

TUCKSHOP



Another Great Tuckshop on Monday and it was great to have one of our new family members Brian providing a fantastic morning Tea, Which included a delicious cake that the kids all loved. Thanks Brian

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

Quilpie & District

Cross Country Carnival

Wednesday 3rd April 2019

Quilpie Gold Club

8.45am - 1pm

Program of events and more information will be sent home soon.

Volunteer Student Protection

Could parents please return the Volunteer Declaration forms that went home with the last newsletter. These forms are a requirement of the Toowoomba Catholic Education office in relation to Student Protection.

If you require more information or assistance please contact us here at the office.

Thank you we appreciate your time!



St Finbarr's Student Protection Contacts

Genny McNair ~ Melissa Moran

REMINDER

Term 1 School fees are now overdue!

The due date for term 1 fees was **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

- ◆ 2019 Mass dates & Times
- ◆ Book Club
- ◆ Mental Health newsletter
- ◆ Horizon's Magazine

MARCH

- ◆ 14th 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
- ◆ 24th First Day Term 2

Dear Parents and Friends

At our Parent Information Evening and in the last newsletter I have discussed our **Lighthouse Numeracy Project** in which we are supporting and developing exemplary teaching and learning in Numeracy. The overarching framework for Mathematics implementation is the development of Mathematical Mindsets in our classrooms for our students.

As part of the teacher professional development to support this project our teachers have been given the opportunity to visit schools in Sydney and Melbourne next week with Rebecca Brownhall, our Lighthouse Numeracy coach and teachers from schools in Toowoomba and Pittsworth. The schools they are visiting have been carefully selected as they have demonstrated excellence in teaching and learning.

During these visits the teachers will be observing and engaging with expert teachers in areas including visible learning, dialogue and collaboration in the classroom, and effective practices in explicit teaching and inquiry learning. Due to our isolation it can be difficult for our teachers to see other teachers at work. To see teachers who are expert in their field, in schools with a reputation for excellence in student achievement, will be a memorable experience for Melissa and Sam. We look forward to the new and exciting learning they bring back for our students.

On Thursday, 21st Miss Moran and myself will be attending mandatory **student protection training** in Toowoomba. Guest speakers include Bruce and Denise Morcombe, with other speakers addressing topics including cyberbullying, child protection investigations from police and child safety perspectives, mental health in children and adolescents and teaching children affected by trauma.

I am delighted to announce that next week **Mrs Kara Marsh** will be in school for the week in Miss Moran's absence and also as deputiser when I leave for Toowoomba on Wednesday. Kara is looking forward to catching up with friends and family in Quilpie.

This Friday Joachim, Hunter, Matt, Hayden, Mia and Bella will be competing in the boys and girls **rugby league trials** in Charleville. Thankyou to the Magpies Jnr rugby League Coaches for training and preparing the students. We wish them every success on Friday.

The **St Joseph and St Patrick Feast Day Liturgy** being prepared by Miss Moran's class has now been changed to tomorrow (Thursday 14th March at 8.45 am) due to the number of students who will be away on Friday.

This coming week 17th-23rd March is **Harmony Week**. This is a week to celebrate Australia's cultural diversity. It is about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. The theme for Catholic Education and our school year – Many Voices Once Spirit – incorporates these same attributes that we value in our school. We will be celebrating Harmony Week with a Harmony Day Assembly and activities organised by the Finnie's Friends in Action Group. The assembly will be held at the school at 9 am. Everyone is welcome to attend.
Warm regards

Genny.

It is your attitude not your achievements that give you happiness. John Maxwell

4-6 News

Welcome to week 7!

It has been fantastic to see the students being motivated and having a positive attitude towards their learning!

We are all enjoying the Shaun Tan English unit. Shaun Tan is well-known for his books having minimal detail, therefore the readers must try and unpack the book by exploring the images to assist. The students have been using their prior knowledge and own experiences to make inferences and connections to the images to help understand what might be happening. The students are enjoying how his books are not a typical 'narrative' story, therefore they must think about the book, sometimes page by page to help comprehend the message or story.

It was great to have Mike Thomason from the office visit our classroom last week. He worked with the students on exploring how our own behaviours, feelings and attitudes can influence and affect their own and other people's behaviours and responses. This has connected well with our Health unit this term, which focuses on the importance of establishing positive relationships, behaviours and emotional wellbeing.

In Religion, this week the students have been learning the referencing system to use the Bible and locate scriptures in the Old Testament. We have also been reading scriptural passages that express God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit with understanding how God is as Trinity. We have also been learning about St Joseph and St Patrick, in preparation for our Prayer Assembly this Thursday.

Here are some pictures of our exciting trip to the Cosmos Centre in week 4. Have a great week!

Kind regards,
Melissa Moran



Students of the week

Congratulations to our latest Student of the Week achievers!

Charlie, Ava, Matt and Nate McC

WELL DONE!!



APRE - Feast of St Joseph and St Patrick



The feast day of St Joseph is March 19th. In the bible St Joseph is known as the husband of Mary and cared for the Holy Family after the birth of Jesus. St Joseph is the patron saint of carpenters and workers, fathers and much more.

St Patrick was born in Britain during Roman control. He became a Bishop and brought Christianity to Ireland, building many churches across the country. St Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland and his Feast day is 17th March



Learn more about these great saints at our prayer assembly this Thursday at 8.45 am.

APRE News - Ash Wednesday

Last week the students took part in the school's Ash Wednesday liturgy at the church. This is to mark the beginning of the Lenten period, and is symbolised by each student receiving the blessing of the Ashes.



A Prayer Assembly will be held this Thursday 14th March 2019 at 8.45am for, The Feast of St Patrick and St Joseph

What is Bullying

- Bullying is a repeated pattern of hurtful behaviour involving a real or perceived imbalance of power. Bullying is one sided
- Bullying goes one way
- Bullying is intentional or on purpose
- Bullying is repeated over and over
- It is hurtful and can make someone very sad

It can be

- Physical – using body or hands to hurt another
- Verbal – mean words, ridicule, spreading rumours
- Exclusion – leaving someone out or damaging friendships.

Bullying can be stopped by

- Being a good friend
- Being kind and listening to others
- Talking to someone who can help
- Being an active bystander



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Student Protection in Toowoomba Catholic Schools

The safety and wellbeing of students is very important in all of our schools and is a shared responsibility of parents, staff and students. There are a number of ways we promote safety and wellbeing. Through our Child and Youth Risk Management Strategy, we proactively set up safe systems and practices for recruitment, supervision, conduct and responding to risks, in order to protect students. We also inform our school communities about respectful relationships, expectations for conduct and how to avoid dangers. Our schools implement the Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum into classes during the year. This program teaches students about ways to stay safe and what to do if they do not feel safe. We have a formal process for taking action and reporting situations where there is a reasonable suspicion that a child has been abused or harmed, or a staff member has behaved inappropriately. All of these processes come under the banner of 'student protection'.

Our School Student Protection Contacts (SSPCs) play an important role in all aspects of student protection. Students may speak with any staff member if they have concerns, however our SSPCs have more in-depth training to manage student protection situations. The SSPCs for St Finbarr's School for 2019 are Genny McNair and Melissa Moran. Their names and photographs are on the "Feeling Safe" posters around the school. Please talk to your child about who they could speak to if they have any concerns and remind them who our SSPCs are this year.

If you would like any further information about what we have in place for student protection, you can view the Toowoomba Catholic Schools website at www.twb.catholic.edu.au; speak to someone at the school office; or contact the Student Protection Officer at the Toowoomba Catholic Schools Office on 4637 1400.