Mother’s Day

Our Mother’s Day gift stall was a huge success. Almost all items were sold with a steady flow of customers every morning. Thank you to all families who supported the stall.

We raised $120 for our Brisbane Camp.

Sister Marg, Mrs McNair, Miss Jennie and Mrs Marsh all attended the Kindy Mother’s Day High Tea on Saturday at the Pub. They sold cakes and sweets and raised just under $200.

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CATERING
The school has been asked to cater for next week’s Council Meeting Morning Tea and also another Afternoon Tea for the Town Meeting which is being held in the Council Boardroom, Tuesday 12th May.

We usually provide items such as cake, slice, toasted sandwiches, sausage rolls, mini quiches, fruit and cheese and crackers.

If anyone could bake, make or donate something to include with the catering, please let the office know.

All money raised from this goes towards the Brisbane Camp.

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District Softball

We had our first practice last week with a great number of students staying back after school to have a try. Students from all grades are welcome; however we may not have equipment for everyone and will give preference to the girls wishing to try out.

A huge thank you to Kathryn Horgan and Chris Paulsen who helped out and provided some much needed assistant coaching. We had our first game and there was some great coaching. We had our first game and there was some great coaching.

We will start straight after school on Wednesdays so please send along an extra afternoon tea snack if your child wishes to come along.

Catering

The Quilpie Race Club are holding Hobby Horse races for children at the Race Meeting on Saturday.

They are asking for children to create their own hobby horse to bring along for the races.

You could cut out a horse’s head and decorate it then attach it to a stick or use your own hobby horse dressed up to the nines.

Orders are due back at School by Friday 22nd May.

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We have been learning about procedures in English and this week we looked at how to make a pirate hat. The Jolly Roger was mentioned in the task and we had a lot of fun working out what the Jolly Roger could be! We had lots of answers like “Bones”, “Skull and Bones”, “A Pirate Ship” and my favourite answer was “The Pirates Logo”. We learnt about sub-headings and why it is important to have steps or instructions.

Reading groups are in full swing and everyone is enjoying reading to their partners. We also have sent home Preppies first real reading books this week and I have seen some great comments coming back from prep parents, my favourite so far was “Very Proud”. I totally agree and I am sure all parents also agree with this statement! Keep up the great work everyone!

For History we are looking at how we are all unique. As I have just been to Thailand I thought it was appropriate to mention their catch phrase “Same, same but different”. The kids are still trying to work this one out! We traced around our hands and coloured them in. This showed the children that we all have hands but each of them are different in their own special way, just like each of us.

Last Friday we had a huge prep class, consisting of 7 Preppies! We are getting very good at our “verse speaking” and I apologise if you have to hear this 100 times a night. The kids absolutely love it! We will show case our performance later on in the year.

We are always happy to have Sammy on a Friday and the Prep room was packed full of fun and activities. The preps had a great time playing sight word bingo with Miss Janell!

APRE News

Mother’s Day this weekend is an opportunity for all of us to reflect on what our Mothers mean to us and pray in thanks for their role in our lives.

Our Mother’s Day celebration is an opportunity for our school community to thank the Mothers, Grandmothers and caring women in our Quilpie community. We look forward to seeing you there. Your presence at our celebration is a source of great delight and pride to you children/grandchildren.

Our next Parish Mass will be on Sunday 24th May at 6.00pm in St Finbarr’s Church. As this will be Pentecost Sunday, the students will have an involvement in the Liturgy.

There will be a service in St Matthew’s on Friday 8th May at 6.00pm.

As I will be away for the next few weeks, please remember a prayer for me!

Hopefully I will see you in Term 3.

SR MARG

Michelle Donohue is the Health Promotions Officer for the Quilpie Shire Council and we have had the pleasure of enjoying Snack Attack fruit for the last two weeks. Michelle is promoting Healthy Eating in the community and judging by the response, our students definitely know how to eat their fruit. Michelle will be providing snack attack every Monday for the remainder of the Term.

From the News desk...........

In the 3—6 classroom, students were talking about learning new skills.

Cody says he has learnt how to do a hand stand on his horse.

Catherine is excited to be learning a new skill. She will be learning sewing with Miss Janell which will be put to use to create some exciting gifts for Mother’s Day.

We caught up with Hayden Vagg and asked him about his baby brother Rupert.

Hayden says Rupert is doing well and he is very cute.

He is up to smiling and Hayden says he was the first one that Rupert smiled at. He also says Rupert is starting to move his mouth around like he is starting to talk.

Hayden likes to hold Rupert and play with him but says he is very wriggly and he has to be careful that he doesn’t slip out. He also has to hold his head very carefully so it doesn’t go back.

Rupert cries a fair bit and wakes up in the night for his feed. He sleeps in his cot beside Mum’s and Dad’s room and he has a dummy to help him sleep.

ANZAC Day saw our St Finbarr’s students marching with pride down the Main Street. The School students marched with Hayden and Anna carrying the school banner while Cody, Dylan and Finn rode their horses as part of the Quilpie Polocrosse Club. Congratulations to Maria for winning the Trier of the Year for St Finbarr’s and also Anna who came second in the Dawn Service Cover competition and Maria who came third.