**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 cfisher@ism.catholic.edu.au

Friday 15th — Kylie Hawkins

Tuesday 19th — Help needed

**School Fees**

Payments can be made by cash, cheque, credit card or forwarded direct to Bank account BBSB 062-514 A/C No. 00000371. 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 722 540 allygala@bigpond.net.au

**PROCLAIM**

The latest PROCLAIM e-bulletin features a poignant and moving story of happiness. As parents and caregivers, the greatest wish we have for our children is that they experience lasting happiness and success. Our children spend a significant portion of their lives at school, and so it is vital that as parents we ensure we do our part to create an education experience that contributes to our children’s sense of happiness and achievement. Strong, happy children are produced by strong committed communities, and we can only build these when parents and schools work in partnership with each other. The PROCLAIM Parent Gatherings will be an exciting opportunity for parents to have their say and be truly listened to about how we can build the most vibrant, faith-filled and welcoming communities for our children and their families.


Make sure you also watch the latest animated e-bulletin featuring the storytelling skills of one of our students from the Lismore Diocese at http://proclaimislimsore.com.au/july18.html

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**Arts vs Science Riverside Festival**

The Arts vs Science Riverside Festival adds some magic to National Science Week by bringing together the arts and science communities to explore the role of arts and science in understanding and managing our natural world for a sustainable future.

When: Sunday, August 24 2014. 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Where: Riverside Park, Victoria Street, Lismore, NSW, 2480

Theme: Environment & nature, Innovation and technology

Cost: Free

Other: Wheelchair access

In the first of a series of events planned for the Northern Rivers Science Hub, the Arts vs Science Riverside Festival links and engages the science community in local science issues and helps the science community express themselves through the arts.

The Arts vs Science Riverside Festival will engage the whole community and bring some magic to National Science Week. This inaugural Science Week Festival will bring together the arts and science communities to explore the role of arts and science in understanding and managing our natural world for a sustainable future.

The festival program has something for everyone with workshops, performances, exhibitions, market stalls and displays running continuously throughout the day including a Bright Ideas tent, Interactive Science/Arts Workshops, Arts vs Science Schools Art Competition, Tree planting on the Wilsons River Bank and a main Music stage produced by SCU students and staff and powered by the SCU solar sunflower.

Contact details: Hannah Rice-Hayes

The Northern Rivers Science Hub

Email: artsvsscience@gmail.com

Phone: 0434 408 050

**Feast of St Mary of the Cross**

We had a special visit from Mary Mackillop on Friday to celebrate the feast of St Mary of the Cross. Our modern day Mary spent time wandering through the playground at morning tea talking to the children and was mobbed by this group of girls who were delighted to see her.

St Finbar’s is a proud Josephite school where Mary’s commitment to the poor, to children and to education flow through our motto: loving like Jesus, growing together as friends and learning for life.

This beautiful image to the right is John Maltland’s painting titled “Nothing could come between her and a child in need.” John Maltland goes on to say “…every event and accomplishment is rooted in her intense love of the child who is poor. This is her driving force.”

The driving force of our school is based on this premise and found in the words of our School Mission, “...we empower our students to always give their best and to transform their world by loving like Jesus.”

**Pupil Free Day—New Mathematics Syllabus**

I sincerely appreciate the support of all parents for yesterday’s Pupil Free Day. I understand very well the complications that such a change to the weekly routine presents to families. We have tried to give you plenty of notice by placing all our Pupil Free Days on the calendar. These dates are set by the Diocese of Catholic Schools.

Our teachers spent yesterday delving into the new Australian Maths Curriculum for NSW. As a result we are much clearer about the learning expectations of the syllabus which all schools begin implementing next year. In addition we explored a wide range of teaching strategies that will support higher levels of learning. A big focus of the new syllabus is on working mathematically; the ability to see patterns across all strands of maths, communicate using mathematical language and be able to ‘do maths’ in the real world. We will offer opportunities for parents to learn more about the maths curriculum over the coming year.

