



St Finbar's Primary School

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School Community Newsletter

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Dear St Finbar's Community

This week we pray for the members of our parish who will be receiving the Eucharist for the first time. I remember the day I made my first communion and also when my own children received the Sacrament. The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains this significant sacrament in the following extract:

THE SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST

1322 The Holy Eucharist completes Christian initiation. Those who have been raised to the dignity of the royal priesthood by Baptism and configured more deeply to Christ by Confirmation participate with the whole community in the Lord's own sacrifice by means of the Eucharist.

1323 "At the Last Supper, "on the night he was betrayed, our Saviour instituted the Eucharistic sacrifice of his Body and Blood. This he did in order to perpetuate the sacrifice of the cross throughout the ages until he should come again, and so to entrust to his beloved Spouse, the Church, a memorial of his death and resurrection: a sacrament of love, a sign of unity, a bond of charity, a Paschal banquet 'in which Christ is consumed, the mind is filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory is given to us.'"¹³⁵



As Catholic parents, we have a responsibility to ensure that our children have regular opportunities to attend the Eucharist and celebrate as a community of believers. We want them to know that this is not a one off special event, or an option, if we have time, experience. Just like we would not deny our children food that nourishes them, we cannot deny them of their spiritual nourishment.

We have a number of other opportunities for our students over the next fortnight. Stage 2 and 3 are participating in a First Aid course and we have primary students attending a swimming carnival. We also held our Kinder 2016 Orientation Day last Thursday.

With regard to staffing, we have a number of further changes for 2016. Mrs Wasson will be returning to a teaching/coordinator role in Sydney Diocese and Mr Carroll has been offered a full time position at St Mary MacKillop South Penrith. We thank them both for their service to the St Finbar's Community. Both these members of staff have made significant impacts on student learning and the capacity building of our teachers. We will officially farewell these staff members at our end of year mass. The Strings Program and music will continue at St Finbar's and Mr Carroll will

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still be involved in the Strings Orchestra. We have appointed a Coordinator (Leader of Learning), Mrs Natalie Pratt. Natalie is currently employed at Holy Cross Glenwood. Natalie will be leading Numeracy at St Finbar's in 2016.

Can I ask that you keep Miss Lynch and her family in your prayers. Miss Lynch's grandmother passed away this week.

Yours in Christ
Donna McFadzean

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

Last Thursday we had a very successful Orientation program for Kindergarten 2016. The parents were involved in a variety of mathematics games using warm up kits and maths equipment and connecting with new and friendly faces. The new Kindergarten children had an enjoyable morning working on creative and exciting activities.

The Kinder buddies did a fabulous job making sure all the Kinders settled in well.

We can't wait to welcome all these beautiful families into our St Finbar's Community in 2016

Mrs Mary-Anne Stenning

MATHS PROBLEM SOLVING

The answer to the problem in the last newsletter: 94 square units

SCHOOL LEAVERS

If you are moving schools in 2016 (excluding Yr 6) could you please notify the office in writing asap of your destination school. Thank you.

BOOK CLUB Due date....Monday 23rd November

'LIKE IT' TOKENS

After an exciting launch at the start of this Term, each class have been working extremely hard to earn 'Like It' Tokens for their class. Tokens are given to students who are being safe, being respectful or being a learner. Classes have targets that they need to reach and receive a reward when they reach their target. This is a picture of Year 1 enjoying their reward of "classroom games." After earning 100 tokens, the class took a vote and decided on some fun classroom games to play.



CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS CHOIR FOR CHRISTMAS EVE, 7PM MASS

Children from Year 2 to Yr 6 are invited to come to 3 practices after school, 3.30pm – 4.30pm on Thursday 26th, December 3rd and 10th at St Finbar's Church. This will be a wonderful way to prepare spiritually for Christmas.
Enquiries: Mary Lopez ph: 47 544 955

NEW SCHOOL OPAL CARD

From 2016 paper bus passes will be replaced by the new School Opal card. As with the current School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) students will be eligible for free travel as follows: Years K-2 (Infants) – no minimum distance from their school; Years 3-6 (Primary) – 1.6km straight line distance or 2.3km walking distance or further from school; Years 7-12 (Secondary) – 2.0km straight line distance or 2.9km walking or further from school. Most students who currently use a bus pass for school travel will not need to apply for the School Opal card. However, a new application is required for students starting school or for those who have not had a travel pass before; for students progressing from Year 2 to 3 or Year 6 to 7; for students changing schools including from primary to secondary; and for students whose personal details have changed, such as address etc.

