St Finbarr's Parish Christmas Raffle
St Mary's School Laidley have kindly donated a BBQ, an esky and other small gifts to our Parish to raffle. If you would like a ticket, please see Sr Marg. These prizes are down in the Mary Mackillop Room with the Book Fair.

St Finbarr's Student Protection Contacts are as follows.
Genny McNair
Kara Marsh

ICPA HOLIDAY CAMP
DON'T FORGET ABOUT THIS GREAT HOLIDAY CAMP!!.
This Camp is being held in the first week of the School Holidays Tuesday 8 to Friday 11 Dec.
The registration form and all the info is on our School Website in the Forms and Downloads tab.
This should be a fantastic week of activities including art, dance and swimming.

St Mary's Laidley Visit.
St Mary’s in Laidley is wishing to give to communities affected by drought. (see info on front page of this newsletter). There will be a free BBQ at St Finbarr’s with the students and staff from St Mary’s next Tuesday 17th November at 6pm. Please come along and meet the staff and students and enjoy the BBQ and drinks. RSVP to St Finbarr’s by Friday 13th November for catering.

Hearing Screeners—Screening has been conducted through Queensland Health. All students who were tested were within the normal range of hearing. Please remember that conductive hearing loss can fluctuate with illness, cold and flu etc. Please ensure your children are blowing their nose correctly and seek medical advice if their ears are sore.

Country School Photos have been in touch with us this morning to say our School Photos are being prepared now and will be in the mail very soon.

BOOK WEEK DRESS UP
Don’t forget, Book Week dress up is on next Thursday 19th November. It is a little late this year but as it is such a popular event for students, we have squeezed it in amongst our other busy activities.
Come dressed as your favourite BOOK character. Prizes for the best dressed in each grade.

Save Money Save Lives
Many thanks to the students at St Finbarr’s who have been saving money for the annual Prison Sports Day. The Wishlist of items is as follows:

- 20 x Size 8 boys trousers
- 20 x Size 6 girls tops
- 10 x Size 6 girls shorts

There will be a collection tin at the School gate.

BOOK FAIR
What a huge response we have had to Book Fair this year. We have almost reached our $1000 target.
Your child’s wish list was sent home on Monday and we have a copy of these also so please come along and check it out
Book Fair will be open this Thursday and Friday morning from 8.30am

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Salvation Army Christmas Party
Sunday 29th November 5pm until 9pm @ Bulloo Park.
Christmas Carols will commence at 6.00pm and Santa will arrive at 7.00pm.
Don’t bring presents as all presents are provided by the Salvation Army.

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Dear Parents and Friends
The annual School Fete on Friday night was very successful once again. I am constantly amazed by the way in which our school community band together to organise this event. Like every successful working party we have a number of key organisers and a larger number of supporters working in the background and helping out on the night. Numbers may have been down a little as we expected but the spirit of those who attended was high.

Congratulations to Gerard Cooney who won the Mystery Holiday. Gerard had the choice of flights to New York, Flights and holiday in Honolulu or a week’s holiday in Tasmania. Gerard chose to put the holiday to auction and it was purchased by Jean Hall. Jean has chosen to take the flights to New York as this has been a dream of hers for many years. Gerard Cooney will receive $2000 from the sale of the Mystery Holiday and the remaining $2000 will go to the school.

The Haunted House was a great hit once again. Thank you to our friendly ghosts who braved the darkness to frighten the children (and adult visitors). A number of children indicated that it wasn’t as scary last time but I pointed out they are now two years older and much more grown up.

There were a number of stalls including craft, jams and chutneys, cakes, trash and treasure, Children’s glow toys, Children’s lucky tickets and Book Fair. Every stall holder reported good sales. Thank you to everyone who operated these stalls and those who made donations.

From all reports all of the children had a wonderful time at the Fete with every child winning a prize of some kind. Thank you to all of the children for their wonderful behaviour and to the students in year 3 to 6 for helping with the running of the stalls and the games. We have some great leaders amongst our students.

Thank you to every member of our P&F and school community who helped make the School Fete so successful.

John Borserio has been the Director of the Catholic Education Office Toowoomba for over 10 years and will be finishing in that position at the end of the year. John will be having his final visit to the school on Thursday 26th November. John has a very soft spot for Quilpie and the Quilpie community. Please come along for morning tea at 11.00am to wish him well.

The Annual Award Evening will also be held on Thursday 26th November. This year is the first year we will be presenting a sports award thanks to the support of Member for Gregory, Lachlan Miller. It has been named by the students The St Finbarr’s Sporting Spirit and Achievement Award and is awarded to a student who demonstrates much more than sporting achievement— sportsmanship, commitment to sport, (both at school and in the community) and leadership and encouragement to others in sport. This year the Awards Evening will begin at 6.30 pm.

As mentioned in the last Newsletter Year Six students from St Mary’s Laidley, together with teachers and the Principal, Nathan Haley, will be visiting our community. They will be staying at the school on Monday night and visiting Greenmulla the following day to see drought management activities such as mulga pushing and feeding of stock. On Tuesday night they are inviting everyone to join them in a BBQ at the school.

Warm regards

Genny

Happiness is when what you think, what you say and what you do are in harmony. Mahatma Gandhi.
St Finbarr’s Fete was a huge success once again with the highlight being the Haunted House. There were ghouls and spooks galore. The ball pit was very popular with Mrs Marsh taking a few people out later in the evening. Finn and Hayden enjoyed the Blue Light xBox games provided by Mark and Brendan from the Quilpie Police.

END OF YEAR AWARDS NIGHT AND CONCERT
This year the Awards Night is being held at 6.30pm which is slightly later than usual to allow for the daylight.

The Year 3—6 students will be performing their class dance and require jeans, boots and a flannelette shirt or checked shirt of some description. The P—2 students need just plain nice play clothes for their performance. Please make sure you send your child along with this to school on Thursday of Awards Night so we can have a dress rehearsal.

As usual we will be collecting presents for the St Vincent De Paul Society. Please bring the presents unwrapped so the organisers can choose the suitability of each gift. These can be brought along on the Awards Night.

Newspaper article assignment
The students are well underway with their newspaper article assignment. It has been interesting hearing all of the information some students have found about their topics. I can’t wait to see the finished products.

World Teachers’ Day
Our class would like to say a huge thank you to Sr. Margret for organising such a beautiful celebration for World Teacher’s Day. It was lovely to see students be involved and be able to thank their educators.

Fete
Thank you to all of the students who came and helped to run the glow stick and lucky draw stall on Friday night at the Fete. We had a sell-out, which was fantastic. Thank you to all who supported our school fete. It was a successful night.

End of year
Students have been working hard to complete their final assessment items for the year. The students are 41 marbles away from filling their jar and receiving a sleepover at school. Well done to the students who have worked hard to get these marbles. We have started our preparations for the end of year speech and awards night and the students will be very excited to showcase their dances.

Until next time…
Miss Taylor and the 3-6 students