



St Finbar's Primary School

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School Community Newsletter

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20th May, 2015

Dear St Finbar's Community

This Sunday we celebrate Pentecost Sunday. The Acts of the Apostles recounts the story of the original Pentecost (Acts 2).

Jews from all over were gathered in Jerusalem to celebrate the Jewish feast. On that Sunday, ten days after the Ascension of Our Lord, the Apostles and the Blessed Virgin Mary were gathered in the Upper Room, where they had seen Christ after His Resurrection:

"And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a mighty wind coming, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them parted tongues as it were of fire, and it sat upon every one of them: And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they began to speak with diverse tongues, according as the Holy Ghost gave them to speak." (Acts 2:2-4)

This reading resonates so well with me as it brings back memories of my pilgrimage last year where we actually had the privilege of walking in the footsteps of St Paul. Having celebrated liturgies in Greece, Turkey and Italy and praying with Catholics from around the world, it is amazing to have witness the effects of Pentecost in present society. Any of you who have travelled overseas would also have an insight into the distance Australia is from Europe. How more amazing would it have been in Jesus' time, when transport options were not what they are today. How amazing is the Holy Spirit in providing the gift of courage to the Apostles to carry out their mission of spreading the word of the Lord.

This Sunday at St Finbar's we will also take part in a commissioning ceremony as part of the 9.30am Mass. Each Religious Education Captain, along with a class representative, will light a class candle from the Parish Paschal Candle, the P and F will also light a candle. We will process out with these candles to symbolise Christ, the Light of The World, leaving the community gathered, to spreading the light in our lives at St Finbar's Primary School.

The Mass will be followed by a Family Funday Sunday. The P and F have organised a bbq and fun activities. We look forward to seeing you at this event.

Yours In Christ,

Donna McFadzean



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FROM THE LEADER OF LEARNING

Reading at St Finbar's

Reading comprehension is the act of understanding what you are reading. It is an intentional, active, interactive process that occurs before, during and after a person reads a particular piece of writing.

The students have been working hard to develop and practise skills that enable them to comprehend texts. Students are currently learning about **Predicting**. This strategy involves the ability of readers to get meaning from a text by making informed predictions. Good readers use predicting as a way to connect their existing knowledge to new information from a text to get meaning from what they read. Before reading, they may use what they know about an author to predict what a text will be about. The title of a text may trigger memories of texts with similar content, allowing them to predict the content of the new text. During reading, good readers may make predictions about what is going to happen next, or what ideas or evidence the author will present to support an argument. They tend to evaluate these predictions continuously, and revise any prediction that is not confirmed by the reading.

When we predict we can use the

- * Title
- * Front and back covers
- * Blurb
- * Pictures or diagrams
- * Table of contents

We can think about the

- * Topic
- * Author
- * Text form – is it a narrative? factual report? recount?

Good readers keep making predictions and adjusting them all through their reading.

Mrs Kerrie Wasson (Leader of Learning/Reading Recovery Teacher)



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NEWS FROM MRS DENHAM

School Fees

Parents, thank you for your commitment to support your child's Catholic Education through school fees.

Due date for Term 2 Fees – **Monday 25th May 2015.**

Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Denham if you are experiencing difficulties meeting this commitment.

Please note that if you are paying via BPay or Auspost please allow a couple of extra days for payment to appear in the school's account. Sometimes if payment is made on the due date or a couple of days after you may receive a reminder as receipting for BPay only occurs on Tues/Wed/Thurs.

Thanking you,

Mrs Denham
Finance Secretary



CROSS COUNTRY CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations again to our Cross Country Achiever's! The St Finbar's Community is very proud of you all.



STUDENT BANKING

Thank you to all the families that support the Commonwealth Student Banking program. If we could ask that when filling out the deposit slip for your child, could you please complete all details on the deposit slips so that we can easily locate your child on the system. We appreciate your continued support.



SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

Thank you for sending in uniforms for the Second Hand Uniform Shop. We currently have an oversupply of uniforms and do not require any further items at the moment.



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Community News

St Columba's Catholic College: Enrolment applications are now due for parents/caregivers who would like to enrol their child into St Columba's Catholic College for Year 7 in 2016. Further information is available on the college website www.stcolumbasspringwood or by calling the enrolment secretary on 4754 1022.



McCarthy Catholic College

75 Mackellar Street, Emu Plains

Trade Training Centre

INFORMATION EVENING FOR YEAR 11, 2016:

Date: Wednesday 3 June 2015

Time: 6:00pm - 7:30pm

Complete your trade and complete your HSC – with
no external examinations

Trades offered:

Automotive, Bricklaying, Electrical,
Hairdressing, Childcare Hospitality, Carpentry
Metal Fabrication

Enrolment Enquiries:

Mrs Katrina Gill - 4735 3211 (Option 1)

Blaxland High School: Invites you to a Choral Concert in the Performance Arts Centre Thursday July 30th Matinee Commencing at 1.30pm \$2.00 Admission – 7pm \$10 Adults, \$5 students/concession.

Fundraiser for Lucas

When: 27th May 2015

Where: Glenbrook Cinema

Time: 7.00pm for an 8.30pm start

Tickets: \$25.00

Please join us for a fundraiser which includes a light supper and great raffle prizes!

Please contact Monique 0424 595 998 or Michelle 0413021629



Blaxland High School Student – LUCAS – in Year 11 has recently had a Brain Tumour removed. Please see details on this page for a Fundraiser for him.

SUPPORT FOR THOSE WHO ARE SEPARATED OR DIVORCED

When your marriage relationship sadly and tragically breaks down, you can begin to think that your life has come to an end; dreams and hopes are shattered. This is true for so many. On the last Tues of each month, CCSS Solo Parents Services run a support group for such people, called "Stepping Beyond". We meet again on Tues 25th May at 7.30pm at Allawah St, Blacktown. For further details call Eileen or Rita on 99330205 or soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

Term 2 2015

May 2015	
21 May	Captivate Choir rehearsal at Corpus Christ Cranebrook ACU Year 3 Students
22 May	ACU Year 1 Students
24 May	Pentecost Sunday School Funday Sunday BBQ after 9.30am Mass
25 May	Feast of Mary Help of Christians
26 May	Kindergarten Parish Mass 9am
27 May	Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day
28 May	ACU Year 3 Students
29 May	Assembly / Special Food Day Dance-a-Thon
31 May	Holy Trinity Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary