Dear Parents and community members,

School medical updates
Parents, please be active in informing the school of any diagnosis or change in medical conditions for your child, so the school plans and records are current and accurate. It is especially important for students with Asthma, Anaphylaxis, diabetes and other medical illnesses.

Catholic Schools Week, CSW
CSW week runs from Sunday, March 5 to 11. One of its objectives is to raise public awareness of the strengths of Catholic schools and to highlight the significant contribution of a Catholic education. It is an opportunity to share with the broader community the great things taking place in our school every day. Schools can, and often do, rely on positive word-of-mouth to build a reputation and promote specific events and programs. In addition to the information overleaf every classroom will be opened to parents and visitors each morning from 8:30. It may be considered an opportunity for parents to invite a friend or neighbour who may appreciate learning more about our school to come along for a casual visit.

The driving of students by other parents
On the occasion when something goes a miss and another parent is driving your child or children home, or to other activities, please be aware of the need to include the school via a call to the office about the change of plan.

NAPLAN 2017
Test dates for students in Year 3 and 5 are in Term 2. The dates are:
May 9 Language Conventions and Writing
May 10 Reading
May 11 Numeracy
May 12 will be a ‘Catch-up day’ for any Year 3 and 5 students who miss an assessment due to a school absence. So that the assessments are completed equitably there are security protocols in place which remain until May 26.

Nationally Consistent Collection of School Data
The Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (the national data collection) is an annual collection counting the number of school students with disability and the level of reasonable educational adjustment they provide. This data collection will count students identified as receiving an adjustment to address a disability under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (the DDA), accessible at www.comlaw.gov.au. If any parent would like more information on the data collected or questions around how this may involve your child, please visit www.education.gov.au/nationally-consistent-collection-data-school-students-disability

Bishop Homeming
Bishop Homeming has now commenced his time as Bishop of the Lismore Diocese; speaking with the assembly at his Ordination last Wednesday evening he spoke these words on his belief for his role: ‘I am your bishop; with the emphasis on “your”. I belong to you. The people, religious and priests of Lismore, will show me my job. I will listen to you, and together we will discern God’s will for our diocese. Our weaknesses and failings will not be an obstacle because I believe, they will guide us. As Our Lord said to St Paul, “I am strong in your weakness”.

My role is that of a shepherd who leads his people, with a simple focus, to stand in the presence of God. I pray that I will not be an obstacle. I pray that you will come to know the love of Christ and be filled with the utter fullness of God,’ he added.

As we enter the Church’s season of Lent please join in praying for Bishop Homeming.

With my best regards,

Michael Cowley
Principal
Loving, growing, learning for life
We would like to offer a warm welcome and congratulations to our 2017 Mini Vinnies group. There are 40 students who have joined our social justice group this year. These kind and dedicated students will give up one lunchtime a week to work on projects that support those in need. Mini Vinnies students will also learn about social justice issues and how they can live their faith through action. Please join us to celebrate the commissioning of our Mini Vinnies at our whole school assembly on Friday, March 3rd.

**Upcoming Celebrations**

**Ash Wednesday** 9.30am School Hall
Parents are invited to the Ash Wednesday Liturgy of the Word in the school hall at 9.30am on Wednesday morning and the distribution of ashes in classrooms following the liturgy.

**Stage Two Parents - Mass** 9.30am Friday 10th March St Finbarr’s Church
All stage two parents and friends are invited to attend the stage two liturgy where the children will celebrate the Eucharist with readings focussing on the theme of FORGIVENESS.

**Catholic Schools Week—Parent Picnic** 1:00pm Friday 10th March
Parents are welcome to come and join the kids for lunch (BYO food and picnic rug). After lunch (weather permitting) we welcome you to join us on a walk and play at the beach.

**Catholic Schools Week - Parish Family Mass** 6pm St Finbarr’s Church, Saturday 11th March.
All families are invited to attend the Saturday evening Mass to conclude Catholic Schools Week.
The theme this year is “Great Learning, Great Communities” and this gives our children the opportunity to be part of the Holy Spirit Parish community through the celebration of the Eucharist. It would be great to see as many families as possible celebrating with us.

**Lent - 40 Days Of Kindness**
Ash Wednesday begins the liturgical season of Lent which lasts for 40 days. This year at St Finbarr’s the students will be encouraged to ‘give back’ to others by showing kindness in their words and actions. Jesus spent these 40 days in the wilderness in prayer so we are also reminded that this season is a time to pray thoughtful prayers of kindness for those in need of our love and care.

**Project Compassion**
Is a wonderful way that St Finbarr’s students contribute to helping those in Australia and our global community. This year funds will be going to support children and families in the Philippines, Timor, Australia, Vietnam and Fiji. Please support our students in their Project Compassion initiatives throughout Lent.