NB. Students who do not qualify for free travel may be eligible for a Term Bus Pass instead. To apply go to www.transportnsw.info/school-students, complete the application; print, sign and submit form to the school for endorsement. The application may take several weeks and the applicant's email address is required. The School Opal cards will be issued to eligible students early in Term 1 2016. Visit the above website for further information.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Mountains Youth Band Open Rehearsal for 2015, Tuesday 1st December, 5.15pm to 7.00pm at the Uniting Church Hall Lucasville Rd, Glenbrook

Do you play a concert band instrument? Are you interested in joining a fantastic concert band?

Need more information - visit our website www.bmcb.net.au send an email mountainsyouthband@gmail.com or telephone 0420 882 620

Come along, bring your instrument and play with the band or sit and listen to the music and have a chat with our conductor and some of our friendly musicians.

**Principal School Wear 2/66 Springwood Avenue
Springwood NSW 2777 Ph: 47513157**

Opening hours for Principal School Wear for 2016 are as below

Opening hours Mon – Fri 9am to 5pm, and Sat 9am – 12.30pm.

6th Jan – 20th Feb 2016

18th April- 7th May 2016

3rd Oct – 22nd Oct 2016

Opening hours 9am to 5pm Tuesday & Thursday and 9am to 12.30pm on Saturdays on the following dates

22nd Feb – 16th April 2016

9th May – 1st October 2016

24th Oct – 17th Dec 2016

We will be closed for the weeks of 27th June -11th July.

Please do not hesitate to call us if you have any queries.

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Term 4 at a Glance

We live by our School Motto:

Living our faith in daily life,
Seeking truth in our relationships
and building our knowledge

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
November Week 7	16	17 9.30am Year 5 Class Reconciliation	18	19 SWIMMING Trials Glenbrook Pool 9am- 12noon	20 Special Food Day	21	22 First Holy Communion
Week 8	23	24 9.30am Year 3 Class Reconciliation	25	26	27 School Disco	28	29
Week 9 December	30	1 Dec 9.30am Year 4 Class Reconciliation	2	3	4 School Assembly	5	6
Week 10	7	8 Stage 3 Fun Day	9 Semester 2 Reports	10	11 Special Food Day	12	13
Week 11	14 End of Year Mass 12noon Year 6 Graduation Dinner 6pm	15	16 Students Last Day	17	18	19	20

Dates to Remember

*** 16th December – Last day for Student

*** 27th & 28th January, 2016 – MAI assessments for Students

***29th January 2016 – First day for ALL Students

**PLEASE REFER TO THE BOOKING FORM PREVIOUSLY SENT HOME TO BOOK
ONLINE FOR THE MAI ASSESSMENTS**

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2016 Diocesan School Fees

Dear families

As you may be aware, there is still uncertainty around long term government funding for Catholic schools. Indications are that federal government funding for education post 2017 will be linked to the Consumer Price Index (CPI), which historically has been much lower than the education inflation rate. Funding growth linked to CPI will not meet increases in the real costs of schooling.

To maintain our current service levels we will need to increase diocesan tuition fees by 5%. This increase will mean we can continue to fund important initiatives to improve student learning, including:

- literacy and numeracy programs such as Focus160, Reading Recovery, EMU, EM4 and professional learning for teachers and leaders to support the implementation of these programs
- increasing support for students with disabilities, behavioural and emotional needs
- improving our learning spaces, technology and infrastructure
- building new schools and expanding existing schools to cater for new places

Scholarships and fee arrangements

We are committed to ensuring that **no child will be refused enrolment due to a family's financial situation**. There are a range of scholarship and support programs to assist families including:

- The Bishop Manning Scholarship Fund
- Fee arrangements and discounts
- The Byallawa co-contribution scheme for Indigenous families

Annual Diocesan Tuition Fees - 2016

Annual Diocesan Tuition Fee can be paid upfront at the start of the year or as three equal payments in Terms 1, 2 and 3. Flexible payment plans are also available around weekly, fortnightly or monthly payments. The fee is only charged for the first three children currently enrolled in the diocese. There is no additional Diocesan Tuition Fee for the fourth child attending a systemic school in the diocese or other participating Catholic schools.

