



St. Finbar's Primary School

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NEWSLETTER No 23

Thursday 4th August 2016

Dear Parents,

What an amazing evening it was last Friday for our Year 6 Students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation. I was incredibly proud as Principal of St. Finbar's School to have these children represent us on such an important occasion. Bishop Elliott was very complimentary of the children and their preparation for the Sacrament. Thanks again to Mrs D'Rozario, Miss Durie and Mrs Kellar for the preparation of our students.

This is a final reminder that our Art Auction concludes this Sunday evening so it is not too late to bid on the fabulous art work or to make a donation towards our new bike shed.

I have noticed over the past few weeks many children who are not in correct school uniform. Parents or carers need to provide a note of explanation to their child's class teacher explaining why their child is out of correct uniform. Repeat offenders will need to have a meeting with myself or Mr. Rodrigues so a suitable solution can be reached. We have a beautiful school uniform which needs to be worn with pride, particularly when we are off site at excursions or sporting events.

Can I please remind parents again about the importance of obeying all parking restrictions around the school especially on Wallen St where a number of cars have been left unattended in the 2 minute zone in the past few days. It is imperative that we follow the correct procedures so that traffic flows through this constricted area. I would like to thank parents/drivers who are following correct procedures and show patience for newer members of our community who are still learning the rules. Can I please also ask that parents do not park illegally directly in front of the school steps, whilst it is very convenient to park there, we do need this area clear for deliveries and if the need arises - emergency vehicles. The safety of our children is always first and foremost in our minds.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish Mrs Jo Howell a wonderful time with her family as she takes Long Service Leave starting next week until the end of the term. I would like to welcome back Mrs Krissy Nehill-Relf who is a teacher of St. Finbar's currently on Maternity leave and will be with Year 4H for the duration of Mrs Howells absence.

It has been wonderful to see all of the Potato Olympians coming into school this week and I have particularly enjoyed chatting to the students about their assigned athlete and country of origin. Thanks to Mrs Thompson and Mrs Allen for organising this activity for our school.

All families will receive a letter in the coming days asking for 2017 intentions for your children. Currently we are experiencing an unprecedented demand for enrolment in our school so we need to accurately plan for the future. Knowing how many places we have to offer to new families greatly assists us in our preparations for the 2017 school year.

Thank you to Mrs Adair, Mrs Young, Mrs McDonald, Mrs Kellar and Mr Rodrigues for the wonderful Year 2 Prayers in Pyjamas night held on Wednesday this week. The Year 2 Mass will be held this Sunday at 5pm in the Church – all welcome.



We are looking forward to the upcoming Parents and Friends, 'Sandy Beach Ball' on Saturday 13th August at the Sandringham Yacht club. I hope to see you all there for this important social event on our school calendar.

Peace and Blessings,
Pat Berlingeri
Principal

TERM 3 UPCOMING EVENTS:

August

Sun 7 Year 2 Family Mass 5pm
Mon 8 District Athletics Training, 7am – 8am (optional)
Tue 9 Open Doors – Year 5 & 6 Parent/Child session
Thu 11 Brighton Student Cluster Day – Year 6
Fri 12 District Athletics Carnival – relevant students
Sat 13 P&F Ball – Major Fundraiser
Mon 15 - Thu 18 Tri Skills, Year 3 – 6 students
Mon 15 – Wed 17 Life Ed Van
Tue 16 Open Doors – Year 5 & 6 Parent/Child session
Mon 22 Book Week
Tue 23 P&F Meeting 7pm
Thu 25 District Hoop Time Year 3 – 4
Fri 26 Book Week Parade
Tue 30 Division Athletics – relevant students

September

Thu 1 District Hoop Time Year 5 – 6
Fri 2 Father's Day Breakfast 7am
Father's Day stall
Sun 4 Father's Day
Fri 9 Italian Festival Day
Wed 14 Art Show
Fri 16 End of Term Mass

COMING HOME TODAY:

Every child, F – 2 Reading Parent Pipelines
Eldest child, all years
Advanced Life Family Portraits
Eldest child, all years Re-enrolment intention 2017
Every child, Years 3 & 6
Headlice notification
Eldest child, all years Art Action flyer
(final reminder)

EMAIL ATTACHMENT/ LINK

NIL

STAR OF THE WEEK

FG ~ Michael F, FI ~ Kianni R
Year 1H ~ Dean M, Year 1J ~ Daniel C
Year 2A ~ Alice M, Year 2G ~ Elise M
Year 3K ~ Anthony P, Year 3M ~ Rory B
Year 4A ~ Ruby B, Year 4H ~ Charlotte W
Year 5L ~ Brooklyn M, Year 5W ~ Mia M
Year 6A ~ Chloe S, Year 6D ~ Isabella F

SCHOOL ACCOUNTS:

Term Three Accounts are now DUE!

All parents are under a contractual agreement to make sure their accounts are ALWAYS up to date.

