



# St Finbar's Primary School

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## PRINCIPAL'S NOTE

Dear St Finbar's Community,  
Welcome to our third interactive edition of our newsletter. We trust that you are enjoying the format.

Twitter has become my new favourite form of social media. I am finding that it is providing a range of up to date research on a number of educational subjects. I recently came across a link to a TED talk that I thought would be great to share, especially now that our newsletter allows for this interaction. The subject is around mathematics and our perceptions of this area of study.

The TED talk is titled "[Why the best \(maths\) growth is when students are struggling and making mistakes](#)" You probably have heard people say things like "I am bad at math" or perhaps you yourself feel like you are not a "math" person. This is not so according to Stanford Ted X guest speaker Jo Boaler.



Great food for thought!  
Yours in Christ  
**Donna McFadzean**

## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers,

You may have heard your children or teacher talk about learning intentions or success criteria. Perhaps you have seen them displayed in the classroom. If you have ever wondered why your child's teacher uses these in the classroom, hopefully I can provide a brief overview of the significance and purpose of each.

[Read more...](#)

## PARISH NEWS

General Parish information, Altar Servers needed, St Finbar's Parish Playgroup and the St Columba's Orientation Day.

[Read more...](#)

## PBS4L and BOUNCEBACK

The children have now settled into the term and are participating in activities that allow them the opportunity to explore the school goals in a range of learning experiences.

The children participate in role plays and activities that allow them to discuss how they can be safe, respectful learners.

We look at...

- What bullying can be
- Key messages to communicate to your child about bullying
- What can you do to help your child if they are bullied and to encourage them not to bully others?

[Read more...](#)

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Dear Parents,

On Wednesday 1st November the school community celebrated All Saints. The Communion of Saints is the belief that all of God's people, on heaven, earth, and in the state of purification, are connected in a communion. In other words, we believe that the saints of God are constantly interceding on our behalf.

To read more about these topics and other religious news [click here...](#)

## SWIMMING CARNIVAL REMINDER

Families are reminded to please return the permission form and event nomination form for the upcoming swimming carnival by this Friday, 3 November.

This year our Swimming Carnival will be held on Thursday, November 16, at Glenbrook Swimming Pool. The carnival will begin at 9:20am, with our first events commencing at 9:30am for students in Year 1 (swimmers aged 8+ in 2018) – Year 6. Students in Kinder and Year 1 (swimmers aged 7 or under in 2018) will have morning classes before arriving at the pool by 11am. All students will commence the school day, as normal, and walk to the pool.



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## IMPORTANT DATES

All school dates are listed on our school calendar which can be viewed on the school website and the calendar can also be accessed through the Skoolbag App.



[View School Calendar...](#)

## SPORTS



Congratulations to the students who participated in Tuesday's Basketball Gala Day. It was the first time that we had participated in the event and it won't be the last.

It was impressive to witness the great commitment on the court, but also the support that each team showed one another. We are truly blessed at St Finbar's to have such wonderful and supportive students.

## FOLLOW US



## ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Flynn Alderton  
Zane Alderton  
Jack Ambrosoli  
Ella Boyer  
Neve Burns  
Nathaniel Cariolato  
Holly Clifford  
Mitchell Cremona  
Millie De Mattia  
James Docker  
Ethan Donnelly  
James Donnelly  
Maiya Edwards  
Elizabeth Gott  
Bailey Heyman  
Scarlett Jurd  
Sophie Keast  
Kian Loughman  
Elias McCaffery  
Mhyumie Murray  
Nathan Penny  
Keira Price  
Euan Reece  
Louis Richards  
Paige Roberts  
Anna Santoro  
Marco Santoro  
Ellie Taylor  
Daniel Tioukavkin  
George Walker  
Daniel Welch

## ATTENDANCE

every learner  
every day ✓

Our School Attendance Rate

88.8%

### Class Attendance Rates

K 92.0%  
1 92.1%  
2 87.4%  
3 92.0%  
4 90.3%  
5 89.5%  
6 79.8%

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAY'S

William Alexander      Hans Lau  
Declan Apps              Edward McCaffery  
Katia Apps                Liam McFadden  
Riley Bennett            Louis Pauling  
Jed Berben                Ted Richards  
Edmund Cameron        Evie Walker  
Elizabeth Elliott



## SCHOOL FEES

Are you moving?

To assist us in estimating enrolments for 2018, it would be appreciated if the school could be notified in writing of any children that may be leaving St Finbar's at the end of the year. This is apart from our year 6 students. As a reminder, it is CEDP policy that families need to give the school one full Term's notice in writing in these circumstances.

2018 Diocesan School Fees Schedule is now available. [Read more..](#)