

2019 RADII Survey

This year our school will be participating in a School Review and Improvement survey managed by Research Australia Development and Innovation Institute (RADII). As well as school staff and students from Years 5 - 12, all parents are invited to participate in the survey. The survey provides valuable feedback for the future directions of our school.

It would be appreciated if parents could update their contact details prior to the 24 June 2019. This will ensure delivery to the correct parent email addresses are available.

On Monday the 29 July 2019, RADII will send all parents a personalized invitation to complete the survey **online**. If both parents' email addresses are on file at the school, the invitation will be sent to both parents. However, the survey will close once the first person has completed it. If you do not wish to complete the survey simply delete it.

The survey will take approximately 10-15 minutes to complete. You can complete the survey from anywhere you have access to the internet. The survey will close on Sunday, 11 August 2019 for parents.

We encourage you to be very honest in your responses to the surveys. All responses go directly to RADII so they are confidential and anonymous. When the surveys are completed, and responses aggregated by RADII, overall data is sent to us so that we can then share the findings with you.



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Attachments

◆ Noosa School camp info and permissions

◆ Book Club

JULY

◆ 29th Pupil Free day - BID

AUGUST

◆ 5th Green & Gold tuckshop

◆ 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 back to Term 3!

On 6th July Sr Margaret Andersen celebrated her golden Jubilee with five other Sisters of St Joseph. Bishop Morris presided over the mass at Corpus Christi Church, Nundah followed by a luncheon at Kedron-Wavell Services Club Chermerside. Miss Janell, Sr Anne and many of Sr Marg's friends and colleagues celebrated the day with her. It has now been a little over a year since Sr Marg has been here with us in Quilpie. There is not a day goes by that we don't think about Sr Marg. She and the Sisters of St Joseph have left a tradition that we aspire to continue here at St Finbarr's. Both Sr Marg and Sr Ann will always hold a special place in our hearts here in Quilpie.

During the last day of Term 2 we were very fortunate to have the **students from Emmanuel College** visit. The students have come to Quilpie for a number of years now, to run a holiday activity program as part of their school's connection with rural and remote communities. The students organised art, science and sporting activities for our children. These students are remarkable in the manner in which they organise the activities and engage our students. The children enjoyed the day so much that the Emmanuel College students returned to St Finbarr's the next day and I was pleased to see that almost all of our children attended the afternoon activities even though it was a pupil free day.

During the holidays Ben and Jean Hall kindly offered to cater for the **Quilpie Polo Crosse dinner** on behalf of the P&F Association. Thankyou very much to Ben and Jean for all of their preparation and also to the many parents who helped with serving on the night. The P&F raised approximately \$1300, which the P&F have offered to go towards the school camp at Noosa early next term.

Bishops In-service Day will be held on **Monday 29th July** and will mark the beginning of Catholic Education Week. This will be a pupil free day for students as all staff will be attending Bishops In-service Day meetings and celebrations hosted by St Mary's Charleville. The keynote speaker will be Professor Br David Hall fms who will speak on the topic of *Catholic schools in turbulent times*. Br Hall is Dean of the La Salle Academy at ACU. He has been a principal of several Catholic schools and is a member of several school boards. He also conducts workshops and leads extensive professional learning in Catholic schools across many African and Asian countries. He is very much in touch with the daily challenges of school life and will remind us of the significance and meaning of our schools as Catholic Schools.

Each year during Catholic Education Week staff, parents and students are invited to complete a **School Review and Improvement survey** managed by **Research Australia Development and Innovation Institute (RADII)**. This 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. It is from the results of this survey and the feedback that we receive that we can reflect on our progress and plan for changes and improvements in all aspects of our school in the future.

Our **whole school camp** will be upon us very soon, being held during the first week of Term 4. An information package has been included with this Newsletter to assist all families with planning for this wonderful event.

Warm regards

Genny

Strength lies in differences, not in similarities. Stephen R. Covey



A Big Thank you

To all the students who participated in this years Pirate Day.

We Raised \$36 to help fight child brain cancer

WELL DONE!

Congratulations Sr Marg!!

