

SCHOOL SWIMMING IS BACK

EVERY FRIDAY!
Don't forget Swim bag,
goggles swim shirt towel
and togs



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ST FINBARR'S SCHOOL

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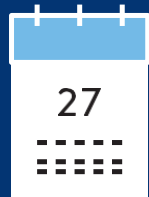


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Term dates

TERM 1: 27th Jan – 31st March 9 WEEKS
TERM 2 : 20th April – 25th June, 10 WEEKS
TERM 3 : 13th July – 17th Sept, 10 WEEKS
TERM 4 : 5th Oct – 2nd Dec, 9 WEEKS



Safe hygiene practices

Now that we can travel throughout
our glorious state please don't
forget to keep your social
distancing in place and keep
washing your hands



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Email Attachments

- Low Risk Activities Permission Form
- Tuck-shop Roster
- Term 1 Parent Calendar
- P&F Nomination Form

Important Dates

FEBRUARY

- 4th P&F/Board BBQ 6.30pm
- 12th District Swimming 10-12 yr. old Charleville
- 17th Ash Wednesday Service – APRE
- 22nd-26th Principal's Forum Toowoomba
- 28th Beginning of Year Leadership Mass 6.30 pm

MARCH

- 1st Regional Swimming 10-12 yr. old Chinchilla
- 19th Feast of St Joseph and St Patrick Liturgy 8.45 am (3-6 class)
- 26th Harmony Day Assembly (21st March)
- 31st Easter Story Liturgy 8.45 am (P-3 class)
- 31st Last Day Term 1

APRIL

- 1st Travel Day for Teachers
 - 2nd Good Friday
- 'Education is not the answer to the question. Education is the means to the answer to all questions.'*
William Alin

Dear Parents and Friends

Welcome to the 2021 school year. I hope all students, staff and their families have had an enjoyable and restful break and are all ready to take on the New Year and all that it has to offer.

There was much excitement on the first day of school this week with everyone meeting up with their friends, our new preppies coming to school and students changing classes. The students were all very eager to meet Miss Wells. We welcome Bridget to the Year 3-6 class this year. Bridget has come to us from Toowoomba via Qatar and has a wealth of knowledge and experience from her travels and teaching in our Toowoomba Diocese Catholic Schools.

The **Charleville and District Swimming Carnival** will be held on Friday, 12th February. Nominations for students aged 10 to 12 years will be taken from the Quilpie and District Swimming Carnival held last year. Dates of Quilpie and District sporting carnivals and District sports trials will be sent home when these are finalised.

The **Board/P&F AGM** and Information evening will be held on Thursday, 4th February. If you are interested in nominating or being nominated for a position, please complete the attached nomination form and return to the school office prior to the meeting.

Please come along to our **FREE Board/P&F BBQ next Thursday at 4th February at 6.30 pm** to welcome our new families and meet our new staff.

Warm regards

Genny



Welcome to some 1's & 2's

Ella-Rose 2021



Georgina 2021



Harlee 2021

We welcome to our school two new Preppies this year Cooper and Kip, we cant wait to watch your journey thru school



Cooper 2021

SNACK ATTACK

Michelle will be providing fruit for snack attack in her role as the Council Health Promotions Officer. Fruit will be provided to all students in the school at 10 am each Monday throughout Term 1 beginning on Monday 1st February.



3-6 Classroom News

I feel truly blessed to have been given the opportunity to spend 2021 within the 'unique' and welcoming community of Quilpie. Having already spent a lovely afternoon down by the Lake and a pleasant evening at the Australia Day celebrations, I am looking forward to continuing to see the sights and meet the people of Quilpie.

I have been provided with an easy transition into teaching at St. Finbarr's with the support of staff, parents and children. Six beautiful children spent time with Miss Ash and myself on Wednesday, with the numbers continuing to grow throughout the week. We are all eagerly awaiting the day when 17 students fill the Year 3-6 classroom.

This Term, in language Year 3-6 will be developing an understanding of the persuasive writing genre and undertaking a novel study on the book 'How to Train Your Dragon'. Additionally, the Sound Waves program will be used to develop spelling knowledge, however spelling, punctuation and grammar will be integrated throughout Language, Science, HASS and Religion lessons.

In Math's, the students will be developing their number awareness with hands-on activities and opportunities for the children to explain their mathematical thinking with the use of Number Talks. Number Talks are 5-15min discussions about the solutions students use to solve mathematical tasks such as, 15-9 or 21x3. Furthermore, students will be investigating the concepts of measurement, shape and money.

Our Religion unit will be investigating how St. Finbarr's has developed an identity and sense of meaning within the Quilpie community. Moreover, students will be developing an understanding of how we can continue to develop our faith and foster this beyond the school grounds.

'First Australians' is the title for our HASS unit and covers a range of concepts relating to the diversity of Australia's first people and the long and continuous connection of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to Country. A focus will be given to the local Madigan people and their contribution to Quilpie and the surrounding areas.

A Term full of learning is ahead and we are looking forward to engaging with the children and sharing in their discoveries.

Miss Wells

APRE NEWS

For those families who are new to the school this section of the newsletter is compiled by the Assistant Principal – Religious Education. In some the small schools in our diocese the Principal takes on both positions. The APRE report is aimed at providing information on the Religious Life of the School as well as School/Parish happenings.

Last Friday we held a **staff formation day** in which we examined the story of Mary Mackillop and the Charism and history of our school. The beginning of the school year is an appropriate time to reflect on our school ethos.

Mary Mackillop founded the Sisters of St Joseph and it was the Sisters of St Joseph who began the school in 1950. Mary Mackillop focussed her work to help the poor and to provide education to children in rural and remote areas.

At St Finbarr's, we base our school values and identity on the Charism of Mary MacKillop and we live by her guiding principles.

- *Respect for the dignity of all*
- *Be people of prayer*
- *Always be thankful*
- *Trust in God's Providence*
- *Never see a need without doing something about it.*
- *Provide quality education of children in rural and remote areas.*



The Charism of Mary Mackillop and the work of the Sisters of St Joseph have given our school a rich history, one which is well respected in our community. By living by their example, modelling these for our children and teaching the values within our school we can ensure this tradition continues.



ONLINE MUSIC TUITION

This term we are trialling an online music program provided by The Music Room. This company has been providing music tuition for schools and individuals in rural areas of New South Wales through their Music Bus program and are now offering online lessons throughout Australia.

Whole school lessons will be held each Tuesday from 1.15 to 1.45 pm. Due to this time slot we will begin lunch at 12.45 each Tuesday.

Uniform

Many of the students are looking fabulous in our new school shirts and hats. The pale blue shirt can still be worn throughout 2021. We have these shirts in sizes 8-14 which are for sale at a **reduced price of \$12**. Thank you to parents who have purchased black school shoes and who are sending their children to school neat and tidy and in uniform.

Our Vision

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