



St Finbar's Primary School

Faith, Truth, Knowledge



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Dear Parents and Carers

Last Sunday we celebrated the feast of the Most Holy Trinity. If you were asked to explain the trinity you would probably say that Christians believe in one God, present in three forms - God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. You would probably also say that it's a mystery that is incredibly difficult to explain., and you would be right. After mass on Sunday my family went to brunch, as we do on many Sundays. We ordered our food and I noticed that each of us had included eggs as some part of our meal - poached, fried, or scrambled. It got me

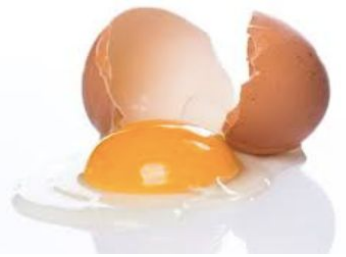
thinking about the Trinity, and how a simple egg could be used to explain the mystery and the blessing of the Trinity.

We know an egg is made up of three parts - the shell, the white and the yolk. If we look at each part it provides a powerful image that helps explain the mystery of the Holy Trinity.

The yolk represents God's person - His Being and His Holiness. It is the source of nourishment and is at the centre of the whole egg. The white of the egg represents the Holy Spirit - because God's person is not one that we can approach physically, the Spirit or the white of the egg acts as insulation. We know that it is through the Holy Spirit that God can communicate, speak through and interact with humankind. The egg shell is the embodiment of the egg, taking on its shape and form. It is the image of the yolk and the white. This is Jesus. The white of the egg is the connection between the yolk and the shell. Jesus' person is joined to the Father through the Holy Spirit, because God's Spirit is also Jesus' Spirit. The Spirit is also there to guard and protect us through our lives, and when the time comes for



From The Principal





our shell to be cracked, to leave our earthly home, it is the Spirit who will hold you and carry you to your Father.

Three persons in one God. Three persons who love us with an indescribable love and who want to help us do great things in our lives. Three persons who want to draw us into their communion of love. What a great God we have, and what a wonderful thing is the simple egg!

God, I believe that you are the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Help me to know you in a more personal way.

Amen

Reports

This Friday, Semester One reports will be sent home. Your child's teacher, and your child, have worked in partnership to present a true indication of progress achieved since the start of 2019. Please read the information sheet enclosed with your child's report, so that you have a genuine understanding of the A-E grading system. Family learning conferences are scheduled for Week Nine, so please ensure you have used the online booking system to secure a place to discuss your child's report with his or her teacher. In addition, I'd like to thank the teaching staff for their professional and thorough way they have written these reports, and the admin staff for printing, proofing and distributing the reports in a timely and professional manner. I think the new-look reports are very attractive!

May Christ's peace be with you,

Mrs Robyn Clarke
Principal

We need your help!

The Earn & Learn program is in it's last week. Please collect stickers to help us earn more resources.

Earn & Learn stickers may be unavailable through some online orders due to popular demand. Your local store may still have some stickers left but be quick, the promotion ends June 25 or while stocks last. To locate your nearest store please check here.

Hurry! Last week to collect your stickers



Teachers as Learners

Name	Date	Professional Learning
Mrs Robyn Clarke	18th June	System Leaders Breakfast meeting
Mrs Jo Shean	19th June	Reading Recovery meeting - behind the screen teaching
Mrs Robyn Clarke	20th June	Accessing, Analysing and Interpreting TTFM® reports
Mrs Liz Denham	25th June	Seko Training



Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week, on Skoolbag, a notice was sent out with the permission form for the upcoming Athletics Carnival. We are trialling a new, paperless, way to collect permission forms and communicate with families. This is the direction that we would like to head in and we would appreciate your feedback about receiving all notes electronically and submitting permission forms electronically also. The only time paper forms would be sent home is when the forms need to be returned with money. E.g. Sports Gala Days, food orders.

The Pope's Encyclical on the Environment, *Laudato Si*, calls the Church and the world to acknowledge the urgency of our environmental challenges and to join him in embarking on a new path. We have a role to play, and even small changes, like this, can make a difference.

Tell us how you feel about only receiving letters electronically and submitting online forms. You can submit your feedback [here](#).



At this week's assembly we will be celebrating learning growth and launching our new House Logos. One learner from each grade has been nominated by their class teacher to receive the Principal's Award for Growth Mindset and Learning Habits.

The principal's award for growth mindset is given to one student in each class who believe their talents can be developed through hard work, good strategies, and input from others. They demonstrate self belief in all that they undertake in the classroom. This is because they worry less about looking smart and they put more energy into learning. They believe that their abilities can be developed through dedication and hard work. They show a love of learning and a resilience that is essential for great accomplishment. They work hard and persevere, and view challenges and failures as opportunities to improve their learning and skills.

They demonstrate problem solving, critical and creative thinking when generating and evaluating knowledge, ideas and possibilities. They communicate effectively in one-on-one situations and group settings, sets goals, interacts with others, and demonstrates a capacity to work independently and collaboratively. They respectfully listen, interact, discuss and pose questions and uses and applies feedback to improve their learning.

