Canteen Duty
November allocated to Stage 1J
Contact: Rachel on rkearey@ism.catholic.edu.au
Friday 14th —Help needed
Tuesday 18th — Help needed
Please note: there will be NO NACHOS at PASTA Oct 31st through to Nov 14th

School Fees
Payments can be made by cash, cheque, credit card or forwarded direct to:
Bank account 888 082-514 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.

General News - On Display - Parent Notice Board (Outside Library)
ENGAGING ADOLESCENTS
2 Part Parenting Course
Learn the skills for resolving teenage behaviour problems
Part 1: Saturday 6 December
Part 2: Saturday 13 December 2014
8:30am-12:00pm Mullumbimby High School, 9 Jubilee Ave, Mullumbimby NSW 2482
Cost (Part 1 & Part 2 inclusive): $55 per person OR $99.00 for 2 people
*Parents who attend both sessions and participate in the research study by completing a series of short surveys may be eligible for a rebate on registration costs. Medicare rebates may also apply. Visit our website for further information.
www.parentshop.com.au
***SPACES ARE LIMITED. BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL***

BYRON BAY SWIM SCHOOL
ANDI & BEAU MONKS
Patrolling Surf Club Members Fully Qualified ASCTA
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P: 0266857018 M: 0427271295

ST AMBROSE POTTSVILLE - LIBRARY BOOKS
St Ambrose Pottsville is a new Catholic Primary School opening in 2015. In order to resource its school library it is asking for donations of books. If you have children’s picture books or a series of books that are no longer being used and you would like them to go to a good home, then St Ambrose would happily accept them for its library. Please ring 6676 0099 for further information.

Lennox Head Sports Camp
Australian Youth Football Institute has partnered with Sports Camps Australia to provide 3 day soccer camp in the upcoming school holidays.
Being held at the Lennox Head Sport & Rec centre, Lake Ainsworth, this camp will be held in the school holidays from the 12th - 14th January, where players will be grouped according to age and ability.
Details for these camps are on our website www.sportscampaustalia.com.au, where campers are also able to register. Attached to email is a marketing postcard with the camp details.

ST AMBROSE POTTSVILLE - THE DEVIL AND THE BLUE SEA
A new learning ‘5D’ for students, covering all of the curriculum and developing fantastic creative minds.

 Refugee Information & Fundraising Evening
Meet the human beings behind one of the most controversial issues of our time.
Enjoy an exhibition of artwork by asylum seekers and refugees.
Finger foods and soft beverages will be served.

BETWEEN THE DEVIL & THE DEEP BLUE SEA
An evening learning ‘5D’ for students, covering all of the curriculum and developing fantastic creative minds.

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Term 4 11 November 2014 Week 6
Loving, Growing, Learning for Life

Principal's Message
Dear Parents and Carers

From Sunday’s Gospel 
John 2:13-22
The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, “Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father’s house a marketplace!”

Parent School Partnerships
This topic is very much on my mind at the moment, particularly since I had the pleasure of meeting with a group of St Finbarr’s parents at the recent Parent Proclaim event. At that session we focussed our discussion on why it is so important that schools work in partnership with parents and considered new ways in which this might be achieved.

The Parish School Forum Manual (the guidelines under which School Forums are established and operated) reminds us that “Educational research since the 1960s has consistently found that parents and family life are key factors in students’ levels of academic achievement” and also that “school governance and parental partnership affect student outcomes” (p.4).

This relationship between parents and teachers is seen as so fundamental to the purpose of Catholic Schooling that it is laid down in the church’s educational principles and guidelines as follows:

“there must be the closest cooperation between parents and the teachers to whom they entrust their children to be educated. In fulfilling their task, teachers are to collaborate closely with parents and willingly listen to them; associations and meetings of parents are to be set up and held in high esteem” (Canon 786, paragraph 1).

Forum Feedback
Our own Parish School Forum underwent a renewal process last year that saw us clarify our purpose and refine the membership structure to try to be more representative of parents from each stage of the school, as well as to include a mix of newer parents and those who have been here for some years.

