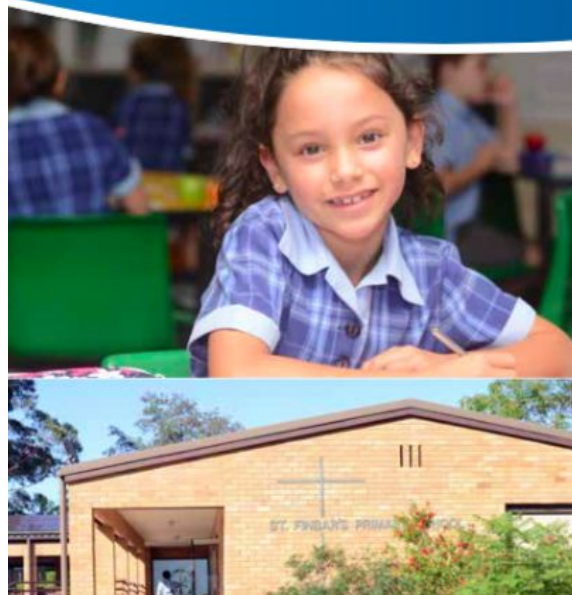




# St Finbar's Primary School

*Faith, Truth, Knowledge*



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Dear St Finbar's Community

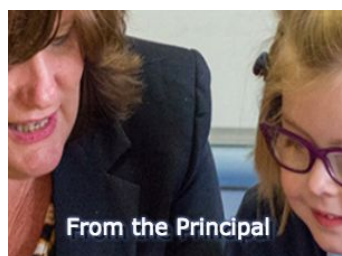
Last term, we commenced a review of our student wellbeing policy, Positive Behaviour System for Learning (PBS4L).

From this review, we were able to identify some key areas that needed to be addressed. One such area was our PBS4L Matrix. The PBS4L Matrix is a guiding and supporting document that assists students to understand what safe, respectful and learning behaviours look like across the school. Our current matrix was too cumbersome and not

student friendly.


Towards the end of last term, staff, parents and students met to refine and update our matrix. We also encouraged students to submit designs for a new mascot. I would like to thank Roary Evans who submitted a dove as his design. He wanted PBS4L to be underpinned by the fruits and gifts of the Holy Spirit, highlighting the importance of peace and our connection with God. We also had a number of students who submitted designs for a possum. Using their ideas we have created our new mascot, PBS4L Possum.

It is with great pleasure that I can share with you our new PBS4L Mascot and Matrix for All Areas in our School.



From the Principal

**EXPECTATIONS**




**I am SAFE**  
I will hold on to the hand rails.  
I will walk on the pathways.  
I will walk on the left-hand side.  
I will face the direction I am walking.  
I will put my bag on a hook.


**I am RESPECTFUL**  
I will wait for the teacher before walking down/up the stairs.  
I will keep my belongings in my bag.

**I am a LEARNER**  
I will not interrupt the learning of others by moving quietly during class time.

**PBS4L Walkways**



**EXPECTATIONS**




**I am SAFE**  
I will wear my hat.  
I will walk to my eating area.  
I will sit to eat my food.  
I will be careful of others around me.  
I will line up at the first bell.

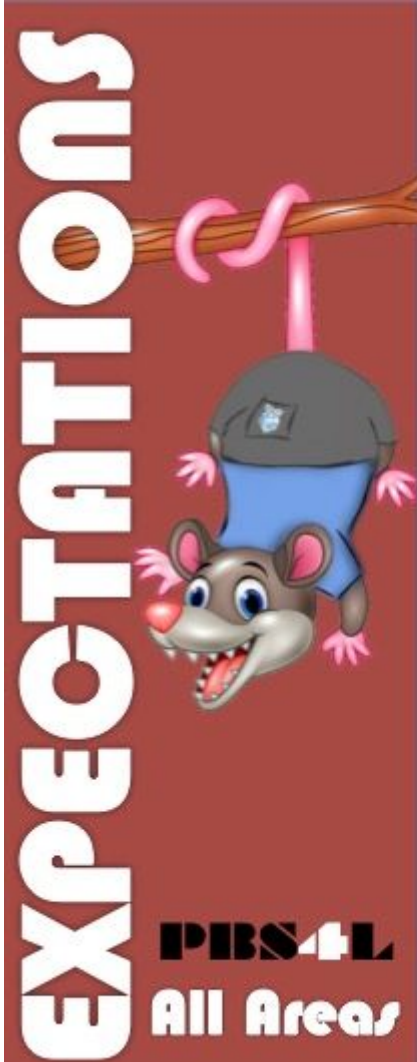
**I am RESPECTFUL**  
I will put my rubbish in the bin.  
I will share equipment and take turns.  
I will include others.

