February
UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Wednesday 12th**
  Primary Swimming Training
  11am - 2pm

- **Friday 14th**
  Gr 5/6 Friday Sport commences
  P & F Welcome Evening 5-7 pm

- **Tuesday 18th**
  Primary Swimming Training
  11am - 2pm
  Gr 5/6 Ipad Parent Meeting

From The Principal

Dear Parents,

Thank you for all the work you have done in preparing your child for the start of the school year last Thursday. The feedback from the teachers was positive in how well the children were prepared. A huge amount of work is required to achieve a smooth start to the school year. I thank you for all you have done in supporting your child’s successful start to the school year.

It is with sadness I am informing you that Mrs. Sue Pearton’s parents, Peg and Jim Edwards, have passed away within the last two weeks. Peg’s funeral was on Friday at St Finn Barr’s Church and Jim passed away, at his care facility, during the service.

It is also with sadness I inform you that my father, Peter, passed away on 24th January from cancer. He will be greatly missed by Mum, his eight children and 18 grandchildren. Please keep Sue and her family, as well as mine, in your thoughts and prayers.

Training for our swimming program begins this week on Wednesday. All children are expected to participate in the program so please encourage your child. Children can either dive or start in the pool in all 33m races. Many Gr 3 students are very concerned about the height of the wall at the deep end of the Riverside Swimming Pool so please assure them that they do not have to dive.

Gr 5/6 students begin Friday Sport this week and will participate in a number of sports against other Independent and Catholic schools during this Term. Any parents who can
assist in helping as a coach or support person are always welcome so please contact the class teachers.

Our newly renovated classrooms have been completed and Mrs. Cousins and Mr. Hyatt were able to move in on Wednesday with the help of Mr. Soule and the other Teachers. These rooms complete the total renovation or building of new facilities for St Finn Barr’s. The undercover shed area has new asphalt and a kitchen has been built in the disused toilet block in this area. SFB now has fantastic facilities due to the money spent by the TCEO (Tasmanian Catholic Education Office) over an extended period of time and of course the BER program of the former Federal Labor Government. Access to the undercover shed area has been vastly improved, and this will be used as a quiet area once the area is available to be used.

Please attend the upcoming P & F Welcome on Friday Night from 5.00-7.00pm. There is music and a Jumping Castle. Last year was a relaxed and enjoyable evening where families came and met each other and socialised. It is a P & F function where alcohol is permitted but not promoted.

Please attend the Parent Information sessions on Thursday 13th February for Gr 3/4 parents (3.00-3.45pm) in Mrs Clayton’s classroom. This is followed by a session for Gr 5/6 parents in Mr Hyatt’s classroom (3.45 - 4.30pm). Please attend these important opportunities to assist your child in having a successful school year.

Have a great week.

Anthony Healey,
Principal.

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**Teacher Parent Class Meetings** will occur on the following dates:

**Thursday 13th February**
Gr 3/4 meetings from 3.00-3.45 pm  
Gr 5/6 meetings from 3.45-4.30 pm

**Thursday 20th February**
Prep meetings from 3.00-3.45 pm  
Gr 1/2 meetings from 3.45-4.30 pm

These meetings are important opportunities for you to learn how best you can support your child and their teacher throughout this year. Please attend.
ICT News

ICT contracts will soon be brought home by our children. Please read these together so that students understand why they and you are signing.

Should there be any ICT concerns during the year this document will be used as a reference to the promises made.

The next meeting for Grade Five/Six Parents to further discuss the plan for iPads in these grades will be held on Tuesday, February 18th at 6.00 p.m.

Please look out for the invitation coming home with these students and return the tear off slip.

Lynne Seaton - ICT Co-ordinator.

SWPBS

We are a Community of

Safe
Respectful
Resilient
Learners.

All members of our school community are expected to:

“conduct themselves in a lawful, ethical, safe and responsible manner that recognises and respects the rights of others.”

