 Brunswick Road, Bangalow 2489

Loving, Growing, Learning for Life

Term 3 5 August 2014 Week 4
Learning

High Expectations
Effective teachers set high expectations for classroom practices and procedures that promote positive learning behaviours and maintain a focus on learning at all times. At St Finbarr’s we use the ACT, TALK and MOVE high impact learning expectations. Listed below is an example of what these high expectations look like in one of our Stage 3 classrooms and a Stage 1 classroom.

Stage 3

ACT
- I am focussed on my learning
- I am actively involved in discussions
- I work cooperatively with my team
- I ask questions if I don’t understand
- I give my personal best to all learning activities

TALK
- I talk clearly and articulate my thoughts
- I actively listen when others offer ideas
- I talk in a voice appropriate to the task and not speak over others
- I stay on task and do not talk about anything that will distract me from learning

MOVE
- I only leave my learning area with teacher approval
- If I move I do it quietly so as not to distract others
- I return to my learning area quickly to continue learning

Stage 1

ACT
- To know what our best work looks like
- To know what steps to take to achieve our best learning

TALK
- When to talk about our learning
- What to talk about while learning
- What voice to use when we talk

MOVE
- When to move from our learning area
- Where to move to
- How we should move

Expectations are not rules. They are behaviours that promote effective learning environments. Expectations allow students to know exactly what is expected and what they need to do during activities and transitions.

Michael Piccoli
Assistant Principal

Learning

ICAS Results—Computer Skills & Science Skills
ICAS certificates from the Term 2 Computer Skills and Science Skills Tests will be presented to students who entered at Assembly on Friday, 8th August. The Certificates range from Distinctions through to Participation awards. Distinction Certificates mean students scored in the top 10% of participants; Credit Certificates recognize students scoring in the top 25% and Merit Certificates for those students placed in the next 10%. All other students will receive Participation Certificates.

Congratulations to the 9 Finnie students who entered in the Computer Skills UNSW competition; Samuel Callahan, Oliver Shearman, Olivia Jade Greenslade, Finnley Parker, Andrew Miller, Angus Wilkie, Marco Miller, Paige Wilkie and Ebony Fitton-Bailey.

Congratulations to the following 21 students who successfully competed in the Science Skills UNSW competition;
- Isabella Wall, Misha Fligelman, Olivia Jade Greenslade, Camille Neighbour, Tom Wilson, Ossian Quinn-Jarulis, Andrew Miller, Lily Dowling, Oliver Shearman, Finnley Parker, Celeste McGaughran, Paige Wilkie, Angus Wilkie, Marco Miller, Lara Fogarty-Bennett, Chloe Crawford, Amy Fogarty-Bennett, Samara Leland, Samuel Callahan and Conall Barrett.

Our school family is very proud of your achievements in these rigorous international tests, we celebrate you!

Lisa Conte
Leader of Pedagogy

Sports News

Zone Athletics Carnival: The Diocesan Athletics Carnival is on this Friday 8th August in Port Macquarie. Due to our success at the Zone Carnival a record number of students have gained selection in the Zone Team. Congratulations to our successful students and a huge thank you to the parents for making the journey south to support our child.

Zone Representatives:

School Sport and P.E.
The Zone Athletics completes the Carnival Season for the majority of students for 2014. Zone Summer Trials for Cricket, Softball, Tennis and Touch will be held in early October for those children in Year 5.

On the school front, Sport & P.E for this term will be as follows:
- **Kindy and Stage 1:** Week 1 – 5: Dance followed by Tennis during Weeks 6-10.
- **Stage 2:** Weeks 1-3: Backyard League Program; Weeks 4 - 7: Cricket training for Milo Cricket Day! Mr O’Dwyer will send home all the relevant information on the Milo Cricket Day for Stage 2, Weeks 8 – 10: Tennis.
- **Stage 3:** Weeks 1 – 6: Tennis. Weeks 8 - 10: Game Skills.
- **Stage 3 Sport:** Weeks 1.3, 1.5 (Fridays) Tweed Zone Gala Sports Day selection trials.

Students in Stage 3 are at present trialling for places in the School Representative Soccer and Netball Teams which will compete against the other 6 Tweed Schools for a place in the Diocesan Netball and Soccer Trials in Grafton on Wednesday 17th September. Students not trialling have chosen either Soccer, Netball or Touch Footy (non competitive) as their sport for this day. We have dedicated several Friday afternoons to prepare the children for this carnival. A note with all relevant information will be sent home next Monday with your Stage 3 child.

P.D.H.P.E:
The Theme for Term 3 across K-6 is ‘Keeping Safe’ in the Home, in the Community and on the Road.
Kerry Willis & Lisa Clark
P.D.H.P.E & Sport

LEARNING FOR LIFE
ICAS MATHS TEST TOMORROW
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 2-6 will be participating in the Maths test on Wednesday, 6 August.

This is the last ICAS test for 2014. Congratulations to all participants for your wonderful attitudes and for trying your best!

ICAS Dates
ICAS Mathematics - 6th August 2014

This week’s value: Encourage Each Other
(Weekly Values: Friendliness, Generosity, Confidence, Joyfulness)

Joyfulness is being filled with happiness, peace and well-being and appreciating life.

