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

**ST FINBARR’S FETE!**
Friday 7th October St Finbarr’s Fete and Mystery Holiday. *Mark the date on your calendar!*

**TRASH AND TREASURE**
Start collecting your unwanted treasure for the Trash and Treasure Stall! Clean items can be delivered to the school.

Donations for lucky ticket stall – Items that can fit in a Chinese food container can be left at school.

**Wanted**
Pets for the petting Zoo
Where will the Mystery Holiday take you?
*Ben & Joan in the USA—2015*

Quilpie and District Show this Saturday at the Shire Hall followed by the Rodeo at the Rodeo Grounds. Have YOU thought about entering something in the show? There is still time for your creative entry. Cookery? Fruit? Flowers? Eggs? Handicrafts?

ST MATTHEWS SERVICE—8TH SEPTEMBER
The Anglican Bishop, Cameron Venables of the South West Region will be in Quilpie for a Service at St. Matthew’s on 8th September at 6.00pm. All Welcome.

Charleville Performing Arts Festival
Last Friday some Quilpie students travelled to Charleville to take part in the Charleville Performing Arts Festival. Millie presented a solo performance on her flute and the adjudicators remark was ‘a lovely confident performance’. Ryan also presented a solo performance on the trombone and received a Highly Commended award.

The Quilpie Band with members Millie, Ryan, Lewis, Jake, Lexi, Carlie, Georgia, Hallie and Ebony won Bronze for their performance.

The Quilpie Singing Group performed on Friday night at the Charleville Music Festival and received Gold for their performance of Love Yourself and Bad Moon Rising. Members of the group are Mia, Ryan, Carli, Ebony and Georgia. Carli and Caitlin performed a duet and won Gold and then Gold and Silver for their vocal solos. Congratulations to all Quilpie music students!

PARISH CATERING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
If you are able to help with the Parish Catering at the Show this weekend, please fill out the enclosed form. Please return the form to the school by this Friday. We would very much appreciate any help you can give on the day.

Mariat College Ashgrove
Invites you to join Mr Peter McLaughlin, Headmaster, James Metzeling, Head of Boarding and Judie Carter, College Registrar, for a creative meal at:

Quilpie:
Friday 9th September 6:30 pm @ the Heritage Inn
Charleville:
Morning Tea @ 10:30 am, Menzies Restaurant
Charleville Motel
RSVP:
Tuesday 6 September to the Registrar Judie Carter 07 3858 4507 or enrol@marash.qld.edu.au

School fee reminder
Term 3 school fees were sent home at the beginning of this term. Thank you to those of you who have settled those accounts promptly. If you have not yet had a chance to pay your account promptly. If you have not yet had a chance to pay your account, we would be grateful if those accounts could be attended to as soon as possible. Thank you.

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Newsletter Checklist
1. Plastic containers for Lucky Ticket stall
2. NAPCAN flyer
3. Holiday activity program
4. Parish Show Catering Volunteer Form
5. Quilpie Show music performance Permission
6. Thargomindah Travel Permission Form

Important dates
- 7th-9th September QCIPA Toowoomba
- 8th RAWART Workshop
- 10th September Quilpie Show
- 12th-16th September Thargomindah Sports Camp
- 16th September Last Day Term 3
- 25th September Mass at St Finbarr’s Church 6.00pm
- 4th October First Day Term 4
- 7th October School Fete
- 17th October Pupil Free Day

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Dear Parents and Friends
It is very hard to believe this is the final Newsletter for Term 3.

Tomorrow students will be involved in art lessons held by RAWART. These art tutors have been invited to Quilpie for the show and will be holding workshops at the school tomorrow between 9 am and 1 pm. All costs associated with this workshop have been covered through RADF funding.

This week, 4th to 10th September, is Child Protection Week. This is an initiative promoted by the National Association for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (NAPCAN). We must ensure we do not ever become complacent about student protection and particularly at this time of year, coming into school holidays. For more information please see the following website www.napcan.org.au.

The Thargomindah Sports Camp will be held next week. We will meet at the Quilpie College at 8.15am to depart by 9.00am. Some students will be returning on Wednesday afternoon and can attend school as usual on Thursday and Friday. The remaining students will remain until the end of the camp on Friday and can depart school as soon as the bus is cleaned on Friday afternoon. Please ensure that if your child is requiring medication that a medication form is completed and medications are given to your child’s teacher. Please put home baked in a disposable container, as it is difficult to keep track of containers. It is very helpful to put your child’s clothes for each day in separate plastic bags.

