

Cricket Coaching - Thanks to the Darling Downs and South West Cricket for helping our kids learn some great new skills.



## Spooky Tuckshop

We had a very

exciting spooky themed Halloween tuckshop thanks to

Sarah and Ange, great job!



Book Fair will be closing  
Tuesday 19th November

## Quilpie and District Sport



Quilpie & District  
Swimming Carnival  
29<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

## St Finbarr's Student Protection Contacts

Genny McNair



On Monday 11/11 our students attended the Community Remembrance day service at Bob young Park.



## Memphis Movers

We would like to say a big thank you to the Memphis Movers for the wonderful Music at the Fete and for the excitement and entertainment the kids got from the Balloon making and ukulele workshops during the day.



## CAMP PHOTOS



If any one would like a copy of the Twin Waters camp photos please bring a USB stick to school.

## TERM DATES 2019

TERM 4: 8th October - 5th December



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## Attachments

- ◆ Newsletter insert
- ◆ Horizons Magazine
- ◆ Final Book Club for 2019
- ◆ Statements

## NOVEMBER

- ◆ 19th Book Fair Closes
- ◆ 24th End of year school Mass
- ◆ 29th Q & D Swimming Carnival

## DECEMBER

- ◆ 3rd Speech & Awards Evening
- ◆ 5th Final Day of Term 4
- ◆ 6th Travel Day for Teachers

Dear Parents and Friends

Each year I am overwhelmed by the local community support for the **Annual School Fete**. It a great night and caters for people of all ages with great food, wonderful music, stalls, games and prizes for the children. We are very fortunate to have committed and hardworking parents and staff who pull together to organise the night. We are very grateful to the past parents and students who continue to be involved in the organisation of the event and to our sponsors who enable the Mystery Holiday Raffle to occur. All of this effort would be futile however if it weren't for the amazing support of all members of the school and wider community who purchased tickets and attended on the night.

The **Mystery Holiday** draw was certainly highly anticipated. Destinations this year included return flights and 7 nights in Bali, return flights for 2 flying to Nashville Tennessee with 5 nights accommodation and \$700 spending money, return flights for 2 to Port Vila Vanuatu staying at Breakas Beach Resort and return flights to Perth staying at the QT Perth for 7 nights including tours and activities in Perth and day tour of Rottnest Island. Paul Murphy, Senior Education Leader in the Toowoomba Catholic Schools Office was the first name drawn from the barrel. But unfortunately, could not be contacted on the night. Paul and many others from the Toowoomba Office have purchased Mystery Holiday tickets over the years, to help support and promote our school. Locals and past parents, Jack and Lyn Barnes were this year's winners.

Thank you to Sarah Slaughter, for organising the Mystery holiday destinations and Debbie Hall for continuing to seek sponsorship, and to our very generous sponsors

Tim and Theresa Welk and Camrandale Transport  
Haulmark Trailers  
Paulsen's Friendly Grocer  
Rex Airlines

Thankyou also to everyone who sold and purchased tickets and showed their support on the night.

**Parent teacher interviews** are continuing this week. We encourage all parents, particularly in the lower school to attend an interview. I have already spoken to a number of parents from the upper school throughout the term. Please return your interview forms or contact the school if you wish to have an interview.

We only have a few weeks left in the 2019 school year. However, we are very busy with teaching and learning, final assessment as well as preparation for the upcoming End of Year School Mass, Quilpie and District Swimming Carnival on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November, St Finbarr's Speech and Awards Evening on Tuesday 3rd December and end of year breakup on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December. These events and activities are very special as we celebrate the achievements of our students and the successes of our school and school community. Everyone is welcome to attend and more information about each activity will be included in the next newsletter.

I look forward to seeing everyone at these upcoming events.

Warm regards

Genny

"Education is the kindling of a flame, not the filling of a vessel." – Socrates

## P-3 Class News

The students have worked well throughout the term. We have been achieving learning goals and are growing our brains in the process. The students are looking forward to the end of term to see their work come together and complete their assessment pieces.

Throughout our literacy unit, "World's Worst Children", by English author David Walliams, we have explored the characters; Terrible Triplets, Tandy's Tantrums, Hanks Pranks, Honey the Hogger and Bonnie Bossy Pants. The students have enjoyed looking at the terrible traits and character descriptions of these horrible children. For the remainder of the term the students will turn into one of the world's worst children and use skills of speech and language to dramatise their performance.

Throughout maths this term students have been using a hands-on inquiry-based approach. Students have physically stepped out measurement, area and used familiar objects as tools to measure with. We have made budgets in maths with a plan for a class party with the use of catalogues and tables. The students have been investigating chance experiments and are using graphs to map their data. Students have been working very hard this term and are using their maths brains with confidence.

Throughout the science unit this term we have been exploring physics in the form of forces. This unit has given students the opportunity to explore pushes and pulls. Through investigations, students have observed and gathered evidence about how these forces act in air and water, and on the ground. They have also been working on identifying the effects of the pull of gravity and are learning that both air and water can 'push'.

The P-3 class have had an outstanding term, they have showed that hard work pays off and having a growth mindset is always beneficial to learning.

*Samantha Jaeger*



## Students of the Week



**Congratulations to  
Matt, Ella- Rose, Hayden,  
Elroy & Mia on your  
achievement's  
Keep up the great work!**

## APRE

### Feast of All Saints and All Souls

The Feast of All Saints and al Souls was celebrated on Friday 1st November. Students and community members lit a candle and recalled with love and thanks those from our families and community who have died. It is a long tradition in the Church to pray in thanks for those who have gone before us.



### End of year School Mass

The end of year school Mass will be held on **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November**.

Father Peter has suggested that, the Mass be held at the school, rather than the church to mark the end of the school year.

Children will have small roles in the mass so we encourage all students to attend.

Please bring children along at **5.45 to begin mass at 6pm**.

Platters of finger food will be provided for dinner afterwards. Please come along.



**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL THERE!**

## Introduction from new 3-6 Teacher

### Miss Ellie Charlton



Hi Everyone

I grew up on a cattle property an hour outside of Stanthorpe with my family. I am the eldest of three and have a sister, Kasey and a brother, Nik. I went to Scots PGC College for High School and graduated in 2013. I have been living in Warwick for the past 3 years and have been working at a childcare centre called Busy Bees. I have been studying a Bachelor of Education: Early Childhood at USQ and am due to graduate in December 2019.

I have a 15 month old Bull Arab x Great Dane puppy named Kora and a horse named Billy. I love animals and have been riding horses since I was 4 years old. I have competed at various state championships for Pony Club and Interschool. I have also completed Pony Club Instructor courses. I love to read, draw, sing and play music.

I am extremely excited to have been given this opportunity in such a wonderful community. I look forward to continuing my journey as a teacher with St. Finbarr's and becoming a part of this beautiful town.

Thank you

*Ellie Charlton*