



St Finbar's Primary School

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Newsletter | Term 2 Week 2 | 7 May 2020



From The Principal

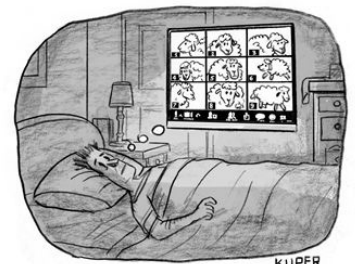
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Welcome back for a very different term of learning as we begin Term Two with many of our students remaining at home and learning remotely. The teaching staff worked tirelessly over the holidays and in PL sessions at school to prepare for this new way of learning, and whilst we may experience some teething problems, we are confident that we can continue to support your child's learning in a manner that will take the pressure off you as parents. Last Sunday's Gospel was about Jesus being

the Good Shepherd, and knowing all of his sheep by name. The image that comes to my mind when I read this passage is one of a beautiful green field, with white sheep dotted about, and a shepherd watching over them, staff in hand...all in all a very peaceful and serene image. But our "flock" at St. Finbar's doesn't really fit this image at the moment! All our sheep are in different paddocks, being cared for by many shepherds. However, we need to remember that even though our sheep are separated, Jesus still knows each of them by name and loves them all individually.

Our teachers are missing their little lambs greatly, and I ask you to pray together for the day when we can all be reunited in one big paddock!

Jesus, help me to care for your sheep today, and love each little lamb as we strive to work together. Amen



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Mother's Day Wishes

We were able to keep one tradition alive during the corona crisis, and the Mother's Day stall went ahead this Wednesday and Thursday. I'd like to thank all of the families who came to the pop up shop, observed social distancing and sanitisation requirements, in order for their children to be able to buy a special gift for mum. I wish all mothers a wonderful Mother's Day, and I hope your children use this day as a means of repaying the sacrifices you have made for them, not just recently, but every day.



The Learning Agenda

Congratulations to all our families who are doing on-line learning. It's been a pleasure logging on to everyone's accounts to view work samples, dropping into zoom meetings from time to time and talking to the teachers about small successes! Please remember this has been a steep learning curve for us as well as for you, so be patient if things don't work out as well as expected at the start. We can see the light at the end of the tunnel, and the letter I sent home last week outlined our plan for a gradual return to school. In the meantime, please remember to log into your child's zoom meetings with plenty of time to spare to avoid queues.

Zoom schedules:

- 9:00am Kindergarten
- 9:30am Stage One (Years One and two)
- 10:00am Stage Two (Years Three and Four)
- 10:30am Stage Three (Years Five and Six)

Break One

- 11:30am Stage Three small group activities
- 12:00 Stage Two small group activities
- 12:30pm Stage One small group activities
- 1:00pm Kindergarten small group activities

Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for each zoom meeting, and are ready to join on or just before time. If your child is ill and unable to attend the zoom meeting, please contact the front office and we will record your child as absent for that day. Social interaction is vitally important for children to feel connected with their learning, and it has been lovely to observe and hear the excited chatter and animated faces as our children reconnect with each other and their teachers.



Just a reminder that on-line learning only will continue for the rest of this week. Next week (Week Three) we begin the rostered return to school of children for one day per week. Therefore learning will become a blended approach of on-line and face-to-face learning. Please check the table below for the day your child/ren are scheduled to attend. School uniform will be required, and parents can choose whether to send their children in full Winter school uniform or sports uniform.

Monday	On-line learning only
Tuesday	Surnames A - E
Wednesday	Surnames F - M
Thursday	Surnames N - Z
Friday	On-line learning only

School is open for anyone who has to work and needs supervision for their children. We ask that you notify us in advance to ensure that we will have enough people onsite to provide adequate care. Please email the office at stfinbars@parra.catholic.edu.au or phone on 4724 3600.

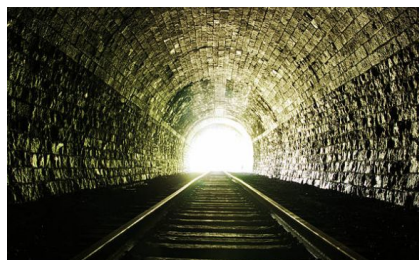
Beyond Week Five....

We will assess the situation at the end of Week Five, and we will take onboard any advice from Health professionals and the government, as well as CEDP directives, to ensure that it is a safe proposition to have children return to school more frequently. However, we do anticipate that all students will be back at school, participating in face to face learning by the beginning of Term Three.

As I said before... there is light at the end of the tunnel. We will continue to support you and your children with their learning, and please be kind to yourselves during this unusual time.

May Christ's peace be with you,

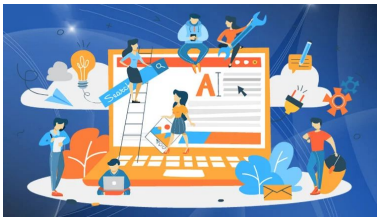
Mrs Robyn Clarke
Principal





Teachers as Learners

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All St Finbar's Staff	March & April 2020	Covid-19 Social Distancing, Covid-19 Handwashing Hygiene, Online Learning Skills, Google Classroom tips and tricks.



From the Assistant Principal

Yesterday, during my Stage 2 Zoom Lesson, I was thinking about the challenge I had given the class to create 3D objects using TinkerCAD. As I said the words "challenge", I glanced up at my learning goal board, in my office, and reminded myself of our school goal.

"I will grow as a learner by challenging myself"

When we set this goal at the end of 2019, we never anticipated the challenge that was ahead of us. We never dreamed that the challenge would be to learn via video lessons and online platforms. We never dreamed that teachers would be reinventing the way learning and teaching occurs, in an environment with no classes of children in front of them. I/You/We never dreamed that we would be schooling our own children at the dining table whilst working from home too!