**Sacramental Programmes**
The Reconciliation Programme is now underway. Mrs Jones will be taking the children on Friday afternoon at 1.45pm for their sessions. Thanks to all the parents who attended the Information evening to enrol their children.

**Confirmation**
Enrolment date: 3rd May 6.30pm St Finbarr’s Church.

**Upcoming Feast Day Celebration**
The Mini-Vinnies students are organising a St Patrick’s Day Dress Up for Project Compassion.
St Patrick is the Patron Saint of the Lismore Diocese so please bring a gold coin donation and dress up in your GLAMOROUS GREEN GARMENTS!

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**ALTAR SERVERS**

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Catholic School’s Week Preparation...

Kinder and Stage three have enjoyed working together to learn a dance for Catholic School’s Week. Parents and friends are invited to attend this Monday morning assembly to watch the performance.

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ACT TALK MOVE
This Term our school family from K-6 has been concentrating on developing high expectations about how the students act, talk and move during learning experiences and transitions. Each class has developed these expectations with their teacher/s about how learning will look like, sound like and feel like. Please have a chat with your child/ren and ask them to communicate what these expected behaviour’s are and why they are so important for their learning.

EMU
This week Mr Cowley, Mrs Clark, our Curriculum Coordinator and I attended a two day in-service on Extending Mathematical Understanding (EMU). EMU is a research-based intervention program developed by Dr Ann Gervasoni of Monash University. It has been shown to improve children’s knowledge and confidence with Mathematics. The program offers intensive learning opportunities for students who are experiencing difficulty in learning mathematics in the early years and beyond. Importantly it provides professional learning that offers a whole school approach to further improve learning and teaching for all in Mathematics. This year we will train, research and prepare for implementation of EMU in 2018.

YEAR 6 MATHEMATICS
Whilst problem solving in Year 6 Mathematics Mrs Clark challenged her students to create a 5X5 array where the sum of every row and column was 31. The students worked with a learning partner, discussing their strategies and testing their estimates whilst working mathematically. As you can see by the photos they were incredibly engaged during the learning activity.

Warm regards,

Lisa Conte
Leader of Pedagogy
Uniform
Now that the school community is settled into a 'normal' routine, I would like to remind parents that we have a compulsory school uniform.

In order to help us to monitor and maintain this, please ensure that your children leave home in the morning with the correct school uniform, visible navy socks, black shoes (Converse and Dunlops are not appropriate) only one pair of small gold or silver studs or sleepers in the lobes of their ears, and their hair taken neatly off their faces. If a child’s hair is longer than their collar, they are required to tie it back off their face.

We realise that sport shoes come in all different colours and styles, and children are permitted to wear appropriate sports shoes on their allocated sports uniform day.

Please see the attached information regarding our school uniform, which can also be found on the school website under the "Enrol my child" tab. If for whatever reason your child is unable to wear their full school uniform, please send a note with your child, addressed to their classroom teacher.

**SCHOOL UNIFORM**

Please ensure that children wear correct school uniform at all times.

**GIRLS**

Everyday:
- School dress OR
- Navy culottes OR navy shorts WITH EITHER
- Overblouse OR royal blue polo shirt with logo,
- Black shoes (school shoes, boots, or plain no-trim black joggers).
- Navy socks, Blue school hat.

Sport:
- Sports Team Coloured Shirt
- WITH EITHER Navy shorts or navy culottes
- White sports shoes (plain – no trim)
- White socks, blue school hat.

Optional:
- Navy zip-up jacket OR Navy pullover with logo
- Navy track pants/gabardine pants to be worn WITH
- Royal blue polo shirt or long sleeve rugby top with logo.
- Navy tights.

**BOYS**

Everyday:
- Navy shorts (Long-leg style, gaberdine or taslon) WITH
- Royal blue polo shirt with logo,
- Black shoes (school shoes, boots, or plain no-trim black joggers).
- Navy socks, Blue school hat.

Sport:
- Sports Team Coloured Shirt and navy shorts,
- White sports shoes (plain – no trim)
- White socks, blue school hat.

Optional:
- Navy zip-up jacket OR pullover with logo
- Navy track pants/gabardine pants WITH
- Royal blue polo shirt or long sleeve rugby top with logo.

Please note:
- Please note that skate shoes, volleys and converse are not part of the school uniform. Sport shoes need to support your child's feet during athletic activities.
- Watches, studs or sleepers are permitted. Chains and bracelets are not permitted for safety reasons.

Children’s hair needs to be kept neat and tidy. Where hair length is longer than the collar, it needs to be tied back using a hair tie or blue/navy ribbon. Multicolored decorations are not part of the uniform.
SCHOOL UNIFORM: Shoes, Socks, Jewellery, Hair

Day Uniform: Black leather school shoes/black joggers with short navy socks

Skate shoes and volleys are not part of the school uniform. Joggers that are not fully black are not part of the day uniform.

Parents, please support our uniform policy & help your child to take pride in their school.

