

You are warmly invited to the St Saviour's College

2019 Inaugural Alumni Evening

An opportunity to reconnect with our College Community

1 March 2019, 6pm-8pm

The Callaghan Centre, corner of Neil and Perth Streets

\$10pp includes canapes and drinks

Tickets can be purchased online at Trybooking by 18 February 2019



To book tickets go to: <https://www.trybooking.com/463821>

Tuckshop 2019

Reusable Tuckshop Bags



In the next week or so I will be sending home new reusable tuckshop money envelopes for each Family. Please ensure these get returned each Monday so that they can be sent home again on Friday with the next weeks Menu.



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

Parent Info Night & BBQ

21st FEB 2019 - 6pm
@ the School

Everyone is welcome to come along for the beginning of year meet and greet & get some information about the year ahead.

BBQ & Refreshments start at 6pm



School Fees Term 1 School Fees have gone home this week. The Due date for payment is **11/03/2019**. There are several options for the payment of School fees if you are having difficulties or would like more information please contact the office.

For Direct deposits :-

NAB - St Finbarr's School

BSB: 084 829 A/C: 50 886 7529

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

- ◆ School Fee Statements
- ◆ P & F Nomination Forms
- ◆ School Councilor Info

FEBRUARY

- ◆ 15th District Soccer Tambo
- ◆ 19th - 20th Yr 4-6 Cosmos Centre excursion
- ◆ 21st BBQ & Parent info night
- ◆ 24th Beginning of year Leadership Mass

MARCH

- ◆ 6th Ash Wednesday Service 10.30am
- ◆ 8th Touch Football trials—Quilpie
- ◆ 15th Feast of St Joseph & St Patrick Assembly
- ◆ 15th District Rugby league Trials - Charleville
- ◆ 19th Harmony Day Assembly

APRIL

- ◆ 3rd Q & D Cross Country (TBC)
- ◆ 4th Easter Prayer Assembly
- ◆ 4th Last Day of Term 1
- ◆ 5th Pupil free day Teacher training

Dear Parents and Friends

Throughout the first weeks of Term our teachers have been coaching our students on developing **Growth Mindsets**. At St Finbarr's our goal is to encourage our students to become lifelong, independent learners. It is not enough for teachers to teach and students to learn. This may get them by in life, but to be truly successful students need to learn ways to manage, control and take ownership of their own learning.

What is Growth Mindset?

Growth Mindset refers to a learning theory developed by Dr Carol Dweck. It revolves around the belief that you can improve intelligence, ability and performance. The opposite, a fixed mindset, refers to the belief that a person's talents are set in stone. By helping students to develop a growth mindset, we can help them to learn more effectively and efficiently.

Students who have a growth mindset have been found to seek out better feedback and persist for longer with difficult tasks, cope better with change and develop better self-regulation. A growth mindset can reduce stress, increase student wellbeing and emotional functioning, can improve self-esteem and reduce learning helplessness. Students with a fixed mindset often limit their learning by avoiding new strategies and see failure as a judgement of their abilities.

Teachers can help develop a growth mindset by monitoring and evaluating student performances to identify how they can improve next time. Students can learn to do this themselves in time. Students can also develop a growth mindset by talking to themselves in a positive way, for example instead of saying *I can't do it, say I can't do it yet*. To help with this understanding, students have also been learning about 'The Learning Pit'. This introduces to students the concept that learning can be a challenge. Taking on a challenge is like getting into a pit. We may feel uncertain and it takes effort to climb out. When we do climb out, it means we've learnt something new and we can feel great about ourselves.

How can I help my child develop a Growth Mindset?

Parents can help their child develop a Growth Mindset by praising their efforts rather than praising their existing talents and presenting failures in a more positive light can encourage learning and in turn increase your child's belief that they can improve.

Please come along to our **Parent Information Evening and BBQ** next week, **Thursday, 21st February at 6 pm**, for more information about this and activities for the year ahead. The P&F AGM, to be also held on this night, has been postponed to a date to be confirmed.

I look forward to seeing everyone then.

Genny

Learning is not attained by chance, it must be sought for with ardour and diligence.

