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**Newsletter Checklist**
- Tuckshop Envelope (to go out Thursday)
- Term Planner
- Positive Parenting Flyer
- Swimming Permission Form

Important dates
- 7th October School Fete
- 10th October PPP Parenting 6.30pm
- 14th October Combined Schools Exhibition opening
- 17th October Pupil Free Day
- 18th October Arts Council Performance
- 23rd October Mass to celebrate 40 years of St Finbarr’s Church
- 2nd November Prayer to celebrate all Saints and All Souls
- 11th November Remembrance Day
- 18th November Quilpie and District Swimming Carnival
- 24th November Speech and Awards Evening/shed opening
- 1st December Last day, Pool Party

**Dear Parents and Friends**

Welcome to Term 4, the final term of 2016. Term 4 is always an exciting term in schools. It is a time to consolidate the learning that has occurred throughout the year and to celebrate everything that has been achieved in the lead up to the end of year activities. However there is much yet to be done before we can revel in those celebrations. Activities for this term include the School Fete, parent teacher interviews, Combined Schools Art Exhibition, CTJ day and the Quilpie and District Swimming Carnival.

The St Finbarr’s School Fete will be held this Friday at 6 pm. It is shaping up to be a great night with stalls, games and activities for children and adults alike. This year we have a number of great prizes for children including a BMX bike, Razor scooter, Bluetooth Ipod speakers and much more. The culminating event of the night is of course the drawing of the Mystery Holiday. Please spread the word and get involved to support this great event.

This week we welcome Georgia Callachor to our staff. Georgia completed a three week practicum at St Finbarr’s last year and enjoyed her time here so much she has returned to complete her internship. She will be working with Mrs Marsh in the Prep to Year 2 class for the first 4 weeks of term.

A Positive Parenting meeting will be held at the CWA Hall on 10th October at 5 pm. This will be an information session beneficial for all parents and also those working with children to assist in raising happy kids, managing kids’ behaviour, setting rules and routines, balancing work and family, and assisting in skill development to enable everyone to enjoy their kids and families. I would encourage all parents to take advantage of this opportunity. We have great parents in our school who do this well already but we can all benefit from even the smallest hint that can help to make raising children easier and more enjoyable.

The opening of the Combined Schools Art Exhibition will be held on Friday 14th October at 6.30 pm. This is a great opportunity for the children to see their work displayed professionally for the community. Our students have completed wood work and self-portrait painting during school and also the work from the RAWART workshops will be displayed. Please come along and support your children and see the wonderful work they have done throughout the year.

There will be an Arts Council performance on Tuesday 18th October – Have You Ever Heard a Wombat Sing. All students will be walking to the Shire Hall to attend this performance.

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held during Week 3. These are a great opportunity for parents and teachers to have a shared discussion of their child’s progress. Parents of all students are strongly encouraged to attend. Please contact your class teacher to arrange a suitable time.

Monday 17th October will be a pupil free day to enable teachers to attend the Consistency of Teacher Judgement (CTJ) day in Charleville. This day provides an opportunity for teachers to come together to compare samples of work to ensure consistency in assessment of student work. This year the focus is on student writing.

Warm regards,

Genny McNair

It’s the little details that are vital. Little things make big things happen. John Wooden
Parish/Community News

Thank you to those who helped out in any way with the catering for the Parish at the Rodeo on Show night. We were fortunate to have four helpers from Boonah Lions Club to work with us. My sister, Carmel and her husband, Tom, convinced another couple that coming to the Quilpie Show and working with the Parish catering was a good way to see the West. They all thought so and might sign up again for next year!!

Next event on the Parish calendar is the celebration of the 40 years since the Blessing and Opening of St Finbarr’s Church. This celebration will be at the 6.00pm Mass on Sunday 23 October.

If you have any memorabilia, photos of the ceremony in 1976, we would love to have a loan of them to copy for a display.

See you at the Fete!!

Sr Marg.

Hello everyone. It is great to be back at school! I have had quite a bit of time away late last term, but I am back and ready to go. I am really looking forward to this term, it is going to be very busy and very rewarding!

This term we welcome Georgia Callachor to our classroom. Georgia is known as Miss C by the students. We are excited to have her back completing her internship with us for the next 4 weeks.

This term we are writing recounts, Miss C has been working with the students already. They have been sharing their stories about what they did on their holidays using the 5 W’s (Who, When, Where, What, How).

For maths we have been looking at number lines to investigate counting back and subtractions. The students had a great time yesterday creating a 3D number line with MAB’s. They all worked together to place MAB’s correctly on an empty line. We then used the number line to answer subtraction problems.

Last term we also introduced Thelma the Unicorn to our classroom. Thelma has inspired a love of reading in our classroom and the students are enjoying the chance to take Thelma to the floor and read to her.

I will be away next Wednesday for APRE Conference and will return to work the following Tuesday in week 3. Please remember that Monday the 16th of October is a pupil free day. Miss C will be teaching under the supervision of Mrs Haylock during my time away.

See you all this Friday at the Fete!

Until next time...

Mrs Marsh, Miss C and the Prep/1/2 class

P-2 News

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Thargomindah Sports Camp was held during the last week of term 3. St Finbarr’s joined Quilpie State College, Eulo State School, Thargomindah State School, Cunnamulla State School and Eromanga State school for the Sports Camp. There were 6 different sports including Tennis, Rugby League, Indigenous Games, Netball, Swimming and Dance. The students were split into 6 groups and rotated spending one hour on each sporting activity per day. All the kids had a fantastic time and practiced each activity with enthusiasm. All of the children who attended were well behaved and we were particularly proud of the Quilpie students for their positivity, excellent manners and wonderful behaviour which made the camp enjoyable for everyone. Unfortunately the weather cut the Camp short and we returned to Quilpie via Eromanga on Wednesday afternoon. We were lucky enough to bring the Netball and Dancing coaches back with us so the children once again made great use of the new shed and did some Netball, Ball Games and Dancing over Thursday and Friday.

Thargomindah Sports Camp...