St Finbarr’s Fete

Mass Times for Term 4
October 25th @ St Finbarr’s at 6.00pm
November 22nd @ St Finbarr’s at 6.00pm
December 21st Monday Christmas Mass at St Finbarr’s 7pm

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

Craft at the Library

Michelle Donohue will be recommencing Craft at the Library on Monday 26th October. Craft will then run through until the last week of school, 30th November.

St Finbarr’s Mystery Holiday 2015
2012—Melbourne Cup
2013—Coral Coast Fiji
2014—Dublin Ireland
Where will 2015 take you??

As always, this year’s winner will be given a choice of two fantastic ***** options.

Prize drawn on Friday 6th November at St Finbarr’s Fete. Prize must be claimed for use in 2015/2016 or it will be auctioned.

$50 per double ticket.

With grateful thanks to our sponsors
Haulmark Trailers, Proterra Group, REX Airlines, Camrandale Transport.

BOOK CLUB

Issue 7 Catalogues are out with this Newsletter. Orders will be due back at school Friday 30th October.

Book Fair will be on again at the Fete just in time for Christmas shopping for your children or friends.

All the support from Book Club and Book Fair allows us to buy books for the students and the library.

School Fees

Term 4 Fee statements have been included with your Newsletter. Fees are due by 13th November

Bank Account details are as follows
St Finbarr’s Parish School
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SCHOOL PHOTOS

Donna from Country School Photos has just returned from holidays and will soon start work on our School Photos which were taken right at the end of Term 3. She expects that they will be ready to post in early November.

Donna and Paul also take Santa photos in the MYER Centre in Brisbane so if you are there before Christmas, drop in there and get the kids photo taken with Santa.

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Dear Parents and Friends

Welcome back to the final Term for 2015.

I know I often put in our newsletter my thanks and appreciation to those who give their time to our school. I have been in this position for 3 years now and still I am hearing of people helping out in ways I didn’t initially realise. I guess this is what comes with living in such a small and close community. Once students leave our school, past students and parents still have a close connection to our school. So once I again I really want to thank each and every person in our community who helps out in many wonderful ways – those who are often seen maintaining our grounds, those who are doing the background work in preparation for the fete with the organisation of sponsors and the Mystery Holiday, those who help in our school, P&F and Parish fundraisers and to all of the school community, including staff who put in such a great effort. Can I please ask that if you can see something doing something great, say thank you and tell them they are doing a great job. A little praise goes a very long way.

This term is going to be very busy with events. Next week Cathy Drummond will be conducting singing workshops with all students between 9 and 11 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. On Thursday night, students will join with students from the Quilpie College to perform at the Hall from 6 pm in a concert held in conjunction with the Positive Minds Activities run by the Quilpie State College.

The following week on Tuesday 27th October Musica Viva is holding a concert and workshop with our students at the Shire Hall. On Tuesday night there will be a community concert, Gypsy Tober at 6.30 pm. Students will also be involved during the night presenting the skills they have learnt in the workshops.

Our annual School Fete will soon be upon us. The social calendar is so full in Quilpie we will unfortunately have a number of families away. As this is the one major fundraising event for our school we are asking everyone to pull together. It is a great night and the drawing of the Mystery Holiday is a highlight.

The Quilpie and District Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday 20th November. As this carnival is run by our school we will be seeking people to assist with setting up, canteen and BBQ.

It is with great excitement that we can share with you the news of our successful application for the Gambling Fund Grant for the covered area at the front of our school. The P&F has been raising funds for many years for a project that will benefit our students now and into the future. The area is intended to be a multi-purpose area for play, assemblies, school and community activities.

As a final word this week I want to acknowledge the efforts of Steve Bennett, principal of Thargomindah State School and the Thargomindah State School P&F Association for all of the work they have done in the preparation, fundraising, and running of the Thargomindah Sports Camp. This is a massive undertaking by one school and is certainly a credit to them all, to have continued this camp over 25 years. I have been to approximately 10 of these camps over the years and this year’s camp was as successful as the best that I can remember. This year approximately 130 students attended, equalling the attendance of the earlier days, the coaches were of a very high standard and the organisation superb. All of our students participated with enthusiasm and thoroughly enjoyed the week.

Warm regards
Genny

Generosity is giving more than you can and pride is taking less than what you need. —Khalil Gibran
During November, the Church gives us the opportunity to remember and give thanks for those from our families and communities who have died.

The celebrations for All Souls on 1 November helps us call to mind those people dear to us who have died. We pause to remember them and the blessing they were to us. On All Saints day, we remember the Saints, those men and women of all times and all places who lived lives of exceptional goodness and compassion. We especially remember St Mary MacKillop, the first Australian to be recognised by the Church for her extraordinary compassion.

To celebrate these special days, we invite all families and members of the Parish to gather in St Finbarr’s Church on Monday 2 November to remember with love and celebrate with thanks All Souls and All Saints.

As part of the ritual, each person attending is asked to recall the name of someone they would like to pray for as they light a candle in his/her memory.

“I light this candle in memory of………..”

On that same day (2 November) we will gather in the Mary MacKillop Room for our celebration of World Teachers Day. World Teachers Day celebration will commence at 11.30am and Morning Tea will be served after the prayer service.

We invite you to be part of these times of remembrance and thanks.

Sr Marg

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Term 4. WOW! This year has flown by. We have had many things happen since our last newsletter.

**Thargomindah sports camp**

All of the 3-6 students loved the week we had at Thargomindah. They participated in 6 different types of sports. These included; Rugby league, Indigenous games, Tennis, Softball, Swimming and Netball. The students had fun meeting new friends and catching up with old ones. It is a fantastic week.

**Newspaper articles**

This term in English we are looking at newspaper articles. We will be writing articles as a class and the students will have an assignment in the middle of term where they will be creating a newspaper article and the front page of a newspaper. The students are very excited and some have already come up with some awesome topics they could write about.

**Parent teacher interviews**

Thank you to all of the parents who took the time to have a parent/teacher interview with me this week. It is great to be able to show off some of their child’s results from the past term.

**Visitors to our classroom**

On Monday and Tuesday this week we had two special visitors to our classroom. Erin and Ethan Forbes were in Quilpie and decided to come and join our class for the two days. They are from Perth and they have been doing their own school work and also seeing what we do in our classroom. They think it’s funny how we say “cool”.

**Swimming**

Swimming started on Friday last week and the students were very excited to get back into the pool after a few months break. Please remind students to bring their swimming togs, goggles, towel and a swim shirt on Fridays.

Until next time...

Miss Taylor

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Congratulations to Toby, Miss Sarah and Millie who were confirmed at St Matthew’s Church on the 9th September by Bishop Cameron Venables and Father Geoff Reader. Thank you to Miss Tina for making the beautiful cake.