As the Parish School Forum looks towards 2015 I encourage you to give us feedback so that we can improve our goal of effective parent school partnerships. There is a suggestion box at the student counter in the office. I encourage you at any time during the year, but particularly as we begin to review 2014 and plan for the coming year, to place your feedback ideas or suggestions into this box. The box is checked on the day of the monthly Forum meeting, the next taking place on Monday 14 November. Entries to the suggestion box can be anonymous and will be treated as critical feedback. Help us to be more effective.

To assist you in reflecting on our partnership processes, I leave you with the statement of Purpose of the Forum. The St Finbarr’s Parish School Forum provides a structure which:

(a) Builds school community, collaboration and partnerships; and
(b) Supports school leadership in developing, nurturing and reviewing the strategic direction of the school.

This purpose is undertaken by practising values from the Gospels, with awareness of Catholic tradition and practice, and with commitment to the school’s Catholic identity and mission.

With best wishes for the week ahead.
Regards,

John Wilson
Principal

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Remembrance Day
by John McCrae, May 1915

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

On Tuesday, 11 November, I will have the honour of taking three Year 6 Leaders to the Remembrance Day Service. It is a wonderful privilege and I am certain Will, Scarlette and Latisha will represent Finnie’s school community proudly.

At 11am on 11 November, 1918, the guns on the Western Front fell silent after more than four years of continuous warfare. The red poppies, a familiar emblem of Remembrance Day, bloomed across some of the worst battlefields of Flanders in World War 1. Their brilliant red colour inspired the above poem which will be read by the students as we remember all Australians who have given their lives to protect our country and the lifestyle we all enjoy.

Christmas Fair
A reminder that the Christmas Fair launch will take place this Friday at 2.30pm in the Father Anthony Lemon Centre. This year as a school community we have created a wonderful video that will premier during the launch. We encourage all members of our school community to come along and celebrate together at this wonderful event.

Please be aware that Friday is a multi dress day. All students are encouraged to wear clothes that embrace the theme of Christmas.

Michael Piccoli
Assistant Principal

This week’s value:
Help Everyone Belong—review
(Weekly Virtues: Caring, Hospitality, Honesty, Loyalty)

ST FINBARR’S CHRISTMAS FAIR CRAFT STALL
Sewing Bee for the Christmas Craft Stall continues this week. Thursday 13th 6-6pm in the art room. We welcome Nik White who will be showing how to needle felt these cute lovely owls! No experience necessary, all welcome. Any queries contact Alice 0438 089 564

Learning Continued

Learning for Life Team
The ‘Learning for Life’ team consists of 6 parents in conjunction with the Principal, Leader of Curriculum and Leader of Pedagogy who met regularly throughout 2014 to ensure the vision for our students’ learning is enacted collaboratively.

Thank you to Chris, Gosia, Thir, Simone, Lesley and Chatral who volunteered to be members of the ‘Learning for Life’ team this year, your support and honest feedback on a wide range of important school issues has been greatly appreciated. It has been wonderful to share our school family’s successes and challenges as we journey together in partnership with ‘our’ children.

Lisa Conte
Leader of Pedagogy

Evangelisation News

Dear Parents and Carers,

This Christmas season, we invite all families to donate goods to our Christmas Appeal for individuals and families less fortunate than us.

The following is the allocation list of hamper goods:

- Kindergarten: Toothbrushes, toothpaste and soap
- Stage 1 & 2: Canned goods. Eg soup, fruit, milo.
- Stage 1J: Christmas treats. Eg bonbons, candy canes, puddings, chocolate.
- Stage 2H: Savoury Biscuits. Eg shapes, water crackers, sarakas.
- Stage 2D: Chips and drinks. Eg chip packets and cordial/juice/soft drink.
- Stage 3P: Other toiletries. Eg shampoo, conditioner, body wash, moisturiser.
- Stage 2W: Sweet Biscuits. Eg tory teddies, tlimams, stretch fingers.
- Stage 3S & 3C: Jars. Eg vegemite/peanut butter, nutella, relishes, coffee.

Many thanks to the parents who have offered to help in the packaging and wrapping of hampers with our Year 6 leaders on Thursday, 11th December.

With many thanks for your generosity.