Abigail Adams

APRE News

The beginning of school year **Welcome and Leadership Mass** will be held at St Finbarr's Church on **Sunday 24th February**. At this service we welcome all of our new staff, students and their families and induct our 2019 School leaders. Fr Peter will bless the school badges which will then be presented to our new students, school leaders and staff. Dinner will be served at school following the service for those who would like to stay. Everyone is welcome.

The Catholic Education week theme for this year is *Many Voices: One Spirit*. Catholic Education Week is held in July but this theme will be a focus for our school throughout the year. It also aligns well with the United Nations *International Year of Indigenous Languages*. We will frequently come back to these themes throughout the year through the social justice activities of our Finnie's Friends in Action Group, curriculum and school activities.



Charleville & District Swimming Trials

Congratulations to all Quilpie competitors who swam at the Charleville and District trials last Friday.

Results

Mia – 2nd 50 m Breastroke

Hunter – 2nd 50 m Breastroke; 3rd backstroke

Joachim – 1st 50 m Breastroke; 3rd 50 m Freestyle; 1st 200m Individual Medley.

Joachim and Hunter were just outside regional qualifying time for the 50 m breast stroke.

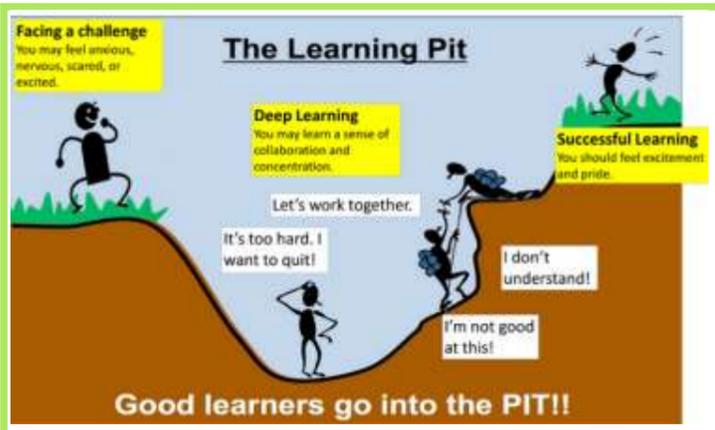
Congratulations to Lochie Edwards for selection in the District team for freestyle.



Students of the week

Congratulations to our first students of the week for 2019!

Bella, Chelsea, Hayden, Tucka & Charlie



P & F AGM

Postponed due to unforeseen circumstances

A New date for this is yet to be confirmed

Please fill out and return the **nomination forms** that have been sent home.

We will still be holding our parent info night & BBQ

4 - 6 News

Welcome to week 3!

The last few weeks our class has been getting familiar in our daily routines, daily jobs and classroom rules. The students were all involved in discussing and creating the classroom rules, behaviour expectations and additionally adequate consequences. I believe it is important for each student to have their own voice, by being involved in making the classroom rules. This allows the students to have ownership of their own behaviour, embrace the expectations positively and allow them to become more independent within the classroom.

This year, we are strongly focusing on the students having a 'growth mindset' towards their learning. A growth mindset is when students have a positive attitude and outlook towards facing and overcoming something challenging and being able to keep trying rather than giving up. A growth mindset also acknowledges that mistakes are a part of learning and that when we are learning something new, we may have negative feelings such as being frustrated. However, we are understanding that this feeling is ok, as it means that you are learning. The students are enjoying saying the quote – all things are difficult before they get easy! More information about a growth mindset will be discussed on the Parent Information Night.

This term we are undertaking the unit 'Earth's Place in Space', which provides opportunities for students to explore and observe our Solar System with a particular focus on the Earth, Moon and Sun. Next week the 4-6 students will have the opportunity to visit the Cosmos Centre in Charleville, where they will be able to participate in a day and night experience to view the Milky Way Galaxy, star clusters, planets and the Moon. The excursion will build upon the students' knowledge of astronomy and will link content that is being taught within the classroom. A parent information and consent form was sent home last week.

Please if you have any concerns or queries, don't hesitate to come and see me.

Have a fantastic week!

Kind regards,

Melissa Moran



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