St Finbarr’s Fete
Last week we sent home a plastic container and three foam trays. The plastic container can be filled with any type of goodies for the lucky jar stall. If you have any spare jars, they can also be filled with anything that takes your fancy.

The foam trays are for the cake/sweet stall. If you can make anything yummy and return the trays either to the tuckshop or on the night of the Fete straight to the stall.

Sister Marg is crying out for Trash and Treasure for the Fete. Please drop any trash you have that maybe someone else’s treasure to the Mary Mackillop Room any time between now and the day of the fete.

If you or anyone you know is interested in running a stall at the Fete, please see Jocelyn Haylock.

This Friday is Day for Daniel.
Students can come dressed in RED. There is NO fundraising for this event, it is more about awareness for child safety.

HEAD LICE—We have had some cases of Head Lice in our school. Please check your children’s hair if they are scratching. This is a good opportunity to revise the school rules for Hair:

Hair—Children are not permitted to have extreme hairstyles (eg. No shorter than a No. 2. no shaved markings or tails). Hair colours are not permitted. In an effort to ensure student comfort and to promote neat grooming, girls with shoulder-length hair or longer are required to have it tied up. Boys are required to have hair no longer than their collar.

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

St Finbarr’s Mystery Holiday 2015
Please make sure you get your Mystery Holiday Tickets. There are some at the School Office, Paulsen’s Foodstore or the NAB. With grateful thanks to our sponsors
Haulmark Trailers, Proterra Group, REX Airlines, Camrandale Transport.

St Finbarr’s Mystery Holiday 2015
An information sheet has been sent home with this Newsletter today. 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.

BOOK CLUB
Issue 7 Bookclub due back this Friday.
Issue 8 is also out. As we are having the Bookfair at the Fete next week, we are not sending home Issue 8 as we would like everyone to support the Fair.

If you would like a copy of Issue 8 catalogue anyway, there are some available at the office and orders will be placed if requested.

SCHOOL MUSIC
Mr Grodecki has written an accompaniment to the music for our School Song. The pianists and the drummers will be playing the accompaniment to the School Song at Speech and Awards Night.
Mr Grodecki will also be accompanying with his trumpet. It should be a wonderful performance.

Please encourage your child to practise.

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Dear Parents and Friends
Last week the students and staff enjoyed the musical talents of Cathy Drummond. Cathy is well known in the area as she has spent much of her life in Charleville and has performed at many functions in the area over the years. Cathy has worked with the students to develop their singing and breathing technique. One of her past singing students is Peta Evans Taylor, who was recently a finalist on The Voice.

School Fees at St Finbarr’s are the lowest in the Toowoomba Diocese and have not been increased in the last 5 years. It has been recommended by the CEO Accountant that Fees for 2016 be increased by 2.2% - 2.5%. This is equivalent to an annual increase of $20 for one student and $36 for 2 or more students in a family. This recommendation was approved by the School Board last week. Thank you to everyone for keeping up with their fee payments.

At the Board Meeting last week we also discussed future capital works and Resource spending of surplus funds. Following is a list of priorities that have been put forward

2016
Multipurpose Shade Structure – Gaming fund grant $32000, remainder – P&F funds and School Funds for any further expenses.
Tennis Court upgrade including – synthetic turf and fence repairs, Tennis practice board Repairs to school fence and gates.
Possible cricket practice net attached to tennis court.
Picnic tables for children’s lunch area.
Provide sink for cleaner in upstairs area.

2017
Additions to new shed including blinds for wind and rain, projector and screen, flooring surface Push bike cover Upgrade of toilets – replace old plumbing and include cleaners cupboard.

Another priority for the school in 2016 is the purchase of 15 new ipads and replacement of 5 laptops. Our teachers have found the use of ipads more flexible in the classroom and due to this they can be implemented easily in all curriculum areas. The provision of an ipad for each student in the school will further enhance this flexibility. St Finbarr’s is one of a number of trial schools in the diocese for the implementation of Casper. Casper is a management system that will enable the download of apps more readily and cost effectively to all devices. Keyboarding skills will still be a priority with the purchase of keypads for these devices. In 2017 Naplan tests will be conducted online. We are mindful of this in our planning of the use of ICT in our school.

