Dear Parents,

Congratulations to Nash Digney and Joshua Garwood-Besanvalle who competed in the Little Athletics State Championships in Hobart over the weekend. They competed representing the South Launceston Club and performed very well. Nash came third in both the Discus and Shot Putt events. Congratulations to both boys. If your child has a success which should be shared with the wider school community please let us know so that we can celebrate and recognise their efforts and successes.

Could all parents using the back car park reverse park but also park between the marked spaces so that there are the maximum number of spaces available. Some parents are parking over two car spaces limiting the number available. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Many children are misplacing items of their school clothing. Could you please check that your child has their own clothing and not another child’s! Often children have their own clothing items stuck in the bottom of a bag or school tub and are wearing someone else’s clothing.

This week we will be trialling our Lockdown procedures during recess or lunchtime. The teachers and I will be talking to all students to prepare them for this practice. When the Lockdown is called, over the PA System or using airhorns, students are to go to the closest building that is to be opened by the teachers on duty. The opened buildings will be the:

- For the Back playground
  - Hall,
  - Prep classrooms or Mrs Crosswell’s/Mr Hyatt’s classrooms. Whichever the teachers are closest to.

- For the Middle playground
  - Discovery Centre.

Kindergarten students will go into their Kindergarten building. Students are to go to the building that the teachers are closest to and go inside. The students need to walk quickly, not run. I anticipate that it will be organised chaos. If your child is anxious please talk to them about this upcoming practice. From it we will be assessing what, if any changes, need to be made.
This week Parent/Teacher meetings are occurring. This opportunity is important. It is for setting goals for the year and discussing your child’s strengths and areas where extra support is needed.

Have a great week.

Anthony Healey,
Principal.

**REC News**

**Prayer**
Ever present God, our Companion and our Friend,
You are with us in every passing minute of every day,
Gently calling us to You,
Calmly guiding us towards fullness of life.
May we now be open and ready
To listen to Your whispers on our hearts
Amen.

**P & F News**

Thanks to everyone who came to the meeting last week, especially the new faces! The minutes will be available on the St Finn Barr's Website at the end of the week.

**Easter Raffle**
The P & F is holding an Easter Egg raffle again this year. Raffle books will be coming home this week. Please support this by selling all the tickets sent home - there is a book sellers prize drawn for all those who sell the whole book of tickets.

Tickets are $1 Each

1st Prize - Large Basket of Eggs
2nd Prize - Medium Basket of Eggs
3rd Prize - Small Basket of Eggs

Please return books by Friday 27th March.
The raffle will be drawn at assembly on the 30th March.

Extra books are available at the office.
School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS) and Making Jesus Real (MJR) at St Finn Barr’s.

The goal of St Finn Barr’s School Wide Positive Behaviour Support is to encourage behaviour that is reflective of Jesus’ behaviour that is morally grounded in Gospel values, and in the interests of the good of all around the community and us in general.

Making Jesus Real (MJR) is a program introduced to students in Grade 5/6 at St Finn Barr’s. It is designed to foster a relationship with Jesus that is real to the students and relevant to their daily lives. It is centred around the belief that we are the image of Jesus to all those people around us. We are His representatives and our actions should reflect His values. Jesus also made the comment that we are part of His family and that the ways we treat others should be reflective of the way we would treat Jesus.

MJR supports the values of: showing care and compassion, respect, honesty, and trustworthiness, understanding, tolerance and inclusion. These values encourage students to do their best, treat others fairly, be responsible for their actions, follow principles of moral, ethical conduct and stand up for the rights of others.

An important aspect of MJR is learning how to recognise the ‘Spirit of Jesus’ in an encounter with a friend, a cheerful greeting, a smile, a wink of encouragement, an offer of a helping hand or an unexpected compliment. MJR leads us to be ‘winners and grinners’ rather than ‘moaners and groaners’, to look for positives in each day, and to make sure we let others know how much we appreciate them in our lives. Our grade 5/6 students are able to recognise the Spirit of Jesus amongst others, and during our Whole School Assembly, individual students, from all grades, are presented with the Spirit of Jesus award.

At St Finn Barr’s we are a Community of Safe, Respectful and Resilient Learners.
Uniform Shop News

*Just Arrived - Size 8 Polo Tops & Size 4 Rugby Tops*

Opening Hours: Thursday 8.30 am - 9.30 am & 2.30 pm - 3.30 pm

School Banking

Branch Manager, Commonwealth Bank – Angelique Sanders will be at school tomorrow **Wednesday, 11th March 8.30-9.30 am** to open new school bank accounts with the Commonwealth Bank. Accounts can be opened for students at school and their siblings. Please call into the school Office and see Angelique if you have any questions.

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Calendar

Please click on the link to check out our online school calendar. [http://www.stfinnbarrs.tas.edu.au/news-events/calendar](http://www.stfinnbarrs.tas.edu.au/news-events/calendar)
Mum’s Night Out - Thursday 26th March, 7pm.

Venue to be advised next week.

We hope to see you there.
Community News

• **Would You Like To Host an Overseas Exchange Student**
  
  Learn about another culture, learn a new language or perhaps improve your culinary skills. Hosting - An Experience for Life.
  
  Student Exchange is looking for host families across Australia to welcome overseas students into their home.
  
  Visit [www.studentexchange.org.au/host-a-student](http://www.studentexchange.org.au/host-a-student) or call 1300 135 331 for more information

• **Are you looking for Before and After School Care in Invermay?**
  
  Carol, our Family Day Care educator in Invermay currently has spaces available for school holidays and before and after school care.

  Family Day Care provides:-
  
  - Personalised Care for small groups of children
  - Individual experiences which promote learning and education
  - Flexible hours to meet Family needs
  - Government Rebates (where eligible)

  If you would like more information please contact Margie on 6331 7455 or visit our website—[www.lfdc.net.au](http://www.lfdc.net.au)