



**Friday 2nd September 2016**

Next Friday, students are invited to wear their favourite football team colours to school. Footy Colours Day is held to raise money to support the Fight Cancer Foundation which helps young Australians living with cancer continue with their education while receiving treatment. Please support this important charity and send a donation in with your child which we will forward on behalf of the school.



### Marist College Ashgrove

Invites your to join Mr Peter McLoughlin, Headmaster, James Metzeling, Head of Boarding and Judie Carter, College Registrar, for a casual meal at:

**Quilpie:** Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September 6:30 pm @ the Heritage Inn  
**Charleville:** Morning Tea @ 10:30 am, Menzies Restaurant  
Charleville Motel

**RSVP:** Tuesday 6 September to the Registrar Judie Carter 07 3858 4507 or [enrol@marash.qld.edu.au](mailto:enrol@marash.qld.edu.au)

### Thargomindah Sports Camp

Thargomindah Sports camp lunch order forms are enclosed with this Newsletter. Please fill out one form per child as well as one form per attending adult and return to the school no later than this Friday 26th August. Travel arrangements will be sent home next week.

### School fee reminder

Term 3 school fees were sent home at the beginning of this term. 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.

### St Finbarr's Student Protection

Contacts are as follows.

Genny McNair ~ Kara Marsh

### ST FINBARR'S FETE!

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> 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.



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**\*\*Wanted\*\***

**Pets for the petting Zoo**

**Where will the  
Mystery Holiday**

**take you?**

*Ben & Jean in the  
USA—2015*

**Board meeting tonight 6.00 pm for board members**

**P&F meeting 7.00 pm - All Welcome**  
**Discussion – School fete**

### ST MATTHEWS SERVICE—8TH SEPTEMBER

The Anglican Bishop, Cam Venables of the South West Region will be in Quilpie for a Service at St. Matthew's on 8th September at 6.00pm. All Welcome.

### School Photos Monday 5th September 2016

Photo envelopes are enclosed with this Newsletter. Please fill out the envelope and return ON PHOTO DAY complete with payment method. Should you require another, additional photo envelopes are available from the school.

**Mass 6.00pm 28th August St Finbarr's**

**First Communion**

Please join the 7 young people this Sunday who will be celebrating their first Communion at Mass at 6.00pm. Everyone is welcome.



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### Newsletter Checklist

- ◆ Tuckshop Envelope
- ◆ Sports Camp Lunch orders
- ◆ Book Club
- ◆ School Photo Envelopes

### Important dates

- ◆ 24th Board/P&F Meeting
- ◆ 28th August First Communion
- ◆ 29th August Ricki Milosevic memorial parade
- ◆ 2nd September Performing Arts Festival
- ◆ 2nd September Footy Colours Day
- ◆ 5<sup>th</sup> September School Photos
- ◆ 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> September QCPPA Toowoomba
- ◆ 8th RAWART Workshop
- ◆ 10th September Quilpie Show
- ◆ 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> September Thargo Sports Camp
- ◆ 16<sup>th</sup> September Last Day Term 3
- ◆ 4<sup>th</sup> October First Day Term 4
- ◆ 7th October School Fete
- ◆ 17th October Pupil Free Day

Dear Parents and Friends

Throughout the term the students have been learning about the **Value of Compassion** and how they can show compassion every day to the people in our community. During the past two weeks we have been able to tie this in with Seniors' week. Students have shown a deep understanding of the wonderful contribution their grandparents, and Seniors generally, have made to our community. They have been able to identify many ways they can show compassion in helping Seniors and to show their appreciation. Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September is **Footy Colours Day**, so our focus in the coming weeks will be showing compassion to those beyond our community who are in need.

Our **Values Program** covers a number of Key Values over a two year cycle in the areas of *Managing Self, Relating to Others and Participating and Contributing*. The Values of **Peace, Truth and Wisdom** are the foundation for our school identity as a school in the Mary Mackillop tradition. They describe who we are and who we want to be as a school community. We are in the process of reviewing and updating our school Vision and Mission Statements and will be asking for parent and student participation in this process. This Vision Statement will include these three key values and will form the framework of our Mission as a school – it will underpin our whole way of working, living and learning. We cannot expect our students to live by these values and the values we teach unless as a staff and as parents we adopt them in our own work and everyday interactions. We as a staff and you as your child's most influential teachers need to be mindful of the example we set for the development of our students and children.

In recent weeks students from Year 3 to Year 6 have participated in the **Math and English ICAS tests**. They are more of a competition than a test and are held annually. We are trialling them to familiarise students with this style of testing as they are similar to NAPLAN and, as they are held annually, students can track their own progress. It is very interesting to see how differently students approach and handle these tests. We have found that our students have the knowledge to achieve but the style of questioning and test layout can be off putting for some of them. We are looking closely at how we can assist students in our everyday teaching practices to also achieve during these tests. One area of focus is ensuring that our questioning is open ended and challenging.

We have been given permission by Bishop Robert McGuckin to name our new shed after **Fr Jeff Scully**. We are expecting that it may colloquially be called **Jeff's Shed** but we are needing a more formal name for the opening ceremony. If anyone has any idea for the name we would like to hear from you.

Everyone has returned safely from the **Canberra Camp** with the exception of Miss Long, who is still carrying an injured shoulder. The students have told me of many of their highlights. Catherine and Toby shared their camp experience at the **Mayor's Luncheon** during Seniors' Week and were complimented on their presentation.

