



St Finbar's Primary School

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School Community Newsletter

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Dear St Finbar's Community,

Welcome back to Term Two. It has been wonderful catching up with all the children on their return from the holidays. It is also wonderful to see how quickly they have settled back into their learning. This Term we will continue to focus on our reading comprehension strategies, writing and numeracy. Teachers will be working collaboratively to best meet the needs of every student. Over the next week we will be conducting another round of case management and Mrs Wasson will be working with teachers during reading sessions.

NAPLAN is approaching for students in Years 3 and 5 in week 4 of this term. These assessments take place over three days (12 – 14 May). This is one form of assessment that provides a snapshot in time of a student's progress in Literacy and Numeracy. We know our students are well prepared and look forward to celebrating their achievements.

We have a number of extra-curricular events and social events this term. We have the ANZAC March this Saturday at 10am. We are to assemble in Glenbrook Park. All members of our community are invited to attend and march with us. It would be great if students could wear their winter school uniform to this event. We are also holding a working bee on Sunday 3 May. We would appreciate any help we can get on this day. Our main tasks include some gardening, window cleaning and hopefully, the beginning of a sandpit area. We also have a social BBQ after the 9.30am Mass on Sunday 24 May. A term at a glance was sent home last term so that you are aware of what is coming up. If you did not receive this calendar, please notify the school and we will ensure that a copy is sent home to you.

An update on the equipment! The company who conducted work on the front entrance of the school have been employed to complete the repairs on the shade cloth and equipment in the primary playground. It will be about an eight week turn over for the equipment order and now with the severe weather this may also delay the process. We will keep you up to date with the progress.

Mrs Stenning has contacted me during her pilgrimage and she is having a wonderful, reflective and educational experience. She is looking forward to sharing her journey with you when she returns.

Yours In Christ,

Donna McFadzean

PROPOSED STOP WORK ACTION

The IEU (Independent Education Union) has planned a full day stop work action for **Tuesday 28TH April 21, 2015**



At this stage there will be **limited supervision** provided. Please be assured you will be advised of any modified arrangements that will be implemented to ensure that duty of care is able to be maintained with regard to students. Another note will be sent home on Friday outlining these details.

Thank you for your understanding.

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Competitive Kids



Michael Grose from parenting ideas believes that parents can work with their children to maintain a happy family.

Parents need to contain the competitiveness within their kids. There is a time and a place for competition just as there is a time and place for cooperation. In many ways, it is the true test of family leadership where parents develop a sense of 'we' within their family while welcoming some of the competitive elements in their kids.

Here are some ways to reduce sibling rivalry in your family:

- **Accept children's individual differences.** Your acceptance of differences will determine the degree of competitiveness between children.
- **Focus on the deed not the dude.** High praise families usually experience more sibling fighting than high encouragement families. So focus your positive comments on the process rather than the results, the act not the actor, the performer rather than the performance.
- **Put them in the same boat when they misbehave.** Be willing for all children to experience the consequences of a child's misbehaviour. For instance, if one child is noisy in the car then they all miss an activity if you return home.
- **Focus on solutions not the fight.** When children fight and argue give ideas and strategies to resolve their problem rather than sorting out the fight.
- **Introduce family meetings at age five.** Through regular meetings teach children a conflict resolution process. You can also give children an opportunity to impact on family decision-making through meetings.

READING AT ST FINBAR'S

During the next couple of weeks students will be explicitly taught the skills associated with self-monitoring. Self-monitoring is an important tool readers must use to boost comprehension. It assists readers in being aware of their own thinking when they read. An extremely important part of self-monitoring is being aware of when meaning has been lost. It may be that the reader is not sure of what a sentence or even a paragraph means. If a reader recognises when this happens, they can use a strategy to assist them. Some of these strategies include re-reading, reading ahead, finding out what unknown words mean, stopping and thinking about what has been read. Teachers will model these skills and provide shared, guided and independent learning experiences during the literacy block, which promote the use of these self-monitoring strategies.





WORKING BEE

When: Sunday 3 May 2015

Time: 8am



We have a number of odd jobs which we would appreciate some help with. The jobs include window cleaning, weeding, raking and pressure cleaning. We would also like to update our playgrounds by painting stencil games on the surfaces and also constructing an adventure playground with a sandpit and chalk board walls. You may like to cook the bbq or provide refreshments on the day.

If you are able to assist, even for an hour, we would greatly appreciate your support. If you have any tools such as a pressure cleaner or gardening tools that would be useful on the day and you are happy to bring them along, it would be greatly appreciated.

Could you please indicate if you are able to offer your services and in what area you would like to assist.

SCHOOL SOCIAL EVENT

The P and F and Staff of St Finbar's would like to invite all members of the community to attend a social bbq and games day.



