Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

I offer you a very warm welcome back to school for the final term for 2016 and hope that you were able to enjoy some rejuvenating time with your family over the school holidays. There is much learning to come this term and a range of programs and events on our calendar, including the New Parents’ Orientation evening, the Swimming and Surf Safe Programs, the 100 Year Gala social event for parents and the Year Six Graduation, to name a few. Please check the Important Dates column over the page and the school calendar each week for updates.

Principal Change

I have told the children this morning that this, my ninth year at St Finbarr's, will be my final one. I recently applied for a new position in our diocese of School Services Consultant and was successful. There are six such positions across the diocese, each centred in a cluster of schools. I will be working with the principals and leadership teams of the Catholic schools in a cluster in this northern part of the diocese, from the start of the 2017 school year, to support them in the cultural changes they are undergoing to bring about school improvement and improved outcomes for students.

The position of Principal at St Finbarr's will be advertised in this Saturday's newspapers and this will be followed in the coming weeks by a shortlisting and interview process to find the best candidate for the role. This process is managed by Fr David and the Catholic Schools Office. The new principal will being in January, 2017.

I spent some time discerning whether to apply for the above position because St Finbarr's is such a significant part of my life and because I love my job, but I believe that it is the right time for me to move into a different role; one that I am sure will provide different challenges and lots of new learning.

I love this parish school community because of the people who comprise it and I am so very grateful for the opportunity to be part of it. I am humbled every day by: the dedication, self-awareness and expertise of our teachers; the enthusiasm, thoughtfulness, love of life and talent of our students; and by the commitment, generosity of spirit and teamwork of our parents, grandparents and carers.

Most of all, however, I am humbled and inspired by the trust you keep placing in the teachers, and in me, each day, together with your honesty and vulnerability in sharing your struggles and successes in life’s great gift (and great challenge) of parenting.

I will have an opportunity later in the term to thank you in more detail but for now it is ‘business as usual’ to ensure that we continue to work together to do our very best to support, mentor and lead your children in loving, growing and learning for life.

Kind regards,

John Wilson
Principal

Loving, growing, learning for life

Student Awards

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

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Socktober
Socktober is a Catholic Mission initiative which encourages young Australians to raise vital funds for children in need around the world, so that they may have a better opportunity for a hope-filled future.

The theme for Socktober this year is *Just as you did it to one of the least of these...you did it to me* Matt 25:40. Catholic Mission’s project this year is to help fund the educational adapted Tuk Tuk for children living in the poorest of circumstances to access education, hygiene and feeding programs in Cambodia.

During this year of Mercy Pope Francis encourages us to be the hands of mercy. Together we can give education and a new future to the least of those in Cambodia and help the country move forward from its traumatic past with hope.

In the month of October we, as a parish school community, will be engaging in fundraising initiatives to help raise money to support the mobile Tuk Tuk Education Centre.

**CAKE STALL:** On Thursday 20th October we are holding a cake stall during recess and lunch to raise money for Catholic Mission Foundation. The cost of items in the cake stall will range from 20c to $2. We ask that volunteering students bring a baked item into school to sell at our cake stall. Please ensure that your baked item has a list of ingredients attached. Students are asked to give their baked items to Mrs Cotes on the Thursday morning. Thank you in advance for the generosity our school families display in times of service.

**CRAZY SOCK DAY:** On Friday 21st October we will be having a CRAZY SOCK DAY for a gold coin donation. We strongly encourage all students to be creative in wearing crazy socks for the day, let your imagination run wild!

**Stage Masses**
During Term 4 each stage will be once again organising and celebrating Mass with Fr. David and the parish community. These times are an opportunity for students to learn about Mass preparation, celebrate with the parish community and link our prayer and liturgy to the units being studied during Religious Education lessons. Stage 1 will be attending Mass on Friday 21st October, at 9:30 am at St. Finbarr’s Church, Holy Spirit Parish, Byron Bay. All parents/carers and friends are invited to join us.

The dates of other stage Masses will be confirmed shortly.

**Children’s Liturgy**
Children’s liturgy is offered to all children during masses each Saturday evening of term time. Each week a teacher helps the students reflect on the Gospel story and leads an activity which aims to understand the reading. The children then re-join the congregation during the offertory procession.