Students are expected to:

* participate actively in the school’s education program
* take responsibility for their own behaviour and learning
* demonstrate respect for themselves, other members of the school community and the school environment
* behave in a manner that respects the rights of others including the right to learn
* co-operate with staff and others in authority.

(Adapted from Queensland Educ. SWPBS Policy)

Each student has received a fridge magnet with our school mantra. Please use it and remind children of the meaning!

if you have any SWPBS questions you would like addressed in the Parent Newsletter, please email lynne.seaton@catholic.tas.edu.au

School Newsletter

To assist the school office with setting up the mailing list for newsletters, we are asking all families (even if you already receive the newsletter by email) to send a test email to our school email address stfinnbarrs@catholic.tas.edu.au

Please write - Newsletter 2014 and your Child’s Surname in the subject line. Thank you.
3-6 SWIMMING TRAINING

On Wednesday 12th and Tuesday 18th February Students from Grades Three to Six will take part in a training program prior to our Swimming Carnival on Tuesday 4th March. This will take place at Riverside Pool. The aim of this program is to determine what events and division your child will participate in.

Students will need to bring to school
- Swimmers
- Towel
- Goggles (optional)
- Plastic bag – for wet items

Please name all items.

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If you or your child have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.
Sarah Reynier

Swimming Help!!

If you are able to help in our upcoming Swimming Carnival on Tuesday 4th March anytime from 9am to 2pm, please let the office know, or send an email to sarah.reynier@catholic.tas.edu.au.

Your assistance is much appreciated!
Sarah Reynier

Parents & Friends News

WELCOME NIGHT
We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the Welcome Night this Friday night from 5-7pm. This is a great chance to catch up with other families after the holidays and to meet new families who have arrived at the School for 2014.

Bring your own picnic and relax and enjoy a pleasant evening with the SFB Community. Alcohol permitted but not promoted.

See you there!

ICY POLES
For relief from the hot days we will be selling icy poles this week for 50 cents from the canteen. Icy Poles will be available on Thursdays and Fridays.
Welcome to and Welcome Back to St Finn Barr's 2014.

Please join us for a get together to catch up with friends, welcome new families and meet the teachers.

Friday 14th February

5 -7 pm outside the SFB school hall

There will be a Jumping Castle and Music, face painting and other entertainment provided by the St Finn Barr's Parents and Friends.

Bring a picnic dinner and relax and enjoy the evening.

We are looking forward to seeing you all there.

Alcohol permitted but not promoted.

2014 Term Dates

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Traffic and Students’ Safety

The school urges all parents to support road safety by obeying signage displayed and also ask you remind your child/ren to be very aware of potential traffic related dangers around the school.

Sometimes for example, motorists do not abide by road laws, and if students are crossing inappropriately (with or without you), or just not aware of their surrounds by always looking either way, we could have an accident.

The education and care of our students is a partnership between the staff and parents and we all need to do our bit by acting appropriately and not showing a disregard for road laws, even if only to demonstrate your support to children watching of appropriate behaviour.
**REC News**

**Prayer**

Loving God,

you invite us to walk with you in faith, hope and love.

Encourage us and inspire us.

Help us to know that you are with us in good times and bad.

As we begin our school year, help us to be aware of your presence with us, showing us how to walk with you.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, your Son.

Amen.

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**CONTACT INFORMATION**

The School Office is open from 8.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. daily.

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 318
Mowbray Heights, 7248

Phone: (03) 6326 3082
Fax: (03) 6326 1989
Email: stfinnbarrs@catholic.tas.edu.au
stfinnbarrs.principal@catholic.tas.edu.au

**BANKING**

Catholic Development Fund (CDF) Student Banking is provided at school. Each *Monday* students leave their bank book and deposit at the School Office. Forms are available from the office for new accounts.

**NOTIFICATION OF ABSENCE OF A CHILD**

The school must be contacted by the child’s parent on the morning of the child’s absence. Where it is known in advance that a child will be absent, the school should be informed by the parent. This can be either by phone or email.