Let your light shine

Ben Ticehurst
Assistant Principal

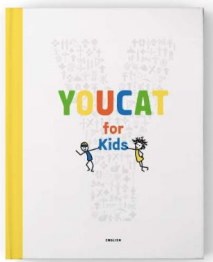


Grandparents Day

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.





This week's question and answer from YouCat for Kids

Q: Who is the Holy Spirit?

The Holy Spirit is God, as is the Father and as is the Son.

It is the Holy Spirit who, since the very beginning, fills creation.

It is the Holy Spirit who spoke through the prophets.

It is the Holy Spirit through whom Mary became the Mother of God.

It is the Holy Spirit who descended upon Jesus at the baptism in the Jordan.

It is the Holy Spirit who freed the disciples from their fear at Pentecost.

It is the Holy Spirit who brings the divine into the Church.

It is the Holy Spirit who makes me a dwelling place of God.

Q: What does the Holy Spirit look like?

We do not know. Nobody has seen the Holy Spirit. But you can feel him. The bible describes him in many powerful images; He is mighty like fire, gentle like a dove, captivating like a storm, soft like a light murmuring sound.

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.

Kinder
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

- **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



Dates To Remember

Friday 21 June Semester 1 Reports Distributed	Tuesday 25 June 9am - Parish Mass Stage 3 Group B	Friday 28 June Special Food Day Hosted by Year 3
Monday 24 June Family Learning Conferences this week Booking Link: https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code?code=gc76m	Wednesday 26 June Stage 2 Soccer Gala Day	Wednesday 3 July Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day
Monday 24 June Whole School Assembly 2:10pm Parish Hall Academic Assembly	Friday 28 June Grandparents Day (See RE article for details)	Friday 5 July School Athletics Carnival Last Day of School for Term 2

[View School Calendar](#)

Enrol Now
Discover Your Potential

St Finbar's Primary School Glenbrook
02 4724 3600 | 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. 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.

School
F E E S

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

Thank you

Mrs Denham
Finance Secretary

FAMILY LEARNING CONFERENCES - CLICK ON THE BOOKING LINK BELOW
<https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/book/step1?z=MpihLq>

School Office and Parish News

From The Office

- All Gala Day notes need to be sent in WITH payment. No notes can be accepted without payment.
- Please log on to your child's My School Lunchbox account and amend your child's class for 2019. This will assist with accurately sorting the lunch orders.

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.



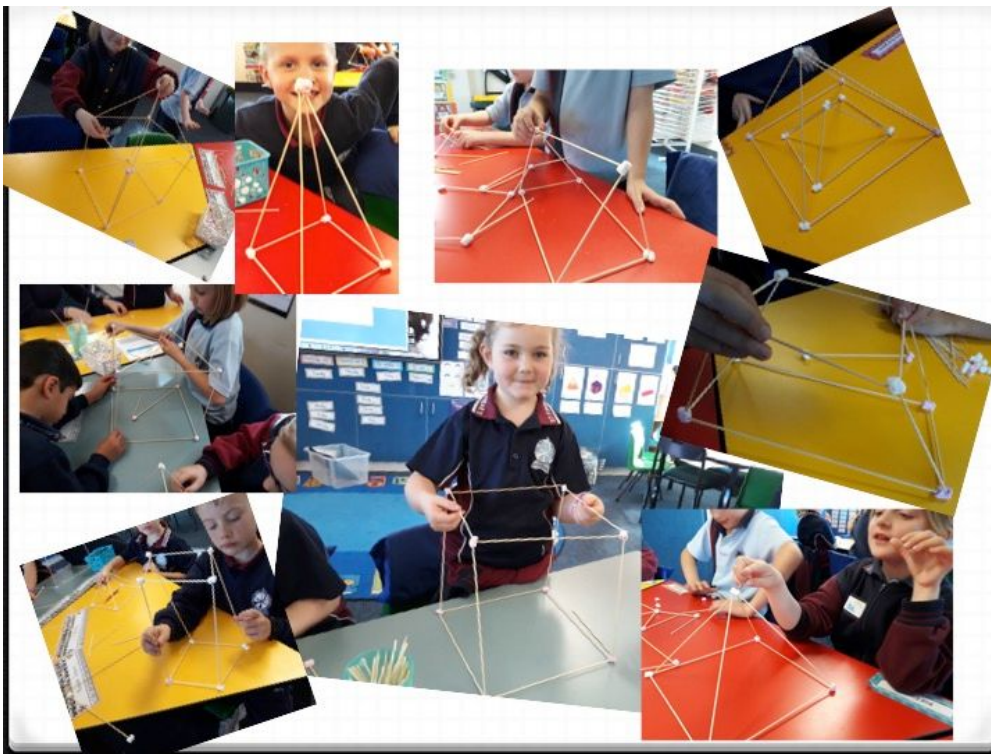
Mobile Phone Devices and Bike and Scooter Policy

Over the course of this year, we have noticed an increased number of students riding bikes and scooters to school, as well as students bringing a mobile phone device to school. To help ensure families have clarity around our expectations and students are aware of safe practices when riding to school or using a mobile phone device, the following 2 policies have been created.