Sports Uniform: Joggers and plain short white sports socks.

Please note that joggers need to support your child’s feet for athletic activities.

Jewellery: Watches, studs or sleepers are permitted. CHAINS and BRACELETS are not permitted for safety reasons.

Hair: Children’s hair needs to be kept neat and tidy. Where hair length is below the collar it needs to be tied back using a ribbon or hair tie. Multi-coloured decorations are not part of the uniform.
Sports News

Zone Swimming Carnival - Friday 17th February, Murwillumbah.
Congratulations to our Zone Swimming Team finishing 4th overall at The Tweed Zone Swimming Trials.
Well done to the following students who have progressed to the Diocesan Swimming Trials to be held in Lismore on Friday 3rd March

Tahj - 3rd (9yrs 50m Freestyle)
Liam - 2nd (10yrs 50m Backstroke), 2nd (Junior Backstroke)
Jonah - 2nd (11yrs Backstroke)
Sam - 1st (12 yrs Freestyle), 3rd (Senior Backstroke)
Jake - 1st (Open 100m Freestyle), 1st (11 yrs 50m Freestyle), 1st (11yrs 50m Breaststroke), 3rd (11yrs Backstroke), 1st 200m Ind Medley.
Jonah, Sam, Jake, Will - 1st (Senior Boys Relay)

A special mention to Jake who was the 11yrs Boy Champion.

Great job boys and good luck!

Welcome to School Banking 2017
The Commonwealth School banking program encourages students to develop strong saving habits and learn valuable money skills. This years theme is "Future Savers". There are 8 new reward items and a chance to win the Future Savers Grand prize.

Rewards include: Cyber Handball, Colour change markers, 3D Chalk, Tablet case, Smiley Emoji keyring, Volt handball, Pencil & Tech case and Epic earphones. Students choose from 2 rewards each term when they make 10 deposits.

The Grand Prize is a five day family trip to Tokyo Disneyland with flights, Disney passes, spending money and accommodation. Students who make 15 or more deposits by the end of term 3 will automatically go in the draw.

Parents can open a "Youth Savers" account for their child online (commbank.com.au/schoolbanking) or by visiting a Commonwealth Bank branch with ID for themselves and their child.

School banking day is Wednesdays and students will receive a school banking parent information pack soon with reward/prize details and a Savings tracker to record their deposits.

So join now and make savings fun!

This week's value: Love Like Jesus Did
(Forgiveness, Compassion, Service, Humility)

Compassion is having kind feelings towards someone who is hurt or troubled.

Signs of success
• Noticing when someone is hurt or upset and showing you care.
• Asking others how they are feeling and taking time to listen patiently.
• Doing something to help a person or animal in need.
CASTING CALL

This series aims to explore some of the different ways we use tools in our daily life. With the focus on activities that children can do independently, our aim is to personalise the activities. For example; learning how to fix your own bike and planting a herb garden for the family.
The shoot dates will be Wednesday 8th, Thursday 9th and Friday 10th of March.
It will take approximately 4 hours and most probably be filmed in your home and close by.
Their will be two children in each segment aged 5-7 years, so family and friends can send in a submission as a team if they wish.

If you think your child may be interested in taking part please forward me...
1. A short video of your child chatting to camera. They could introduce themselves and tell me a bit about their favourite activity that involves tools (of any kind). This doesn’t have to be good quality it is purely to gauge how they might be in front of the camera. If you have a smart phone or iphone then just use that.
   NB: please make sure the file is small or alternatively send a link to a dopbox.
2. Their name and age and your contact details.
3. Please send it to either the email address below or my mobile number.
If you have any questions please feel free to give me a call on the below number.

Thank you,

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Tools

To reduce paper consumption we no longer print our fortnightly Newsletter.
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Please ensure emails and emergency contacts are up to date.

How to stay connected...

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Did you know that St Finbarr’s is on Facebook? Please like and share our page and enjoy the regular posts and photos the school shares.
https://www.facebook.com/stfinbarrsbyron/

The SchoolStream App delivers school information directly to parents and students on their mobile devices.
Download the app for Free via the link on our school website: www.bbplism.catholic.edu.au

Update your School Stream App!
To access the latest features and improvements on School Stream, please update your app to the latest version. Go to the “App Store” or “Google Play” and click on “Update”.
Press for more.
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!

term one craft afternoons
for 6-12 year olds
Tuesday or Thursday 3.30-4.30pm
at Byron Bay Public School
$150 per term

call Jane 0411 296 510
to book a space at the making table

tied up with string

Byron Bay Lennox Head Junior Rugby League Club

Byron Bay Lennox Head Junior Rugby League Club is holding their Muster Day/Meet and Greet this Sunday 5th March at 2pm at Red Devil Park, Byron Bay. New and returning players welcome. Sign on available on day. Come and meet your team mates and coaches to decide on training days and times. Enquiries Nicky 0412244325

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