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.

RSVP: 14th August, 2016
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August 9 is Census night and the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) is seeking up to 38,000 motivated and community-minded people across Australia to join our team and work on the 2016 Census. If you or someone you know is interested in a Census Field Officer position - apply today!

Census Field Officers:
- temporary casual jobs, with flexible working hours
- are responsible for making contact with households to ensure everyone can complete the Census
- will earn $21.61 per hour (inclusive of 25% loading).

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! 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.

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.

Ditto’s Keep Safe Education Program
On Monday the P-2 students attended a Bravehearts Education Program called “Ditto’s Keep Safe Adventure”. The program aims to empower students with the tools to keep safe and educate them with a focus on resiliency while building confidence and awareness. The show was engaging and explored children’s personal safety and encouraged children to speak out about any unsafe situation they may find themselves in.

ST FINBARR’S STUDENT PROTECTION CONTACTS ARE AS FOLLOWS.
Genny McNair - Kara Marsh

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 be held during the final week of this term. More information and a permission form is included in this newsletter. Please return these as soon as possible so numbers can be finalised.

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Dear Parents and Friends

Catholic Education Week is being celebrated this week. Generally these celebrations begin with Bishop’s In-service Day but due to the Bishop and a number of students from the Diocese attending World Youth Day in Poland the Bishop’s In-service Days have been moved to Week 6.

We began Catholic Education Week with a Family Mass which has also coincided with Fr Peter’s 40-year’s Ordination. Many students were involved in the mass and it was well attended by all families. Catholic Education week provides an opportunity to celebrate Catholic Education, to reflect on what we do well and plan for progress in the future. The annual RADII surveys provide an opportunity for parents to provide feedback to the diocese and school on performance and other issues. Please do take the time to complete these short online surveys. The survey is currently open and closes Sunday 14 August. Last year we had a 50% completion rate for families. Please contact the school if you are having difficulty accessing this online survey.

The weather was certainly very bleak at the Quilpie and District Athletics Carnival. Thank you to all staff and parents who braved the cold to support the competitors and help on the day. Congratulations to Finn for selection in discus, high jump, 100m and 200 m sprints; Catherine for selection in high jump, 100m and 200m sprints and Liam for selection in 100 m and 200m sprints. They will compete at the District Carnival in Charleville on Monday, 13 August. We offer a special congratulations to Bella for breaking the 200m record which has been held since 2013. Well done to Bella and Marcus for being awarded the age champion medallions. McManus was the winning house on the day. Congratulations to all students for their participation and sportsmanship.

The ICAS English (2nd August) and Maths (16th August) Tests will be held this term for all students in Year 2 to 6. These are held annually and provide an opportunity for students to practice this style of testing. As these are done annually, teachers and students can track their progress to compare their results from year to year.

Students in the Prep – 2 class recently attended the Braveheart’s Ditto Keep Safe Adventure Show. The aim of the program is to teach children personal safety in a non-confrontational, fun and engaging fashion. Students were given an activity book to take home and professional development has been offered to the staff to continue this support in our school.

The annual Thargomindah Sports Camp will be held during the final week of this term. More information and a permission form is included in this newsletter. Please return these as soon as possible so numbers can be finalised.

It is now only 10 days before the year 5 and 6 students, Miss Long, Josie and Tina head off to Sydney and Canberra. Their visit to Mary Mackillop place on Monday 8th August will be very special as it coincides with her feast day. There have been many activities organised throughout the week in Sydney and Canberra. We wish them all safe travels and an enjoyable camp.

Warm regards
Gary

“if you want others to be happy, practice compassion. if you want to be happy, practice compassion.” Dalai Lama
2016 Quilpie and District Athletics Carnival

Another bitterly cold day for the annual Athletics Carnival held on 15th July. The students of St. Finbarr’s joined together with the Quilpie State College, Eromanga State school and Distance Education Students to compete in this year’s carnival. Events included Sprints, Long Distance, High Jump, Long Jump, Ball Games, Discus and Shotput for the older students and novelty races for the younger students. The final results were as follows:

Age Champion Results
8 Years—Lochie & Bella
9 Years—Marcus & Hallie
10 Years—Lewis & Lexi
11 Years—Thomas & Harriet
12 Years—Jayce & Anastasia
March Past—McManus
Ball Games—Pegler
Average (points per competitor) - Pegler
Overall Points—McManus

Win or lose, all of the students did an amazing job and gave their best in all events they competed in. An extremely impressive effort by everyone given the freezing weather. Congratulations to ALL competitors!

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Average (points per competitor)
Ball Games
March Past

Parish News

Thank you to all who came to celebrate the beginning of Catholic Education Week with Mass on Sunday. Fr. Peter appreciated our recognition of his 40 years of Ordination and enjoyed “Pizza at the Pub” afterwards.

Later in the newsletter, there is an invitation from Sr. Elizabeth and St. Mary’s Parish Charleville to a combined celebration of Fr. Peter’s 40 years and his 70th Birthday which is coming soon. If you are able to attend, please RSVP to Sr. Elizabeth.

Bishop Robert McGuckin will be in the Parish to Confirm young people from St. Finbarr’s, Quilpie State College and School of Distance Education, on Sunday 14 August. All are invited to join us.

As Gen mentioned earlier, our 5/6 students will be at Mary MacKillop Place Sydney on the Feast of St. Mary MacKillop. It will be a very busy place to be!

On Monday 8 August, in St. Patrick’s Cathedral, Toowoomba there will be a special Mass to mark the anniversary of St Mary MacKillops death in 1909. The Mass will also celebrate the 150 years since the foundation of the Sisters of St Joseph, by Mary MacKillop and Fr Julian Tenison Woods, Parish Priest of Penola, in 1866. It also marks the 100 years of the return of the Sisters to Queensland. The Sisters were scattered over 13 towns in the Toowoomba Diocese, over the years. Sisters are resident in only 3 now.

Mary MacKillop College at Highfields is a school that has chosen to follow the spirit of Mary MacKillop. St Finbarr’s Quilpie has been a school in the Mary MacKillop tradition for 66 years.

God Bless
Sr. Marg

3-6 News

As per usual the weeks are flying past us. We are well underway with the units of work for this term.

In English we are learning about Information Reports. Towards the end of the unit, the students will be writing their own Information Report on an Olympic Hero/Sport and this will be presented at the show.

The students have enjoyed working with money in Maths over the past week. We have also been working in groups and rotating around different activities in the classroom to expand their thinking in a variety of ways.

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Until next time…

Miss Long

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Keep up the great work!

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Our students are now enjoying their lunch and morning tea using new tables and chairs as well as enjoying the much warmer location. We have purchased 6 aluminium tables with chairs and they are lined up on the cement out the front of the library. This gives the students a barrier from that cold winter wind while allowing them to warm up in the sun.

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