Signs of success:
- Enjoying whatever it is you are doing and the people you are doing it with
- Believing that you are loved and cared about
- Appreciating and saying positive things about yourself and others

Sarah Farnham
Assistant Principal

Michael Piccoli
Assistant Principal
Premier Reading Challenge Update

The Premier Reading Challenge is coming into its final month in August. All children have been registered by Mrs Waters. All parents are encouraged to list books read at home and you can add them to your child’s Reading Log. Username and Passwords are required and please ask your teacher for details.

For an interesting note: ID number 1 is 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea by Jules Verne. This is for years 5-6. Book ID number 112883 is The Adventures of Edgar Remington the third by John Moreton and Terry Denton Illustrating, for K-2.

Louise Capper  licapper@gmail.com
PRC Parent Coordinator

Fair Trade Bangalow

Your invitation to join others from the town & explore how Bangalow could help change the world.

September 11th, 7pm at Bangalow Uniting Church, Station St.

You are invited to an evening to find out what fair trade is, how it works and some of the success stories behind the movement.

Guest speaker Pam Mcgann, longtime Fair Trade advocate and supporter of many Fair trade projects.

Share in the talk, free finger food and coffee, tea and a glass of wine.

Great selection of fair trade goods for sale, but no pressure to buy.

What’s our goal? To explore turning Bangalow into a Fair Trade town - find out how!

More information call Corinne 66291692 or just turn up!

Stage 2 Mass
Change of Date

Please note that the Stage 2 Mass has been changed to Saturday 16th August, St Finbarr’s Church, Byron Bay

WINTER WONDERLAND
NARNIA DISCO

THURSDAY 14TH AUGUST

DRESS: ANYTHING WINTER WOOLIE, BEANIES, SCARVES OR ALL THINGS NARNIA

TIME: 5 to 6.30PM - KINDER, YEAR 1, 2 AND 3 6.15 to 8PM - YEAR 4, 5 AND 6

ENTRY: $5 PER CHILD OR $10 A FAMILY

SAUSAGE SIZZLE DINNER, SWEETS AND GLOW PRODUCTS FOR SALE
Evangelisation News

St Mary MacKillop

“Never see a need without doing something about it”

This Friday we celebrate the Feast Day of Australia’s only saint, Saint Mary of the Cross. Mary MacKillop’s story is a heartwarming tale that is especially precious for children. Mary was an ordinary Victorian farm girl who devoted her life to the service of God and did great things for Australian and New Zealand families. Mary MacKillop’s Feast Day is celebrated on the 8th of August, which is also the date of her death in 1909.

Mary MacKillop was born in Victoria in 1842. She was the eldest child in her family and had 3 sisters and 4 brothers. Her father had an excellent religious education and most of Mary’s education was at home. Mary’s first job was as a clerk when she was 14, she then worked as a governess looking after her cousins and teaching them (and other farm children) their lessons. She loved children and later became a school teacher.

In South Australia she met a priest named Father Julian Tenison Woods who also wanted to help poor children attend school. Together Mary MacKillop and Father Tenison Woods started the ‘Stable School’ in 1866. All of the children had lessons in reading, writing, maths and singing. The girls also enjoyed learning to sew whilst the boys enjoyed woodwork. Mary and her sisters also taught the children about God and taught them to trust in Jesus.

In 1866 Mary MacKillop and Father Tenison Woods started the religious order of the Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart (the Josephites) and in 1867 Mary MacKillop became a nun - Sister Mary of the Cross. Mary and the Josephite nuns set up schools in Australia and New Zealand. They also set up houses for elderly women, young girls and women without jobs. They gave their life to people in need often giving comfort to the sick and dying and even visiting people in jail to give them whatever help they could.

At times in her life Mary MacKillop met people who made it hard for her to perform her good works but she never gave up and today the Sisters of St Joseph are still doing the work that Mary MacKillop started all those years ago.

Mary MacKillop died on the 8th of August 1909 in North Sydney where her tomb can be visited today. She was a wonderful woman who gave her life to God and to people in need and was declared Australia’s first Saint on the 17th of October 2010 by Pope Benedict XVI.

Kind regards,
Kate Jones
Leader of School Evangelisation and Catechesis

Parish News

Special Mass and Events
6th August: The Josephite Associates are celebrating the Feast Day of St Mary MacKillop with Mass at 9:30am at St. Finbarr’s Church.
15th August: Mass for the Feast of the Assumption. Byron Bay at 9.30am and Bangalow at 5:30pm.
31st August: Women’s Reflection day at St. Francis Xavier Parish, Ballina at 10am. Contact the Ballina Parish Office on 66811048 for more information.

Weekend Mass Times
St. Finbarr’s, Byron Bay: Saturday 6pm
St. Kevin’s, Bangalow: Sunday 9:30am

Evangelisation and Catechesis Noticeboard

- 9th August: Ms Imeson is leading the children’s liturgy
- 16th August: Stage 2 Mass, St. Finbarr’s Byron
- 14th September: First Holy Communion at St. Kevin’s, Bangalow

Altar Server Roster -
Saturday 9 August 2014

Gabe & Jude Taylor
Tom Wilson

Please be at the church at 5:40pm.