

MINI FINNIES

Mini Finnies is held every Friday morning from 9.00am—11.00am during Term 3 and 4. If you would like your Pre-Prep child to attend please contact St Finbarr's on 07 4656 1412.

Congratulations to Fr Peter Doohan on his 40th Anniversary of Ordination. To celebrate this milestone, St Mary's Community cordially invites you to the 70th Birthday and 40th Anniversary of Ordination of Fr Peter Doohan at St Mary's Catholic Church Charleville on 3rd September, 2016 with Mass at 6.00pm in St Mary's Church followed by a meal at The Cobb & Co Hall, St Mary's School.

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PARLIAMENT AND CIVICS EDUCATION PROGRAM

The year 5 and 6 students from our school are currently undertaking an educational tour of the national capital. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$80 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

We are grateful for this assistance which allows us to keep costs down.

Reminder RADII Parent Survey – closes this weekend 14th August.

School fee reminder

Term 3 school fees were sent out with the last newsletter. Thank you to those of you who have settled those accounts promptly. If you have not yet had a chance to pay your account we would be grateful if those accounts could be attended to as soon as possible. Thank you.

REMINDER!

*** PUPIL FREE DAY***

**Monday 15th August
due to Bishops In-service**



St Finbarr's Student Protection Con-

tacts are as follows.

Genny McNair ~ Kara Marsh

ST FINBARR'S FETE!

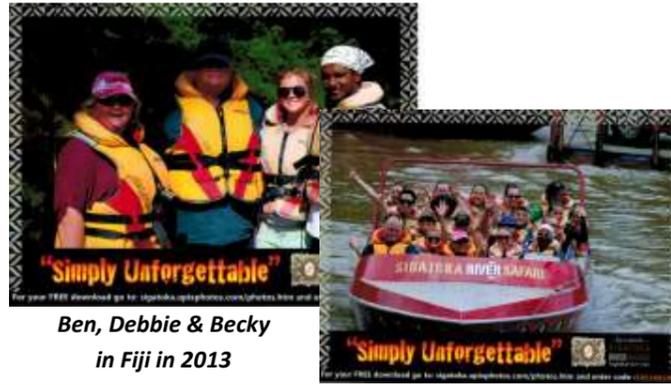
Friday 7th October St Finbarr's Fete and Mystery Holiday. **Mark the date on your calendar !**

TRASH AND TREASURE

Start collecting your unwanted treasure for the Trash and Treasure Stall! Clean items can be delivered to the school.

Donations for lucky ticket stall – Items that can fit in a Chinese food container can be left at school. **Friday 7th October St Finbarr's Fete and Mystery Holiday.**

Where will the Mystery Holiday take you?



Ben, Debbie & Becky
in Fiji in 2013

2016 Holy Name Children's Art Show

Theme: We are Australian

Date: Friday 2nd September, 2016

RSVP & Entries Close: Friday 12th August

Fee: \$2 per piece of art work

If students are interested in submitting an entry, please contact St Finbarr's office for an entry form which also outlines the prizes, categories, judging and rules.



Change of Arrangements for Confirmation and First Communion

As Bishop McGuckin has commitments in Charleville on Monday 15 August, our Confirmation plans are changed.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will **still be conferred on Sunday 14 August** by Bishop McGuckin at 3.30pm however it will not take place during Mass.

This means that First Communion will now be celebrated on Sunday 28 August with Mass at 6.00pm.



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Newsletter Checklist

◆ Aust Swim courses

◆ Parenting tips—
Michael Grose

Important dates

◆ 7th- 13th August Canberra Camp Year 5/6

◆ 14th August Confirmation

◆ 15th August Bishops In-service - Pupil Free Day

◆ 16th August ICAS maths testing

◆ 28th August First Communion

◆ 1st September Performing Arts Festival

◆ 5th September School Photos

◆ 7th-9th September QCPPA Toowoomba

◆ 12th-16th September Thargo Sports Camp

◆ 16th September Last Day Term 3

◆ 4th October First Day Term 4

Dear Parents and Friends

This week we have been receiving a steady flow of news from our travellers in the south. On Monday, the **Year 5 and 6 students** were fortunate to visit Mary Mackillop place in Sydney, on her feast day, and take in the sights of Sydney on a harbour cruise. On Tuesday they visited the National Museum, Royal Australian Mint and War Memorial. Today they have had fun in the snow at Perisher. During the remainder of the week they will visit the Museum of Australian Democracy (Old Parliament House), the new Parliament House, the Australian Institute of Sport, National Library and Questacon with laser skirmish and ten pin bowling for a change of pace. The week has been packed with activities and thankfully all students can rest and recover this coming weekend with Monday 15th August being a pupil free day for all students, for Bishops In-service.

