



## St Finbar's Primary School

*Faith, Truth, Knowledge*



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From The Principal

Dear Parents and Carers

The phrase *all good things must come to an end* is used as a reminder, or an expression of acceptance, that everything is temporary. This week we celebrated the Ascension of Jesus, where he was taken bodily into Heaven. Jesus had presented himself to His disciples for forty days, speaking about the Kingdom of God. It was time for Him to leave his followers and entrust them with continuing on the work He had begun. This ordinary group of men and women were the ones chosen by Jesus to be the witnesses of the resurrection, and He expected that, through their words and actions, that

the world will come to know that Jesus is alive and more present than ever before. As Jesus' time on earth ended, their mission and ministry began.

Today that responsibility belongs to us. We are charged to carry on the mission and ministry of Jesus. Through us today, the world will know that Jesus is alive, present and active in our world. As Pope Francis says "**Every Christian is a missionary to the extent that they have experienced the love of God in Jesus.**"

Even though we have celebrated the feast of the Ascension, Jesus has not left us, deserted us or abandoned us. He is with us every time we gather to share a meal, or when we reach out to support a friend. Where have you seen the signs that God is in us and with us, today and forever? I know, in my role as principal that I see the face of Jesus everyday - in the way your children interact with each other and with the staff of St Finbar's. What a blessing!

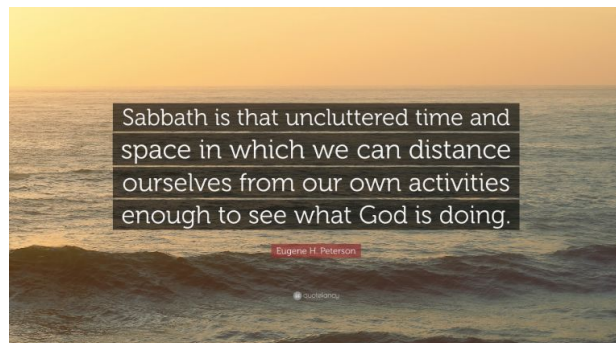
May Christ's peace be with you,  
Mrs Robyn Clarke  
Principal



## Sabbath Week

Next week we will celebrate Sabbath Week - a time for rest and renewal for our students, families and staff. There will be no home learning offered in this week. Please try to take the opportunity to have some quality family time together, visit the church after school, arrange a social event with another family or just take time to rest! Remember.... **"A life built upon Sabbath is contented because in rhythms of rest we discover our time is full of the holiness of God."**

— Shelly Miller, **Rhythms of Rest: Finding the Spirit of Sabbath in a Busy World**



## School Photos

Please ensure that all children are in their full winter school uniform for photos. The children can certainly wear their jumpers to school, but will be asked to remove them for photos to ensure consistency, Thank you for your cooperation.

## Kindergarten Learning Through Play information Session

On Wednesday night there was an information session for all St Finbar's parents, outlining the Learning Through Play program that we have introduced in Kindergarten. The night was widely attended and parents were able to gain a greater understanding of the pedagogy behind play, as well as see first hand the types of experiences provided for the students. Thank you to all the parents and Kindergarten staff who attended.





## Teachers as Learners



Name	Date	Professional Learning
Robyn Clarke Liz Denham	May 27	School Fees Management - Matthew training
Alison Maunder	May 30	Lead Literacy Meeting
Liz Denham	June 5	FAS Forum
Ben Ticehurst	June 6	Responding to High Risk Behaviour in Adults Course
Robyn Clarke	June 11	Principals Coaching, Mentoring and Reconnector Program
Robyn Clarke	June 12	System Leaders Meeting



**PUBLIC**

**HOLIDAY**

**Public Holiday - Monday 10 June**

**No school on this day.**





Dear Parents and Carers,

In Week 9, we will be holding our Semester 1 Family Learning Conferences. These conferences are an important part of the report process for families.

At the end of Week 8, you will receive your child's Semester 1 Report. This is a time of celebration, as it tracks the progress that your child has made over the last two terms at school.

The report addresses each Key Learning Area that your child engages in. The Semester 1 report will not have a General Comment. There are a number of reasons for this decision.

Firstly, we value the importance of the conversation that takes place at our Semester 1 Learning Conferences. It is at these interviews that more specific, individualised and detailed information can be shared. This information can cover all facets of school life, rather than a comment that is limited by the amount of characters that the report structure provides.

Secondly, a shared discussion based on formative feedback helps us outline the next steps and future learning strategies for your child. The conversation about your child's learning was started at the beginning of the year, at our Family Learning Conferences, and we want to continue this conversation and jointly construct the learning goals for the future.

