

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.

Kindness is Home Grown

Genuine kindness is a powerful and life-changing skill that our children need to learn from us. As all parents know, our children learn from **what we do, not what we say**.

* Demonstrate kindness * Speak with kindness * Notice when your partner and your children need encouragement, and give it to them * Be courageous * Request kindness * Be kind to yourself.

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:

- are 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).



2016 CENSUS FIELD OFFICERS

**Up to 38,000 opportunities
to make a difference...**

We're seeking up to 38,000 Census Field Officers to join our team and play a role in shaping the future of Australia.

If you're community minded, enjoy working outside, are an Australian Citizen or have the legal right to work in Australia, then jump online and apply today.

A Census Field Officer's duties may vary, depending on their assigned area. Job seekers from diverse backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

Apply now at abs.gov.au/careers



St Finbarr's Student Protection Con-

tacts are as follows.

Genny McNair ~ Kara Marsh



SALVATION ARMY VISIT

The Salvation Army visited our school last week and gave a hilarious performance that had the students rolling with laughter. However behind all the music, laughter and fun, an important message was being delivered: The importance of following a good role model.

THURSDAY'S ATHLETICS POSTPONED

Due to wet grounds, the Athletics Carnival planned for Thursday will be postponed until Friday 15th July (end of the first week of Term 3). Gymnastics for the under school age children will now be held from 9.00am – 10.00am at our school.

For the rest of Thursday and Friday we will be rostering gymnastics for the school age children.

High Jump will now be held on Thursday afternoon (this week) rather than Wednesday afternoon to allow the grounds to dry out a little more.

Notice—Chicken Pox

For your information there has been a case of Chicken Pox in town. Please check your children. Children who do have chicken pox must be kept home until the blisters have dried—usually 5 days after the rash has appeared.

Venomous Animal Community Workshop

Tuesday 12th July

Come along to this community workshop all about venomous animals and learn how to recognise the symptoms of venomous bites and how to treat them correctly.

There will also be a live snake behaviour demonstration with a variety of snakes from large pythons through to the Inland Taipan. As well as all of this, the handlers will also be providing the opportunity for people to hold (or just touch) a large or very small python if they like at the end of each session.

Get up close and personal with a snake while learning vital information about these creatures that we so commonly share our environment with in this district.



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Newsletter Checklist

- ◆ Tuckshop Envelopes
- ◆ Mini Fannies Notice
- ◆ Absence Note
- ◆ Kids Club
- ◆ Peach Healthy Eating Info
- ◆ Term 3 Planner

Important dates

- ◆ 20th—24th June—Gymnastics
- ◆ 24th June—Anniversary & Memorial Service for Jeff Scully at 6.00pm
- ◆ 24th June—Last Day Term 2
- ◆ 26th June—Mass St Finbarr's 6.00pm
- ◆ 11th July—First Day Term 3
- ◆ 12th July—Venomous Animals Community Workshop
- ◆ 15th July—Q&D Athletics Carnival

Dear Parents and Friends

Welcome to the final Newsletter for the Term. It has been a long term, but a busy term and due to this, has gone quickly.

Our **new shed** is coming soon as many of you are aware. Work was to begin this week with the removal of the old concrete but this has been held up with the recent, but very welcome rain. The bulk of the construction will occur over the school holidays. This week we have also taken delivery of 5 new **picnic table sets**. These will be set up on the northern side of the Library building during the winter months, a much warmer area for eating.

This week the students have thoroughly enjoyed the **Gymnastics** coaching under the direction of Karina from Activated group. This group provides weekly gymnastics activities throughout schools along the East Coast and conducts full week workshops, such as ours, for schools in more regional and remote areas. Karina is quite new to the Activated Group, but has been a gymnast for many years and runs gymnastics programs, including Kinder Gym, for a number of years in schools in Brisbane. Karina has also spent the last couple of years performing as a circus acrobat in Canada and the USA. It has been wonderful to have the students from the Quilpie College, Schools of Distance Education and Eromanga State School come together for the program. This program has been made available through the generosity of the **Quilpie Shire Council** with Community Drought Support Funding provided by the **Queensland State Government**.

Students from Year 5 and 6 will be travelling to Canberra with students from St Mary's Charleville and Sacred Heart Cunnamulla. Students from our school attend this camp every two years. Activities will include visits to the Dubbo Zoo, Mary Mackillop Place, Australian War Museum, Questacon Science Centre, and Parliament House. As the students in have been learning about Federation and the development of Government in Australia, this visit will be the culminating event for their Semester One studies. Students will also visit the snow at Perisher.

Information regarding **Nationally Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD)** has been included in this Newsletter. We began this process in 2014, and whilst meeting accountability processes, it has also supported good teaching practice and has been well received by our teachers. Please contact myself or your class teacher during interviews if you are requiring further information regarding this process.

