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.

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

The Census will earn $21.61 per hour (inclusive of 25% loading).

Kindness at home
“Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around.” – Leo Buscaglia.

Make kindness part of your everyday with your children and let them see your acts of kindness in the community.

St Finbarr’s Student Protection Contacts are as follows.

Genny McNair – Kara Marsh

CATERING
Firstly I would like to thank everyone who has helped with cooking and preparing at the school in the lead up to the wedding and of course those that came and helped on the evening. It was an enormous task and couldn’t have been achieved without everyone’s help.

It was a great success and we have had nothing but the most positive and flattering feedback so everyone that helped should feel very proud. It is also a great reflection on the school, staff and parent body. I would also like to thank Bruce and Chris who supplied everything I asked for with no drama and everything was of the utmost quality - again a credit to them and their amazing business.

Finally, Cam, for supplying all the beautiful meat - his lamb cutlets were hands down an absolute favourite! I would like to think that we have made at least $3500 profit for the evening running on my original estimates but seasonal produce pricing always makes it hard to be spot on.

I would also like to mention that Kylee and Brian were absolutely thrilled with the catering and service and she has received some compliments that are truly exceptional.

Thanks again.
Sarah

GYMNASTICS
Kel is back for a week of gymnastics fun!!
Monday 20th – Friday 24th June 2016
Primary school age children Monday – Wednesday and Friday
Children 4 years to School age – Thursday 23rd June. Please contact St Finbarr’s School 46561412 directly so venue and timetable can be arranged
All primary aged children in the shire are invited to attend and arrangements can be made through your school. Students on school of Distance Education please contact St Finbarr’s School 46561412.

RSVP Friday 3rd June.
This activity has been made available with the assistance of Community Drought Support funding kindly provided by the Quilpie Shire Council.
Thursday 23rd June will be the Quilpie and District Athletics Carnival.

2016 CENSUS FIELD OFFICERS
Up to 38,000 opportunities to make a difference...

If you’re community minded, enjoy working outside, are an Australian Citizen or the holder of a valid Australian Visa and meet the following requirements then apply to be a Census Field Officer.

Apply now at abs.gov.au/census

Census
OUR MOMENT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Dear Parents and Friends
Evidence that our new shed is coming soon could be seen on Monday. Students arrived in amazement to see all of the trees at the front of the school missing. Unfortunately these had to be taken down as their root systems are under the foundations of the new construction. Thank you to Anthony Vagg and his team who cut and cleared these trees. We are so fortunate to have such skilled individuals in our parent group.

Also in recent weeks the school P&F has catered for the wedding at Mobile Station under the direction of Sarah Slaughter.

Sarah is another of our very skilled parents, having run her own catering business before coming to the Quilpie area. Thank you to Sarah and all of the school staff and parents who helped in the preparations in the lead up to the wedding and service that evening. Some compliments have included “Best food served at a country wedding!” and “Best food west of Brisbane!” As well as being a successful P&J Fundraiser it has been a great opportunity to raise the profile of the school in ours and the wider community.

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We really appreciate the commitments our parents make to our students to enable their participation in these events.

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Kim has been with us on two previous occasions and the students have thoroughly enjoyed his workshops in the past. There will be a performance for parents to showcase their achievements on Wednesday and details will be provided closer to the date.

Can I please remind parents of protocols regarding student absence? For unexpected absences the preferred method is to call the office and leave a message as the office is often unattended before school or send an email to gennytwb@catholic.edu.au. For expected absences, especially for extended periods, a signed absence note is required. Verbal messages, including text messages, at the beginning of the day to teachers may not get passed on with the hectic morning routine.

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Can I also remind parents of the need for appropriate contact and communication with teachers and school staff? Teachers enjoy celebrating the successes shared by parents and their children. However at times concerns can arise which can be resolved best through courteous and appropriate face to face contact. As teachers are often making final preparations for the school day before school, please keep any messages very brief, send these via the office or arrange to meet with your teacher at a mutually agreed time. Under no circumstances should a teacher be contacted on their mobile phone or in person outside school with regard to any incident that may have occurred during the school day. Please contact the office if you need to contact your child’s/children’s teacher or to pass a message onto your child/children during the school day.

