



St Finbar's Primary School Newsletter

Be Safe Be Respectful Be A Learner

Dates To Remember

29 August

Parish Mass Year 6
9am in the Church

1 September

Father's Day Breakfast
and Liturgy 8:30am
Bottom Playground

5 September

Parish Mass Year 5
9am in the Church

10 September

St Finbar's Amazing Race

11 September

Week 9 Assembly Stage 1
2:10pm Parish Hall

11 September

Mental Toughness
Resilience Workshop
6:30pm – 7:30pm

16 September

Parish Trivia Night
6:45pm – 9:30pm
Parish Hall

22nd September

St Finbar's Day
Celebrations and
last day of Term 3

Dear St Finbar's Community,

In this newsletter I want to share with you some ideas of a homily that my Parish Priest shared with us. This homily was actually life changing for me as it made me reflect on how fortunate we are to be part of a safe environment in Glenbrook and the opportunities we have to reach our potential each day. This also comes in light of the recent events in Barcelona, where a student from CEDP tragically lost his life in the incident that took place. Below is a summary of the key points from the homily shared by Fr David at St Mary MacKillop Parish at Oran Park.

Imagine if every morning I was to say to you that you will get \$86,400!

The \$86,400 you get in the morning is gone in the evening. You can't use any of it in advance and you can't pile it up.

What would you do? Would you think carefully about how you'd use it every day? Would you keep it all for yourself, would you share it with others?

The thing is, we all have this account available to us as Catholics, it is the gift of life from God — except the difference is we get something much better than money - it's time - we get time and opportunities. We all have 86,400 seconds to spend every day, and at the end of the day, they're gone.

How do you choose to spend these 86 400 seconds?

You can't live in the future; you can't live in the past. You live in the present. Using the seconds available to you right now.

Find magic in the little things.

Stop dwelling on the past; now, this is really a waste of time. Yes, learning from our past is a good thing, but not dwelling.

Stop trying to be perfect all the time - life is messy.

When you have work to do at school, work or home, that seems pointless or difficult, see if you can make them more effective or more meaningful.

Think about the seconds every morning when you wake up and ask yourself: How will I use my time assets today?

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Time passes.

Use your account wisely.

Use it according to what's important to you.

Remember God gives us something much better than \$86,400 a day. God gives us 86,400 opportunities to be the best person that we can be - and that is AMAZING!!!!!!

Yours in Christ,

Donna McFadzean
Principal



Building Mental Toughness

6:30pm - 8pm Monday 11th September,
St Finbar's Catholic Primary School, Glenbrook



Presenter: Anoushka Houseman
Clinical Psychologist
Wellbeing Coordinator: Programs & Initiatives
Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta



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From the Assistant Principal

At Monday's Assembly I spoke to our community about the importance and power of saying hello. It is 5 little letters that can make an incredible difference to our lives and the lives of others.

I recalled when I went to school how it was almost compulsory for students to ensure they said good morning Brother, good morning Miss or good morning Sir, as they moved around the school. Although it was something that was engrained in all of us early on, it never felt like it was a chore. It was a simple way for all of us, in our school community, to build relationships with one another.

When we greet each other we are saying, I recognise you. You are important. That you deserve to be acknowledged.

We belong to a community and at times we can take each other for granted. We need to ensure that we are making connections with one another, building relationships that can help to create safe and supportive learning communities that acknowledge the strong interconnections between students, teachers and families.



Research supports that when a caring, respectful and supportive teaching and learning community is present, harassment, aggression, violence and bullying is less likely to occur. Student safety and wellbeing is enhanced when students feel connected to their school, have positive and respectful relationships with their peers and teachers and feel confident about their social and emotional skills.

The first step to ensuring that we are connected is simple.

Hello!

Luceat Lux Vestra,

Ben Ticehurst
Assistant Principal

Religious Education News

Sacrament of Confirmation

A group of our stage 3 children have been preparing to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation in a few weeks time. They have been preparing at home, parish and with their families as they prepare to renew their baptismal promises just before they are confirmed. We keep these children in our prayer over the coming weeks with their preparation.



Altar Servers needed for Mass

Father Jolly would like to invite any child who has made their Sacrament of Communion to be an altar server at Mass on the weekend. If your child is interested please see Father Jolly for more information.

Father's Day Breakfast and Liturgy - Friday 1st September @ 8.30am



St Finbar's Day Celebration - Friday 22nd September Mass @ 9.15am

Parish Mass every Tuesday

Throughout the term each class joins the St Finbar's Parish community for Mass on a Tuesday at 9am. Year 6 will be going to Mass on Tuesday 29th August and Year 5 on Tuesday 5th September. We invite all parents and parishioners to join us.

Yours in Faith,

Natalie Platt
REC

Sporting News

Congratulations to the following students who have progressed on to the Diocesan Athletics Carnival.

Eloise Lorking – 1500m, 800m and Discus, **April Darby** - 100m, Discus, Long Jump, Junior Girls Relay

Max Incorvil – Discus, **Ella Boyer** - Junior Girls Relay

Olivia Rogers - Junior Girls Relay, **Addison Farnsworth** - Junior Girls Relay

Lochlan Kelly – Discus, **Xavier Gibson** - 800m

Clara Glinski – Shot put, **Sophie Keast** - Discus



School Fees

School fees were due on Monday 21st August. If you are experiencing difficulty with payment or have a query regarding your school fees, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Denham in the school office on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday's. Thank you for your continued support.