Finally, at the Learning Conference, we can provide you with the specific feedback that can address your questions. Our hope is that this report is not just viewed as a document that provides data on your child, but the continuation of a dialogue that will provide constructive feedback to motivate and engage your child in their learning. It will encourage them to develop the skills to self-assess and to critically analyse their own learning.

The Semester 2 Report will have a comment section. It is only the Semester 1 Report that does not have this component. At this point in their learning journey, we would like the learning conversation to be about where to next. It is important that we work together to meet the individual needs of your child and continue to develop a positive partnership.

We encourage all parents to take up the opportunity to attend an interview in Week 9. A letter outlining how to book the interviews will be distributed on Thursday of Week 7.

### **Uniform Reminder**

Can you please ensure your child/ren are in the correct school uniform each day. At present we have some children wearing casual jumpers and a number of children wearing sports shoes instead of black leather shoes.



With the colder mornings now settled in, children who would like to wear a beanie can do so before school only. The beanie must be navy blue.

If your child is unable to wear the correct uniform on a particular day, can you please inform the class teacher by sending in a note explaining the reason.

Let your light shine

Ben Ticehurst  
Assistant Principal



### Justice League Update

Last week the Stage 2 & 3 students in the Justice League group participated in a workshop to learn more about the meaning of Social Justice. The workshop was led by Chris Nolan from Caritas and focused on the driving question; *How can*

*we be like Jesus in our world?* Through various activities the students developed a deeper understanding of Catholic Social Teaching and brainstormed ideas about how we can enrich our lives and the lives of others through and the promotion of dignity, solidarity, justice, freedom and peace.



### Pentecost

This Sunday, the 9th June, we celebrate the feast of Pentecost. This is a very significant feast day as it marks the coming of the Holy Spirit and the end of the Easter season. We see the disciples huddled in a room and afraid to venture into the world. With a wind and marked by fire, they are blessed with the Spirit and strengthened to follow Christ. In sending us the Holy Spirit, Jesus breathes his own life into us. It is the Holy Spirit who lives in us and keeps us faithful to Jesus and able to do anything that following Jesus requires. In Confirmation we are blessed and sealed with the Holy Spirit, received beforehand at Baptism. We talk about the gifts of the spirit: wisdom, understanding, knowledge, right judgement, awe and wonder,



courage and reverence. When we use these gifts we see that there are good things that happen as a consequence. St Paul refers to these as the fruits of the spirit. Remembering that the Holy Spirit is with us is a great source of comfort and a reason to celebrate.

We will come together as a school community on Tuesday 11th June at **1pm**, in the Parish Hall, to celebrate the Feast of Pentecost. We warmly invite all our families and friends to join us. Stage Three will be leading us in prayer. (**PLEASE NOTE** change in time from 9am to 1pm).

### **Grandparents Day**

On Friday 28th June, we will come together as a school community to celebrate the Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and Grandparents Day.

The celebrations will commence with Mass at 9.15am, followed by morning tea in the Church grounds for Grandparents (children will go back to their classrooms at this time). Grandparents are then invited to visit the children's classrooms and spend time with their grandchildren in the playground at recess time. We hope that many of our parents/grandparents and family members can attend our special morning.

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Congratulations to our students who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation last weekend.

*“By making your first confession, you discover the wonder and peace of God’s forgiveness. May you always feel the loving presence of Jesus in this grace-filled sacrament.”*

**EAMONN APPS † GUS BERBEN † DARCY WARING † PHOENIX EGGINS † HAILEY CRAMERI  
LARA CRAMERI † EDMUND CAMERON † MAKENNA O’CALLAGHAN  
FRANK MCKEOWN † BRONAGH MCKEOWN † COOPER KAY † AMELIE BOHAN  
MATILDA HOWARD † KIAN LAUGHMAN † CALLAN LOUGHMAN † EVIE WALKER  
EDWARD WALKER † LILLIAN BASTOLI † SAMUEL AMBROSOLI  
ELIJAH BAIRD † FINNIAN MCCANN † ADELE TAYLOR**



### Celebrating Parish Mass

Throughout the term, each class joins St Finbar's parish community for Mass, on a Tuesday at 9am. Please note the date your child's class will be attending Mass this term. We warmly invite all parents and parishioners to join us. Parents are invited to sit with their children during Parish Mass.

Year 1 & Year 2	Kinder
18th June Week 8	25th June Week 9

### Junior Altar Server Reminder

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



- **Pentecost Liturgy** Tuesday 11th June 1.00pm Parish Hall
- **Grandparents Day** (The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Mass) Friday 28th June 9.15am  
Week 9 followed by morning tea and open classrooms

Yours in Faith

Leanne Brown  
Acting Religious Education Coordinator

## Uniforms



By now all students should be wearing full winter school uniform. If you are unsure of the Winter uniform, please see [attached images](#). Please note the vest is not available at this stage.