Any queries please call the office. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

*If you are experiencing financial difficulties at any time, please ring the office to make an appointment with Mr. Pat Berlinger as soon as possible.
Thank you.*

TERM 3 UPCOMING ASSEMBLIES:

Monday 8th August – Year 2A
Monday 15th August – NO ASSEMBLY
Monday 22nd August – Year 4A
Monday 29th August – Year 3M
Monday 5th September – Year 1J
Monday 12th September – Year 6D

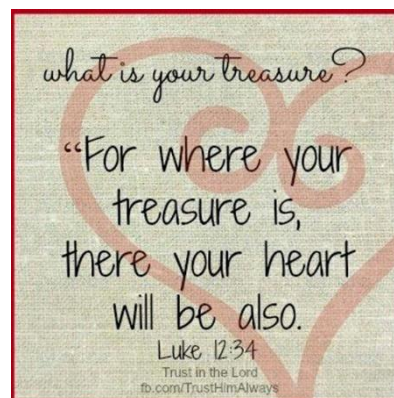
All parents are warmly welcomed to attend our weekly assemblies.

**Assembly every Monday at 2:40pm.
Please arrive on time to avoid disappointment.**



This week's Gospel from Luke continues to remind us of the really important 'treasure' - the one in heaven, the one that God purposes to give. The best thing we can do with present wealth is to use it to help the marginalised people in our world. This converts it into heavenly 'credit', literally, 'treasure in heaven', the only credit that survives the barrier of death.

The Gospel also warns us that we are responsible and accountable – responsible for the welfare of others, especially the poor and disadvantaged, and accountable to God. Let us then take up the challenge to act as stewards in the place of Jesus as we await his return As the prayer of St Teresa of Avila says ... "Christ has no body now on earth but yours ..."



Last Friday night our Year 6 students received the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Elliott. He was very impressed with their preparation and spoke to them as 'young people who are fully initiated into our church.' Bishop Elliott quoted Pope Francis in asking the 'young people' to embrace their faith through their actions in this world **"Christ has no body now on earth but yours ..."**

Once again a HUGE THANK YOU to Margy D'Rozario and Alysha Durie for their dedication to our Year 6 students. Sincere thanks also to all the staff that attended on the night and helped with the host of never-ending little jobs Your support is greatly appreciated!

Next Monday we celebrate the feast of Australia's first saint – St Mary of the Cross (Mary MacKillop). The Year 2 students are learning all about St Mary and this was reflected in their special Prayer Night last night and will be continued in their Class Mass on **Sunday 7th August @ 5pm**. We remember Mary's motto of 'Never see a need without doing something about it'.

Please support our Year 2 students through prayer and your presence at Mass



Have a great week,



CONGRATULATIONS:

Congratulations to Andrew, Carly, and Cristian K – 2G on the birth of a baby sister, Isla Paris.

BABY
GIRL

DON'T FORGET: Wellbeing for Kids Parent Workshop.

Wednesday 24th August, 7:00 pm
@ St Finbar's Primary School.



Dear Parents & Carers,

You are invited to attend our Wellbeing parent workshop facilitated by Georgina Manning. Georgina is the Director of Wellbeing for Kids, a registered Counsellor and Psychotherapist and a Member of the Australian Counselling Association.

Hope you can join us for this informative and important evening. [RSVP LINK HERE](#)

Mindful Mums:

Would you like to find out more on how you can learn to tame your mind, reshape your thoughts to become more positive, find more pleasure in the simple joys of life, better manage your emotions and be more present and connected with your children and make time for YOU? If you are interested, then have a look at the Mindful Mums Flyer on the following page.

Student Reps:

Our Semester 2 SRC Reps have met as a group to share and discuss the ideas and concerns of their classmates. The students contributed some great ideas and raised interesting questions for us to think about. We will be sharing some of these in coming weeks as we plan some activities for the students at St Finbar's.

Seasons for Growth:

Seasons for Growth is a program for children, young people or adults who have experienced significant change or loss.

Seasons for Growth is based on the belief that change, loss and grief are a normal and valuable part of life. The program examines the impact of changes such as death, separation, divorce, and natural disaster upon our lives, and explores how we can learn to live with and grow from these experiences.



The core intentions of this program are the development of resilience and emotional literacy to promote social and emotional wellbeing. The program is educational in nature and does not provide therapy.

As part of our ongoing commitment to the wellbeing of each of our students I have recently completed the training in the Seasons for Growth Program. It is planned that the program will be further explored with staff with the view of offering it at St Finbar's in 2017 to students with an identified need. The program is completely voluntary and will be conducted in consultation with parents. Further information about this program will be provided in Term 4.

100 Days of School

Last week our Foundation students celebrated 100 days of school. The activities planned were a great success. From a wellbeing perspective what really stood out for me as I visited classrooms was the ability of brothers and sisters to celebrate the special relationship they have with each other while working together at school. I hope that the relationship shown at school between brothers and sisters continues at home and that they are encouraged to find time for one another amidst the many distractions and business of family life.

ONPSYCH PSYCHOLOGIST IS NOW AVAILABLE: OnPsych Psychologist is available for children who are presenting with social, emotional or behavioural difficulties. This service is completely covered by Medicare. Please visit onpsych.com.au for a short video highlighting the help they can provide. To access this service please speak to Mr Nigel Rodrigues ~ Deputy Principal who will provide you with details on how to refer your child.