With best wishes for the week ahead.

Regards,

John Wilson
Principal
Learning

Yesterday our teachers actively engaged in professional development about Mathematics by beginning to unpack the new NSW Mathematics Syllabus K-6 being introduced in 2015. In our professional learning community (PLC), across K-6, teachers shared and embedded their Maths pedagogy by examining their current practices, collaborating on the new knowledge, and learning from each other's classroom implementation experiences. They gained a deeper understanding of the syllabus so as to engage our students in rich, real life problem solving thinking skills when working mathematically.

Lisa Conte
Leader of Pedagogy

YEAR 6 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEST

Congratulations to our 2014 Year 6 students on their outstanding results in this year’s Religious Education Test. This test was sat by all the Year 6 students in the Diocese of Lismore, as well as all the Year 6 students in the Dioceses of Sydney, Armidale, Bathurst, Maitland-Newcastle, Wagga Wagga and Wilcannia Forbes. Well done Year 6 on achieving the following outstanding results.

2 High Distinctions, 6 Distinctions, 17 credits and 12 Participation Certificates

ICAS SCIENCE ASSESSMENT

Congratulations to all students who participated in the ICAS Science Assessment. This assessment looks at students' skills in the key scientific areas of:

- Interpreting data, including observing, measuring and interpreting diagrams, tables and graphs
- Applying data, including inferring, predicting and concluding
- Higher order skills, including investigating, reasoning and problem solving

Students achieved the following outstanding results: 3 Distinctions, 7 Credits, 2 Merit and 9 Participation Certificates.

ICAS COMPUTER SKILLS

Congratulations to all students who participated in the ICAS Computer Assessment. This assessment looks at skills and knowledge in the areas of:

- Databases
- Graphics and multimedia
- Internet use and email programs
- Networks and other communications systems
- Operating systems and computer hardware
- Programming
- Spreadsheets
- Word processing

Students achieved the following outstanding results: 2 Distinctions, 1 Credit, 2 Merit and 4 Participation Certificates.

A big thank you to Mrs Conte our Leader of Pedagogy, the Learning for Life Team and all the parents who generously gave their time to help administer these assessments.

This week’s value: Encourage Each Other

Review of the four virtues:

Learning

Last Friday, we celebrated the Feast Day of St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop. During Religious Education classes, students spent time learning about the life of Mary, her journey to sainthood and the legacy she left through the wonderful work of the Sisters of St. Joseph. Here we share reflections on St. Mary from some of our students.

A portrait of Mary by Leela (Year 1)

'Penola' by Stage 1 students.

Mary MacKillop at Penola by Lani (Year 2)

A powerpoint on the Stage 3 visit to Mary MacKillop place by Olivia, Stylee and Scarlet (Stage 3).

Kind regards,
Kate Jones
Leader of School Evangelisation & Catechesis

Evangelisation and Catechesis

Parish News

Special Mass and Events

16th August: Family Mass and Presentation of First Communion Candidates

14 September: First Holy Communion at St. Kevin’s, Bangalow

Weekend Mass Times

St. Finbar's, Byron Bay: Saturday 6pm
St. Kevin’s, Bangalow: Sunday 9:30am

Sports News

Our Athletes made the journey south last Friday for the Diocesan Athletics Carnival as part of the Tweed Zone Team. Congratulations to our Athletes for firstly making the Tweed Team and secondly for making the effort to travel so far which for some was for only one event. A huge congratulations to their parents and in some cases Grandparents for taking them to Port Macquarie.

For a small school we sent off our largest team for some time and had our largest number of Athletes selected for the Diocesan Team.