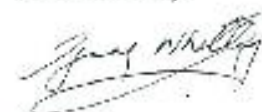
Annual Diocesan Building Levy - 2016

The Diocesan Building Levy enables us to continue to maintain all schools to a high standard, and ensure we can expand or build new schools in high growth areas. To ensure this continues we will need to increase the building levy by \$33 per family per year. The levy for 2016 will be \$735 per family, payable in three equal instalments of \$245 in Terms 1, 2 and 3.

We continue to make every effort to contain educational costs and we do not take the decision to raise fees lightly. **If a school fee increase will be difficult for your family to manage, please contact your school principal.** We will provide every assistance to families in financial need.

Thank you for your ongoing support of Catholic education.

Yours sincerely



Gregory B Whitby
Executive Director of Schools

The 2016 Annual Tuition Fees are as follows

Annual Fees		1st Child 100%	2nd Child 75%	3rd Child 50%
Tuition Fees Primary	Kindergarten	\$1,095	\$825	\$649
	Years 1 - 6	\$1,419	\$1,065	\$711
Tuition Fees Secondary	Years 7 - 8	\$1,968	\$1,476	\$984
	Years 9 - 10	\$2,184	\$1,638	\$1,092
	Years 11 - 12	\$2,750	\$2,094	\$1,395

Western Sydney Airport Navigation

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Noise modelling tool

Western Sydney

Progress

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Environment

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Western Sydney Infrastructure Plan

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ANEAC

N70 Daily

Stage 1 (Yr 2030)

Prefer 05 Direction

Prefer 23 Direction

One Runway (Yr 2050)

Prefer 05 Direction

Prefer 23 Direction

Long term (Yr 2063)

Prefer 05 Direction

Prefer 23 Direction

N60 Night

What is a decibel?

Reset map

Instructions

2030 Prefer 05

N70 = 5 N70 = 50

N70 = 10 N70 = 100

N70 = 20

Step by step guide

Levy street Glenbrook

Map Satellite

Levy St, Glenbrook NSW 2773, Australia

2030 Prefer 05
N70 <5 events
Typical jet altitude:
Departures N/A, Arrivals 5000-6000ft
Typical overflights per day: 1
Day: 50-75, Evening: 10-20, Night: 20-30

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Meeting of P&Cs to discuss our response to Badgerys's Creek Airport

The *St Finbar's Parents and Friends* committee would like to invite representatives from all Parents and Citizens groups to meet and discuss flight paths and Badgerys's Creek Airport.

Date: Monday November 30th 2015

Time: 7.30pm

Venue: St Finbar's Parish Hall, Levy Street Glenbrook (next to the Church).

The purpose of this meeting is to:

- find common concerns across all parents groups regarding the current draft proposal,
- to formulate a group submission before December 18th 2015 to the Federal government,
- communicate our educational concerns to local representatives including the Federal Minister for Education and local political representatives and
- consider releasing an open statement to the media regarding these concerns.

Please note we **are not** meeting to decide if we are for or against this Airport. We are meeting to discuss the impact of flight paths on schools before the 18th of December submission deadline.

The government plans to send all arriving flights directly over the Lower Mountains (including areas of Penrith) 24 hours a day.

Schools with 1 plane approx. every 12 minutes 1500m above buildings

Warrimoo, Blaxland, East Blaxland, Blaxland High and St Finbar's Schools are impacted. They can expect between 50-75 planes between 7am-6pm each day (5000-6000ft).

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Emu Plains, Leonay, OLOW Emu Plains, Nepean High, Penrith High and Penrith Public schools are similar with planes at merely 1400m depending on the flight direction.

Schools with 1 plane approx. every 16-33 minutes 1500-2400m above

This affects Faulconbridge, Springwood, Ellison, St Thomas Aquinas, St Columba's, Winmalee Public, Blue Mountains Grammar Preparatory School, Winmalee High and John Wycliffe School. Mt Riverview School is estimated to having 1 per hour and Lapstone School less again.

Source: Western Sydney airport noise modelling tool <http://westernsydneyairport.gov.au/resources/deis/noise-tool/>

Fire and rescue access restricted

The planes heights are *estimates* which fail to consider pilots flying lower or what happens in a fire or accident - can the RFS and rescue/medical aircraft even respond? Our concern is that the EIS is vague on these estimations and fails to outline or address the impact on all local schools and educational institutions.

Please RSVP to Juliet Hinchliffe by Friday 27th November 2015 at juliethr2d2@gmail.com or ph.0448782674.

All school and wider community members (politicians included) are welcome to attend. Please advertise this within your school communities.

Yours sincerely,

St Finbar's Parents & Friends committee.

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