Anyone interested in helping out with practices is welcome to come along to practices to make up teams. We are welcoming any students, boys or girls in Year 3—6 starting next week 29th April. St Finbarr’s School on Wednesday afternoons from 3—4pm.

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**Mini Vinnies Report**

Last Term we raised $126.50 for Caritas from the Project Compassion Boxes. This money will be sent to help poor people in poor countries to grow and produce their own food.

We also held Go Blue for Autism Day. Everyone came dressed in blue and looked awesome and fantastic. We raised $53.60 for Autism Queensland.

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We also have new groups in the classroom. The new names are The Galloping Girls, The KTM’s and The Aussie Vikings. Each group has to work together as a team to earn rewards points. At the end of each week, the group with the most points gets a prize from the prize box.

The students are very excited about running the Mother’s Day Stall again this term. They have started to create posters for around the school to promote our little stall. Students will each get a turn at working at the stall which gives them a great opportunity to be responsible for selling and handling the money as well as raising money for our camp.

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**APRE News**

The Easter break has come and gone and Term 2 has begun with a burst of cooler weather. While we are still in the Church season of Easter, I would like to thank those who participated in our Community Easter Service. About 50 people celebrated the Easter Story with prayerfulness and reverence.

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If you have been past St Finbarr’s Church lately, you may have noticed the Church seats stacked on the verandas. The Church floor has been sanded and polished and looks amazing. This is the only refurbishing since the Church opening almost 40 years ago! Refurbishing and renovating projects are underway in the Presbytery too, to make living conditions there better and safer. The Presbytery is home to Father Peter on his Quilpie days and provides accommodation for visiting Clergy of different faiths. Later in the year Bishop Bill will stay there as well as Bishop Robert during the Bishop’s Inservice Days which this year will be held in Quilpie and attended by school staffs from Charleville and Cunnamulla as well as Quilpie. It is hoped that Father Jeff Scully will be able to be here for a few days at that time.

ANZAC Day will be occupying our minds and hearts over these days. The Quilpie Community has a long proud history of commemorating ANZAC Day. Take the time to participate in one of more of the Services — The Twilight Service at the cemetery on ANZAC Day Eve at 6pm the Dawn Service in Bob Young Park at 6am and the Community March and Service followed by BBQ lunch in the grounds around the Shire Hall.

There will be Mass on Sunday 26 April at St Finbarr’s as 6.00pm. (I will be away on Sunday attending the farewell to the Sisters of St Joseph in Miles)

**SR MARG**

**SWIM AND SURVIVE at the POOL**

Miss Janell was confused in class the other day with colouring out and cutting in.

Mia Mason just had a hair cut and said she wanted it cut like Rapunzel so she could catch baddies in her hair.

Congratulations to all these students who stayed on track with our swimming. Students will be presented with their Certificates at Parade this Friday. The lesson ended with some fun relay races up and down the learn to swim pool. Congratulations to all students for attaining their levels and trying so hard with swimming. Thanks to Carolyn Taylor for help expert tuition with the learning levels.