RADII Surveys for parents close this Sunday, 14th August. A small number of parents/families have already completed these. The surveys only take about 15 minutes to complete and do provide valuable information for future planning. The results of these surveys are used in each of the EICE component reviews and provide data for the development of the Annual Action Plan for the next year.

The annual **School Fete** will be held on Friday, 7th October. Chris Paulsen has begun the process of sourcing sponsorship and making arrangements for the Mystery Holiday. This year we are hoping to hold a **petting zoo**. Please keep this in mind and look out for possible baby animals that can be borrowed for the evening. The usual stalls and games will be held again but we are keen to have new ideas, stalls and activities. Please spread the word and help us make this fete successful.

Last Wednesday we had a visit from **Bernadette Kreutzer**. Bernadette is the Executive Officer of the **Federation of Parents and Friends Associations of Catholic Schools**. During her discussions with members of our P&F Committee, Ben Hall and Ang Bonsey, she made comment that the directives the Federation is currently promoting are already happening here – parent engagement, positive and collaborative parent-P&F-school relationships. We all viewed the shed as a prime example of the achievement that our P&F, parents and school have made in raising these funds over the past 5 years. The shed is now taking form and will soon be operational. An official opening will be held later in the year, but for now it will be a very functional multi-purpose area for our students. We are so fortunate to have received \$35 000 from our P&F in addition to a grant from the Community gambling Fund for this facility.

The school has recently begun subscribing to resources of **Michael Grose**, to assist teachers and parents in building relationships and raising children. Michael is the author of a number of books including *Thriving!* and *Why First Borns Rule the World and Last Borns Want to Change It!* His popular columns appear in newspapers and magazines across Australia and he appears regularly on television including Channel 10's *The Project*. Michael has an education background and holds a Master of Educational Studies with research into what makes healthy families tick. The article included in this newsletter is focussed on building independence in our children. As our lives are becoming increasingly busy, we are tending to do more and more for our children. Are we helping or hindering their development?

Warm regards

Genny

Compassion and tolerance are not a sign of weakness but a sign of strength. Dalai Lama



Feast of Mary Mackillop Celebrating 150 Years

Monday 8th August was the Feast of Mary Mackillop. Members of our school celebrated this special day in different ways. Sr. Margaret attended the Mass of Thanksgiving celebrating 150 years at St Patricks Cathedral in Toowoomba and our year 5 & 6 Camp students were lucky enough to actually visit Mary Mackillop place in Sydney.



Back here in Quilpie, the students joined in prayer in the morning and then celebrated the feast by icing green and gold cupcakes which they then enjoyed for morning tea.

The Mary MacKillop Foundation provides community grants to organisations who support vulnerable people in Australia. This includes projects which address poverty, sickness, distress and disability.



Parish News



On Sunday we welcome Bishop Robert McGuckin to our Parish. 9 children from the Parish will be confirmed in a ceremony commencing at 3.30pm. Matt, Hunter and Darcy will be joined by Carli and Jake Horsten, Eve, Hugo and Harriet Tully and Declan Salmon and will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. All are invited to this special occasion in our Parish Family.