It is with great sadness that I have to announce that **Mrs Marsh** is leaving our staff at the end of the year. Kara and Aaron will be moving to Kingsthorpe where Kara will be taking on a position at Mary Mackillop School in Highfields. It is hard to find words to describe the work, the input and the influence that Kara has had in the formation of our staff and school over the last 4 years. (I know her class could come up with some great *Fancy Nancy* words for this.) Kara and Aaron have put much consideration into this move as an enhancement to her experience as a teacher. She will be greatly missed by our students, parents and the community generally.

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> August marks the 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the passing of **Ricky Milosevic**. We will hold a short prayer service in place of our morning parade to commemorate Ricky's life. Everyone is welcome to attend at 9 am.

Warm regards

*Genny*

**Compassion will cure more sins than condemnation.** Henry Ward Beecher

### CATCH OF THE DAY!

Marcus pulled this monster Yabbie from the Bulloo River on Monday morning. He did not divulge the exact secret location along the river where he caught this monster despite repeated efforts from his peers.



### SPACE CREATIONS

Last week the 3-6 class had some fun designing models of the sun, moon and earth and where they lie in relation to one another. They then presented their models to the class explaining their models and showing the orbital patterns of the earth and moon in relation to the sun.



### Canberra Camp Stand Outs

Catherine: "Laying the wreath at the War Memorial and placing a poppy for Uncle Rick was one of my stand out times at Canberra. Also going to the snow was one of the best parts because it was the first time I had seen it!"



Cody: "My favourite part of the Canberra excursion was playing Laser skirmish. We got to run around and there were even targets on the roof."

Toby: "I really enjoyed going to the Australian Mint. It was interesting to watch the coins being made and how the machines all worked together".

Millie: "The best part for me was going to the War Memorial and going to the zone where you could touch things and dress up. We even got to go inside a submarine"



Finn: "I thought the Australian National Museum was great. I loved seeing all the cars especially the buffalo catcher. It has this big arm on the side that they used to catch the buffalo".

Josie: "My stand out was the War Memorial. I enjoyed how interesting and interactive it was for everyone including the kids".

Miss Tina: "I thought the Last Post at the War Memorial was outstanding. I also found the National Library fascinating with the tubular communication system"

Miss Long: "Tobogganing was great fun—the last big hurrah before the shoulder incident"



### STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Congratulations to the Students of the Week for week 6. The awards were won by Mia from the 3-6 class for staying on track and consistently working hard and Fraser from the P-2 class for his concentration and hard work this week. Well done!

### 3-6 News

This has been an awesomely busy term with more still to come! The Canberra Camp was an amazing trip that was enjoyed by all. The students were so well behaved and it was such a pleasure to be their teacher on this trip. They represented Saint Finbarr's very well. I also need to mention the parents that joined me, Josie and Tina and all the help that they provided.

Students have been working hard in maths over the past couple of weeks. They were working on fractions and completed a formal assessment. We moved onto lines of symmetry which has been fun. Students enjoy having a mirroring shapes and objects. They have had the opportunity to create their own image and show the lines of symmetry. We are now moving into measurement.

We have the show coming up and students have been working really hard in their art work and writing. I can't wait until they are finished and get to present their finished product. Make sure you all come and have a look at the display on show day.

We are coming towards the end of the term and students are working hard on their assessment pieces. These will need to be finished in a few weeks before we head off on our next trip to Thargomindah Sports Camp.

Until next time...

Miss Long and the 3-6 Class



**Millie, Matt, Finn & Catherine concentrating hard while working on their maths.**

### Parish/Community News

Throughout Queensland last week, communities celebrated Seniors' Week with the theme "Young and Old Together". Michelle Donohue, Quilpie Home and Community Care invited St. Finbarr's to have some involvement in the activities. We were very happy to receive this invitation as it gave our senior students an opportunity to share in the special week.

As Yrs 5/6 had just returned from their excursion, Catherine and Toby prepared a talk on their trip and the places they had been. They were speakers at the Mayor's Luncheon and presented their talk very well to an interested audience of 40\*50 Seniors. The Seniors enjoyed hearing from the students and the students enjoyed the delicious lunch. There was a happy buzz of conversation as the Seniors reminisced about their travels as they chatted over lunch.



On Friday, Millie, Cody and Finn took part in the Seniors Prayer Service at St. Matthew's. They participated in a reflective dialogue on "Young and Old Together" with Robyn Cherry as an introduction to the Prayer.

They handed out booklets and bookmarks and spoke to each one there.

We were proud to see all our senior students conduct themselves confidently as they interacted respectfully and happily with the Quilpie Seniors.

This weekend, at Mass on Sunday 28 August at 6.00pm, Hunter, Darcy, Matt, Ryan, Marcus, Carli and Jake will receive their First Communion. Please join these young people and their families at Mass.

God Bless.

Sr. Margaret



### MUSEUM VISIT

The P-2 class took a trip to the Quilpie Museum where they learned some interesting things about our history. They learned of the foundation and early days of our area, and were fascinated to see the comparison of how Quilpie looked back then compared to the town they know today.



### PUT TO GOOD USE!

The first day the shed was open to the students happened to be a wet one. What better way to spend a wet lunch time than playing under the brand new extra large under cover outdoor area.