**I am a LEARNER**  
I will create and learn new games to play.  
I will make new friends.

**PBS4L Playground**







## **I am SAFE**

- I will move calmly and safely.
- I will keep my hands and feet to myself.
- I will use equipment properly.
- I am in the right place at the right time.
- I am aware of others.

## **I am RESPECTFUL**

- I will respect myself and others.
- I will care for people and property.
- I will listen attentively and follow instructions.
- I use a friendly voice and kind, polite words.
- I will work cooperatively.
- I will keep my classroom and playground environment tidy.

## **I am a LEARNER**

- I will always strive for my personal best.
- I will be a role model for others.
- I will be a problem-solver.



**From the Assistant Principal**

It is the schools expectation that every student will attend school in correct uniform. Students are required to attend school in full Summer (Term 1 & 4) or Winter Uniform (Term 2 & 3) or in Sports Uniform for days that have been gazetted for sport. This information is provided to families in the school Curriculum Overview Letter, which will be provided to families tomorrow.

We understand that, from time to time, students may not have parts of their uniform due to extenuating circumstances. On these occasions, we would ask that you please provide a note explaining the reason why.



Our Parent Handbook states:

Upon enrolment at St Finbar's, parents undertake to support the school's policies and codes of conduct - the implementation of school uniform procedures is one such area. Parent support of this, in the home, is requested, if we are to truly work in partnership.

If your child is not wearing correct school uniform, and a letter of explanation has not been received, we will let you know that an item of uniform needs to be addressed. This communication also includes letters pertaining to inappropriate hairstyles and hair lengths.

If you require any assistance, to supply your child with the appropriate items for their uniform, you are more than welcome to contact me.

## BOYS' (SUMMER)

- Blue/short sleeve logo shirt
- Grey shorts (Polyester / rayon)
- Grey socks plain
- Black leather school shoes

## BOYS' (WINTER)

- School navy sloppy joe with emblem
- School fleecy jacket
- Blue logo shirt
- Long grey Polyester/rayon college trousers
- Grey socks
- Black leather school shoes

## BOYS' SPORT

- School polo shirt with emblem
- School hat
- Navy blue sport shorts
- Navy blue tracksuit pants
- White socks
- Sandshoes/sneakers

## ADDITIONAL AREAS

- Nail polish is not allowed
- Only plain stud earrings or sleepers can be worn, and only one earring in each ear
- Jewellery may only include a signet ring or one religious symbol on a necklace
- Note: Jewellery guidelines are established for student safety in the playground and on the play equipment, and to safeguard from the loss of special items

## GIRLS' SUMMER

- Blue check school dress
- Navy Blue short socks
- Black leather school shoes

## GIRLS' WINTER

- School Navy sloppy joe with emblem
- School Fleecy jacket
- Culottes
- Pale blue short sleeve shirt with school emblem
- Navy tights
- Black leather school shoes

## GIRLS' SPORT SUNDRY ITEMS

- School polo shirt with emblem
- School hat
- Navy shorts or School navy tracksuit pants
- White socks
- Sandshoes/sneakers

***Please not the tights/leggings are not part of the sports uniform.***



- Hair should be clean and tidy and long hair at collar length must be tied back with ribbons of the school colours (sky blue, navy or maroon). Hair colouring is not appropriate for school times. This rule applies to all students
- No hair ornaments are permissible e.g. beads, additional extensions, decorative clips, flowers
- Cargo shorts and cargo pants are not part of the school uniform
- Black school shoes must be lace ups or buckles/Velcro. This is a safety matter on our site, due to stairs

Let your light shine

Ben Ticehurst



## Justice League Blanket Drive reminder

This week the students from St Finbar's Social Justice program, *The Justice League*, are hosting a blanket drive. It's not too late to bring in your blankets, beanies and scarves (in new or excellent condition) to add to the tubs in the assembly area.

*The Justice League* will donate the collection to a charity for distribution to those in the community who are experiencing hardship.



## Edward Sri Conference

Last week Mrs Donna McFadzean, Mrs Alicia Borg and myself had the privilege of attending a two day conference with Dr Edward Sri, a world renowned scripture scholar. The conference was part of the ongoing commitment to staff formation and professional development by the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta.

Dr Sri is a theologian who leads pilgrimages to Rome and the Holy Land every year and whose teachings call and inspire all members of the Catholic faith to *live* their faith in daily life. Dr Sri is a passionate advocate for making faith relevant and central to the lives of our youth and actively invites audiences to engage in a range of contemporary issues via his website, publications, podcasts and pilgrimages.

