

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



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

House Keeping-

Just a quick reminder to parents/guardians that if Students are going to be absent from school please if possible return one of the Absentee notes attached with the Newsletter in advance.

Also a reminder to make sure that Students are signed in and out by a parent/guardian if leaving early or going for appointments. *It is a Health and safety issue that between 9am & 3pm student whereabouts are known to staff.* THANK YOU

Volunteer Student Protection

Hopefully everyone has received the email regarding Student Protection Volunteer Requirements, that was discussed briefly at the Parent Information Evening. We ask that once you have looked at the links attached with the email you fill out and return the Volunteer Declaration forms sent home with this Newsletter, if you are going to be volunteering your time at the school more than 2 days this year. This could include mums, dads, grandparents and friends of the family that would all be required to fill out the form. Thank you in advance. If you require more forms please contact the office.

St Finbarr's Student Protection Contacts

Genny McNair ~ Melissa Moran

P & F AGM Outcome

Thank you to everyone that attended the P & F AGM last Thursday night. The results of the meeting are as follows:-

President - Ben Hall

Vice President - Brenden Horgan

Treasurer - Gina McConnell

Secretary - Leah Wendelborn

Fundraising Coordinator - Sarah Slaughter

We are looking forward to another successful year!

School Fees . A Reminder that 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

- ◆ Parent Data Collection Info
- ◆ Volunteer Declaration Form
- ◆ Parent Support Info
- ◆ Absentee Notes

FEBRUARY

- ◆ 28th Mike Thomason— Guidance officer Visit

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
- ◆ 26th Paul Murphy SEL Visiting
- ◆ 28th Prep Vision Screening

APRIL

- ◆ 3rd Q & D Cross Country (TBC)
- ◆ 4th Easter Prayer Assembly
- ◆ 4th Last Day of Term 1
- ◆ 5th Pupil free day Teacher training
- ◆ 23rd Travel Day for teachers

Dear Parents and Friends

It was wonderful to see so many parents and families attend the **Beginning of Year Welcome and Leadership Mass** on Sunday evening. Our new students, staff and families were formally welcomed to our school community and the school leaders and house captains were presented with their badges.

Thank you to all of the parents who attended the **P&F welcome BBQ and Information evening**. Almost all of our families were able to attend with apologies from the remaining families. This attendance does demonstrate how our parent's value their children's education and we do appreciate the time families take away from their busy schedules to attend these functions. During the evening we presented information on the activities and focus of our school for 2019. One area of focus is developing **Growth Mindsets** in our students. We are using our Lighthouse Maths Project as the means through which we will achieve this.

Parents and guardians have incredible opportunities to shape their children's mathematical futures. One of the most important contributions you can make is to dispel the idea that only some children can be successful at math, or that math is some sort of a "gift" that some children have, and some do not. Everyone can achieve at math in school, and our aim is to provide the right opportunities and support for that development. Here are some tips for supporting students Math's learning:

- 1.Praise Students for effort! When children know that learning and hard work make them achieve at their highest levels, their achievement takes off.
- 2.Always praise mistakes as an important part of learning. Recent research has shown that our brains grow the most when we make mistakes. Scientists have found that when people make a mistake in math, synapses in the brain spark. What this means is that we want students to be challenged and make mistakes in order to learn new things. But many children hate to make mistakes. They think it means they are not a "math person". It is important both to celebrate challenge and tell children their brain is growing when they make them.
- 3.Encourage drawing whenever you can. Mathematicians draw all of the time, they do this because sketching a problem helps them really see the important mathematical ideas. Drawing and restating problems both help children understand what questions are asking and how the mathematics fits within them.
- 4.Encourage your children to make sense of mathematics. Here are some questions you could ask your child:

- What is the question asking you?
- How could you draw this question?
- How did you get that answer? (ask this whether the answer is right or wrong)
- Can you share your method with me?
- Can you try a different way of solving this?
- What does addition/ probability /ratio etc mean?
- In what other situation could we use this?
- Would this method work with different numbers?
- What is important about this work?

The **P&F AGM** was also held last week. Thank you to Ben Hall, Brendan Horgan and Gina McConnell who have taken on the roles of President, Vice President and Treasurer again this year. We welcome Leah Wendelborne as Secretary and Sarah Slaughter as Fundraising Coordinator. As Ben indicated at the meeting, being a part of the St Finbarr's P&F is not a difficult or arduous task. It runs smoothly and easily due to the routine fundraisers that have been established, the support of the parent body, and the relationship with the school.

I am currently attending Principals Forum but look forward to being back with you next week.

Warm regards

Genny.

'The greatest gifts you can give your children are the roots of responsibility and the wings of independence'.

Denis Waitley

P-3 News

The P-3 class have been working extremely hard over the past five weeks and are soaking up all of the learning that has been happening within the classroom.

As a school we are focusing on students maintaining a **Growth Mindset**. This means encouraging students to focus on goals and expanding their own learning in and out of the classroom. Within the P-3 class we have discussed the importance of having a positive frame of mind and how we can accomplish this. Students have set personal ambitions and we have displayed these in the classroom. We encourage parents to come and see your child's learning goal.

In our Religion unit this term 'Getting to Know God and the Church', we have been busy learning about the Church and what it means to be a part of Gods family. Students have been on a tour of the church and have become familiar with the religious Symbols that are associated . We have learnt a number of new prayers and are implementing these into our daily routines.

Throughout HASS this term we have been studying Families and Communities and comparing them from the past to the present. Alongside this, students have been looking at their own families, who is a member or extended member of their families.

We are looking forward to a busy and productive rest of term.

Thank you,
Samantha Jaeger.

A very special thank you to Henry Truss for bringing in his lizard 'Denzel' to show the students when he and sister Emily were visiting from Distance Ed last week.



Students of the week

Congratulations to our latest Student of the Week achievers!

Jonah, Elroy, Ella- Rose, Hunter and Nate McF

WELL DONE!!



District Soccer Trials - Tambo

Congratulations to all the students who attended the Charleville & District Soccer Trials in Tambo.

All students performed very well with Bella, Mia and Zoe selected to compete at the South West Regional Trials in April.

CONGRATULATIONS!



APRE News - Beginning of year Mass

Thank you to everyone that attended the Beginning of Year Mass at St Finbarr's Church on Sunday night. It was a very special service in which Fr Peter gave a blessing to the New School Leaders, Staff and Students.