Mindful Mums

'Building the connection with ourselves and our world'

STRESSED??

Struggle to be present and enjoy the simple pleasures with your kids??

Easily triggered into emotional reactions??

Overwhelmed by the never ending to do list?

Constantly TIRED??

Can't switch your mind off??

Feeling ANXIOUS??

Or maybe you are really happy in your life but you would like learn how you can be more present and enjoy your life as it is RIGHT NOW without having to look to the next 'thing' in your life to be happier.

*If you would like to find out more on how you can learn to **tame your mind, reshape your thoughts to become more positive, find more pleasure in the simple joys of life, better manage your emotions and be more present and connected with your children and make time for YOU!** Join me for a 4 week introductory course where you will learn about mindfulness, meditation and strategies you can take away and start using to assist in cultivating the life you want! Group numbers will be small to maintain an intimate and personalised group feel.*

Duration: 4 weeks- Start date: 22nd August

Time: Monday 10:15-11:45am

Location: Best Start Clinic 12 Warleigh Grove Brighton

Cost \$160 includes workbook

For enquires and to book your place please contact:

Emma 0404 830 256

mindfulmumsmelb@gmail.com

What the Mums are saying:

"I cannot thank you enough for starting the mindful mums program. Emma the way you deliver the information is so helpful and real. I love your honesty and openness about the realities of being a mum. The strategies you teach really work and I am now more playful, relaxed and present. The kids are enjoying our quality time together as I feel I'm now more involved in their world. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your clear, honest and insightful course and for you Emma, for changing the way I go about my day. I won't lie, it's hard work but worth every second. - Jess

"I can honestly say participating in Mindful Mums has been life changing for me. Learning the art of mindfulness and practising meditation has opened me up to a whole new world. Emma's enthusiasm and knowledge have made the workshop so enjoyable and informative. Thank you! - Liza

"Emma is a highly engaging and authentic presenter who is obviously very passionate about mindfulness. I have walked away from the course with many life changing tools and a great understanding of mindfulness. The tools have helped me to be more present with my children and deal less reactively to stressful situations.

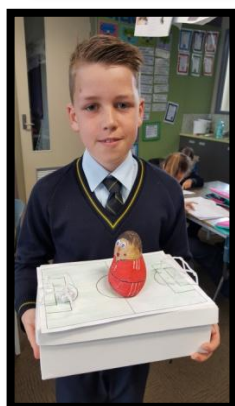
SPORT NEWS ~ Mrs Tania Thompson

"Spudriffic Opening" to our POTATO OLYMPICS

A gold medal goes to all families for getting into the spirit of our Potato Olympic theme and creating some amazing potato athletes. It was wonderful to see all the student's fantastic creations as they brought them into classrooms on Monday morning!

Classes have been conducting their own Potato Olympic activities with their Olympians over the week; leading up to the Official 2016 Rio Olympics Opening Ceremony this Saturday 6am!

Here's some of the fantastic Olympian creations made by our students:



HOOP TIME TEAM ANNOUNCEMENTS:

After a busy few weeks of holding trials for both the Junior and Senior Girls and Boys divisions, we will finally be able to announce all teams by Tuesday next week. Many thanks to students for their patience – we've had a number of students away on trial days so further trials have been required.

DISTRICT ATHLETICS – next Friday 12th August



It was so impressive to see the dedication of many of our team members on Monday morning at our 6.50am training session start! A big thank you to the parents and carers for their extra-early efforts in getting their child/ren up and at the track for the early morning session. We were very lucky with the weather and managed to get a good 45minutes of training in before the rain set in. Specific thankyou's will be made next week, but a

HUGE thank you must go to our very supportive track and field experienced parents and Mr Anderson and Miss Greenway, who gave up their time to support me in the training of the students. We look forward to seeing many of our team members again at our final training session this coming Monday morning.

***REMINDER:** Care Monkey permission was emailed to all Athletic team families earlier this week. Please respond to it by next Tuesday 9th.



If you are able to assist with bus supervision, team support or Discus event support, please email Tania ASAP.
tthompson@sfbrightoneast.catholic.edu.au



Year 6

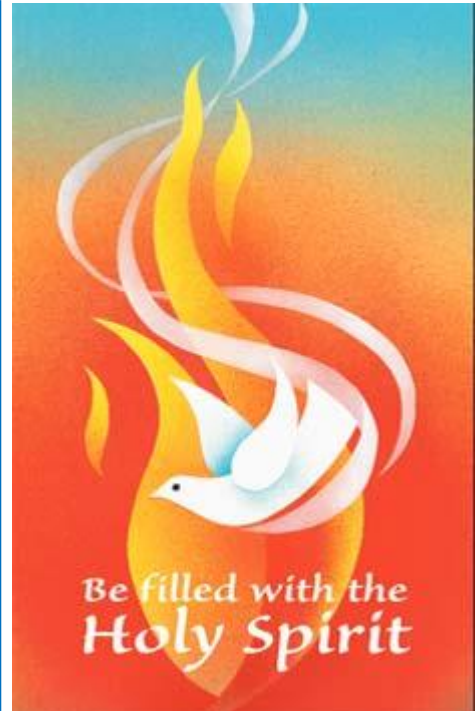
Confirmation Reflection

For the past term and a half we have been learning and preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

To prepare for confirmation we had little projects to complete, such as learning about the story of Pentecost and reflecting on it, choosing a spirit filled person and finding the Holy Spirit alive in them, writing about our Baptism or Eucharist, one of the other sacraments of initiation.