Teachers are professionals with training and experience and their conduct is guided by professional codes of conduct. We are very proud of the standard of teaching, the commitment our staff make to our students and the very positive working relationships we have with our parents and school community. Following a few procedures as these mentioned, and speaking and listening actively and respectfully, will further strengthen these relationships.

Warm regards
Genny

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

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Pirate Day
Ahoy Me Hearties! Last Friday the school dressed up as pirates to increase awareness of and to raise funds for research into finding a cure for Childhood Brain Cancer. All the costumes were awesome but sadly we had to choose a winner. From the P-2 class we had a tie between Bella and Eltroy and in the 3-6 class we had a three way tie between Cody, Millie & Finn. We raised over $60.00 for research into Childhood Brain Cancer. Well done to everyone for being involved in this important fundraiser.

Finn & Millie—Mini Vinnies

Parish News
This weekend St. Finbarr’s Parish will be catering for the Queensland Week events to be held in the Shire Hall. The catering falls into two parts—“snack” food around the children’s activities and something more substantial around the time of the evening entertainment. We are looking for people who are able to help out in the Supper Room, to prepare food and serve.

Menu for the “snack” foods includes party pies, sausage rolls, hot chips, jelly cups, cakes and slices. Later, we will be serving meat and gravy rolls, chicken burgers and hot chips. All funds raised will go towards costs to be incurred for work on the far Church verandah which has to have railing installed to comply with workplace regulations. We are looking for donations of cake, slices or other goodies. If you are able to help out for a while or can do some baking, please ring the school office or contact me on 0488 589 916.

The Parish Sacramental Program has begun well with 10 students from St. Finbarr’s, Quilpie State College and School of Distance Education preparing for Confirmation and First Communion. 2 students from St. Finbarr’s who were Confirmed last year will join in for the First Communion preparation.

Bishop Robert McGuirk will celebrate the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist on Sunday 14 August at 6.00pm.

24 June is the First Anniversary of the death of Fr. Jeff Scully. A Memorial Service will be held in St. Finbarr’s Church at 6.00pm. All Welcome.

Bishop Cameron Venables, Anglican Bishop of the South West, will be in Quilpie on Friday 10 June for a Service in St. Bishop Cameron Venables, Anglican Bishop of the South

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This term we learnt all about narratives, including the structure, elements and important features that make up a narrative. We then started planning our own narratives. The final copies of the amazing stories are in the process of being completed. We have started to type up our stories on our ipads using our new keyboards. We would like to thank Mrs Haylock for teaching us how to use our new keyboards. We can’t wait to see the end result of our amazing narratives.

Thank you to all of the students who dressed up for Pirate Friday last week. It was great to see so many students dress up to help raise awareness for children who are suffering from brain cancer.

Under 8’s day is next Friday! There will be an invitation included in your newsletter. The theme of the day is to dress in a costume that starts with the letter “S”. Please remember to pack something to share with everyone at morning tea. Anything contributed is greatly appreciated!

Until next time … Mrs Marsh and the Prep/1/2 class

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK
Congratulations our Students of the Week from Weeks 7 & 8. The awards in Week 7 were won by Cody from the 3-6 class for focusing on positive behaviours and Billy from the P-2 class for his fantastic effort towards his narrative writing. In Week 8 the awards were won by Liam from the 3-6 class for effort and Ardie from the P-2 class for his consistent neat and tidy work.

P-2 News
With only 2 and a half weeks left of term to go, the P-2 class is starting to finalise all of our assessments tasks. 

...AND THE AWARDS KEEP COMING!

Funky Chicken!
On Friday 27th May, our students attended the Funky Chicken demonstration along with the Quilpie State College. The author of the Funky Chicken narrated the book to the students and then brought out some very funny puppets based on the characters in the book. The children had a great time singing, dancing and acting out the story.

Softball South West Trials
Great effort to Millie and Catherine from St Finbarr’s and to Katelyn, Carli and Brody-Lee who attended the South West Regional Softball Trials in Toowoomba on 30th May. We hear that all our Quilpie students played well and we congratulate them for getting to this level. Congratulations to Brody from QSC who was selected for the South West team and to Catherine from St Finbarr’s who has been selected as 1st shadow.