

## QLD Child Protection Week

Next week is Child Protection week and we are promoting the message that child protection is everybody's business. As part of the promotion of child safety we are asking staff, students and parents to complete an online survey. This is completely voluntary but will provide information on how well we are implementing our student protection processes and understand what we are doing well and what we can do better. Please see the letter attached with this newsletter.



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### Attachments

- ◆ Horizons Magazine
- ◆ Student Protection Survey Info
- ◆ Statements

### AUGUST

- ◆ 29th Ricky Milosevic Memorial
- ◆ 30th Charleville Music Fest

### SEPTEMBER

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

### OCTOBER

- ◆ 7th Queens Birthday Public Holiday
- ◆ 7th Depart for Noosa School Camp
- ◆ 11th Return from Noosa School Camp
- ◆ 11th Art Exhibition opening
- ◆ 21st Pupil Free day

Dear Parents

Last week I was invited to be on the panel of the **St Mary's Charleville School Renewal and Improvement Process (SRIP)**. Previously many of you were involved in a similar process for our school renewal, then called EiCE. In past years this has been combined with the 5 year Non State School Accreditation Board Process (NSSAB). The two processes have now been separated. The SRIP process involves self-reflection, discussion, looking at evidence for learning and improvement in the areas of *Teaching and Learning, School Mission and Identity, School Culture for Improvement and Sustainable Resourcing*. The process last week began with a presentation from the school leadership team, followed by interviews with staff, students, parents and members of the school community. From the information gathered a report was presented to the school. It is from this that the school then forms their strategic plan for the next 4 years. The **SRIP for St Finbarr's** will occur next year and the information gathered in the recent RADII survey will inform this process. Thank you to all of the staff, parents and students who completed the survey.

Congratulations to all students who competed at the recent **Quilpie and District Athletics Carnival**. Everyone competed to the best of their ability and the participation and sportsmanship was commendable. Thank you to the Quilpie College for organising the event and to all of those who helped out on the day. Bella and Joachim were presented with the age champion medallions for their age groups. Both students also set new 100m sprint records. Well done everyone!

As you are aware Bella has participated in a large number of sports at local, district and regional level. Her family have been very committed to supporting her and arranging for travel to sporting trials and training. Earlier this year, Bella, with the support of the school, applied for a **Young Black and Proud Scholarship through ASICHS in Brisbane**. The award is aimed at celebrating talent and strength of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth to the age of 25, who are currently living in Queensland. Bella has received \$1000 to assist with the costs of her participation in sport this year. She has also been invited to the awards presentation in Brisbane on 24<sup>th</sup> September. Congratulations Bella!

Next year **NAPLAN testing** for St Finbarr's will occur online. In preparation for this we will be conducting a readiness test during week 9. Students in Years 2 to 5 will be involved in the trial to familiarise them with the new testing format.

**Melissa Moran** will be going on maternity leave on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> September. We have been very fortunate to have Melissa on our staff for the last 3 years. She came into the school having had previous experience teaching at St Anthony's in Toowoomba. It has been an absolute pleasure to have such a skilled teacher and professional working with us. Melissa plans to take 12 months leave before continuing her teaching. We wish Melissa and Brad well in the coming weeks and every happiness with their new bundle when she arrives. We are currently in the process of making final arrangements for a replacement teacher for Term 4. More information will be forthcoming shortly.

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, 29<sup>th</sup> August. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Warm regards

*Genny*

*A winner is a dreamer who never gives up. Nelson Mandela*

### CRICKET COACHING

Thank you to all those that attended the Cricket coaching Clinic last week with QLD Cricket, The Wanderers and the Quilpie Killer Whales.

### BOOK CLUB

Is due back Thursday  
5th September 2019



### Reminder - School Fees

Just a quick reminder that school fees are now due.  
*Please contact the office should you need to discuss this.*

### TERM DATES 2019

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



**DATE CLAIMER**  
**St Finbarr's School**  
**FETE**  
Friday 8th November 2019

### Quilpie and District Sport



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

### **St Finbarr's Student Protection Contacts**

Genny McNair ~ Melissa Moran

## 4-6 Class News

Welcome to week 7!

This week we have been reading 'The Happiest Refugee' by Ahn Do for English. The Happiest Refugee is a memoir written about Ahn's life, in particular about how he escaped Vietnam with his family, his life within Australia and how he has become successful within his career.



The students have loved reading about Ahn's life, especially the family's journey to Australia as it is full of dramatic and life-threatening events. The Happiest Refugee will help the students understand the challenges that many migrants and refugees face or have faced. Ahn details in his memoir the difficulties of leaving Vietnam within a time of war, having to learn a new language, the struggles of earning a living, having to understand Australia's society and its culture, and overcoming racism.

In Science this week we have been exploring how air is made up of gases and how it takes up space. The students worked in collaborative teams to compare air and water and identify how gases spread out to fill their container. This was achieved through an experiment of placing a tissue into the bottom of a cup and pushing it down within a container of water. The students observed that the tissue was dry due to the air taking up the space within the cup and between the water. They also blew into a balloon to clearly observe how air can take up space and fill the balloon.

Have a great week!

Kind regards,  
Melissa Moran



## Students Of the Week

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



**Ardie & Jamie** (who was absent)

A big well done to **Nate McF** and **Ella-Rose** who have completed their green words.



## APRE News

This week we welcome Fr Warren to our Parish and School. Fr Warren has been working in the Sacred Heart Parish in Toowoomba and has been recently posted as priest assist for Fr Peter in Charleville. Fr Warren has come from the Philippines and will be in this area for the next three months.

He thoroughly enjoyed meeting the children on Monday, joining with us in a fabulous morning tea supplied by our tuckshop mums and teaching some of the children the finer skills of chess.



On Sunday evening Michelle Donohue and some of the Quilpie Seniors joined with Mass to celebrate Seniors Week.

Michelle organised a number of activities last week involving the seniors of our community.



## Welcome Back!

*This week we were very excited to welcome back the Haylock Family, Darren, Yo and their Girls. Zoe is now in grade 4, with her sisters Jess in grade 2 and Cleo starting Mini Finnie's.*



## Quilpie & District Athletics Carnival 2019

Congratulations to Joachim and Bella for receiving Age Champions awards at the Athletics carnival on 17/08/19.

Well done to all the other students who competed to the best of their abilities with a great attitude and showed true sportsman ship to all other competitor's.



## Overall House Results

- 1st Sommerfield - 348
- 2nd McManus - 341
- 3rd Peglar - 320
- 4th Combined—190