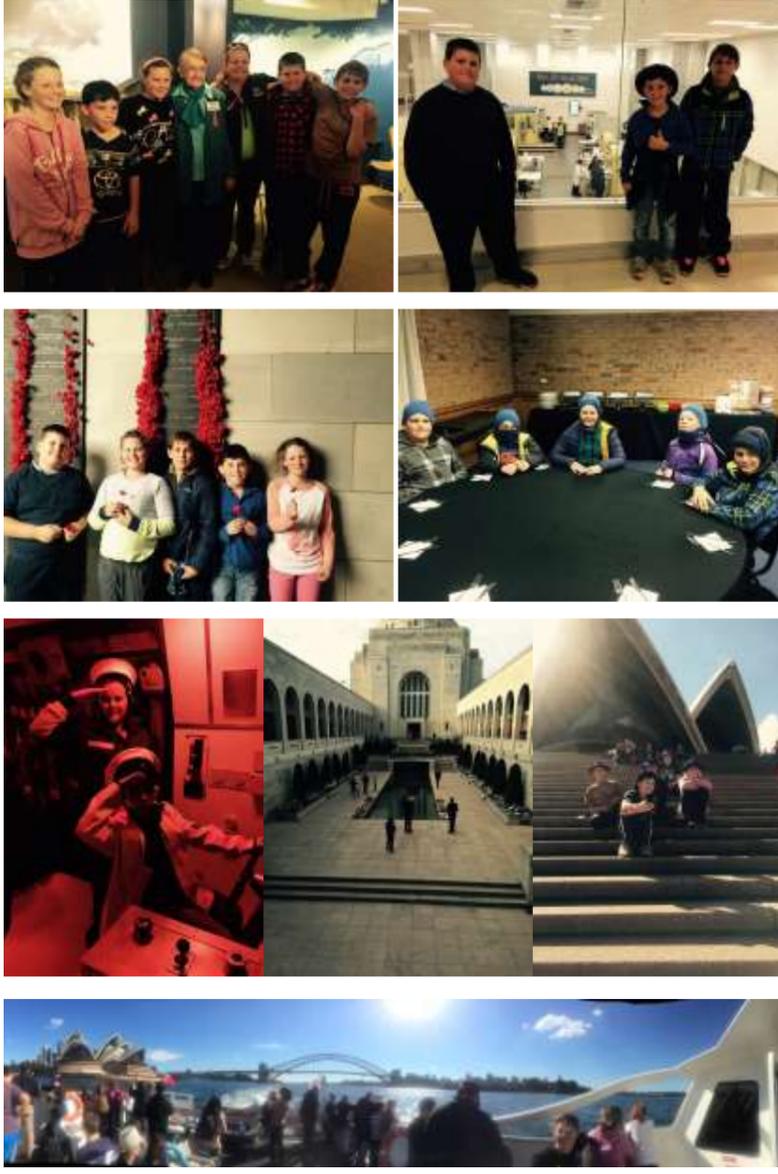
God Bless Sr. Marg

P & F Association News

Bernadette Kreutzer of the Federation of Parents and Friends Associations of Catholic Schools with members of our P&F Committee, Ben Hall and Ang Bonsey and our Principal, Genny McNair, standing in front of the construction of the new shed made possible by the donation of our P&F Association.



Canberra Camp so far...




P-2 News

Term 3 is always my favourite term. We always have so many exciting projects. Firstly I would like to thank all of those parents who have connected to their children's Seesaw journals. Seesaw is an exciting new tool that we have introduced into our school. We are so lucky that our students are able to enjoy the freedom of 1:1 iPad use. We are so excited about the future of using Seesaw and we know parents will love the "real time" updates and seeing what their children are learning in the classroom. So make sure once you have downloaded the Seesaw parent app to give your child's work a little "love" by clicking the like button.

Our Awesome Zoo Animals information reports are coming along fabulously. We have been exploring describing words and doing words. We have brainstormed all the words that have the same meaning as "Awesome" which you can find on Seesaw. We have also been researching interesting facts about our chosen zoo animals and the students have been recording some of their findings on Seesaw as well.

We have also started our writing pieces for the literary section at the Quilpie Show. We have had a great time learning about the different Olympic sports. What better way to learn about the sports then to be able to watch them live! We have been live streaming the swimming, target shooting, hockey, cross country equestrian and basketball to name a few.

We had an influx of awards handed out last Friday and I would like to congratulate and thank all of the students (and parents) who have been working so hard with their sightwords, reading and homework. It surely is paying off and the results are absolutely spectacular.



Until next time... Mrs Marsh and the Prep/1/2

Thargomindah Sports Camp

If you have not yet returned your permission and medical forms for the Thargo Sports Camp, please do so as soon as possible. We require one completed medical form per child. There is also a fee of \$70 per child that needs to be paid to St Finbarr's by 26th August. If you need forms sent home, please contact the office.

DISTRICT SPORT CHARLEVILLE

Brodie-Lee, Thomas, Lewis, Carlie, Lexi, Liam and Finn were selected to compete at Charleville in the District Athletics carnival for the Quilpie and District team. Finn and Liam competed well in all of their events with Finn coming third in shot put. Catherine unfortunately was unable to compete.



Meanwhile, Catherine's work on the polocrosse field has paid off and she will be competing in the QLD State Club Championships for the Nockatunga/Toompine team in September on her horse Liberty. We wish her the best of luck and look forward to hearing the results.



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the Students of the Week for weeks 3 and 4. The awards in Week 3 were won by Catherine from the 3-6 class for her exemplary behaviour and focus and Sammy from the P-2 class for her impressive progress in reading and sightwords. In week 4 the awards were won by Cody from the 3-6 class for his persistence and positivity towards his work and Ella from the P-2 class for her hard work, care and attention to her very neat handwriting. Great work!

