

Opening of Sports Complex



Sunday 11th August was the Official Opening of our new Sports Complex. The shed was blessed by Bishop Robert McGuckin and Opened by Toowoomba Catholic Schools Executive Director Dr Pat Coughlan. We would like thank all those who attended and travelled from afar to join us for the occasion.



Sports Complex Opening - Raffle

Congratulations to the Winner of our Tennis Pack which included a signed hat by Rafael Nadal. **MIA HAYLOCK**

The money raised will go towards the cost of this years School Camp
Thank you



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

Quilpie & District Athletics Carnival 2019

When: Friday 16th August 2019

Where: Quilpie State College

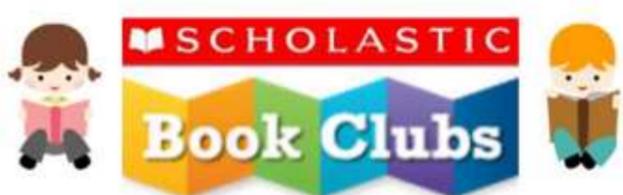
Time: Parents are to drop Students at the College by 8.30am
Carnival commences at 8.55am & Concludes at 3pm

What to bring



BOOK CLUB

Is due back Thursday
5th September 2019



Reminder - School Fees

Just a quick reminder that school fees are due on
23 August 2019

TERM DATES 2019

TERM 3: 15th July - 19th September
TERM 4: 8th October - 5th December



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Attachments

- ◆ Book Club
- ◆ Wanderers Cricket Flyer
- ◆ Samantha Morris Illustrator Flyer

AUGUST

- ◆ 12th Principals Forum
- ◆ 16th Quilpie and Districts Athletics
- ◆ 19th QLD Cricket & Wanderers Coaching afternoon 3.30pm
- ◆ 23rd Samantha Morris Illustrator
- ◆ 29th Ricky Milosevic Memorial
- ◆ 30th Charleville Music Fest

SEPTEMBER

- ◆ 6th QLD Youth Touring Performance
- ◆ 19th Last Day of Term 3

Dear Parents and Friends

The Toowoomba Catholic Schools Office holds its annual awards evening during Catholic Education Week. This night provides an opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate the contributions individuals and groups make to the education of our students within our schools. This year we were very honoured to receive the award in the Professional Learning Community Class for the work the has been done in the last two years in the **Lighthouse Maths Project**. To refresh your memory, each of the schools in the Toowoomba diocese has taken on a Lighthouse Project in the areas of Visible Learning, STEM, Wellbeing and Maths. Within these Lighthouse focus areas, schools have examined their school data, conducted research on best practice, implemented strategies to enhance learning and achieve success for all learners and conducted review processes to measure impact. The goal is at the end of the 3 year period each school will be a centre of excellence in their focus area and that other TCSO schools can share in this learning. St Stephens, Pittsworth, St Anthony's and Our Lady of Lourdes in Toowoomba and ourselves make up the Lighthouse Maths group that received this award.

Each school has had a slightly different mathematical focus based on their local context, but together the group has achieved great success in developing teacher capacity and student engagement and achievement in maths. Rebecca Brownhall has been instrumental in leading the group to support, encourage and challenge us as individual schools and a collective group.

I couldn't be in attendance for the presentation due to commitments here at school, so Rebecca and the other school leaders received the award with a cardboard cut out of me. Its this spirit of professional friendship and collegiality that makes our Toowoomba Catholic Schools very special and unique.

On Sunday afternoon the **St Finbarr's Sports Complex** was officially opened by Dr Pat Coughlan and blessed by Bishop Robert McGuckin. The complex has been such a wonderful asset to the school with the children using it every day. This was an opportunity for us as a school to say thankyou to our P&F, our past parents, the Quilpie Shire Council, the Toowoomba Catholic Schools Office and the wider Quilpie community for their support over recent years to enable this project to come to fruition. This project was entirely funded through P&F fundraising activities and school surplus funds and could not have been possible without the professional expertise of Peter Holling. Unfortunately, Ben Hall was unable to attend the opening. Ben, as P&F president has been very influential in the fundraising activities and the completion of the project from its beginning.

The **Wanderers Cricket team** will be visiting Quilpie next week and Bruce Paulsen has organised a cricket coaching afternoon here at St Finbarr's on Monday 19th August at 3.30 pm. All children of all ages are welcome to attend.

Each year we hold a small memorial service for Ricky Milosevic, who was killed, serving in Afghanistan in 2012. This will be held at 8.45 am on Thursday, 29th August.

The Quilpie and District Athletics Carnival will be held this Friday at the Quilpie State College. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Warm regards

Genny

Its not about how much you do, but how much love you put into what you do that counts. Mother Teresa.

P-3 Class News



The P-3 class have been working extremely hard for the first half of this term. We have been achieving our growth mindset goals with our preps and year one powering through sight words. This achievement is showing in their *reading and writing*. Our year two's and threes have set goals to read chapter books and work hard on using expression in reading. They are progressing towards these goals and are enjoying reading books with a larger storyline.

Throughout our literacy unit this term we have been studying 'Aussie Animal Stories' by Australian author Jackie French. The unit explores Australian animals, their diet, features and habitats. During this unit we have looked at the Common Australian Wombat and the Red Kangaroo. In correlation with these animals we have read Jackie French's *Diary of a Wombat* and *Josephine wants to Dance*. We have produced some factual and interesting reports, we invite parents to come and see our display.

In Mathematics over the past weeks students will be exploring multiplication, division, regrouping numbers and graphing data. With this the students used several hands on materials to engage in real-world learning experiences. This form of learning allows students to relate mathematics to their everyday lives.

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 have been discovering the different weather types in Quilpie. They have been tracking temperatures and monitoring daily weather conditions, then making weather reports from their findings.

The P-3 class has been working well this term, and we will no doubt see this continue throughout the rest of the term.

Thank you,

Samantha Jaeger.



Students Of the Week

Congratulations and well done to our latest student of the week achiever's.

Everton

Ella-Rose

Nate McFadzean and

Charles



APRE News

On Sunday 5 children celebrated their Confirmation with Bishop Robert McGuckin presiding. Fr Peter was also in attendance as was Nathan Webb. Nathan is a seminarian currently studying for the priesthood. Many family and friends from within Quilpie and further afield were in attendance. Both Bishop Robert and Nathan commented on how well the children were prepared and presented themselves. Congratulations, Jonah, Elroy, Jamie, Chelsea and Kobe.



Bishop Bill Morris will be travelling to Quilpie with Fr Peter on Sunday 25th August. Bishop Bills visits are traditionally marked by a morning of kite flying which the children thoroughly enjoy

We also celebrated Mary Mackillop Feast Day with a small prayer assembly last Thursday Morning.



Light House Maths Award



Congratulations to the Lighthouse Maths PLC Group for their award at the recent TCSO awards Evening.

If you look very closely at the picture you will see that although Genny was unable to attend the event she was still there in Spirit.

P & F News

Just a quick update on the Schools Cattle that are on the Town Common. Ben Hall has informed us that the cattle are all doing well and although no sales will be made this year, they are on track to possibly be sold next year.

