



St Finbar's Primary School

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PRINCIPAL'S NOTE

Dear St Finbar's Community,

Welcome you to 2018. A year of opportunity for growth and exploration, a chance to transform and be curious.

We welcome all members of our community back and especially welcome the new families that have joined us this year. I look forward to meeting you all at our upcoming **Welcome BBQ on Friday 9th February from 6pm to 8pm** or at our **Information Evening on Monday 12th February**.

[Read more...](#)

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Our school goal for Numeracy this year is:

For all students to develop their visualisation skills and reasoning, by making a connection between the abstract, modelled and visual representations of their thinking.

Over the holidays, I read a book called *Mathematical Mindsets* by Jo Boaler. Jo is a Professor of Mathematics Education at the Stanford Graduate School of Education. Her book provided me with many new and interesting insights into the teaching of Mathematics, and how we can engage students in Maths.

New brain research is showing

[Read more...](#)

SCHOOL DATES

Friday 9 February

6pm P & F Welcome BBQ

Monday 12 February

2:10pm School Assembly - Parish Hall
6pm Parent Information Evening
(Refer letter distributed for meeting points)

Wednesday 14 February

9:15am Ash Wednesday Mass

Monday 19 February

Start of Family Learning Conferences

Tuesday 20 February

Nepean Zone Swimming Carnival

Friday 23 February

Parramatta Diocesan Swimming Carnival

Monday 26 February

12pm Opening School Mass

Sunday 4 March

9:30am Parish Mass followed by Open Day at St Finbar's
Start of Catholic Schools Week

Monday 5 March

2:10pm School Assembly - Parish Hall

Tuesday 6 March

10am Open Classrooms

Wednesday 7 March

6:30pm P & F Meeting

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

A very big and warm welcome back to all of you as we begin another wonderful year of learning. I look forward to working with you as we grow and grow and develop our relationship with God and show our children a gospel centred way of life.

I would like to extend a very warm welcome invitation to our Ash Wednesday Mass on Wednesday 14th February at 9.30am and our Opening School Mass on Monday 26th February at 12pm. Each year we set a formation goal

[Read more.](#)

60 SECONDS WITH MYA

Introducing our new Media & Special Events Leader, Mya Pockran.

This week she interviews one of our new Kinder students, Zoe Taylor.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sg6Hr1CgB3Q&pbjreload=10>





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SCHOOL FEES / FINANCE INFORMATION

Thank you to those parents that have been in the office recently making payments. Your patience as we adjust to our new finance system is greatly appreciated.

TERM 1 SCHOOL FEES

Term 1 school fees will be due on **WEDNESDAY 21 MARCH**.

If you are experiencing financial hardship or have a query regarding your school fee account, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Denham (Tuesday through to Friday) in the office. All matters are treated with the strictest confidentiality at all times.

There are Flexible Payment Plans available. Please refer to your Term 1 Fees for information.

Please contact Mrs Denham if you wish to make an alternative payment arrangement.



WELCOME NEW FAMILIES!

As we commence our 2018 school year, we welcome a number of new families to our St Finbar's Community.

Godwin

(Alex - Year 6)

Woods

(Aimee - Year 5)

Gillard-Mullins

(Ella - Year 5)

De Vincentis

(Ashton - Year 1)

Buggy

(Isla - Kinder)

Durbidge

(Ruby - Kinder)

Fisher

(Lucas - Kinder)

Macri

(Francesco - Kinder)

McKenna

(Eoghan - Kinder)

Simpson

(Alexander - Kinder)

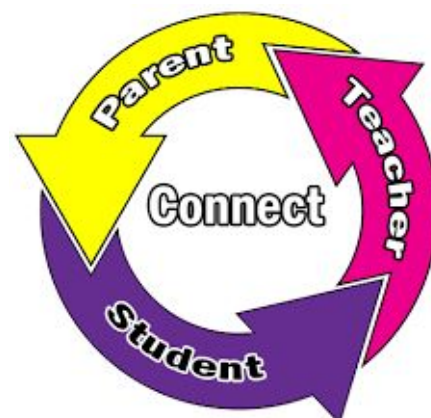


FAMILY LEARNING CONFERENCES

Family Learning Conferences will take place in Week 4. Commencing Monday 19 February through to Friday 23 February.