On celebrating you're Golden Jubilee 50 years of service with the Sisters of St Joseph



Sr Ann, Sr Marg & Miss Janell

Quilpie and District Sport

Quilpie and District Athletics carnival
Quilpie State College
Friday 16th August.

Quilpie & District
Swimming Carnival

29th November 2019.



St Finbarr's Student Protection Contacts

Genny McNair ~ Melissa Moran

TERM DATES 2019

TERM 3: 15th July - 19th September

TERM 4: 8th October - 5th December



P-3 Class News

The P-3 class have begun the term with great enthusiasm. We have updated our growth mindset goals, as the students achieved many of their personal goals that they set for themselves in Term 2.

This term we are undertaking the 'Aussie Animal Stories' by Australian author Jackie French, as our Literacy Unit. This unit explores Australian animals, their diet, features and habitats. Through this unit students will use their researched facts to form an information report. The students are excited about this unit and we invite parents to come and see our room display.

In Mathematics this term students will be exploring whole numbers, number patterns, 2D and 3D shapes, addition, subtraction and money. With this the students used a number of hands on materials and real-world learning experiences. This form of learning allows students to relate mathematics to their everyday lives and better understand concepts being taught.

In Science this term we are studying the unit 'Weather in my World', this unit teaches students about the air, sun and changing weather patterns. Through investigations, students will increase their knowledge of how the characteristics of weather affect their daily lives.

Our whole class reading groups have begun again this term and students are working hard to read tricky words and use their bank of comprehension strategies to answer questions. We are very proud of the progress the students have made and seeing the enjoyment they get out of reading each day.

The P-3 class has had an enjoyable start to the term, and we will no doubt see this continue throughout the term. Thank you,

Samantha Jaeger.



Cinderella—Spinderella by QLD Music Fest

Synopsis -Cinderella works hard cleaning the house all day, while her bossy Stepmother - Edna Bucket just sits around eating scones.

It's hard for poor Cinders to make any real friends because she is always cleaning or cooking.

Murray the Moose has just delivered an invitation to the "totally awesome dance party" but Cinderella can't go!

What she needs is a Fairy God-Person to help her out, but will he find Cinderella in time?

Will she ever meet Prince Perfect? Will Edna Bucket get to the party first and spoil everything?

Come along and see for yourself!

Quilpie Shire Hall, Tuesday the 30th July 2019, 10 Am



Bobs The Dog

Bobs the dog - Book Launch

Last week, Miss Jaeger attended the book launch for **Bob's the Dog** written by Sr Diane Phillips rsj. Sr Di shared the manuscripts of the book with Sr Marg and our students a number of years ago. A dedication to the children of St Finbarr's has been included in the publication. Sr Marg was the MC for the occasion. We have some personally signed copies of the book for our library.



Farewell

It is with sadness that we had to say farewell to one of our families at the end of last term. We would like wish Leah, Bradley, Diesel, Delany and Tucka all the best on their new adventure and safe arrival of their newest family member.



Welcome

We would also like to welcome a new student and family to our school community. Everton who is in grade 4 and his mum Codie.



Welcome to the School!!

APRE News

Catholic Education Week will be celebrated across Queensland from 28 July – 3 August 2019.

This annual event is held to promote the special ethos of Catholic schools and to highlight the great things that take place in Catholic schools every day.

The theme for this year's celebrations is: **Many Voices. One Spirit.** This theme has been chosen for its promotion and support of inclusiveness. The 'Many Voices' represent those of students, teachers, families, communities, and parishes within our diocese and includes students of all educational ages, all genders and all beliefs.

Catholic education strives to make a difference in the lives of those in our schools and in the wider community by challenging young people to live out the message of Jesus and to reach their full potential as compassionate, contributing, life-giving members of society.

Catholic Education Week will begin with Bishops Inservice day to be held in Charleville on 29th July.



Emmanuel College Visit & Pirate Day

The last day of Term 2 was an exciting one with it not only being Pirate Day, but also having the students from Emmanuel College come to visit us again. St Finbarr's Students had a very exciting day participating in a range of different activities organised by Emmanuel College. We would like to say a big **THANK YOU** to the Emmanuel College students and teachers for their efforts in creating a joyful, fun filled day for all involved. We hope to see them again next year!