Sample uniforms sizes are now available in the office for fitting.

**Please ensure all jackets and jumpers are clearly labelled with your child's name.**

See attached [flyer](#) for details regarding uniform stock and ordering.

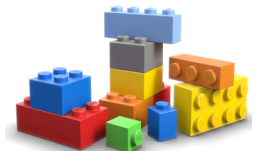




## LEGO Club



We are excited to announce we will be starting a LEGO club at school in the coming weeks! If you have any unused or unwanted Lego at home, we would greatly appreciate any donations. We will have a tub in the office to receive any bits and pieces you may be able to contribute.



## Dates To Remember

<b>Thursday 6 June</b> Stage 2 Lagoon Excursion	<b>Monday 10 June</b> <b>Queens Birthday Public Holiday</b>	<b>Friday 21 June</b> Semester 1 Reports Distributed
<b>Friday 7 June</b> Write a Book in a Day  Special Food Day - Pies & Sausage Rolls	<b>Wednesday 12 June</b> School Photo Day	<b>Monday 24 June</b> Family Learning Conferences this week  <b>2:10pm Parish Hall</b> Whole School Assembly / Academic Assembly
<a href="#">View School Calendar</a>		





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## Congratulations Award Recipients

### Be a Learner

Ann Walker  
Euan Reece  
Bronagh McKeown  
Joshua Simone  
Sofia Lewis  
Theo Maunder  
Tomas McKeown  
Sam Callaghan  
Lucy Tindall

### Living Our Faith in Daily Life

Zoe Taylor  
Matilda Maunder  
Elijah Baird  
Hakopa Raukawa



### Be Safe

Lilly Kay  
Elias McCaffery  
Zoe McKenzie  
Mali Capuyan  
Oscar Borg  
Darcy Skinner

### Be Respectful

Aurora Wade  
Zach Kershaw  
Bailey Clifford  
Hakopa Raukawa  
Kate Budge  
Stella Wilson  
Rhys Loughman  
Aria Den Hartog





# Enrol Now

## Discover Your Potential

**St Finbar's Primary School Glenbrook**  
**02 4724 3600 | [stfinbars@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:stfinbars@parra.catholic.edu.au)**



Enrolments for 2020 are now open. If you have younger children ready to start school, now is the time to collect the enrolment pack. Spread the word, let family and friends know that we are open for enrolments. Enrolment packs are available at the school office or you are able to [download](#) them from our website.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us on 4724 3600.

School Tours are also available. [Click here](#) to view the dates and times.



## Important Announcements



School Fees for Term 2 were due Wednesday 5 June 2019.

Fees are payable in accordance with the Diocesan School Fees Policy which states "all fees are due and payable within 30 days of the date the school account statement is issued". If you need to discuss your school fee account, please contact me by phone on 4724 3600 or via email [finb-glbrfees@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:finb-glbrfees@parra.catholic.edu.au)

Thank you

Mrs Denham  
Finance Secretary

## School Office and Parish News

School Photos  
Wednesday  
12 June

### From the Office

Please remember to clearly label all jackets, jumpers and hats and general belongings so they can be easily returned to their owner.

### 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  
**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.



## Announcements and Services

St Columba's Catholic College: **A reminder that enrolment applications for Year 7, 2020 at St Columba's Catholic College are now due. For further information contact the Enrolment Secretary, Sandra O'Brien, on 4754 8900 or 4754 8907.**

Gateway Family Services Group Parenting Courses for Term 2 - [Brochure attached](#)

Catholic Care - Solo Parenting Services and dealing with the Legal System. [Brochure attached](#).

## St Finbar's Playgroup

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#### Attention Parents/Grandparents/Carers

St Finbar's Playgroup for 0-5 year olds meets each



Wednesday in the Parish Hall (Levy St) 9:15am till 11:30am during school term dates. Please bring a piece of fruit to share and a gold coin donation. Tea and coffee and morning tea provided. Please come and join us for a play and meet other families. For more information please contact Gabrielle Lynch on 0481150022.

## St Finbar's Conversation and a Cuppa



*Come for a  
Cuppa*

Parents and pre-school aged children are warmly invited to attend Conversation & Cuppa this **Friday, 7th of June at 9:30am-10:30am** at the COSCH room next to the canteen. A chance to learn about the beauty and joy of the Catholic Faith, with craft for children and morning tea provided.