In class we have been saying prayers, watching videos and reading Bible references. We have chosen a Saint that we find inspiring to become our Confirmation name. We have made an iconography piece of art of them, which are visible in the school foyer. We have researched their life and presented this however we like, including posters, folders, biographies etc.

We have all chosen a gift which we aspire to have the strongest of in our life (Knowledge, Fear of the Lord, Wisdom, Piety, Understanding, Fortitude, Counsel). At home we have also made banners with our gift, our name and a symbol, these are hung up in the church. They look magnificent and you can tell that a lot of work has been put into them.



The night was beautiful, the candidates and their sponsors ascended up the aisle one by one as they showed off their dresses and suits. Bishop Elliott ran the mass with Father Ian at his side. We watched the candidates reading, singing and bringing up the gifts in between the ceremony. At the ceremony the bishop was talking mostly about strength and joy, how they have an input in your life and how you can show them towards other people. At the end of the mass it was around 8.30 and everyone was ready to leave after the final song with the candidates standing up for the paparazzi (aka the Parents). After that many people had parties, gatherings and dinners. What a great night it was!

All grade 6's are very grateful that we have had the opportunity to receive Confirmation this year. We have all worked very hard to prepare and it all paid off. We are now ready to face life's challenges with the Holy Spirit guiding us!

Written by Indyanna and Ashley M

There are seven gifts and 9 fruits of the Holy Spirit that the year 6s, through the sacrament of Confirmation, received on Friday 29th July 2016.

Gifts: 1. Knowledge 2. Wisdom 3. Fortitude 4. Understanding 5. Fear of the Lord 6. Piety 7. Counsel

Fruits: 1. Kindness 2. Gentleness 3. Love 4. Goodness 5. Joy 6. Faithfulness 7. Peace 8. Patience 9. Self-Control

The Bishop that hosted our Confirmation was Arch Bishop Elliott.

There are 7 Symbols of the Bishop.

1. The Bishops Chair 2. The Coat of Arms 3. Mitre 4. Pectoral Cross 5. Crozier 6. Ring 7. Zucchetto

Arch Bishop Elliott came and talked to us on our Reflection Day to prepare us for Confirmation.

He asked us about the Saints we had chosen for Confirmation. Each year 6 child had to choose a Saint and then write a biography about their saint and make an icon that have been put on display in the foyer. At the end of the talk with Bishop Elliot he gave us a blessing. Confirmation for all the year 6s was a very holy and special occasion that we will all remember forever.

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE NEWS

Casual Bookings/Cancellations/Adjustments please call 9592 0994 directly.

Email: melissa.asmar1@gmail.com



EMAIL NOT TO BE USED TO CHANGE DAILY ATTENDANCES

EMAIL TO BE USED for changing permanent bookings, making advanced bookings/cancellations (i.e. holiday program, school closure days), account queries, addressing special needs, incidents that need clarification, and the like. Emails are **not checked** prior to a session as administrative duties are addressed **off site** and away from the service as our priority lies with the active supervision of children, their development and wellbeing.

Child Safety Policy and Practices

In September 2015, the Government released new minimum Child Safety Standards which aim to create safe cultures and environments in organisations that work with children. We, along with other OSHC services will work on the necessary policies, protocols and programs to achieve compliance. The service has already taken steps in implementing certain strategies relating to a draft policy:

CHILD SAFE STANDARD EXEMPLAR/CODE OF CONDUCT:

Staff are given a hard copy of the Exemplar. They must read and sign that they have comprehended the Code of Conduct. The code of conduct then falls under their Duty of Care obligations. Staff will then be invited to a Professional Development session. This will be an in-house forum for further discussion and elaboration about specific scenarios and protocols.

Professional development-Director

The Director/Educational leader is obligated to lead by example. The Department of Education and Training has provided on-line support and training. Further Professional development with the Australian Childhood Foundation will be undertaken Thursday 18/8/2016. They will provide a comprehensive training resource manual to information on the roles and responsibilities for protecting children and specific advice on how to identify, respond to, and report concerns regarding the health, safety and wellbeing of children. A final copy of the OSHC Child safety Policy will be shared with the community later this term.



Accounts

Accounts are now out. Please note that the previous account not only covered the holiday program period but also the first week of term. This was due to the delay in processing the Child Care Benefit and rebate. This account will cover weeks 2 & 3 of term 3. Should you have any queries then please do not hesitate to contact melissa.asmar1@gmail.com Thank you in advance.

Staff profiles

Quality Area 4 of the National Quality Standard focuses on the provision of qualified and experienced educators, co-ordinators and nominated supervisors who are able to develop warm, respectful relationships with children, create safe and predictable environments and encourage children's active engagement in the learning program.

Each week we'd like to take the time to introduce you to the staff that make this possible

George in 30 seconds.....