These conferences are an opportunity for you to share extra information about your child with their class teacher.

Further information including the booking code for these conferences will be handed out at the Parent Information night on Monday 12 February.



2018 STUDENT LEADERSHIP CABINET

2017 School Captains

George Walker and Holly Wye

2017 Vice Captains

Olivia Rogers and Eloise Lorking

Mission Leaders

George Walker and Olivia Rogers

Senior Leader - Ella Boyer

Media and Special Events -:

Mya Pockran

Academic Leader - Holly Wye

Warrigal House Captain - Max Incorvil

Banjora House Captain - April Darby

Aringra House Captain - Eloise

Lorking

Tarmaroo House Captain -

Michael Gibbeson

ST FINBAR'S SCHOOL TOURS

This year we have decided to allocate set dates for school tours. These tours are mainly aimed at any family looking to enrol at St Finbar's.

If you have family or friends that are looking to enrol their children now or in future years, spread the word of our tour dates.

[Click this link to see a full list of dates](#)



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Get ready for ...
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

This year it will be celebrated in Week 6 of Term 1.

There will be lots of activities happening around the school.

Keep an eye out for further information.





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IMPORTANT DATES

Click the link below to view important dates for 2018!

All school dates for the remainder of the year 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...](#)

PARISH NEWS

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 you child is interested please complete the [attached note](#) and return it to the office.

[Click this link to read The Parish Barra](#)

FOLLOW US



PBS4L

PBS4L is Positive Behaviour Support for Learning. It is a school wide positive behaviour support approach that aims to develop social and learning outcomes. It supports us with teaching our school "Be Safe", and "Be Respectful" and "Be a Learner".

Students participate in lessons with their teachers to discuss what it looks like, sounds like and feels like when they are displaying the 3 agreements across the school. Students have been earning "Like It" tokens in their learning spaces and on the playground for displaying our school agreements.

When students display these agreements they earn "Like It" tokens within the classroom and on the playground and are told what agreement they were displaying to receive the token

[Read more..](#)

ATTENDANCE



Our School Attendance rate

95.8%

Class Attendance Rates	
K	100 %
1	91.7%
2	100 %
3	100 %
4	90.4%
5	100 %
6	84.2%

COMMUNITY NEWS

Opal Card News [Read more...](#)

Principal School Wear
(suppliers of St Finbar's uniforms)
2018 Opening Hours
[Read more ...](#)



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NEPEAN ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Tuesday 20 February

Wishing all our competitors from St Finbar's the best of luck on the day.



CHILD PROTECTION MODULE FOR VOLUNTEERS

*In order to volunteer in the classroom or assist at school events, it is **COMPULSORY** to complete the online Working With Children Check.*

We would ask that you follow the link below to the Child Protection Module and complete both modules. Even if you have completed the WWCC as recently as last year, could you please log on and try and update your check.

We will soon be in the process of creating a new database for these records and would like it to be up to date.

If you have any queries, please contact the school office.

[Child Protection Modules](#)

CHILD SAFETY LINK

NSW Police Legacy Child Safety Handbook is now available.

The Handbook provides advice to assist children, parents and teachers on a range of areas related to child safety, including cybersafety, bullying and crossing roads safely.

[Click on the link to view this publication.](#)

CHILD SAFETY



SCHOOL ZONES

The commencement of Term 1 is a timely reminder for us all that School Zones are now in force.

For the safety of our students and whole school community, please drive safely at all times.

Below is a link to show you what school zone offences are most common and what you are risking by disobeying them.

We thank you for your commitment and cooperation in keeping our Community safe.

[Important School Zone Signs and Penalties](#)