- [Bicycle and Scooter Policy](#)
- [Mobile Phone Device Acceptable Use Policy](#)

Students in Years 5 and 6 have had a discussion session with Mr Ticehurst about the Mobile Phone Device Policy and all students that ride to school will have an opportunity to be briefed on the Bike and Scooter Policy on Friday.

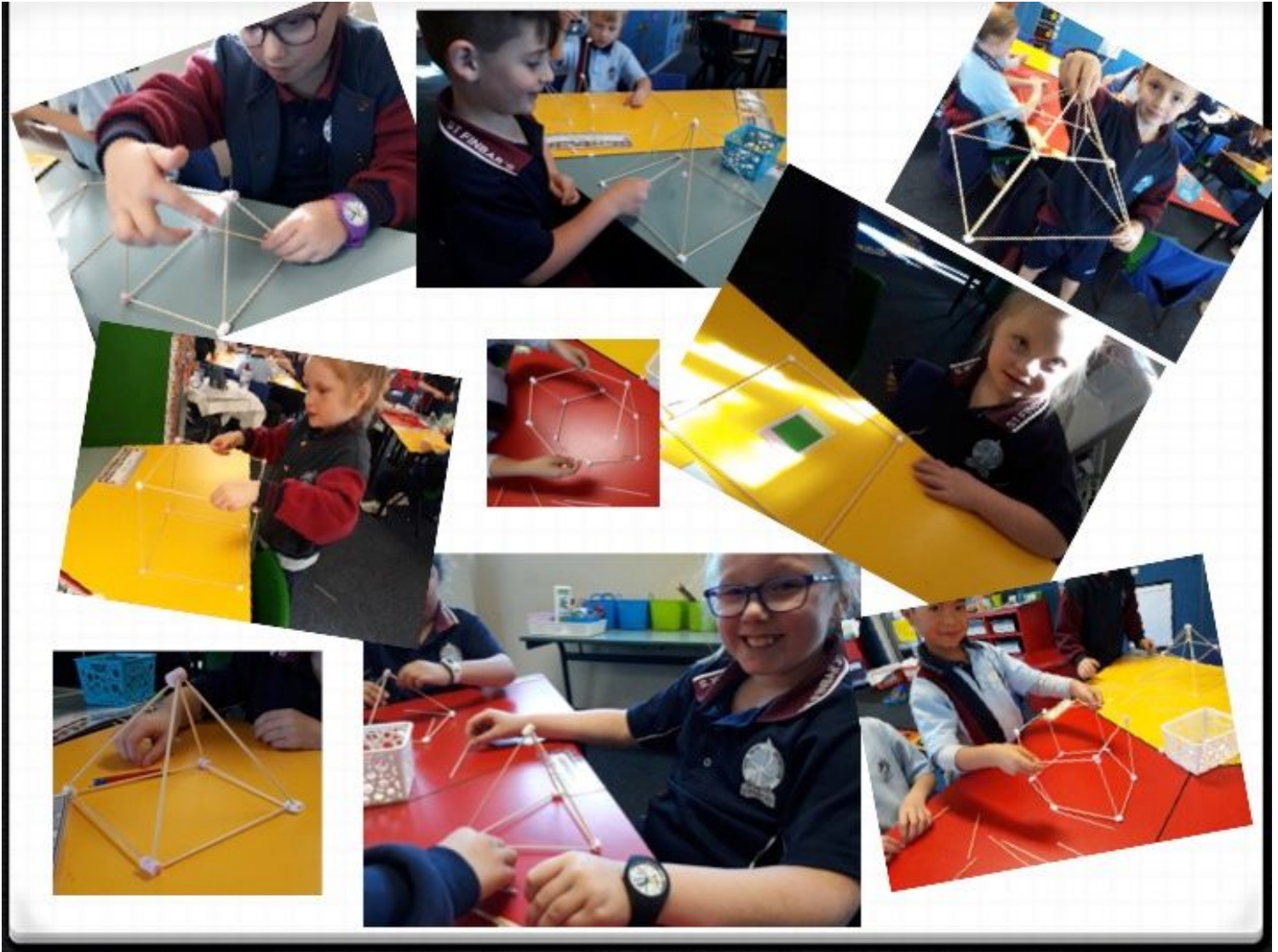
Stage 1 Numeracy Shapes Investigations





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Announcements and Services

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

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

Mt Carmel Retreats - A Spiritual Pot Pourri

Presenter: Bishop Peter Ingham

Where: Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville

When: July 5 – July 7

Cost: \$300 (concessions apply)

Contact: Mrs Carla Walker 02 8795 3400

A Pot Pourri is a mixture of flowers, herbs and spices in a sachet or bowl to provide a gentle natural scent. Here it will be an unusual/interesting mixture of things of the Spirit so that we create a good impression after us.

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 0481 150022.