Background: Italian/Greek

Age: 21

Education: St Finbar's PS, McKinnon High,
Victoria University-Bachelor of Sports Science(Exercise Science)
PD: Protecting Children-Mandatory Reporting and other obligations.

Favourite food: Pizza

Footy Team: Carlton

Favourite Band/singer: MO

Favourite TV show: ESPN

Ideal holiday: Fiji

Siblings: Alycia, Melissa and DJ

Pets: Dog

Hobbies: Basketball and GYM

Children's feedback: George is fun and a humorous friend. Tessa B

George is good at basketball, funny and amusing. He is nice and also cheeky at times! Chris T



PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWS

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS:

Tuesday 9th & 23rd August, 6th September – 9am – 9.30am.

Reminder – order forms are available from the office or they can be downloaded via the school website. Orders can be left at the office and will be filled and returned to your eldest child's classroom.

We now accept orders via email. Forms can be downloaded [HERE](#) emailed to: uniforms@sfbrightoneast.catholic.edu.au Payment needs to be processed for orders to be sent

St Finbar's Art Auction

The art auction closes this Sunday 7 August at 9pm.

Register now to bid, so you can join in the bidding action

as it heats up over the weekend!

1. Visit artauction2016.org
2. Click on BID NOW
3. Click on Register...and follow the prompts

Art not your thing? You can also support this bike shed fundraiser

by making a donation - every little bit helps! Visit artauction2016.org and click on 'Donate'.



the sandy beach ball

Sandringham Yacht Club
Jetty Rd, Sandringham

As you all know the ball is fast approaching and once again we need the help of our wonderful school community. We are in need of some donations to make up some fabulous hampers with various treats and products. It doesn't need to be expensive or big any donation would be greatly appreciated. To make it a little easier we have listed a few things for each year level. Thank you all for your generosity throughout the year, without the help of parents we wouldn't have those important extras that our children enjoy.

CLASS	DONATION REQUESTS
FOUNDATION and Year 1	Tatts Scratches
Year 2	Beauty Products ~ Eg: Candles, face washers, beauty soaps, Perfume, etc.
Year 3	Vouchers ~ Eg: Target, Coles, Movies, etc.
Year 4	Gourmet Foods ~ Eg: Chocolates, Teas, Coffee, Teapot, cups, etc
Year 5/6	Wine and Craft Beer ~ Eg: Fat Yak beer etc.

ADVANCED LIFE STUDIOS: We have a professional photography company visiting our school on **Saturday 20th August** to take your family portrait. So for just \$20, make sure you book a time online to have a picture taken with your family that you can keep forever - all family members are welcome including grandparents, aunts, uncles etc. You will receive a photo and key ring and the option to purchase more.
Information coming home today.



PARISH NEWS

6-7 August	Altar Servers/Helpers	Readers
6pm		P Dungan
Counters	P Matthey, J Hansen & B Symes	
9.00am	Oliver and Felix	T Flanagan & R Watson
11am		H Evans
5pm	Ava & Finn	M Callea

COMMUNITY NEWS

Sportsperson Night



**WHEN: Friday 12th August 2016
7:30pm**

The Panel*:
 Nick Riewoldt
 Alistair Clarkson
 Shannon Grant
 Scott Maginness
 Brendan Gale
 Sean Ralph-smith

