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 22nd — Help needed
Tuesday 26th — Nat McCabe

Would be great to have helpers as we get the hang of the new Canteen Menu items

School Fees
Payments can be made by cash, cheque, credit card or forwarded direct to Bank account BSB 092-614 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.

New Canteen Menu
Please remember that canteen prices have changed with the new Canteen Menu.

Could you please ensure your child’s lunch order has the correct money. Copies of the Canteen Menu can be viewed online at the School Website with hard copies available at the office.

Principal’s Message
Dear Parents & Carers
Sunday’s Gospel
“Then Jesus answered her, ‘Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.’ And from that moment her daughter was well again.”

Tweed Public Speaking Final
Congratulations to our Public Speaking finalists who participated in the Tweed Zone final on Friday. Lily, Jai, Mia, Jonah, Lola, Jude, Gabe and Ossian were outstanding representatives for St Finbar’s.

Understanding Your Child’s Assessments
Your child’s Learning Folder was due to come home last Friday and to be returned yesterday. Thanks for taking the time to look over these samples with your child and sign them. The information below from the NSW syllabuses explains why you can expect to see a variety of assessment tasks and work samples in your child’s folder. It has to do with the purpose of each task. Assessment tasks can be as simple as “thumbs up if you think that sentence makes sense” or as detailed as a written test.

Assessment for learning, assessment as learning and assessment of learning are approaches that can be used individually or together, formally or informally, to gather evidence about student achievement and to improve student learning.

Assessment for learning involves teachers using evidence about students’ knowledge, understanding and skills to inform their teaching. Sometimes referred to as ‘formative assessment’, it usually occurs throughout the teaching and learning process to clarify student learning and understanding.

Assessment as learning occurs when students are their own assessors. Students monitor their own learning, ask questions and use a range of strategies to decide what they know and can do, and how to use assessment for new learning.

Assessment of learning assists teachers in using evidence of student learning to assess achievement against outcomes and standards. Sometimes referred to as ‘summative assessment’, it usually occurs at defined key points during a unit of work or at the end of a unit, term or semester. Its effectiveness as an opportunity for learning depends on the nature and quality of the feedback.

Fr Anthony Farewell
Bishop Jarrett formally announced last week that Fr Anthony Lemon will be the new Parish Priest of Sacred Heart, Murwillumbah and Fr David Gibney has been appointed Parish Priest of Holy Spirit, Byron Bay / Bangalow, effective September.

We are hoping to farewell Fr Anthony following our Father’s Day Breakfast on Friday 5 September. I hope to be able to confirm this at the end of August when Fr Anthony returns from holidays. Fr Anthony has been a very special priest to our community and a very important leader of our Parish. The school staff and Parish School Forum are preparing a reflection focusing on Fr Anthony’s significant contribution to the community. We will be providing a gift from the school community, words of thanks from a parent and a staff representative and inviting the children to provide written messages of farewell in a book-let from each class. I hope you are able to join us.

With best wishes for the week ahead.

Regards,

John Wilson
Principal

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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 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://proclaimismore.com.au/july18.html

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 arts 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 sciences 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: artsvsscienceisin@gmail.com
Phone: 0434 408 050

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Learning

ICAS Results—Spelling Skills & Writing Skills

St Finbarr’s have received online ICAS results for both the Spelling Skills and Writing Skills. 18 students participated in the Spelling assessment and our school family was awarded 3 Distinctions, 1 Credit, 4 Merits and 10 Participation certificates. Whilst in the Writing assessment we had 16 students participate and we were awarded 6 Participations, 2 Merits, 5 Credits, 2 Distinctions and 1 High Distinction. Congratulations to all of our entrants, their achievements in these rigorous assessments is to be congratulated. Certificates will be presented at Assembly in Week 8.

Lisa Conte
Leader of Pedagogy

Finnie’s Idol 2014

Dear Student and Parents,

Finnie’s Idol is a program run at school which provides opportunities for students, who have an interest in “The Arts”, the opportunity to perform in front of their peers. Finnie’s Idol is a competition which has been a popular part of the St Finbarr’s culture for many years. Finnie’s Idol is held during the lunch break (Wednesday to Friday between 1.15pm and 1.45pm). Being a competition the children are judged and the successful children have the opportunity to perform in the Grand Final which is watched by the entire school and parent community.

