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). Census.

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 gymastics 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 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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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

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.

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.

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 school work 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!

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 gymastics 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

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!

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!