* Panel may change due to personalities availability on the night

**Cost: \$40 per head for pre-purchased tickets
 \$55 per head at the door**

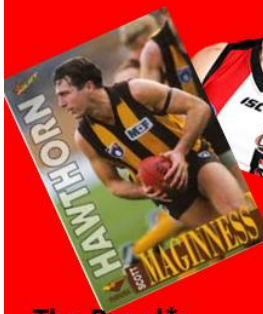
We expect the event to sell out

Purchase tickets at:
<https://www.trybooking.com/MKAZ>

The Bentleigh Club
 Yawla Street
 Benthleigh










2016 OPEN DAYS

Boys and girls from TBall to U18's

Sunday 14th of August @ 10.00am

Sunday 21st of August @ 10.00am

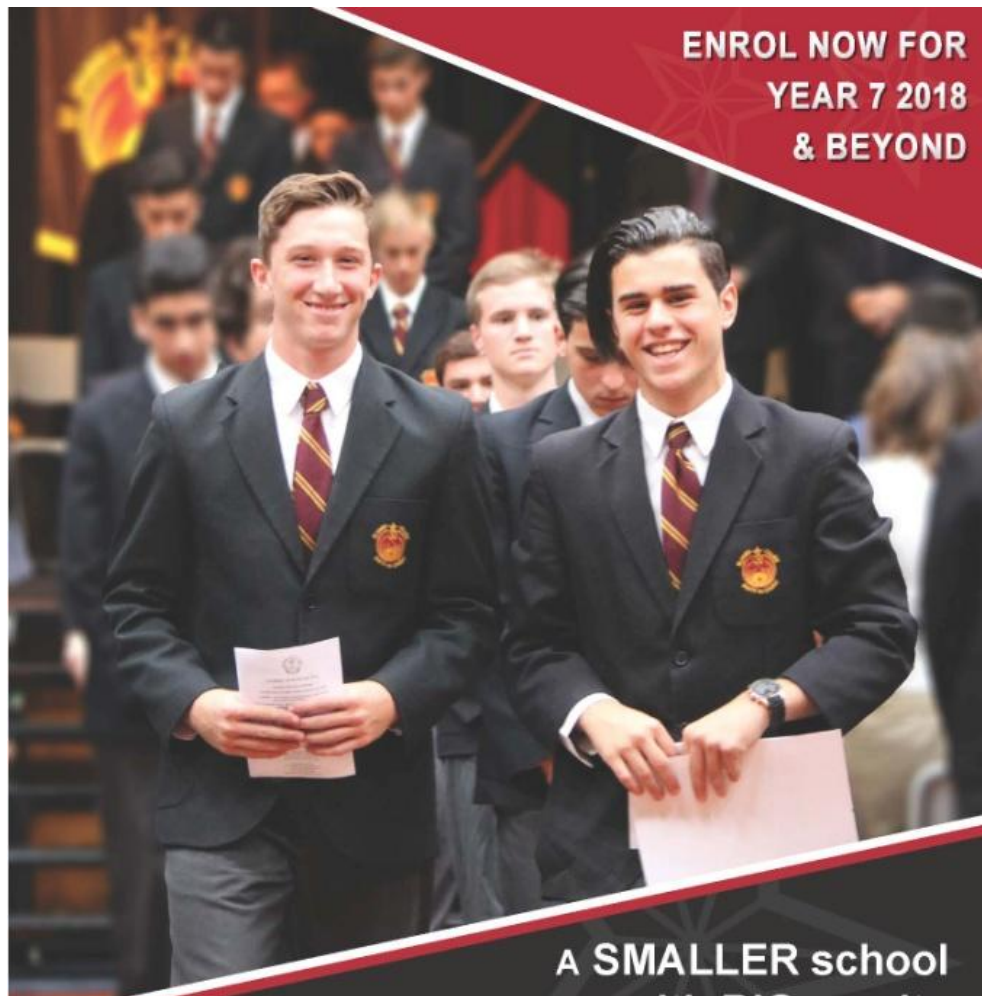
Sunday 28th of August @ 10.00am

www.moorabbinbaseballclub.com.au

Contact: Adrian Fielden 0423 053216

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STAR OF THE SEA COLLEGE
presents

42ND STREET

Lyrics by AL DUBIN Music by HARRY WARREN

BROADWAY

Book by
MICHAEL STEWART & MARK BRAMBALE

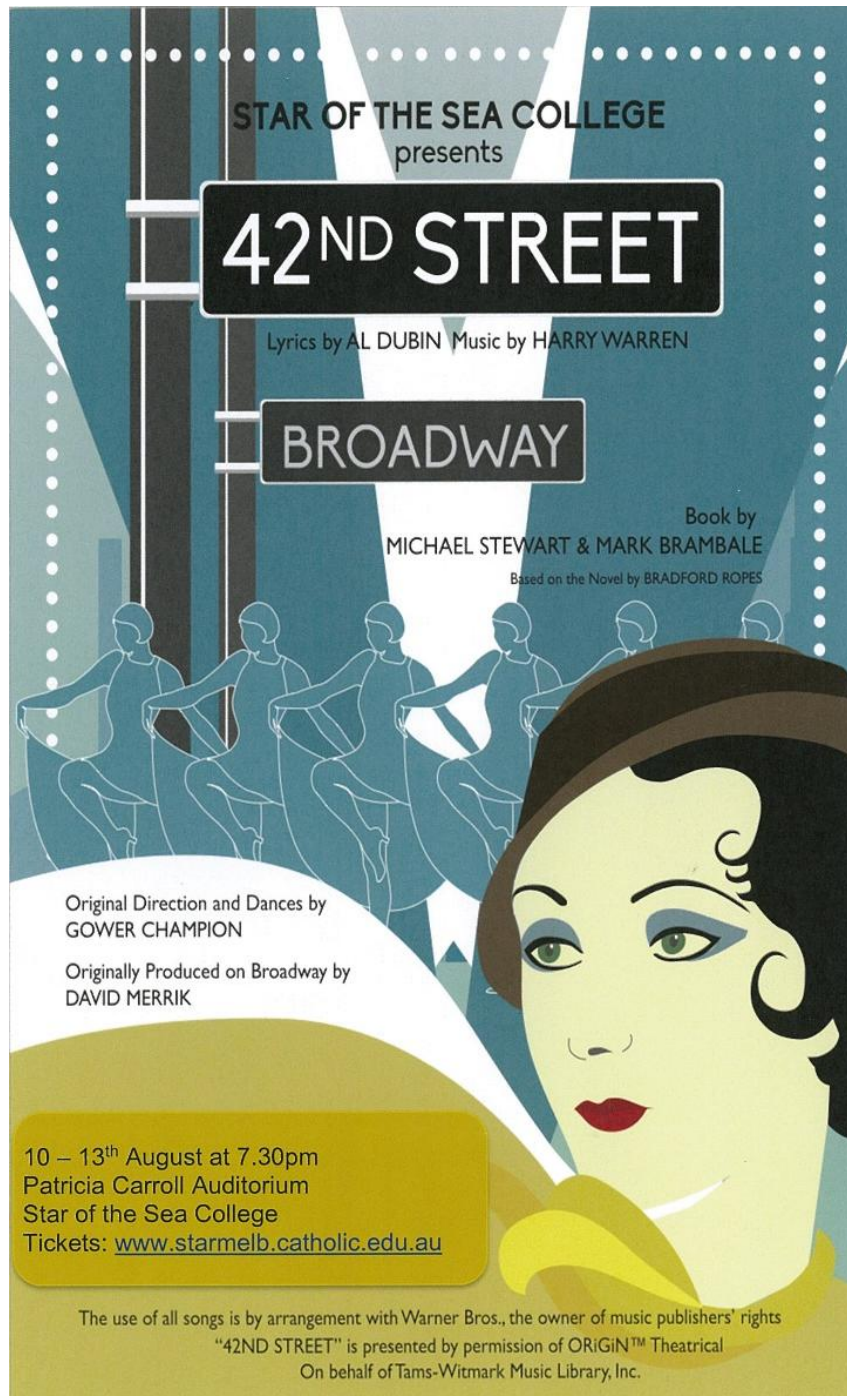
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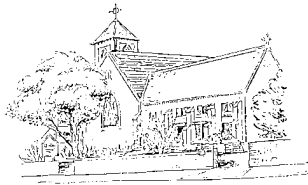
Original Direction and Dances by
GOWER CHAMPION