The theme for the conference was '*Who do you say I am?*' (Mk 8:27) with the main focus being Mark's Gospel. Dr Sri broke down the themes and symbolism in Mark's gospel, linking it closely to the Old Testament, as well as expanding the theme across all four Gospels. He presented with remarkable energy, and left us all feeling acutely aware of the profound presence of Christ in our lives.





## Sacrament Information

In the coming weeks we will be updating our data to include the students sacramental information. Whilst some of this information can be obtained from the Parish, we will need a copy of the students certificates for the sacraments they have received. We would appreciate if you could start to look for these certificates at home and bring a copy into the office for Mrs Beukers to put in your child's file. If you are unable to copy the certificates at home, we are happy to do it for you. Another option would be to email the certificates to [stfinbars@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:stfinbars@parra.catholic.edu.au)

## Parish Mass every Tuesday

Throughout the term each class joins the St Finbar's Parish community for Mass on a Tuesday at 9am. **Year 1** will be going to Mass on **Tuesday 7th August** and **Stage 3 (Group A)** will be going on **Tuesday 14th August**. We invite all parents and parishioners to join us. Parents are invited to sit with their children during Parish Mass.

## Junior Altar Servers

A reminder to our Junior Altar Servers to check your roster to see if you are serving at the next Parish Mass. A roster is also on display in the COSHC window.

## Dates for your diary



- **Wednesday 8th August** - Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Mass commencing at 9.15am
- **Wednesday 15th August** - Feast of the Assumption of Mary Mass commencing at 9.15am
- **Friday 31st August** - Father's Day Breakfast and Liturgy commencing at 8.30am
- **Sunday 2nd September** - Sacrament of Confirmation commencing at 6pm St Finbar's Parish
- **Friday 28th September** - Feast of St Finbar's Mass and Celebration Day commencing at 9.15am

Yours in Faith

Leanne Brown  
Acting Religious Education Coordinator



## Attendance - Congratulations on the continued improvement!

Our School Attendance rate

**92%**

### Class Attendance Rates

K	94.1%
1	100 %
2	81.5%
3	90.5 %
4	91.7%
5	96.7 %
6	89.5%

## Dates To Remember

### Monday 6 August

Woolworths Cricket Blast

**\*\* NO WEEK 3 ASSEMBLY \*\***

### Friday 10 August

Nepean Zone Athletics Carnival

### Tuesday 14 August

Parish Mass Kinder - 9am  
Reconciliation Year 6

### Tuesday 7 August

Parish Mass Year 1 - 9am

### Monday 13 August

Whole School Assembly 2:10pm  
Parish Hall

### Tuesday 14 August

ICAS Mathematics Test

[View School Calendar](#)



This week Mya interviews  
Zara Lewis in Year 4

[Click to view](#)

## Parish News

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

### Sunday Masses:

Vigil - 5.30pm Saturday evening  
7.30am & 9.30am Sunday morning  
6pm Family/Youth - First and Third Sunday  
evenings (except Jan)

### Weekday Masses:

Monday: 9am





## From the Office

School Fee Accounts for Term 3 will be posted this week. If you do not receive a statement by end of next week please let me know.

**Term 3 fees due: Wednesday 29 August**

**Tuesday:** 9am

**Wednesday:** 8am

**Thursday:** 9am

(except third Thursday - see Anointing Mass)

**Friday:** 9am

**Saturday:** 9am

**Reconciliation:** Saturday evening - 4.45 - 5.15pm, or any time on request

**Rosary in Honour of Our Lady:** Usually after Wednesday morning Mass.

**Anointing Mass:** Usually third Thursday of the month at 10am (except January)

**Adoration & Benediction:** Usually after Friday morning Mass.

## Community News

Gateway Family Services - Parenting Groups available in Term 3. [Click on the link to see the Group Timetable](#)

Blue Mountains Creative Arts - [Term 3 Timetable available here](#)

### **Mt Carmel Retreats**

August retreats

[247 St Andrews Road, Varroville](#)

02 8795 3400

[retreats@carmelite.com](mailto:retreats@carmelite.com)

[www.carmelite retreats.com.au](http://www.carmelite retreats.com.au)

### **Knowing peace beyond understanding**

When: Aug 4: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Presenter: Cathy Kennedy

Cost: \$30.00

Bring your own lunch. Pickups from Minto train station at 930am and 1000am.

Discovering God in the unsettling mystery of life's surprises.

### **Mothering with the God who loves us**

When: Aug 10: 6:00 pm – Aug 12: 1:30 pm

Mothering with the God who loves us

Presenters: Marilyn Rodrigues

Cost: \$250.00 (concessions apply)