Results:
Masa Leishman: 2nd in Jnr Boys 800m, 3rd in 200m, 6th in 100m, 7th in Jnr Boys Shot Put
Erin Boggis: 2nd in 11yrs 800m
Levi Leiland: 2nd in 8yrs 100m
Will Amos: 7th in 10yrs 100m
Lola Neale: 1st in 11yrs Long Jump, 5th in Shot Put, 10th in 200m, 10th in 100m
Oscar Murdoch: 2nd in 13yrs 100m, 7th in 200m
Rory Melville: 10th in 11yrs Boys 200m
Amelia Luckman: 8th in Jnr Girls Shot Put
Lenox Bride: 6th in Jnr Boys Long Jump
Lucas Magree: 1st in Jnr Boys Long Jump
Jessica Mason: 4th in Jnr Girls Long Jump, 4th in 800m, 7th in 100m, 11th in 200m
Mathew Page: 6th in 8yrs Boys 100m

Junior Boys Relay Team: 2nd
Thomas Chatterton, Jude Taylor, Will Amos, Masa Leishman

Successful students selected into the Diocesan Team:
Masa Leishman, Erin Boggis, Oscar Murdoch, Lola Neale, Lucas Magree, Levi Leiland, Jnr Boys Relay Team

Congratulations to you all for a wonderful achievement.

Cathedral College Students

Kerry Wills & Lisa Clark
P.D.P.E & Sport
## DRINKS
- Bottled water $2.00
- Fruit juice poppers - orange, apple, apple/mango, apple/blackcurrant; Krazy Lemon $2.00

## RECESS
- Pikelet sandwich - honey or jam $1.00
- Cracker sandwich - cheese or vegemite $1.00
- Seasonal fresh fruit in a cup $2.00
- Anzac biscuits $1.00
- Cup cakes & Assorted baked goodies $1.00
- Veggie chips $2.00
- Popcorn $2.00

## LUNCH
### BYRON BAY GOURMET PIES
- Sausage roll $4.00
- Cheese & spinach roll $4.00
- Chicken mornay $5.00
- Bolognese (mince) $5.00
- Chunky steak $5.00
- Mexican bean $5.00
- Pesto & spinach pie $5.00
- Gluten/Dairy free chunky steak pie $5.50

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**LUNCH** (continued)

### NORI ROLLS
- 1 serve $2.00
- 2 serves $3.50
- Teriyaki chicken / Tuna & mayo / Tuna & Cucumber / Avocado
  - Soy sauce 20¢

### SALAD BOXES
- Standard salad box - lettuce, carrot, tomato, cucumber, cheese $5.00
- Extras - beetroot, corn, onion, mayo **add** 50¢ ea
- Meat/Protein - ham, chicken, tuna, egg, avocado **add** $1.00 ea
  - Lemon & olive oil dressing 20¢

### SANDWICHES - wholemeal, unbuttered
- Standard salad sandwich - lettuce, carrot, tomato, cucumber, cheese $5.00
- Extras - beetroot, corn, onion, mayo **add** 50¢ ea
- Meat/Protein - ham, chicken, tuna, egg, avocado **add** $1.00 ea
  - Toasted 50¢

### WRAPS
- ½ wrap $4.00
- Full wrap $5.50
- Standard salad wrap - lettuce, carrot, tomato, cucumber, cheese
- Extras - beetroot, corn, onion, mayo **add** 50¢
- Quesadilla - chicken/cheese $5.00
- Toasted 50¢
  - Spaghetti Bolognaise $5.00
  - Chick Schnitzel wrap w/lettuce & mayo or sweet chilli mayo $6.00
  - Mince Nachos $5.00

### Lunch order bags - if required 10¢ ea
### Plastic cutlery 10¢

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All items on the St Finbarr's Canteen Menu proudly fall within the Green or Amber categories in line with the School's Healthy Eating Strategy.

The canteen operates on Tuesdays and Fridays for recess and lunch orders. Recess orders will be taken for Kinder and Year 1 only (on a separate bag to lunch order).

ANY help during Canteen hours, especially morning preparation (8.50am-12.00pm) is greatly appreciated. To advise times/dates available, please call or text Cyra on 0419 968 611.

*Prices effective 12/8/2014*