

APRE - Beginning of year School Mass

All families and friends are invited to the beginning of year **Prayer service and Badge Giving Mass**. New staff, students and school leaders will be presented with their badges during evening Mass at the Church. *(Date to be confirmed)*
Our first Prayer assembly this term will be the Feast of **St Joseph and St Patrick on 15th March at 8.45am here at the school.**

Instrumental Music



Lessons will resume in

WEEK 3

More information will be sent home soon

Tuckshop 2019

Starts back on Monday 4th February

\$8 per Child during Term 1 as Snack attack will be provided by QSC

We look forward to another year of delicious creations from all our dedicated parents who give up their time to ensure our students get a lovely treat each Monday.



Is back again this year!

A great opportunity to offer your kids some exciting new

home reading, as well as helping the school earn more scholastics points.

Book Club orders due back 18th Feb 2019

St Finbarr's Student Protection Contacts

Genny McNair ~ Melissa Moran

Multipurpose Sports Shed

Our newly constructed Multipurpose Sports Shed and renovated court surface is finally **completed and ready for play!**

We would like to say a big **THANK YOU** to everyone who has been involved in the planning and construction of revamping our old tennis court into an amazing sports hall that will benefit not only our school but the Quilpie Community. The students were ecstatic to finally get out on the court and start improving their sporting skills with our new sports coach Miss Ash.



Healthy Kids



Michelle Donohue will be providing fruit for snack attack on Mondays in her role as Health Promotions officer for the Quilpie Shire Council. Fruit will be provided to all students in the school at

10am each Monday throughout Term 1!



TERM DATES 2019



TERM 1: 29th January - 5th April
TERM 2: 23rd April - 28th June
TERM 3: 15th July - 20th September
TERM 4: 8th October - 6th December



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Attachments

- ◆ 2019 Tuckshop Roster
- ◆ List of Important Dates
- ◆ Swimming permission form
- ◆ Low risk activity permission form
- ◆ Book Club

JANUARY 2019

- ◆ 29th First Day Of school for 2019

FEBRUARY

- ◆ 21st P & F AGM / Parent info night
- ◆ 24th Beginning of year Leadership Mass

MARCH

- ◆ 6th Ash Wednesday Service 10.30am
- ◆ 15th Feast of St Joseph & St Patrick Assembly
- ◆ 19th Harmony Day Assembly

APRIL

- ◆ 4th Last Day of Term 1
- ◆ 5th Pupil free day Teacher training

Dear Parents and Friends

Welcome to the 2019 school year. I hope all students, staff and their families have had an enjoyable and restful break and are all ready to take on the New Year and all that it has to offer.

I would like to welcome **Ann Kent and Ashleigh Crawford to our staff**. Ann will be taking on the position of library and classroom teacher aide whilst Ashleigh has been appointed as teacher aide in the areas of literacy and sport. We are very excited to have two such very talented ladies on our staff. I would also like to welcome our new Instrumental Music Teacher to the Quilpie region **Mr David Pullen**, an experienced musician. All of our teachers have worked tirelessly during the pupil free days, last week, to make preparations for the new school year. Mrs Haylock has prepared some great displays in the library to support the class literacy units. I'd like to thank Mrs Haylock for the work she has done in the library whilst filling the position of Library teacher aide and also for working closely with Ann to prepare her in her new role.

We welcome our new Prep students - Nate, Tucka and Ella-Rose and their families to our school. All of these families have had close associations with the Quilpie community and school already and we look forward to continuing these in years to come.

At St Finbarr's we aim for excellence in all areas. Every Staff member puts in more than is required of them and they are very committed to student learning and wellbeing. We are proud of the high level of participation and involvement of our parents in our school. We expect high standards of our students with their commitment to learning, their school and each other. We have a lot to be proud of and we would love to see this reflected in student's presentation throughout the year. Please check the uniform and dress requirements on the school website. The website is being updated regularly and is a great source of information regarding everything about the school. Included in this newsletter is a list of the important dates for 2019. Please keep this in a safe place and put the dates on your calendars. Please note that there may be some changes to this list and the Newsletter is the best source of current dates and happenings.

