

# newsletter

*An understanding heart is everything in a teacher, and cannot be esteemed highly enough.  
One looks back with appreciation to the brilliant teachers, but with gratitude to those who  
touched our human feeling.*

*The curriculum is so much necessary raw material, but warmth is the vital element for the  
growing plant and for the soul of the child. Carl Jung*

18 February 2014

Dear Parents

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend last night's Parent/Teacher Information Evening. Special thank you to Kate O'Neill (BCE Education Officer Curriculum) and Mel Green (Curriculum Support Teacher) for their informative session on the Australian Curriculum. Kate traced the development of this National Curriculum beginning with The [Melbourne Declaration on Educational Goals for Young Australians](#) (2008) which sets the direction for our curriculum.

Goal 1: Australian schooling promotes equity and excellence.  
Goal 2: All young Australians become successful learners, confident and creative individuals, and active and informed citizens.

Kate also explained the subject areas, the general capabilities and the priorities of the Australian Curriculum.

Mel highlighted where we as a school are at in terms of the implementation framework for each of the subjects. She also explained the structure of the curriculum and the Achievement Standards as the measure of student success.

Thank you to all classroom teachers for their on-going commitment to and genuine care of the students in their respective classes. All are to be commended for the efforts in preparing for last night's Parent/Teacher Information evening and the work they have done in preparing for the 2014 school year.

On Thursday and Friday of this week Kathryn Willis, Donna Fiechtner and I will be attending the annual Leadership Team Cluster Meeting. A priority for us during this time is to work on the school's annual renewal plan and formulate this year's priorities. I look forward to sharing this information with you in due course. Whilst I am away Mrs Denise Shaw will be looking after the school. I thank Denise for taking on this extra responsibility in my absence.

*Ann Hall, Principal*

### FAMILY MASS DATE CLAIMER

The first Family Mass of the year will be celebrated on Sunday 2 March at 8.30am. Please keep this date free as it would be wonderful to have as many families of the school community to be part of this celebration.

**SWIMMING CAP REMINDER** – Please ensure your children have the correct swimming gear including a swim cap as this is compulsory and our “spares” are dwindling.

**SPORTS DAY UNIFORM REMINDER** – Sports uniform is to be worn on a Wednesday and a Friday.

**TUCKSHOP NEWS** - Tuckshop is up and running, thank you to everyone who has assisted with getting it underway. Please remember that hot food is only available to order for first break and watermelon and jelly is only available during second break. *I hope you enjoy tuckshop this year. Melissa Apelt*

**TUCKSHOP ROSTER** – 21 February **Roster:** Kirsty Bethune 0412571146, Kirsty Bannan, Polly Lowing, Alana Graham, Angela Mulhern, Kirsten Hagarty. **Homebaking:** Lucy Blewer, Michelle Garvey, Cathy Cahill, Rachael Hrstich, Nicolette Spicer, Louise Forrester, Kellie Baigent. **Jelly:** Dianne McGinn.

### WHAT'S ON AT ST. FINBARR'S

Thursday 20 February	School Mass – 9am - Year 1 Faith & Year 1 Love
Friday 21 February	Tuckshop
Monday 24 February	Assembly – Awards – 2.15pm – Middle School Love
Thursday 27 February	School Mass – 9am - Year 4 Faith and Year 4 Charity
Friday 28 February	Tuckshop
Monday 3 March	Assembly – Prayer – 2.15pm – Middle School Charity
Wednesday 5 March	Ash Wednesday Mass 9am
Thursday 6 March	Parish Mass – No school attendance
Friday 7 March	Tuckshop
Monday 10 March	Assembly – Awards – 2.15pm – Year 4 Charity

### IN & OUT

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Wed 19 February	Mrs Sharon Kennedy	Mrs Sue Downs – Prep
Thurs 20 February	Mrs Cathie Pearson Mrs Sharon Kennedy	Ms Ann Hall – Leadership Conference Mrs Donna Fiechtner – Leadership Conference Mrs Kathryn Willis – Leadership Conference Mrs Sue Downs – Prep
Fri 21 February	Mrs Cathie Pearson Mrs Sharon Kennedy	Ms Ann Hall – Leadership Conference Mrs Donna Fiechtner – Leadership Conference Mrs Kathryn Willis – Leadership Conference Mrs Sue Downs - Prep