During the first 4 weeks of Term 4, Georgina Callachor will be joining us again to complete her practicum experience. Georgina was with us for 2 weeks last year and is now in her final year of studies at USQ. Georgina thoroughly enjoyed her last teaching experience with Mrs Marsh and has decided to return for her internship.

The School Fete will be held on the first Friday of Term 4. As this is the one major fundraiser for the school we would like to see all of our parents involved. Please support the Mystery Holiday by selling raffle tickets. I have been assured the holidays again this year are to wonderful destinations. I will be making calls in the coming weeks seeking parent assistance.

Over the last months we have been working on the development of new school Vision and Mission statements and further discussions were held at the last Board Meeting. Our motto PEACE TRUTH AND WISDOM has been our starting point. These words are very familiar to all of us and we are now reminded of them each time we sing our school song. A Vision statement tells us what we want to achieve and who we want to be. Turning our school motto into an action statement was a logical step to form our vision, and keeping the statement short tells us what we want to achieve and who we want to be. Turning our school motto into an action statement was a logical step to form our vision, and keeping the statement short will help us all to not only remember it, but also work and live by it daily. The proposed vision statement is: *Living in PEACE, Guided by TRUTH, Growing with WISDOM.* Any feedback is welcome. The development of our new Mission Statement will begin. This is a statement of how we will achieve this vision.

I wish everyone happy and safe holidays and enjoy this time with your children.

Warm regards

Genny

“A truly compassionate attitude toward others does not change even if they behave negatively or hurt you.”
Dalai Lama XIV
Parish/Community News

On Sunday 28 August, Marcus, Ryan, Matt, Darcy, Hunter, Carli & Jake received their First Communion at the Parish Mass. They were well supported by family and Parish members. Thanks to the families for their encouragement and support.

This year, St. Finbarr’s Church is 40 years old! (St. Finbarr’s PARISH began in 1939 and has been in operation for 77 years!) The Parish Mass on Sunday 23 October will be an opportunity to remember those who began the Parish and those who have kept it going since then and those who keep it going today.

I am looking for anyone who was present at the opening of our current St. Finbarr’s in November 1976. I would love to hear an account of the opening!! If anyone has photos or news clippings that they could share so that we can make copies for display, it would be much appreciated. Please get in touch with me on 0488 589 916.

Footy Colours Day

Last Friday was Footy Colours Day. Everyone came dressed in their favourite team colours. We raised $37 for kids cancer. Also Grandma Sue made and sold knitted woollen bow hair accessories in footy colours called Quillows which we sold at Kangarangado and raised $40 which will also go to the Footy Colours Day. Thank you Sue and everyone who supported the day.

Finn & Millie

Mini Vinnies

Father Peter’s 70th Birthday Morning Tea.

We wish Fr. Peter a very happy 70th birthday for this Friday. We celebrated early with Fr. Peter last Tuesday with morning tea and of course birthday cake. His celebrations continued in Charleville on Saturday.

3-6 News

Today each student from years 3-6 presented his/her Information Reports on Olympic Sports to an audience of P-6. The reports showcased research skills, use of technology and presentation of an Information Report. The audience enjoyed hearing about some of the lesser known Olympic Sports.

Marcus Judo
Matt Badminton
Ryan Volley Ball
Millie Trampolining
Darcy Triathlon
Hunter Sailing
Mia Diving
Liam Water Polo
Cody Archery
Toby Fencing
Catherine Equestrian
Finn Handball
Riley BMX Cycling

We look forward to the next presentations by years 3-6.

Until next time...

Miss Long

Be sure to visit St. Finbarr’s school Show display and learn more about the Olympics and our Olympic heroes.

P-2 Information Reports

In the P-2 classroom, the students have also been working on Information Reports. They have been learning how an Information Report is built up so that we can organise the information we have found and present it in an interesting way. The students each chose an animal as the subject of their report and researched interesting facts to include in their reports. The reports are now on display in the window of the P-2 Classroom.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the Students of the Week for week 7 and 8. The awards in week 7 were won by Finn from the 3-6 class for responsibility and Charlie S from the P-2 class for his hard work on his Information Report. In week 8 Joachim from the 3-6 class won the award for his seamless transition back into school life. Well done!

RICKY MILOSEVIC ANNIVERSARY

Monday 29th August marked the 4th anniversary of the death of Ricky Milosevic in Afghanistan. The school gathered together along with some parents and friends to remember and pay respect to Ricky. Catherine spoke of Ricky’s life and native wildflowers were laid at the memorial plaque site.

OFFICIAL OPENING

Last Tuesday Mrs McNair, our Principal officially opened the new P-2 stairwell. Our shed and stairwell are now completed for this stage. The next stage will see an awning going up over the stairwell to protect students from the weather.

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