When: 24 May 2015

Time: after the 9.30am Mass

Where: St Finbar's Primary School Grounds

This is a free social event so why not grab a picnic blanket and all the family and join in what promises to be a fun day. This is a great way to meet new people or catch up with friends that you have not seen in ages.

FACEBOOK

Dont forget St Finbar's is on Facebook!

You will find us under "St Finbar's Primary Glenbrook".

"Like" us to see all the wonderful things that happen in our School Community

AFL Schools Auskick

Just a reminder that all AFL Schools Auskick permission notes need to be returned by Friday the 15th May 2015. This program will begin in Week 5 for three weeks.

For your chance to **WIN, WIN, WIN** two great prizes, forms need to be handed in by **Friday 24th April Week 1.**

Prize 1: AFL School Star scholarships, which entitle you to a free registration with your local club for AFL. (5 to be won)

Prize 2: Win 4 tickets to see the GWS Giants play AFL at Spotless Stadium, Sydney Olympic Park to the Game of your choice* (5 to be won)

This is an additional activity being offered to your child, this is not compulsory. The permission note is attached and can be downloaded from our School Website.

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Family Fun Day Sunday 24 May 2015

Yes! We would love to join in the fun!

Family Name: _____

Number of guests attending: _____

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Working Bee Sunday 3rd May 2015

Family Name: _____ Contact number: _____

I am / not able to assist at the working bee. I would be interested in helping with:

Thank you for your support, it is greatly appreciated!

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The Mount Carmel Retreat Centre - Six Day Directed Retreat

A silent retreat with a spiritual director to accompany you.

When : April 27 – May 3

Presenter : Team of Directors

Cost : \$660 (Concessions apply)

Where : 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville NSW 2566

Contact : 02 8795 3400 Email : retreats@carmelite.com www.carmeliteretreats.com.au

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TERM AT A GLANCE

Term 2 2015

APRIL	
Thursday 23rd	ACU Yr 3 Students Mary-Anne Stenning on Pilgrimage
Friday 24 th	ACU Yr 1 Students Mary-Anne Stenning on Pilgrimage
Saturday 25 th	ANZAC Day March 10am Mary-Anne Stenning on Pilgrimage
Sunday 26th	Mary-Anne Stenning on Pilgrimage
Monday 27 th	Leadership Team Meetings Curriculum Notes Due FACES PD- Donna McFadzean, Kerrie Wasson, Marilyn Mulhall TE (Numeracy) Mary-Anne Stenning on Pilgrimage
Tuesday 28th	FACES PD Donna McFadzean, Kerrie Wasson, Marilyn Mulhall Year 4 Parish Mass 9am Kerrie Wasson at RR (12:30 - 3:30) Mary-Anne Stenning on Pilgrimage
Wednesday 29 th	Staff Meeting Curriculum notes sent home FACES PD Donna McFadzean, Kerrie Wasson, Marilyn Mulhall Kerrie Wasson, Vanessa Lynch and Donna McFadzean attending Jill Eggleton Seminar at Parramatta Mary-Anne Stenning on Pilgrimage
Thursday 30 th	ACU Yr 3 Students Donna at Principal Dinner with Executive Director Mary-Anne Stenning on Pilgrimage
May Friday 1 st	Timetables due on Google Drive Yellow Ribbon Day ACU Yr 1 Students Mary-Anne Stenning on Pilgrimage
Saturday 2 nd	Mary-Anne Stenning on Pilgrimage
Sunday 3 rd	Working Bee 8am Mary-Anne Stenning on Pilgrimage
Monday 4 th	Leadership Team Meetings PBS4L
Tuesday 5 th	Diocesan Cross Country Year 3 Parish Mass 9am
Wednesday 6th	Staff Meeting Vanessa Lynch at EMU PD Greg Whitby visiting school at 9.30am
Thursday 7th	Mother's Day Stall ACU Yr 3 Students Donna McFadzean at Marketing PD CEDP 8.30am - 10am
Friday 8 th	Mother's Day Assembly (Whole School contribute an item) ACU Yr 1 Students
Sunday 10 th	Mother's Day
Monday 11 th	Leadership Team Meetings TE (Numeracy)
Tuesday 12 th	NAPLAN Language Conventions and Writing Year 2 Parish Mass 9am Kerrie Wasson at Reading Recovery (12:30 - 3:30) P and F Meeting 7pm
Wednesday 13 th	Staff Meeting

	Maths NAPLAN - Reading
Thursday 14 th	Responsible Pet Education Program (K-2) ACU Yr 3 Students NAPLAN - Numeracy
Friday 15 th	ACU Yr 1 Students
Sunday 17 th	Ascension of the Lord