

Quilpie and District Sport

- * Quilpie and district Athletics carnival will be held at the Quilpie State College on Friday 16th August.
- * Quilpie & District Swimming Carnival will be held on the 29th November 2019.



Pirate Day

Come dressed as your favourite pirate this Thursday, 27th June. Bring a gold coin to support Children's Brain Cancer Research.



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Hot Shots Red Ball Competition

Many students and parents enthusiastically joined in the Tennis Competition on Tuesday evening.

Congratulations to Matt and David Lowe for winning the competition and to Digby and Jeremy for coming runner-up.



St Finbarr's Student Protection Contacts

Genny McNair ~ Melissa Moran

SW NRL Development

Last Wednesday Amy and Blake from the SW NRL Development Office visited the school to provide basic skill instruction and promote the game.

NRL has a tremendous following in our school already!!!



TERM DATES 2019

TERM 2: 24th April - 27th June

TERM 3: 15th July - 19th September

TERM 4: 8th October - 5th December



Attachments

- ◆ RADII Survey Information

JUNE

- ◆ 27th Last Day Term 2
- ◆ 27th Pirate Day
- ◆ Visit from Emmanuel College

JULY

- ◆ 15th Beginning Term 3
- ◆ 17th Cricket Trials To be confirmed
- ◆ 29th Pupil Free day - BID

AUGUST

- ◆ 8th Mary Mackillop Feast Day
- ◆ 11th Confirmation and Sports Complex Blessing
- ◆ 12th Principals Forum
- ◆ 16th Quilpie and Districts Athletics
- ◆ 30th Charleville Music Fest

SEPTEMBER

- ◆ 19th Last Day of Term 3

OCTOBER

Dear Parents and Friends

Welcome to the final Newsletter for Term 2, 2019.

Last week we included in the Newsletter a copy of the updated **Parent Engagement Charter**. This document provides information and guidelines to create, ensure and enhance positive and reciprocal relationships between the school and our families.

At St Finbarr's we aim to keep our parents well informed with their child's learning. This occurs through **Parent Teacher Interviews** at the beginning of Term 2 and Term 4 with **report cards** being provided at the end of these terms. As our school is small, we do often have informal discussions with parents at other times. We welcome the involvement of our parents in our school happenings and value the interest that our parents take in student learning and the school generally.

We also encourage our parents to be involved in the **School P&F** and to support P&F activities. Due to the size of our school, we have a combined **P&F Board Model**, (also called Parent Partnership Forum-PPF) in which the two bodies have combined. Over the years that I have been at St Finbarr's we have been very fortunate to have a very active and productive P&F. Through their fundraising activities they have been able to support the school in gaining access to new equipment and excellent facilities including our new Sports Complex. The P&F has also been vital in maintaining the school grounds and for this I would like to acknowledge and thank Ben Hall. Over many years, Ben has maintained the sprinkler system and overseen the mowing and gardens in addition to his role as P&F president.

The school **RADII survey** is another way in which parents can inform and be involved in the decisions made in the school. I cannot stress enough the importance of completing this survey. A summary of the information is provided to the school. It is from this that we create our Annual Action Plan for the next year. More information on the survey is included in this Newsletter. The survey will be open during Catholic Education Week from 29th July.

Please do take the time to read the **Parent Engagement Charter**. The updated version is available on our School Website.

This week the students have enjoyed the Hot Shots, tennis coaching program, delivered by Jenni and Caitlin from Tennis Queensland. The tennis skills of all of our students have improved immensely since the beginning of Term 2. The modified equipment and courts has enabled many students to play at one time and have encouraged increased ball control and accuracy. The tennis evening was a great success last night with many student and parents joining in the competition. Jenni and Caitlin have kindly donated a cap signed by Raphael Nadal for the school to possibly raffle in the coming weeks.

The **Quilpie and District Athletics carnival** will be held on Friday 16th August at the Quilpie State College. All events including the high jump will be held on the one day, however distance races, including the 200m and 800m will not be run this year due unavailability of John Waugh Park.

Senior students from **Emmanuel College** will be running a day of activities at St Finbarr's tomorrow. This is an excellent experience for the students to plan and organise sports, science and art/craft activities and to work with school age students. Our students thoroughly enjoy working with these young people.

Tomorrow the Finnie's Friends in Action Group are holding **Pirate Day**. It will be an exciting end to a very busy term.

We wish everyone a safe and happy holidays and please enjoy the time with your families.

Warm regards

Genny

Growth is never by mere chance; it is the result of forces working together. James Cash Penney

4-6 Class News

The Year 4-6 class has been completing assessments over the last week. I have been very impressed by the knowledge that the students have gained in each of the subject areas this term. This week we have been looking at the work of Australian landscape artists including Sydney Nolan and completing our own artwork for the Combined Schools Art Exhibition next term. On Tuesday we learnt more about tennis and practised our skills on the small courts. All of us are much better than we were at the beginning of term. Today we have been making paper mosaics with Pamela Denise. This has been lots of fun and we are really looking forward to Pirate Day and the students from Emmanuel College tomorrow.

Thank you

Year 4-6



P & F News



Polocrosse dinner

Jean Hall has kindly offered to run the Polocrosse dinner this Saturday night in support of the whole school camp. Any parents able to help with the serving from 6 pm – 8.30 pm will be greatly appreciated.



APRE News

Congratulations to Chelsea, Jonah, Elroy, Kobe and Jamie who celebrated their first communion on Sunday evening. They, with the support of their families, will now make preparations for their confirmation to be held on 11th August.



Students of the Week

Well done to Hayden and Delany on your student of the week achievements.

Keep up the great work!



Message from the school Counsellor

Happy Families Podcast

The Happy Families podcast with Dr Justin Coulson's is for parents who want all the answers but don't have any time! In each short, easily digestible episode Dr Justin will address a specific topic, offer his expert advice and provide simple strategies that will lead to positive results fast. Dr Justin's podcast is the quickest way to gain the knowledge and information you need to make your family happier today.

Short 10 minute topics on a broad range of issues pertinent to family life today. Tune in for your daily drive.

<https://podcasts.apple.com/au/podcast/dr-justin-coulsons-happy-families/id1082244480>



St Finbarr's are selling a number of brand new ClamCase Pro's. These are available for purchase from the office for a small donation.