WE have all taken up the "challenge" to grow as individuals in an environment that we could've never imagined. WE have challenged ourselves to learn in new ways, to communicate in new ways, to have faith and trust in the broader community that WE are altogether in fighting off this virus.

WE are now all challenged to believe that the light at the end of the tunnel is starting to get a little bit brighter. That as a country, state, community and school WE can stay focussed on maintaining the challenge to see this pandemic through. That WE can come out on the other side united in the understanding that our world is a small place and WE must always work together to achieve great things.

If our challenge this year was to eradicate a pandemic, WE can achieve anything!



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Tomorrow, Friday 8 May, St Finbar's will be hosting its first "Live" assembly, streamed via Youtube. All children and families can join us at 12:00: <https://youtu.be/ZdxUwbAhpdg>

Let your light shine

Ben Ticehurst
Assistant Principal





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This year, St Vincent de Paul has combined its 2020 Winter Appeal with a COVID-19 Appeal to assist individuals and families who are experiencing hardship during this time. We will be sending out some correspondence over the coming weeks, with how our school and families can assist with this appeal.

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Wishing all our Mum's, Grandma's and carers a very Happy Mother's Day this Sunday.

As we could not celebrate this special occasion together as a school community, your children have created some lovely posters, or sent in photographs which have been made into a lovely slide. So get comfy on the couch, with a nice hot cuppa, and enjoy watching the slide with your children. We hope you have a lovely day getting spoilt and celebrating all the wonderful things you do for your families.

(The slide will be uploaded to your child's Google Classroom page by Saturday evening.)

Strength, love and peace,

Leanne Brown
Acting Religious Education Coordinator





School Fees

We understand that this is affecting many of our families in terms of work situation and loss of income. For Fee Relief information and procedures to apply for Fee Relief can be accessed by clicking this [LINK](#).

Please do not hesitate to contact us as there are many ways we can provide support to families. We can be contacted by phone on 4724 3600 or via email finb-glbrfees@parra.catholic.edu.au. All conversations will remain strictly confidential.



School Photos - Change of Date - 21 July 2020



Unfortunately due to Covid-19 circumstances and social distancing guidelines, we have been advised that our school photo date has now been changed to 21 July, 2020. Please stay tuned for further information throughout the term in regards to photo day.

Payments that have already been made will be carried forward.

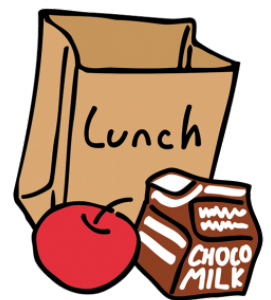


School Lunchbox - Change of Day

As you would be aware, school lunches were put on hold due to Covid-19. In Term One, our lunch day was a Tuesday. Due to changes in schedules of our supplier, we will now have lunch orders available on Wednesday's only.

Please note the change of day to a Wednesday. As per usual procedures, orders are to be placed by 8am on a Wednesday morning. All orders will be delivered to school by 11am in time for the children to eat at Break One.

[Click here](#) for the link to the My School Lunchbox website for fresh menu items and instructions on how to place your orders. Thank you for your understanding with this change in routine.





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Live Life Well @ School



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KEEP ACTIVE AS A FAMILY



Keeping active, staying mindful, generating positive emotions & connecting as a family are some of the best ways to enhance mental health and wellbeing at this challenging time.

'Good Energy at Home' is a free, easy to use and fun way to keep active as a family. Visit: www.gonoodle.com/good-energy-at-home-kids-games-and-videos



Live Life Well @ School

KEEP UP KIDS' CRUNCH&SIP BREAK

The Crunch&Sip break is a great routine to keep up at home-school.

It's a set time during the school day for students to eat vegetables or fruit and drink water (usually around 10am).



CRUNSH & SIP IDEAS

- Water infused with herbs, fruit, ice cubes
- Vegie sticks, chopped fruit, slinkied (curly) apples

Crunch&Sip helps students perform better, show increased concentration, and be less likely to be irritable and disruptive.

For more ideas, search 'Crunch&Sip' at health.nsw.gov.au



Enrol Now
Discover Your Potential

St Finbar's Primary School Glenbrook
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Enrolment Forms Due

Enrolment applications are now being processed for Kinder 2021 and other grades where positions may be available. If you have enrolment papers, we would ask that you return the completed forms to the school office as soon as possible.


At this stage we are anticipating the scheduling of enrolment interviews for weeks nine and ten of this term. We will be in contact with all applicants in the coming weeks to book a time.



If you require an enrolment pack for your child, please do not hesitate to contact us in the office on 4724 3600 or drop us an email stfinbars@parra.catholic.edu.au and we can arrange a pack for you.

We welcome all enquiries

Dates To Remember

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School Office and Parish News

From The Office

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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.



every learner every day

When is sick too sick for school

If I am sick please call the school or write me a note to let the school know why I am not at school.

<p>Send me to school if ...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ I have the symptoms of a cold or hayfever ✓ I have a sprain, strain or pain and I can function (walk, talk and eat) ✓ If I have asthma, diabetes, epilepsy etc - school personnel are trained to manage my condition. Talk to the school about my health plan ✓ I haven't vomited or had diarrhoea for 24 hours 	<p>Keep me home if ...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ I have a temperature higher than 37 degrees ✓ I am vomiting or have diarrhoea ✓ My eyes are red, and crusty (conjunctivitis) ✓ I have influenza (flu) - combination fever, sore throat, cough, muscle aches and headaches ✓ I have the symptoms of an infectious disease. Go to NSW Health - A-Z of infectious diseases for more information
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