

## Q & D Cross Country Carnival

Wednesday 3rd April 2019

Quilpie Gold Club

8.45am - 1pm

Dress in House Colours, Water bottle, Hat, Lunch or Money for Canteen. Parents BYO Chair.

PLEASE SEND HOME BAKE FOR CANTEEN

THANK YOU



St Saviour's College  
Open Evening  
Tuesday May 21  
3.00pm - 6.00pm

All families are welcome to attend.  
For more details please phone the College on  
4637 1600 or visit our website:  
[www.ssctwb.catholic.edu.au](http://www.ssctwb.catholic.edu.au)



## P & F / Board Meeting

Thankyou to the parents who were able to attend the P&F/Board meeting last night. We apologize for the late notice with the change of date.

Items discussed included

- **Date and activities for St Finbarr's fete**
- Sunshine Coast Camp
- Multipurpose Sports court blessing/opening
- School signage for the sheds
- Tennis coaching
- **Possible principal's forum 2020**
- Cross country

## St Finbarr's Student Protection Contacts

Genny McNair ~ Melissa Moran

## Mother's Day Stall



MARY MAC ROOM  
Before school from 6th MAY

### REMINDER

Book Club Orders

Due back Now

27/03/19



### 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 - 4th April  
TERM 2: 24th April - 28th June  
TERM 3: 15th July - 19th September  
TERM 4: 8th October - 5th December



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### Attachments

- ◆ Q & D Cross Country Carnival Info

### MARCH

- ◆ 28th Prep Vision Screening
- ◆ 29th Clarity Hearing Audiology testing

### APRIL

- ◆ 3rd Q & D Cross Country
- ◆ 4th Easter Prayer Assembly 8.45am
- ◆ 4th Last Day of Term 1
- ◆ 5th Pupil free day Teacher training
- ◆ 23rd Travel Day for Teachers
- ◆ 24th First Day Term 2
- ◆ 25th ANZAC Day Holiday

### MAY

- ◆ 3rd Mothers Day High Tea/ Prayer Assembly
- ◆ 6th Mothers Day Stall Open

Dear Parents and Friends

Already we are almost at the end of the term and this will be the final newsletter before the Easter holidays.

Last week Mrs Moran and Miss Jaeger joined with principals and teachers from St Anthony's and Our Lady of Lourdes in Toowoomba and St Stephen's School, Pittsworth to visit schools in Sydney and Melbourne. Rebecca Brownhall, Education Officer Literacy and Numeracy, who coordinated the school visits came to St Finbarr's this week. Rebecca's visit provided a great opportunity to review and consolidate their observations and learning and to enhance teaching and learning in our school in the areas of Visible learning and Growth mindsets in Mathematics. Paul Murphy, Senior Education Leader for the Toowoomba Catholic Schools office joined these conversations on Tuesday during his school visit.

Our focus as a **Mathematics Lighthouse School** is to promote dialogue within mathematics learning. In the past teaching and learning has been very centred on 'teacher talk' - the teacher speaks and the students listen. Through open ended tasks, inquiry learning and students challenging their own learning and the learning of others we are promoting student engagement in Maths. Students must do much more than 'get the right answers'. They must explain and justify their processes as well as question the processes of others. This will lead to a deep rich understanding of maths concepts which will consolidate basic skills and enhance student's ability to solve complex and challenging problems.

Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> April, will be a **pupil free day** for professional learning for teachers in the schools of the Toowoomba Diocese. During this day the Numeracy Lighthouse schools will further explore high yield strategies in mathematics and share effective practices within the teaching of mathematics.

Congratulations to the students who attended the **Regional Rugby League Trials**. Bella, Mia, Joachim, Hayden and Matt were all selected to compete at regional level on Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> April in Charleville for the girls and Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May for the boys.

St Finbarr's will be running the **Quilpie and District Cross Country Carnival** next week, on Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April. All students are to arrive at the Quilpie Golf club by 8.45 am to walk the track. A canteen will be running throughout the day and all parents are welcome to attend. We would really appreciate it if any parents may have time to make items of home bake or be able to help with setting up at 8 am on Wednesday Morning.

