CONGRATULATIONS to the families, staff and community of Quilpie for a fantastic effort in achieving the required target for our Homestyle Bake order. Reaching this target means we make MAXIMUM profits as we do not have to pay any freight.

Our order is due next Tuesday. We will do our best to get the orders delivered on Tuesday afternoon.

We raised almost $600 for our effort to put towards our Brisbane Camp in Term 2.

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

Absence Notes
Pre formatted Absence notes were sent home during the term. These have so far been very well utilised. Thank you to those parents who have sent in the notes.

We have decided that we will send a new sheet with 2 notes home at the start of each term. If you require any extra, please contact the office.

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Warm regards
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Join the #DownlandsPhotoChallenge and see your photo at the Downlands Art Exhibition!

How to Enter:
1. Take as many photos as you like using the prompts from the Downlands Art Exhibition.
2. Upload each photo to Instagram with the hashtag #downlandsphotochallenge - be sure to include the prompt and any notes so we know what inspired you.
3. Photos will be displayed at the Downlands Art Exhibition 7-9 August 2015
4. Five (5) feature photos, chosen by Catherine Mims, Photographer, and Shane Tooley, Downlands Head of the Arts, will be printed and displayed, then delivered to the artists after the exhibition.

Important dates
- Thurs 30th March — Camp Meeting at school 6pm
- Mon 30th March — Cross Country @ Quilpie Golf Club
- 2nd April — Last Day of Term — Go Blue for Autism Day
- April 5 — Easter Celebration @ Supper Room 6pm
- Monday 20th April — First Day Term 2
- 8th May — Mother’s Day High Tea
- 8th June — Queens Birthday holiday
- 25th June — Last Day Term 2

Quilpie and District Cross Country
Monday 30th March @ The Quilpie Golf Club
Children are to be dropped off by 8.30am. Parents are welcome to attend.

Please bring
- Running shoes
- Lunch box and/or canteen money
- Water bottle
- Hat

Students are to be dressed in their house colours. For new students the colours are:
Sommerfield—White
Pegler—Blue
McManus—Red

Children will return to school after the cross country if finished either with parents or by school and staff cars.

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Welcome to week 9. Where oh where did the weeks go? Like the old saying goes – Time flies when you’re having fun!

We have been busily working on our persuasion assessments. The task was to sell a pet. The students then started to create their advertisements. Ardie decided that he was going to sell a shingle-back lizard and covered all bases from how much they eat, how they love to play and that you can even bring them into town if you live on a property. Miss Costello said, “SOLD!”

For Maths we have been learning about skip counting. While teaching the students, I showed them a strategy to skip count, where you say the beginning number out loud and then silent count the numbers you’re skipping and then say out loud the next number. Matt made a comment “Wow, that’s cheeky”. To say he was impressed would be an understatement.

For Religion we have continued learning about Noah’s Ark. The students have drawn some beautiful pictures to explain the Noah’s Ark story and they are hanging up in the classroom. Parents are more than welcome to come in and have a look.

This is my final week of teaching as Miss Costello. I leave on Friday to start my wedding preparations. I would like to thank everyone for their well wishes.

Don’t forget to attend our Easter Celebrations and I hope everyone has a wonderful Easter full of family, friends and lots of chocolate.

See you all in Term 2 when I am Mrs Marsh!

Until next time … “Mrs Marsh to be” and Prep/1/2

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**APRE News**

Thanks to those who joined us for our celebration for St Joseph and St Patrick. It is very encouraging for students to share Assemblies with families. Thanks to Jess Taylor and Years 3 — 6 for their preparation and presentation of the Prayer Assembly.

The Community Easter celebration will be on Easter Sunday night at 6pm. At the Supper Room of the Shire Hall. This celebration which retells the events leading up to the Resurrection, is an opportunity for all members to pause and reflect on the days of Holy Week — Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Day.

To help in the presentation, students from St Finbarr’s will have a special involvement in the story. I am also inviting adults to “volunteer” to be a reader for one of the reading parts. If you and your family are able to participate, please let me know as soon as possible so that we can organise the celebration. Invite your friends to join us for the celebration.

Remember that our holidays were once the holy days of special Church celebrations. I look forward to hearing from you. (There will be a role for each student.)

On Wednesday next week at 2.30pm you are invited to our Easter prayer.

Project Compassion boxes need to be returned next week. Students can drop them at the office.

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The 3 — 6 class finished their studies on the effects of yeast with a bread making challenge. The students assisted by Miss Janell and Miss Sarah, made two lots of dough, one with yeast and one without. It was very easy for the students to tell which mixture had the yeast judging by smell, feel and the rising of the dough. The buns turned out very well and everyone got to take one home to eat. Quote from Anna — “We are just a bunch of kids and we made better bread than those two on My Kitchen Rules.”

Miss Jennie was on meal break duty on Tuesday whilst the majority of the students were away in Charleville for Audiometry testing. Miss Jennie was so impressed with the healthy items in some of the students lunch boxes. Ardie had a lovely salad while the Hall boys had delicious healthy wraps. Sometimes these items take more time to prepare, but the health benefits for your child’s brain function and their ability to learn after eating is hugely affected by what they have to eat. Our observations show that most of the time at morning tea, the children choose their sandwiches over colourful pre packaged snacks. Packets of chips, sweet biscuits, lolly type fruit chews and sweet puddings are all packed with sugar and salt and should not be seen in lunch boxes every day. Stay tuned for some Healthy Lunchbox ideas in Term 2.

The ladies from Downlands College were on a tour this week giving art workshops to adults, families of the school, prospective families and students of St Mary’s, St Finbarr’s and Sacred Heart. These beautiful layered art works were touched by every student with their chosen colour. One whole group of canvasses has now formed beautiful single pieces. A large piece will be on display at the school.

Congratulations to the Vagg family on the safe arrival of little brother Rupert on Monday. Hayden is very proud to welcome his new brother and we will look forward to meeting him when the Vaggs return to school after Easter.