On Tuesday, 13th November students in year 6 from St Mary’s in Laidley will be visiting as part of their Rural Connect Program. They will be staying at the school on Monday and Tuesday night. Over the past two years students from St Mary’s have been raising funds for drought affected families. The students will join with our Year 3-6 class on a visit to a local property and an afternoon of sports with the South West Indigenous Network visit. We will be organising a BBQ for our visitors on Tuesday evening and everyone is welcome to join us.

More information about the St Mary’s Rural Connect Program has been included in the Newsletter.

Warm regards
Genny

“Beauty is not in the face; beauty is a light in the heart.” Kahlil Gibran
P-2 News

It is hard to believe that we are already nearing the end of week 4 of term 4. Next week marks the downhill spiral to what might be the light at the end of the tunnel of what has been a very busy year. We have all enjoyed our very busy terms and this term is no exception. We have been fortunate to have a very musically creative past two weeks.

Cathy Drummond—Last week we were lucky enough to be given the opportunity to work with Cathy Drummond. Our workshops were for an hour each day on Tuesday and Wednesday and Thursday. The children were involved in many warm up exercises and also did a breathing warm up each day. The students were very impressed with the breathing exercises. All the children agreed that it was a great couple of days. Darcy said he found it interesting how they practised a part of the song in their little groups and how on the night all the groups sang that same song together. Ardie thought it was interesting how he learned how to blow up a balloon during breathing exercises without puffing his cheeks up. I was very proud of how well all my students interacted with great enthusiasm during each workshop. Well done.

Musica Viva featuring Gypsy Tober—On Tuesday the students were given the chance to meet and work with the touring singing group called Gypsy Tober. The students viewed the school concert by Gypsy Tober. This concert was very engaging and the children thoroughly enjoyed joining in with the ladies. Our workshop consisted of the students working together to write a song about Quilpie. They came up with 4 lines each; they then voted on which lines they would use in the song. In the next stage, the children worked with Nichole who is a compositionist and came up with a melody for their song. Well done to the children who came along to the free concert on Tuesday night to sing this song to the community. You all did a great job. Joachim said he liked the tambourine that Anje was playing. He thought it was interesting that the animal skin it was made out of changed shape when it was in the air-conditioning. Thane was really excited about writing our own song together about Quilpie. Once again my students interacted with great enthusiasm during each workshop. Well done.

Classroom—Even though there has been a lot going on with extra-curricular activities, this term we have started our Religion and English units. In Religion the children are learning about Reconciliation and Forgiveness. Hayden said that if we don’t learn about forgiveness we can’t be nice to people. In English the children have been enjoying learning about a famous author called Pamela Allen and reading her books. They have written a book report on some of her books and have found out that she is from New Zealand. When the children heard her first book was released in 1980, Hunter was thinking very hard and said “Wow that was a long time ago! Is she still alive?” (which was a great question to ask because we then tried to find the answer.)

Mrs Marsh and the P/1/2 Class

Monday November 2.

Prayer Celebration for the feasts of All Saints and All Souls 10.30am in St Finbarr’s Church.

This celebration is for all those who would like to join us in giving thanks for all those who have gone before us. We remember each of them with thanks to God for the blessing each was to his/her family and community. There will be an opportunity to light a candle in their memories. If you would like to, bring a photo of the person (or persons) you are remembering and place it on our Memory table.

This celebration in the Church will be followed by a shared morning tea under the school. We hope that those coming to the All Saints/All Souls prayer will stay on for our Assembly to honour World Teachers Educators Day at 11.30am in the Mary MacKillop Room.

Date Claimer: Our end of year Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 22 November at 6pm. All families are invited to participate.

Sr Marg

Our Mini Finneys students have been busy this year doing all sorts of fantastic craft and art projects which follow on from the story that they read each week.

Ella shows off her beautiful butterfly from The Hungry Caterpillar story. Tahila is proud of her pony from “Noni the Pony”.

The students also work on the letters in their name using the songs and sounds from Jolly Phonics.

The Combined Schools Art Exhibition is currently on display at the Shire Gallery. This has been a wonderful opportunity for all of the students in the area to see their work and that of others displayed in such a professional manner. The Exhibition will be running until Friday 13th November. Please drop in to see the work of our talented students.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK...........................................

Mia Mason was changing over her home reader books and somehow she skipped a whole level.

“I just go too fast for myself sometimes,” Mia said.