I recently attended the learning support conference in Toowoomba. Topics of the conference included Executive Functioning – Organising the Disorganised Child and Adaptive Technologies for Students with Learning Difficulties. These sessions were very worthwhile as they have many practical applications for our classrooms.

Over the last weeks I have been viewing the student's assessments and reading their report cards. I am very impressed by the achievements of all of our children. This can be directly attributed to the commitment of our teachers and support staff, the hard work of our students and the dedication of our parents to homework and student learning. Thank you for supporting your children and our school in the very important work that we do.

Please have a well-deserved break this holidays and most importantly enjoy the time with your children.

Warm regards

Genny

"When you are kind to others, it not only changes you, it changes the world." – Harold Kushner



Drama & Dancing Workshop

Last week the students attended a dancing and drama workshop over 3 days with the very talented Kim Whitta. The kids had a great time practising their routines and different acts. Parents were treated to a dramatic performance of Blinky Bill on the Wednesday in which all of the students took part.

Parish News

This past ten days has been a time of remembering, celebrating and giving thanks for 3 members of the Quilpie Community who have died.

John Murray, Beryl Brown and Jane Tully were well loved and respected residents of Quilpie. We remember them with love and thank God for the blessing each one of them was to their families and our Community.

On Friday 24 June at 6.00pm at St. Finbarr's we will celebrate the First Anniversary of the death of Fr. Jeff Scully with a Memorial Service and the unveiling of a plaque in his memory.

The Parish Sacramental Program is progressing well and will continue in the new term. Bishop McGuckin will be here for Confirmation and First Communion on Sunday 14 August.

This weekend, Sunday 26 June, Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Des Holm MSC, Downlands, at 6.00pm at St. Finbarr's.

Fr. Peter will celebrate 40 years as a priest on 9 July. Congratulations Fr. Peter.

Sr. Marg

3-6 News

Well it is hard to be believe that we are finishing Term 2! Where is the year going? The students have put in a big effort to finish their learning and assessment pieces. I have seen a lot of growth throughout the semester and excited to continue this next semester.

Most students have done well in their homework completion this term. A few reminders to keep their work and their books neat and tidy. Next term I will be stricter on this as students need to take pride in their work.

Students have been enjoying practising for athletics. They are keen little athletes and I wish them all the best in competing on athletics day at the beginning of next term.

The students are loving gymnastics so far and I have been snapping away with the camera capturing all their fabulous moves. There might be a few gymnasts amongst them.

I hope everyone has a happy and safe holidays!

Stay warm, see you next term!

Miss Long

WELCOME DISTANCE

EDUCATION STUDENTS

This week St Finbarr's are enjoying having some Distance Education students from the Charleville and Longreach schools joining in our classes and the gymnastics. Welcome to our school this week. We hope they are having a great time. Harriet and Hugo commented that they were really enjoying the art classes while Eve and Tim said the best part about coming to town school was joining in with the sport and catching up with friends.



Gymnastics

This week St. Finbarr's, Eromanga, Quilpie State College and also some Distance Education students are all joining in the gymnastics lessons on the Tennis Court at St Finbarr's. We have seen some promising gymnasts among our Quilpie students! Thank you to the Quilpie Shire Council for providing their support to this program and making this possible. We'll let the pictures speak for themselves!



The Quilpie Junior Magpies wish to thank everyone for their support and donations. The QJRL Lined Box Raffle was won by Nigel Gilby. Congratulations to Nigel.



Under 8's Day

In celebration of 60 years of Under 8's Day, our younger students headed over to Quilpie State College for a morning of fun Under 8 activities including pin the star on the snake, egg and spoon races, parachute games, dancing, craft and fairy bread creations. We saw some fun costumes (the theme being dress up as something beginning with 'S') with some spiders, Snowwhites, stockmen, supermen, a smurf and even a salt water crocodile. A fun day was had by all with some very tired little people being escorted back across to the school at the conclusion.



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to our Students of the Week from Weeks 9 & 10. The awards in Week 9 were won by Mia from the 3-6 class for her outstanding schoolwork and Ella from the P-2 class for her wonderful work in History. In Week 10 the awards were won by Toby from the 3-6 class for leading by example and being a great role model and Thane from the P-2 class for his enthusiastic participation in the drama/dancing workshop. Great work!



Town Crier

When the official town Crier of Gosford visited St Finbarr's on Wednesday 8th June, he quickly got the schools attention by ringing his bell and introducing himself at the top of his voice. The students were treated to a brief history of the Town Crier and some interactive singing. However the favourite part of this visit was the "Blow Off" which was a Bugle Bowing competition between Catherine, Millie, Mia, Toby, Darcy & Charlie B. There were some very funny attempts at blowing the bugle (and some interesting sounds) and it was finally decided that Mia won the Blow Off competition. This was a very interesting, educational and entertaining visit!