Please note that Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April is the last day of term with Friday 5<sup>th</sup> being a pupil free day. Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April will be the first day of term 2 as Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> is a travel day for teachers. Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April is a public holiday. However all students are expected to march in the ANZAC day parade and attend the day service. More information will be available next week regarding ANZAC Day services.

**Mother's Day** - Due to the number of students who will be attending the **Charleville and District Athletics** on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May the Mother's Day Prayer Assembly and High Tea will now be held on **Friday 3rd May**. Invitations and further information will be sent out next week.

Warm regards

Genny.

The capacity to learn is a gift; the ability to learn is a skill; the willingness to learn is a choice – Brian Herbert.



## Prep - 3 News

The P-3 class have been working diligently throughout the term and should be pleased with their efforts. The students have taken on all forms of learning with enthusiasm and a positive frame of mind.

As a completion to our Science unit Watch it Grow, we have incorporated Art and made a life cycle of a butterfly. Students were encouraged to use their creative minds and incorporate colour and texture. As a result of this we have ended up with beautiful room displays, that we encourage parents to come and see.

In mathematics over the past few weeks students have been exploring fractions, chance and position. Students used a number of hands on materials to engage with a real-world learning experience. This form of learning allows students to relate mathematics to their everyday lives.

As a conclusion to the term students have earned a class party. The students have reached the top of the rewards chart and demonstrated outstanding behaviour throughout the term. Students have also received prizes from the prize box, through working hard to make good choices. All students are to be commended on their behaviour this term.

Preppies/year 1 have been motoring along with their sight words and we are seeing great results in students learning.

This week is the last week of homework for the term. Students will begin homework next term in week two as there is only a short first week back at school.

The P-3 class has had a wonderful start to the school year, and we will no doubt see this fantastic attitude throughout the school year.



Thank you,  
Samantha Jaeger.

## APRE News

The season of Lent is drawing to a close with the coming of Easter. This is a period of reflection, living simply and going without unnecessary items in preparation for Easter. Students in the Prep – Year 3 class will be presenting the Easter Story on Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> April at 8.45 am during our final assembly for the term. Everyone is welcome to come along.

Can students and families please return the Project Compassion boxes before the end of term. Throughout Lent students have been viewing stories of people throughout the world who are living in very poor conditions, with limited clean water, food and access to education. Money raised through Project Compassion will be used to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold the dignity of these people.

A sacramental program will begin next term for students in Year 3 and 4. Letters of invitation were sent home this week. If you or anyone you know are interested in joining in the program, please contact the school.



## St Patrick and St Josephs Prayer Assembly



Students  
of the  
week

WELL DONE!!

Diesel, Stuart, Jamie & Jonah for being students of the week. Congratulations to Ella-Rose, Nate McC & Tucka on your Sight word Achievements.



### Anzac Day Services

**Twilight Service** - I encourage everyone to attend as this is a special and unique service to our area.

#### Dawn Service

**Day service** - All students are expected to attend. Please wear school uniform including school hat, white socks and black shoes.

**More information on meeting times will be advised next week.**



### Weapons in schools



'At St Finbarr's, the safety and wellbeing of our students and school community is of paramount importance. We have a number of policies, procedures and guidelines designed to support this commitment, including our Student Behaviour Support Plan. This plan includes specific information around how we will respond to concerns around weapons or other dangerous items on school grounds. Knives and other weapons must not be brought to St Finbarr's School. In the event that your child requires the use of a knife for their meals, the school permits students to bring disposable plastic knives for this purpose'. Please contact school administration with any queries around this requirement'.

Thank you to Michelle Donohue, Health Promotions Officer at the Quilpie Shire Council for providing Snack Attack on Mondays

During Term 1. Michelle also held a CWA 'healthy food' Colouring-in competition. She presented the winners with their Prize of a Paulsen's Voucher this week. Congratulations to Nate McC, Ava, Tucka & Chelsea in P-3 and Hunter, Bella and Jonah in the 4-6 class.

