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School Community Newsletter

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Dear St Finbar's Community,

We are almost at the end of another productive learning term. It is a time to look back and celebrate many achievements. Perhaps you could spend some time with your child reflecting on their learning and setting new goals for the last term.

Next Thursday evening (17 September) we will gather as a whole school in the church to celebrate our faith through music and song in a concert. All children will be performing on the night and can come dressed in appropriate casual clothes. We will begin with a family BBQ at 5.30pm. The school will provide a sausage on bread and we ask that you bring your own drinks. Please ensure that you have completed the RSVP for catering purposes. The concert should go for approximately one hour. A collection will help with all proceeds going to a school in India.

We thank the P and F for organising the Father's Day Stall and BBQ. It was a wonderful gathering. Our next P and F Meeting will be on Tuesday 15th September at 7.00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

No doubt you would have seen recent coverage of the refugee crisis this week. Pope Francis has called on all Catholics to take action. The following link will take you to an article which provides further insight into the wisdom offered by Pope Francis <http://www.catholic.org/news/hf/faith/story.php?id=63577>. This is indeed a global crisis and all Catholics are called to action in whatever capacity that they can. As a family, you might like to include these people in your prayers.

Prayer for Refugees and Victims of War

Lord God, no one is a stranger to you and no one is ever far from your loving care. In your kindness, watch over refugees and victims of war, those separated from their loved ones, young people who are lost, and those who have left home or who have run away from home. Bring them back safely to the place where they long to be and help us always to show your kindness to strangers and to all in need. Grant this through Christ our Lord.



Staff will be involved in a data analysis and goal setting day on Tuesday 6th October 2015. This is a pupil free day. **All children will return to school on Wednesday 7th October 2015.** I trust that you will all have a relaxing, safe holiday and I look forward to working with you all when we return next term.

Yours In Christ
Donna McFadzean

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FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Maths resource making – working bee

I'm looking for a small group of parents who are available to spend some time on Friday after the assembly to make some maths resources for classroom use. This would involve some photocopying class sets of resources, laminating, making beadstrings and other 'hands on resources'. Morning Tea will be provided. Please see Mr Cauchi after the assembly on Friday if you can donate some of your valuable time to assist!

MATHS PROBLEM SOLVING FUN:

The answer to the problem in the last newsletter: **4**

This week's challenge:

Team Alpha defeated Team Beta in a netball game. The sum of their scores was 73. The difference of their scores was 37. How many points did Team Alpha score?

Answer in the next Newsletter.

FETE NEWS

Happy Holiday to all. Just a reminder that our Fete is fast approaching. If you have not done so already, we ask that you consider sponsoring our Fete.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations and our very best wishes to Mrs McLeod and her family on the birth of a beautiful baby boy Dustin Lucas.

COMMUNITY NEWS



Blue Mountains Bushfire Information Sessions

A free information session on bushfire-related topics is being offered to all local residents. Come to the Springwood Sports Club, 83 Macquarie Rd on Saturday 17th October, 10am – 12 noon. Did you know that about 80% of insured families affected by the 2013 bushfires were uninsured!

Blue Shorts Film Festival - calling budding filmmakers!

On November 18, the inaugural Blue Shorts film festival will be held in the Blue Mountains. It celebrates Blue Mountains stories and storytellers and is a celebration of local creativity and community. Local filmmakers of all levels are encouraged to submit short films. There are many categories for prizes including Best Youth Film (aged 13-18) and Best Youth Film (aged 12 and under). We are looking for short films 7 minutes and under in any genre and style. **The deadline for submissions is October 26 at 5.00pm.**

For full details go to www.filmfreeway.com/festival/blueshorts

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WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN

As you know, our school has been participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. The program has now finished for this year, so a big thanks to everyone who supported our school. We're now at the important stage of the program where the Sticker Sheets are collected and lodged as our Earn & Learn claim. We will then be able to get new educational equipment for our school. The more we collect, the more we can redeem. So this week, please send in your Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheets and any loose Earn & Learn stickers you may have. Remember to check your handbag, the car glove box or they maybe stuck on the fridge. Every little bit helps. Thanks again for all your support!

The Building of the 60th Anniversary Wall !!



THANK YOU

We thank the Wetsteyn Family for their generous donation of materials to assist with the completion of our 60th Anniversary Wall. Their support is greatly appreciated. A huge thank you to Jannette Ankers, Michael McKenzie, Neil Evans and Matt Sharp for all their hard work. Great job.

TERM 3 AT A GLANCE

WEEK	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
9			9 Netball Penrith	10 Kindergarten Superhero Day	11 ASSEMBLY 9am	12	13
10	14	15 Stage 2 Excursion to Scenic World. P & F Meeting	16 Kinder & Stg 1 Excursion to Botanical Gardens	17 School Concert 5.30pm BBQ followed by Concert 6pm	18 Fete Mufti Day – Donation of a Potted Plant	19	20

*****27th September 9.30 Mass and Parish Picnic to celebrate St Finbar's Day – ALL families are encouraged to attend**

***** 10th October St Finbar's Primary School BBQ at Bunnings Penrith**

**STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY –Tuesday 6th October 2015
(1st day of Term)
STUDENTS COMMENCE TERM 4 ON WEDNESDAY 7th OCTOBER

60th Anniversary Celebrations Monday 12th October 9.30 Mass**

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St. Finbar's Feast Day 17th September

Andrew Chinn Concert

To celebrate the feast day of St Finbar, on Thursday 17th September, Australian religious songwriter and singer, Andrew Chinn, will be visiting our school to share his songs with our children.

Andrew's songs, such as "These Hands", "Rainbow" and "An African Blessing" are used in classrooms and liturgies around Australia, New Zealand, USA and Canada . We have used many of Andrew's songs in our Masses. There will be the opportunity for families to purchase Andrew's CDs, DVDs and books on the night.

On the night we will also have a donation box as we are taking a collection for a disadvantaged school in India. Any contribution would be greatly appreciated as this will help them with books and resources they would otherwise be unable to purchase.

Parents and parishioners are warmly invited to be a part of the celebration of faith and fun. There is no charge for adults. The concert will take place in the Church, at 6.30pm following a Family BBQ at 5.30pm.

Please complete the attached form to indicate if your family will be attending the BBQ and concert. Children will be selected for the special concert choir from this group.

We look forward to seeing you there.

RSVP for Andrew Chinn Concert and Family BBQ on 17th September

Please return by Monday 14th September

Our family will be attending the Family BBQ and Andrew Chinn concert on Thursday 17th September from 5.30pm.

Family name: _____

Children's names and classes: _____

No of family members for BBQ: _____

<p>N.B AS THIS CONCERT IS IN PLACE OF THE USUAL END OF YEAR CONCERT – ALL CHILDREN ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND</p>
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