Census Field Officers:

- are temporary casual jobs
- are responsible for making contact with households to ensure everyone can complete the Census

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As part of Queensland Week Activities, the students will take part in a Hip Hop Demonstration on Friday afternoon 10th June at the Quilpie College. Then bring the family along on Saturday from 2.30pm to the Shire Hall for more dancing, designing with Annabel Tully and dining.

**CATERING**

On the 28th May, the P&F are catering for the Wedding at Mobile. Sarah is coordinating the catering and will be needing some assistance on the day of the wedding and this Thursday and Friday. Thursday 26th May - cooking day tuckshop kitchen - need 3 assistants. Friday 27th May - cooking day tuckshop kitchen - need 3 assistants.

Saturday 28th - DAY OF WEDDING - 5 assistants. (not including Miss Jen)

This is a great fundraiser for the school so if you are able to help Sarah please contact her on 0438724779 or the school on 46516412

**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 46516412 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 46516412.

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.

Kind hearts are the gardens,
Kind thoughts are the roots,
Kind words are the blossoms,
Kind deeds are the fruits.

--19th century rhyme used in primary schools

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St Finbarr’s Student Protection Contacts are as follows.

Genny McNair – Kara Marsh

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**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.

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Dear Parents and Friends

Term 2 has been quite a long term but I am quite relieved as much has been achieved already and there are many activities and happenings over the coming weeks.

Plans for the covered multipurpose play area/shed are well underway with construction beginning during the June/July school holidays. Unfortunately a number of trees will need to be removed before construction begins. Hopefully all work will be completed over the holidays for minimal disruption to school activities.

Students from Year 3 and 5 recently completed 3 days of NAPLAN testing. Congratulations to all of the students who put in a very good effort. This is just one form of data gathered by schools to inform student progress and when combined with whole school standardised testing, teacher assessments and observations, can give a very good indication of student achievement. Teachers have been analysing reading data closely this year through the Professional Learning Community meetings. Reading data was collected early in the year. Whole school reading groups have been conducted using this data. The students have been recently retested with all students progressing very well. Success at reading is gauged by more than progressing through reading levels. Emphasis also needs to be placed on reading comprehension particularly higher order skills of inferring, making connections to prior knowledge and becoming active readers. Assessments are currently being conducted for all students in preparation for report cards which will be distributed during the final week of Term.

Recently Susan Seaton and Robyn Sharpe visited the school as part of the Non State School Accreditation Board (NSSAB) review. The feedback we have received from Susan during her visit has been very positive. The final report is a summary of curriculum, finance and technology and other reports completed by Education Officers and the Senior Education Officer of the Catholic schools Office. Here is an excerpt from the final report.

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All staff members support each other and are fully committed to achieving for all students. The parents and families are actively involved in the school and supportive of all activities. St Finbarr’s School is an open and inclusive community, which uses collaborative processes to offer an exciting and appropriate learning environment. St Finbarr’s is defined by its commitment to continuous improvement. The school renews itself through reflection, discernment and action, which continues to inform and shape the educational priorities, taking into account changes in legislative requirements, and contemporary world views. School leadership is well grounded in a life giving philosophy and is appreciated for its high degree of professionalism, quality programs and extra-curricular activities. It is obvious that the school is valued as an integral part of the local community.

A full copy of the report will be presented to the School Board and P&F at the next meeting. Thank you to the parents and staff members who were involved in the review process.

Warm regards

Genny

“Do your little bit of good where you are; it’s those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world.” – Desmond Tutu

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**Newsletter Checklist**

- Tuckshop Envelopes
- Book Club
- Dance, Dine & Design

**Important dates**

- 27th May — regional
- Cross Country - St George
- 28th May — P&F Catering for Mobile Wedding.
- 30th May — Regional Softball
- 2nd June — Board followed by P&F Meeting @ 6.00pm
- 3rd June — Pirate Friday
- 10th June — Cypher Hip Hop Dance Demonstration
- 13th — 15th June — Kim Whitt
- 17th June — Under 8’s Day
- 20th — 24th June — Gymnastics
- 23rd June — Q&D Athletics Carnival
- 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

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Date: 25th May 2016
Parish News

Thanks to those who came along to Mass on Sunday for the celebration of the Trinity. It is always encouraging to see families at Mass together.

This week starts our Parish Sacramental Program in which students from Quilpie State College, School of Distance Education and St. Finbarr’s participate. The program is conducted out of school hours to enable attendance by those who wish to participate in the program. Bishop McGuckin will be in Quilpie on 14th August to confer the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.

24th June will mark the first Anniversary of the death of Fr. Jeff Scully. Fr. Doohan led a discussion after Mass to suggest how the Parish and Quilpie Community might recognise the anniversary. It was agreed to have some tangible memorial noting his years of service to be placed at St. Finbarr’s, and unveiled at a memorial service at 6.00pm on Friday 24th June. Planning is presently in progress. If you have any thoughts on this event or would like to help in some way, please let me know.

Have you noticed that the bell tower has been repainted and revitalised? Thanks to the P&F for their contribution for this as part of the 40 year celebrations for St. Finbarr’s Church.

It has been suggested that the bell be rung half an hour before services in the Church. Any thoughts on this?

Sr. Marg

National Simultaneous Story Time

Today all of our students joined hundreds of thousands of students across the continent by simultaneously reading I Got This Hat by Jol and Kate Temple at 11.00am. This Project is an annual campaign that aims to encourage more young Australians to read and enjoy books. It is a colourful, vibrant, fun event that aims to give special thanks to the P&F for their contribution for this as part of the 40 year celebrations for St. Finbarr’s Church.

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PIRATE DAY—NEXT FRIDAY 3RD JUNE

Next Friday we will have our annual Pirate Friday to raise money to find a cure for Kids Cancer. Please come dressed as your favourite pirate and bring a gold coin donation.

Millie & Finn
Mini Vinnies Group

3-6 News

We are now on the downhill slide to finishing the term. The students are preparing to tackle assessments by putting all their knowledge into action. They have enjoyed writing their own traditional stories, making up lots of interesting characters and exciting problems.

Maths has been fun, learning lots of new tricky equations, especially with the year 5s and 6s getting their heads around ‘order of operations’ with brackets. Year 3 and 4 have dived deeper into fractions and have even started identifying fraction properties.

I do have to reinforce the importance of homework. Homework is the student’s responsibility to complete and get a parent and/or caregiver to sign their reading log. If homework is not completed more than three times, your child will not be attending the homework party.

Students are doing great things in reading. The students are improving and taking it on more independently. Reading groups during school have made great changes to your student’s reading and it is great to see when students bring their home-readers back to school excited about something they have read or learned from the book.

Until next time...

Miss Lang

District Sport

Congratulations to Millie and Catherine from St Finbarr’s and to Katelyn, Carli and Brody-Lee from QSC who were all selected to compete at the South West Regional Softball Trials in Taroom on 30th May. We wish all 5 students the best of luck on Monday.

Catherine has also been busy representing Quilpie District and Charleville in touch football alongside Carli and Brody-Lee from QSC. Catherine says she really enjoys sport and particularly likes meeting and playing alongside girls from other schools. When asked if she had anything she wanted to add, Millie’s only comment was “It’s awesome!”

Great effort from all of these Quilpie students!

The Things They Say!

Matt was obviously very proud of his first shot at archery. He was heard saying to himself “That’s how the boy does it... and I’m the boy!”

After having Mrs Marsh tell him that he had made her day, Charlie proudly announced “I’m a lovely boy. I make days for people!”

After reading group had finished and heading to Snack Attack, Ella tells Miss Jen “Thank goodness. Reading about cats makes me hungry”???