The multipurpose court is now ready for use and the students have thoroughly enjoyed playing on the fabulous surface under the protection from the scorching sun this week.

The P&F AGM and Parent Information Evening will be held on Thursday 21st February. It will begin with a BBQ and refreshments at 6.00 pm, followed by a brief AGM and then a short presentation by teachers. This is a great opportunity for our families to meet together and access important information.

Swimming will begin this Friday. Further details and permission forms are enclosed. Please return these Friday morning.

I look forward to meeting with everyone throughout the coming weeks.

Warm regards

Genny

"Success is getting what you want, happiness is wanting what you get." – W. P. Kinsella

APRE News -

For those families who are new to the school, this section of the newsletter is aimed at providing information on the Religious Life of the School as well as School/Parish happenings. In the past this has been compiled by Sr Marg as Assistant Principal – Religious Education. In some of the small schools in our diocese the Principal takes on both positions.



During the pupil free days last week Dr Ken Avenell – Director of Formation and Identity from the Toowoomba Catholic Schools Office, spoke to the staff about the Charism of our school and how this forms the foundation of our values and the principles on which we operate. We are a school in the Mary Mackillop tradition and as such we aspire to demonstrate these values in our everyday life in the school. Our purpose as a Catholic School is to ensure our students have a values-based education and the knowledge and skills to prepare them for the world. If I may quote the words of another – *we are not about producing 'little Catholics' however our Catholic tradition and Mary Mackillop Charism is the lens through which we are able to develop the whole child and ensure they become good citizens.*

A very warm welcome to our new staff and students!

Our 2019 Preps

Ella- Rose

Tucka

Nate



New Teacher Aides

◆ Ann Kent

We welcome Mrs Ann Kent who has been appointed as a Library and Classroom Teacher Aide. Ann has had previous experience as a teacher aide and also extensive administration experience. Ann has a wonderful rapport with the children and a fantastic attitude to life that will fit nicely with our school values here at St Finbarr's.



◆ Ashleigh Crawford

We would also like to welcome Miss Ashleigh Crawford. Ashley has been employed as a Classroom Teacher Aide and Sports Coach. Ashleigh has had experience working with children in afterschool sports and fitness at schools in the Toowoomba area and the Highfields Fitness Centre. Ashleigh's caring nature and enthusiasm will make her a great addition to our school community.

2019 Instrumental Music Teacher

◆ Mr David Pullen

We are excited to welcome Mr David Pullen to our community. David is an experienced Musician and quite new to teaching. David has moved to Charleville from Brisbane and has been enjoying the country hospitality of our area. He looks forward to continuing on the work of Stuart Sloan with the Quilpie Shire Band.



P - 3 Class News

The P-3 class has started the school year with positive attitudes and eager minds. We have set goals to work hard and make great choices.

This year we have set the behaviour management concept of 'making wise choices.' This encourages students to think about their actions and their behaviour. Students are rewarded for good behaviour in the form of the prize box and are working towards class parties. The students are looking forward to a term full of great decision making.

In our English unit this term we are looking at the *'Pig the Pug'* series by Aaron Blabey. We are exploring character traits, setting and the hidden message within the text. Through this unit students will learn to understand text and make their own predictions.

Our science unit is focused on biology and is titled 'Watch it grow'. Students will be investigating different lifecycles and will look at in detail the different stages that an animal goes through from birth to adult life. Students are looking forward to exploring living things and what they need to survive.

We are all looking forward to a fun filled term.

Samantha Jaeger



Our 2019 Classes & Student Leaders



Student leaders

Joachim - McManus

Matt - Sommerfield

Bella - Pegler

Hunter (Absent) - Finnie's Friends in Action Group



We Look Forward to an Exciting fun filled year of Learning

Class P-3

Teacher - Miss Jaeger

Class 4-6

Teacher - Mrs Moran

Teacher Aid - Ms Ann

Teacher Aides - Miss Janell and

Miss Ash