**Altar Serving Roster**

| 15th October | Sara Crawford  
|             | Chloe Crawford  
|             | Olivia Hosie   |

Kind Regards,

Chantelle Cotes  
Leader of School Catechesis  
Shayne Conlon  
Leader of School Evangelisation

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**Important Dates**

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|       | 2.30-3.00pm Assembly Stg 3CW on prayer |
| 14    | Xavier Orientation Day |
| 18    | 9.00-11.30am Surf Safe Program Stg 2 & 3 |
| 22    | 9.30am Kinder mass |
| 25    | 9.00-11.30am Surf Safe program Stg 2 & 3 |
| 28-2/12| Swimming Lessons Kinder & Stg 1 |
| 3     | Christmas Fair |
| 5-9   | Swimming Lessons Kinder & Stg 1 |
| 9     | 9.00-11.30am Surf Safe program Stg 2 & 3  
|       | 2.30-3pm Assembly yr 2 on prayer |
| 14    | 9:00-11:00am Yr 6 Graduation and Morning Tea |
| 15    | Stg 3 Wet N’ Wild Excursion |
| 16    | Last Day of School & Final School Assembly |

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Learning

Welcome back to a very busy fourth and final term of the school year.

School Uniform and Belongings

As we begin a new school Term I ask that you check your child’s uniform and other belongings. Regarding the school uniform, there are very clear expectations that all students wear the correct uniform, and this applies from Kinder all the way through to Year 6. Please make time to check your child’s uniform before they arrive at school. The correct dress code can be found on the school website: http://www.bbpltism.catholic.edu.au/school-uniform-2/school-uniform-2016/

Thank you to all those parents who ensure their child is neat and tidy in the correct uniform every day. It is a constant investment of energy by parents, but it is appreciated! This helps to reinforce the importance in taking pride in themselves and their school.

Be Organised

As we begin our final term of the year it is important to make some time at home to discuss how your child can get organised not only at school, but also at home. Today I asked my class about this very issue and students reflected in pairs and then shared their responses with the class. Some organisational strategies the students came up with include:

- Organise lunch orders the night before
- Keep an eye on the time in the morning so I don’t have to rush for the bus
- Make a calendar
- Pack my bag the night before
- Look at my (school) diary every night
- Organise a homework chart
- Create a desk space for me to work on

Being a member of a learning community means that to fully participate and cooperate there are several organisational expectations all members need to follow. This occurs on a staff level also, and we call these expectations “Norms”.

As we move towards the end of the year and the school calendar becomes quite busy, there will be many opportunities for students to show how well they are organising themselves. Please support your child and his/her learning by raising awareness of this important life skill.

ASSEMBLIES

Due to our swimming and surf safe programs falling on a Friday morning, there are a number of Friday assemblies that will occur at 2:30pm instead of at 9:00am in weeks 5, 7 and 9. Please refer to our school calendar and the Important Dates column in our newsletter to be up to date with these dates and changes.

Kind Regards,

Carolyn Wade
Assistant Principal

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This week’s value: Help Everyone Belong
Caring, Helpfulness, Honesty, Loyalty

Caring is treating people and things gently and respectfully.

Signs of success

- Looking at people and listening patiently when they speak to you
- Treat yourself, others and the Earth gently and kindly
- Handling your own and others’ belongings gently and carefully

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We are going digital

Parents and Carers,

As of week 3 this term we will no longer be printing hard copies of the newsletter to be distributed to students. The cost to the School in printing a coloured newsletter each week is exorbitant given the large numbers of parents receiving it electronically. The newsletter will be available to download via email, on the School Stream app and on the school website. Please update any changes to your email address by contacting Alison (amason@lism.catholic.edu.au) or Rita (rvella@lism.catholic.edu.au) in the school office, by week 3.
Sports News

Diocesan Soccer-Paul Kelly Cup
Congratulations to our Stage 3 soccer team on their win at the Paul Kelly Cup held in Grafton in the last week of Term 3. St Finbarr’s has been waiting a long time to win the trophy and I'm sure you will be impressed when you see it in the front foyer. A big thank you to Mr O, Mrs Cronan and David Barker for their time and effort put into supporting the team. Well done!