**VOLUNTEERS IN SCHOOL**

Any parents and relatives wishing to help in classrooms or on excursions and camps will need to have a current Police Check. The Registration for Volunteers in Tasmanian Catholic Education Forms are available from the school office. These forms need completing and returning to the school office. A large number of those on file expired at the end of 2013. Please check with the office if you think you may need a new one.

**UNIFORM SHOP**

Opening Hours are:- Thursday 8:30 am – 9:30 am & 2.30 – 3.30 pm.

Green school satchel bags are available from the school office at a cost of $10.
UNIFORM
All clothes must be clearly marked with the child’s name

It is the expectation of the school that all students from Prep to Grade 6 wear the correct school uniform. This includes wearing Sports Uniform on P.E. days as per school timetable. Kindergarten students wear Sports Uniform but they may wear full school uniform if parents so choose.

SUMMER UNIFORM
Girls
Green and fawn check frock
Bottle green V-neck jumper
Short lemon socks
Black/Brown buckle or lace up shoes

Boys
Grey shorts
Short sleeve grey shirt
Bottle green V-neck jumper
Grey socks
Black leather shoes

P.E. Uniform – Boys & Girls
Bottle green shorts
Green 'Polo' shirt
St Finn Barr’s Sports 'Rugby' top
Bottle green bottoms with gold and white stripe
Short white sport socks. Ankle socks are permitted.
Predominantly white lace up jogger

All clothes must be clearly marked with the child’s name.

HAIRBANDS AND JEWELLERY
• No jewellery on wrists except for watches and/or a single gold/silver bangle.
• One simple gold or silver signature ring only.
• Simple sleeper ear rings or studs only (gold or silver). Maximum of two per ear.
• All shoulder length hair must be tied or pulled up.
• Green, gold or dark brown coloured hair bands & ribbons.
• Only clear nail polish, not coloured.
• No makeup or lip gloss

SPC Music Program 2014
If you have submitted a music enrolment between 15th December 2013 and 24th January 2014, due to upgrading of the St Patrick’s College network and servers, these enrolments have not been received. We apologise for the inconvenience but are asking for you to re-submit these enrolments with some urgency especially if your son/daughter needs to hire an instrument. Once again, we apologise for this inconvenience but this issue was out of our control. Attached is the link that you will require to complete this enrolment:

The School Office has a list of students whose enrolments have been processed.
SCHOOL FEES 2014

The first account for 2014 will be sent out in March. There are a number of payment options available to families. These include Eftpos, Direct Debit, Cheque, Cash, Internet payments (BSB 067-000, Account Number 10273501), Centrelink Deductions and monthly Credit Card Deductions. When making payments through other agencies please identify your payment with your child’s name.

Parents wishing to use the Monthly Credit Card payment system in 2014, please complete the form below and return it to the school office.

Thank you.

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ST. FINN BARR’S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Postal Address: P.O. Box 318, Mowbray Heights, 7248
247 Invermay Road, 7248 Ph: (03) 6326 3082 Fax: (03) 6326 1989
Email: principal@stfinnbarrs.tas.catholic.edu.au
office@stfinnbarrs.tas.catholic.edu.au
Webpage: www.stfinnbarrs.tas.catholic.edu.au

Re: Account Name ...............................................................

I hereby authorise St Finn Barr’s School to debit my account (details as follows) with debits as listed below until school fees and levy’s due have been paid in full:

Visa Card □
Master Card □
Bank Card □

Card Holder Name ...............................................................
Credit Card No. .............................. / ......................... / .......................... / ........................
Expiry Date ............... / ........................

Monthly Payments of $ will be processed on the 20th of each month.

Signed ...............................................................