How to nominate.

Children are able to nominate as a solo performer or as part of a group. There are 2 sections which cater for the range of ages. The Junior Section is for children in Kindy to Year 2 (Stage 1). The Senior Section is for children from Year 3 to Year 6 (Stages 2 & 3). The categories for this year are: SONG, DANCE & MUSICAL INSTRUMENT. Due to time constraints this year the following changes will occur:

1. Children are limited to only 2 entries.
2. There is no Skit category in 2014

Children who enter into the Song Section are asked to provide a backing CD/pod of the song without the words. Children performing in the Dance section only need the backing music on CD or pod. Parents are urged to supervise your child’s choice of song, dance and costume to make certain it is age appropriate and suitable for a young audience. Once entries are processed a timetable for all performances will be published in the newsletter.

To nominate, complete the entry form below and place it into the entry box outside the Library. The competition will commence on Wednesday 29th October (Week 4) Term 4.

Kerry Wills
P.D.P.E & Sport

This week’s value: Give Everyone a Fair Go
(Weekly Values: Commitment, Justice, Reliability, Unity)

Commitment is keeping your promises and being willing to give your all to something you believe in.

Signs of success:
- Sticking to the agreements and the promises you make
- Giving 100% effort to everything you do
- Being faithful to your friends

Important Dates

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Evangelisation News

The St. Finnies Mini-Vinnies have begun knitting for our ‘Wrapped with Love’ project over the past couple of weeks. We have been blessed to have the support and experience of Jo Wilkie, mother of Angus and Paige, Gail Hartnett, parishioner at Holy Spirit Parish and Kitty Collins from Byron Bay St. Vincent de Paul. It seems our students have a natural aptitude for knitting and it has been an enjoyable process learning together. I was touched by a story Gail told in our knitting group about the phenomena of the ‘100’ Monkey.

In this story of social change, scientists provided monkeys with sweet potatoes on the Island of Koshima, Japan, by dropping them in the sand. The monkey liked the taste of the raw sweet potatoes, but they found the dirt unpleasant. An 18-month-old female found she could solve the problem by washing the potatoes in a nearby stream. She taught this trick to her mother. Her playmates also learned this new way and they taught their mothers, too.

Approximately 6 years later, the hundredth monkey learned to wash potatoes. By that evening almost everyone in the tribe was washing sweet potatoes before eating them. The added energy of this hundredth monkey somehow created an ideological breakthrough.

A most surprising thing observed by these scientists was that the habit of washing sweet potatoes then jumped over the sea. Colonies of monkeys on other islands and the mainland troop of monkeys at Takasakiyama began washing their sweet potatoes. It was observed that when a certain critical number achieves awareness, this new awareness can result in a groundswell of change.

This story reminds us that we may never know the influence we have on others. It may take only one small act of kindness, courage or generosity, even from the youngest in the group, to show the way for others to follow.

Kind regards,
Kate Jones
Leader of School Evangelisation & Catechesis

Student Awards

Congratulations to the following St Finbarr’s students whose achievements will be recognised at our next whole school assembly on Friday.

Class Name Award WINNER
Kinder M Rio Sullivan
Stage 1B Soft Reaney
Stage 11 Joel O’Meara
Stage 1J Oscar Fogarty
Stage 2H Isabella Walder
Stage 2O Amelia Luckman
Stage 2W Selma Malliqui
Stage 3C Will Nash
Stage 3P Callum Balcon
Stage 3S Brayden Tomsey
Finnie’s Finest Mary McKillop

Parish News

Weekend Mass Times
St. Finbarr’s, Byron Bay: Saturday 6pm
St. Kevin’s, Bangalow: Sunday 9.30am

Altar Server Roster—Saturday 23 August 2014
Camille Neighbour
Julia Brophy
Tom Reynolds
Please be at the church at 6:40pm.

School Disco

Many thanks to Stage 2 and all the Parent Helpers who helped put together the fantastic ‘Narnia’ Disco last week. The hall looked fabulous and all the children had a wonderful time, raising almost $1,500 for the school.

Many thanks for all your hard work,
The School Forum