Surf Safe Term 4
Due to recommendations for the safety of children in water, students in Stages 2 & 3 involved with Surf Safe will need to be tested on their ability to swim 50 metres of the pool competently. If a child cannot do so, they will be involved in the swimming program at the pool instead of Surf Safe.
Testing will occur at the Byron Bay pool on **Tuesday 18th October**.
**All Stage 2 & 3 children** will need to bring swimmers, rashie, towel, goggles (if required) and thongs.

Regards
Lisa Clark- Sports Coordinator

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**Resilience is the ability to bounce back and keep going in the face of adversity.**

This evening seminar will be helpful to parents and others who work with or support children and young people preschool - year 12.

**Where:**
St Anthony’s Parish Primary School, Kingscliff

**When:**
Thursday 20 October
6pm supper for 6:30 pm start

**To register:**
Click [HERE](https://goo.gl/ev7jAo) or go to [https:// goo.gl/ev7jAo](https://goo.gl/ev7jAo)

*Childcare Available please advise when registering*

For more information, contact Catherine Holliday on 0405782638 or Fiona McCarthy on 0434223222

**About the presenter …**
Zelinda Brown is based in Lismore on the Northern Rivers of NSW. She has been a teacher in the region for 14 years and brings a diverse range of experiences both in the classroom and beyond. Zelinda is passionate about building the resilience of young people and families.

[Find out more about Zelinda on our website below.](http://www.theresilencedoughnut.com.au)

**A FREE EVENT FOR ALL PARENTS & CAREGIVERS IN OUR PARISH SCHOOLS**
St Finbarr’s

100 YEAR GALA

DIAMONDS + BUBBLES

4TH NOVEMBER

7:30PM

MC SHELLEY CRAFT

UNDER THE STARS @ ST. FINBARR’S SCHOOL

LICENCED BAR + ENTERTAINMENT + TRIVIA

BRING YOUR SPARKLE // PRIZE FOR MOST GLAMOROUS TABLE

Tables of 8-10 Everyone Welcome (no kids allowed)

Tickets $40 includes cocktail upon arrival + Antipasto by fatbellyKaf + BREAD SOCIAL (Strictly no BYO alcohol)

TIX: https://stfinbarrs100yeargala.eventbrite.com.au
Canteen Helpers Needed
Helpers needed and warmly invited to join the Canteen Roster.
If interested, please contact Cyra 0419 968 611 or the School office to be added to the Roster.
Alternatively, just turn up any Tuesday or Friday morning and lend a hand!

General News - On Display - Parent Notice Board

Uniform Shop News
The Uniform Shop is looking for second hand uniforms, if you have anything suitable it would be most appreciated. Donations of uniforms can be left at the school office anytime. Thank you Fran

Lost Property
Missing items? Please ask your child to check the lost property. Bins are currently full and will have to be cleared in coming weeks with lost property items donated to those in need.

SCHOOL FUNDRAISER
Lifeline Pharmacy (in Woolie's Plaza) donate money each month to charity groups in the local area. This month they are raising funds for our school. If you shop there in the next few weeks, we would love it if you could place a token into the donation box so that it adds up to money being raised for us. Every little bit helps.

Have your say!
Byron Shire Council has launched a survey to create a picture of our community’s current and future childcare needs. Parents (including soon-to-be parents) and carers are invited to share their thoughts on accessing childcare in the Byron Shire. To join in, take the survey by 14/10/16:
www.surveymonkey.com/r/byronchildcare
For information, contact Deb Stafford at Byron Shire Council on 6626 7088.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS
Parents wishing to have items published in the School Newsletter should email Mrs Alison Mason by Friday at amason@lism.catholic.edu.au

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Term 3 Overdue School Fees
If you are yet to pay your Term 3 School fees, they are due immediately
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 number from statement.
Please contact Alison Mason immediately, amason@lism.catholic.edu.au, if you are experiencing financial difficulty.

Finish the year on a high note!
Enrol now - term 4 at St Finbarrs - JFH
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