Date ...............................................................
**Canteen Lunch Menu**

*Canteen will be every Wednesday and Thursday, starting this week.*

**COLD FOOD** – Sandwiches/Rolls/Wraps (Or choose your own combination of ingredients)

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<td>Cheese, Carrot and Cream Cheese rollup</td>
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**WRAPS**

- Chicken tenderloin, lettuce, pineapple – $4.60
- Chicken tenderloin, grated carrot, lettuce, mayo – $4.60
- Ham, cheese, pineapple, lettuce – $4.60
- Chicken, Cheese, Coleslaw – $4.60

**SALADS**

- Your choice of salad only
  - Small: $3.90
  - Large: $4.90
- Meat and Salad
  - Small: $4.90
  - Large: $5.90
- Caesar Salad
  - Small: $4.00
  - Large: $4.90
- Chicken Caesar Salad
  - Small: $4.90
  - Large: $5.90

**HOT FOOD**

- Quiche – $3.80
- BBQ Chicken Pizza or Ham Cheese Pine Pizza – $3.00
- Chicken Burger in Roll – $3.50
  - with Salad or Lettuce, cheese & Mayo: $3.90
- Grilled Beef burger with Lettuce, Tomato and Cheese – $4.00
- Nachos – $3.20
- Spaghetti Bolognese (Term 2 only) – $3.80
- Butter Chicken and Rice (Tuesday and Thursday only) – $4.00

**TOASTIES**

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**EXTRAS**

- Piece of Fruit – $0.80
- Fruit Salad – $3.00
- Plain Yoghurt with fresh fruit (Term 1 and Term 3 only) – $3.50
- Fresh Yoghurt – $2.40
- Frozen Yoghurt – $2.50
- Jelly – $1.50
- Jelly & Fruit – $1.80
- Muffin, Raspberry/Blueberry/Choc Chip/Choc (low fat) – $2.50
- Cookie, Choc Chip – $2.00
- 100% Frozen Juice Stick – $1.00
- Ovalteensies – $1.00
- Pop Top Juice, Apple, Orange or Apple & Blackcurrant – $2.20
- Water – $2.00

Plain Milk
- 375ml: $1.50
- 600ml: $2.00

Flavoured Milk, Chocolate/Strawberry/Honeycomb
- 250ml: $2.20
- 375ml: $2.80
Overview:
Each session is a casual information sharing evening for parents who have one or more children on the autism spectrum.

Participants will have an opportunity to ask questions or share concerns about anything to do with your child at home, school or in the community. Everyone is encouraged to participate but there is not pressure to do so. Just sit and listen if you like.

When: 25 March 2014
24 June 2014
26 August 2014
28 October 2014

Where: Sacred Heart Primary school (please phone me for directions to the meeting room.)
55 Bourke Street
Launceston

Time: 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Other: Tea/Coffee and nibbles will be available

*Free childcare will be available at the school.

For more information or to register interest please email Richard Wassom at richard.wassom@catholic.tas.edu.au and indicate the number of adult attendees and children (including ages) for childcare. Please RSVP no later than three days prior to the meeting date.
Community News

Tennis Coaching Term 1
Carswell Coaching Mathew Carswell and Hayley MacKirdy. Hot shot and Wilson pee Wee providers Group, Private and Shared lessons available Wilson pee Wee Tennis Tennis Australia Official Launch Pad program that leads into Hot Shots. Free Come and Try days Saturday 15th February at 1pm and also Monday 17th February at 6pm at the Newstead tennis and Squash Centre, Olive Street Newstead,Enquiries or Enrolments please phone Carswell Coaching on 63261020 or Mat_0417390261_ Hayley 0417345105 or email matcarswell@yahoo.com.au

Mind Moves Chess Club (5-18yrs old)
First club night is on Monday the 17th of February
Venue:  Windsor Community Precinct Health and Wellbeing Centre,Riverside.When: Every Monday during school term (Except public holidays) Time: 6pm – 7pm
Cost:  $30 per term.For more information or to register, please contact Dawida Rose-Nel on 0417981770 or email: dawidaeandshawn@bigpond.com