Originally Produced on Broadway by
DAVID MERRIK

10 – 13th August at 7.30pm
Patricia Carroll Auditorium
Star of the Sea College
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St Finbar's Catholic Parish

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 Email BrightonEast@cam.org.au
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 School Principal Mr Patrick Berlinger
 School Phone 9592 4479

Mass Times

Saturday 6pm Vigil
 Sunday 9am & 11am and 5pm
 Weekdays Mon at 8.15am, Tues to Sat at 9.15am
 Reconciliation After 9.15am Mass on Saturday
 Baptisms Most Sundays following 11am Mass
 Please contact the Parish Office
 For Weddings or Sacramental Enquiries
 (First Reconciliation, First Eucharist or Confirmation),
 Please contact the Parish Office.

Parish Roster 14 Aug 20th Sun Ord / Year C	6.00pm	9.00am	11.00am	5.00pm
Lectors	Volunteer needed	Mary Devlin / John Mason	Michael Heffernan	McConnell family
Special Ministers	Volunteers	Pauline Bourke / John Mason	Jenny Reiche / Rita Maguire	Mary Callea
Altar Servers		Reese & Aidan	Eden & Sidney	
Children's Liturgy		-		
Data Projector	Powers	Dials	Leo	Volunteer
Counters	B Mateer, B Cosgriff & K Reed			
Readings	<i>First Reading:</i> Jeremiah 38: 4-6, 8-10 <i>Psalm:</i> Ps 39 "Lord, come to my aid!" <i>Second Reading:</i> Hebrews 12: 1-4 <i>Gospel:</i> Luke 12: 49-53			

7 August 2016

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the middle of Ordinary Time we discover a theme normally associated with the end of the liturgical year and the season of Advent – vigilance in anticipation of the return of the master. This vigilance demands that we live lives of faith. We do not know when God will open the door of our existence and call us into a deeper realisation of the sacred dimension of life itself. Vigilance is a characteristic of a Christian at all times, for all times. We must be ever vigilant.

While we live in the expectation of the coming of God in the future, we also live now in the presence of God. This means that God is present with us now, as a companion in our lives. It also means that this presence is the context within which our lives unfold. However, until all things are brought to fulfilment, we live in this presence by faith. Faith and hope are intimately joined. As believers we are called to trust in the promises of God, even when what is promised seems impossible.

We are assured that we will be blessed, but we can never be sure of the exact nature of the blessing. In faith, we put our trust in God and then carry out our responsibilities. In faith we wait for the Lord, who is our help and our shield, not really knowing under what guise he will come to us. Faith is both the cost of living as a disciple and the reward.

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Anniversaries: Christoforo De Losa, John McInerney, Ray O'Connell, Pat Henry and Stuart Bryce.

Please pray for the sick: Brinal D'Silva, Liam Evans, Josie Spinella, Mary Barberi, Kath Dyer, Denise Fitzsimmons, Louise Davis, Kathleen Chiosso, Judy Burke, Cody Fisher, Joan D'Cruz, Kerrin White, Sheridan Veith, Adrienne O'Meara, Elizabeth Breen, Michael Moroney, Delores Grant, Lisa Tonna, Maurie Beaumont, Geraldine Farrell, Tracey Harris, Michaela Burge, Tegan Whittle, Carmel Currie, Wendy Glennister, Sandra Charles, Jane Boyd, Patricia Cawte, Annalisa Ziino, Margot Rawson, Olive Mabag, Odessa Prosser, Logan Tonini, Jill McKern, Jennifer Spencer, Nick Byrne, Luke Marriott, Max Finch, Rosa Maria Santos, Tom Howard, Catherine Stahn, John Smith, Sue Heffernan, Krystyna Charbucinska, Jon Devitt, Will Murray, Peter Cleary, Margaret Sinclair and Joan Tranter.