ATTENDANCE



^^ AUGUST BIRTHDAY'S ^^

Harrison Bohan - Kinder
Briar-Rose Wade - Year 2
Samuel Caetan - Year 2
Michael Martland - Year 2
Taj Collins - Year 1
Eloise Lorking - Year 5
Phoenix Eggins - Year 2
Isobel Reece - Year 2
Ashelle Cremona - Year 4
Alana Callaghan - Year 1
Angus Dawson - Year 3
Keira Vermaak - Year 4
Rachel Martland - Kinder
Bronagh McKeown - Year 3
Zara Lewis - Year 3
Ethan Cameron - Year 3



Remember our calendar can always be viewed through the Skoolbag App or on the School Website.

1st September
Fathers Day Breakfast
and
Liturgy 8:30am

10th September
St Finbar's P & F
Amazing Race

Monday 28th August

The Blue Mountains Musical Society will be performing a twenty minute scene from the upcoming performance of **The Little Mermaid**
The whole school will be able to enjoy this performance.

Award Congratulations

Flynn Alderton, Jude Alderton, Zane Alderton, Eamonn Apps, Alana Callaghan, Ethan Cameron, Nathaniel Cariolato, Taj Collins, Lachlan Cremona, April Darby, Angus Dawson, Nicola De La Mare, Millie De Mattia, Flynn Edwards, Roary Evans, Xavier Gibson, Christopher Gott, Max Incorvil, Dominic Jackson, Scarlett Jurd, Zara Lewis, Eloise Lorking, Jack McFadden, Bronagh McKeown, Alyssa Moore, James Naude, Darcy O'Callaghan, Makenna O'Callaghan, Mya Pockran, Keira Price, Louis Richards, Daniel Tioukavkin, Keira Vermaak, Daniel Welch, Margaret Foot, Isabelle Geelan

CONGRATULATIONS 

Woolworths Earn and Learn

St Finbar's is participating in the Woolworths Earn and Learn Competition that is currently running.

Think of our school when you or your family and friends are shopping at Woolworths next. There are some great rewards that we can earn for our school.

We have sticker sheets available at the school office for the tokens. There is a box placed at Woolworths in the Lennox Centre at Emu Plains where tokens can be dropped in or they can be handed in at the school office.



School Photos

Academy Photography have put the Student Cabinet, Year 6, Whole School and the Whole School muck up photographs taken on the 6th June 2017 on line for parents to view and order if you wish to do so.

To access photos, please visit: www.academyphoto.com.au and go to "Products for Parents" "Order Online". You will need to enter the following 8 digit shoot key: **JW36T6DX**

Photographs are \$20 each and will be available online for six months, alternatively you may contact Academy Photography's office on 1300 766 472 to place their order by phone.

St Finbar's Parish Playgroup

St Finbar's Playgroup/Parents and Carers Morning Tea
9:15-11:30 Wednesdays St Finbar's Parish Hall, Levy St


All welcome for a play and cup of tea/coffee. Meet local families in a relaxed and warm Environment. Come for just an hour or stay longer and bring a piece of fruit for a shared morning tea. Gold coin donation.



Contact Gabrielle Lynch for any enquiries 0481 150022

Parish News

*Martin Luther -
The Man and His Music*






Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the door of Wittenberg Cathedral, in 1517. This year, 500 years later, we commemorate the event.

Thursday 21 SEPTEMBER 2017.
7.30-9.00pm.
ST FINBAR'S CHURCH,
GLENBROOK.

Come along and SING hymns composed by Martin Luther and other Reformation hymn writers.

Performance by Blue Mountains Chorale and Robert Ampt on the organ.

LISTEN to the talk by Pastor Gabor Szabo on Martin Luther. Pastor Szabo is pastor at St Peter's Memorial Lutheran Church in Canberra.



Suggested Donation \$20 (Concession \$10)

2017 FAITH IN MARRIAGE SEMINAR
Men, Women & the Mystery of Love
Dr Edward Sri
St Patrick's Cathedral hall Parramatta
Friday 8th September, 2017
7.30pm Sharp
Sponsored by Parousia Media and
Life Marriage & family Office
Diocese of Parramatta
Register 8838 3460 or lmf@parra.catholic.org.au

Community Announcements



College Open Morning Tour

Wednesday September 6, 2017

expanding beyond what we know we can be

Book Drive : A St Finbar's family is organising a Christmas book drive this year and will be sending books to small primary schools in outback and central NSW as Christmas gifts to the children and their families. These will be mostly schools that have less than 10 children and will be handed out at either their Christmas celebrations or end of year presentations.

If your family and friends would like to participate and donate NEW books for ALL ages please send them into the school office. If you would prefer to donate a \$ amount, please place money in a clip seal bag with 'Christmas Book Drive' written on the front. Books will then be purchased on your behalf. Your donations will be collected from the office at the end of each week. Donations will be required before 22nd September (last day of term) to allow plenty of time for sorting, wrapping, packing and sending to the outback! Thank you in advance.

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