Come and Try Orienteering
You can start with an orienteering course that is either a pleasant stroll or an easy jog, either alone or in a group, along park tracks, and then progress when you wish to the more demanding courses as your navigating skills and fitness improve.For more information please contact Warren McDonough , Exeter High 63944366 63274161 [h] 437174160 [m]
warren.mcdonough@education.tas.gov.au

Early Childhood Music
The Music Tree offers instrumental tuition in a fun group environment perfect for the young beginner (up to 8 years old). Classes include the use of percussion instruments, music games, movement and lots of fun activities - the perfect balance to keep young kids interested and motivated. Individual tuition is also available in piano and keyboard for children 6 to 12 years.For more information contact Tonya Norris on 0407344107, e-mail: info@themusictree.com.au
www.themusictree.com.au
www.facebook.com/themusictreetas

Active Bike and Active and Alive are back in 2014

Active Bike is designed for people who want to learn or improve their bike riding skills. There is a choice of two riding groups; beginners for people who have never ridden a bike or intermediate for those wanting to improve their bike handling skills or do not feel confident riding alone on the road. Active Bike is a great way to not only get active and develop bike handling and road safety skills but meet new people in a relaxed, social environment and have fun. Active Bike will hold 10 sessions, running from Sunday 9th March to 11th May, 2014. These sessions will begin at Royal Park, Park Street at 10:00am.

Sally's Ride Active and Alive is designed for young people between the ages of 12 and 25 to try new activities in a fun and safe environment whilst building their self-confidence. Commencing in March. A different activity is scheduled once every month before concluding in October. If you have any further enquiries please visit www.activelaunceston.com.au or call 6324 4027.
POSITION VACANT

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The Australian Parents Council (APC) is the national organisation representing parents of students attending non-government schools throughout Australia.

Due to a forthcoming retirement in our office we are currently seeking a mature person to join our small team to provide high level support to the Executive Director. To be successful in this role you will have excellent written and communication skills, be efficient and reliable and able to work autonomously. An interest in the non-government schooling sector would be desirable.

This diverse position will include responsibility for managing interstate meeting arrangements, travel logistics and engagement with our affiliated organisations, parents and the wider community utilising IT and social media. A working understanding of the social media environment is therefore essential.

The APC office is also responsible for the administration of Parents Australia Inc., a registered charity recently established by APC’s member organisations to foster the engagement of parents in disadvantaged communities with the education of their children. The successful applicant will be expected to provide some support for Parents Australia, subject to negotiation.

The position of Executive Officer is a part-time position up to 4 days per week with a salary to be negotiated commensurate with the attributes and experience of the successful applicant. Working hours can be negotiated to accommodate family circumstances. Attendance at occasional interstate meetings on weekends will be required.

The position is based in the Launceston CBD. Applications close on Friday 28 February and should be sent to the Executive Director, PO Box 5011, Launceston 7250 or email to admin@austparents.edu.au

A position description and further information can be obtained by calling David Williams on 03 6334 8886 during office hours or email david@austparents.edu.au

Launceston Youth Theatre Ensemble

Enrolments are now open for the LYTE’s 2014 theatre program. This is your chance to become part of our ensemble and participate in inspiring and rewarding theatre workshops and productions. LYTE is currently taking enrolments for our Junior Company (grades prep-4), Middle Company (grades 4-7) and Senior Company (grades 8-12). Being a member of LYTE is a fun, challenging and rewarding experience that develops creativity, confidence, communication skills, fabulous new friendships and helps young people realise their full potential. LYTE is a company for everyone, those who may wish to become actors and those who may not. No previous experience is required. We’d love to have the opportunity to welcome you to our ensemble. Contact: Jane Johnson on 0402 634 820 email jane@mudlarktheatre.com.au

Social Bowls (Barefoot) Friday 14th & 28th February. Come and try this fun game. 5.30 pm sausage sizzle, 6pm the fun begins. Newcomers of all ages welcome (bowls and tuition available). North Launceston Bowls Club, George Town Road, Newnham. Enquiries 6326 2773.