Some of their names will be read out each week in the Prayers of the Faithful.

Parish News

Melbourne Catholic copies of the July edition are available in the foyer for \$4.00 a copy. Please place your money in the poor box.

Readers required Spaces are available for readers at all Mass times, especially Sat 6pm and Sun 5pm. If you would like to volunteer once a month, please contact the parish office 9593 2122.

Collections at St Finbar's

At St Finbar's we now have 2 collections at each Mass. The first collection, after the Prayers of the Faithful, will be our 'Presbytery Collection' for the support of our Parish Priest and also for priests in retirement; the second collection, after communion, will be our Thanksgiving Collection - for the support of the parish.

Seniors' Luncheon Tuesday 9 August at Noon at the London Tavern, Hawthorn Rd. Contact Joan 9592 2495, Sue 9592 7229 or Rita 9592 4159.

Rental Accommodation One bedroom, ground floor flat with carport in South Caulfield. Close to all amenities. For further enquiries please call 9578 4485

Counters Roster Copies of the counters roster are available in the Sacristy hallway for all counters without an email address. If you would prefer to receive your roster by email please let us know at the parish office.

Upcoming Readings Lectors are invited to take a copy of the following weeks' readings which are now available in the Sacristy hallway.

Entrance Antiphon

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.
 Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

Communion Antiphon:

The bread that I will give, says the Lord, is my flesh for the life of the world.

Parish Calendar:

26 August Brighton Deanery Trivia Night, St Mary's Hampton
 25 September St Finbar's Feast Day

Community News

Holy Land Pilgrimage

Fr David Callaghan from Missionaries of God's Love is leading a 14 day pilgrimage to the Holy Land from 30th Oct - 12th Nov 2016. The pilgrimage is being organised by St Benedict's Mission Centre in partnership with Magi Pilgrimages. This pilgrimage features Petra, Bethlehem, Sea of Galilee, Dead Sea, Jericho, Mt Carmel, Mt Tabor, Mt Nebo & Jerusalem. This all-inclusive pilgrimage is priced at an early bird offer of \$4,990. Reserve your seats with an initial deposit of \$1000 prior to 15th August 2016. For the detailed itinerary or to reserve your seats please contact Mr Rajesh George on 0422 215 855.

Kimberley Catholic Volunteer Service

URGENTLY WANTED: VOLUNTEER WORKERS

The Diocese of Broome, WA, requires volunteers to assist with the work of the local Church on Aboriginal Missions. We are currently urgently seeking a couple to assist the Priest in the community of Balgo and a couple to manage the Warmun Retreat Centre over the wet season. There are several other roles also available.

Placements are preferred for a period of 6 months. For further details, and an application form, please contact: Volunteer Coordinator Anneliese Rohr: 0415 526 142 Email: volunteers@broomedioocese.org Web: www.broomedioocese.org or PO Box 76, BROOME WA 6725

TRIVIA NIGHT: ANNUAL TRIVIA NIGHT IN AID OF THE BRIGIDINE ASYLUM SEEKER PROJECT

DATE: Friday 26th August; TIME: 7.30pm; PLACE: St. Mary's Parish Hall, 59 Holyrood St. Hampton. COST: \$25. Come along and join a Table or make a Table of your own. Maximum – 8 People.

BYO Food and Drinks; Tea & Coffee provided. Contact: Colette Foxworthy 9598 7329 or email: kenfoxw@optusnet.com.au

Positions Vacant

Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced people for the positions of:
 •Administration Assistant, Professional Standards Office - East Melbourne
 •Maintenance Assistant, St Monica's Parish - Moonee Ponds
 •Kitchen Hand, Corpus Christi College - Carlton

Further details can be found on the Archdiocese website at:
<http://www.cam.org.au/Jobs.aspx>



Parish Contacts

Please feel free to contact any of these people if you would like to become more involved in Parish Life.

Rosters for Lectors, Collectors and Special Ministers at Mass
 Paul Dungan - 9592 2463

Counting Roster

New Volunteers please call
 Parish Office - 9593 2122

Children's Liturgy

Parish Office 9593 2122

Altar Serving Parish Office 9593 2122

Church Flowers and Linen

Rita Maguire - 9592 4159

Church Decoration

Jim Sinclair - 9598 9541

Senior's Group Sue Sharry 9592 7229 and Joan Hamilton 9592 2498

Music Joy Conheady - 9596 2643

Lent/Advent Prayer Groups

Parish Office 9593 2122

Sacramental Enquiries (Reconciliation, Eucharist, Confirmation) Parish Office 9593 2122

Parish Pastoral Group

Parish Office 9593 2122

St Vincent de Paul

Assistance Hotline:
 Freecall 1800 305 330
 (Mon to Fri 10am - 3pm)

Tennis Club

www.stfinbarsnetballclubbrightoneast.com

Netball Club

www.stfinbarsnetballclub.com.au

Basketball Club www.scalpers.com.au

Next Parish Pastoral Group meeting:
 17 August

Children's Liturgy dates (9am Mass):
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