March

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Thursday 13th
  Buddy Mass
  1/2 AC/RB & 3/4 HCl

- Friday 14th
  Meal Deal

- Saturday 15th
  Cake Stall at Election

- Monday 17th
  Morning Prayer 5/6 AB

From The Principal

Dear Parents,

Congratulations to Patrician House on their win at the School Swimming Carnival on Tuesday. The Carnival was a great success with all the children participating and doing their very best. The cheering and encouraging of team mates was fantastic. I would like to congratulate all those parents who encourage and enable their children to become confident swimmers. It has become clearer over the last few years that the children at SFB are developing their skills and becoming more confident swimmers. While the 8-day Swimming Program and Swimming Carnival are part of our focus on swimming unless you, as parents, provide your child with swimming opportunities they will not become confident in the water. Thank you for investing the time and resources in ensuring your child is safe around water.

Congratulations to Bec Townsend, Annie Duffey, Jason and Sheena French and Belinda Barlow on winning the Flying Flippers Shield Relay race. They were worthy winners beating the students and teachers in a hotly contested race!

Issues have arisen with the use of Facebook in our school community over the last two weeks. Facebook is a great tool to be used to keep in contact with family and friends. It can also be used for personal attacks on other parents, students and derogatory comments about the school and its employees. Such conversations are against the core values, vision and mission of our school.

I advise that the appropriate vehicle for addressing issues you have with the school or its employees is via the school’s publicly accessible set of Grievance Procedures (Available on the school website or from the Office). Individual differences between parents or families have no place in the school and should be resolved, amicably we would hope, outside of the school domain.
Please be mindful that what might be considered an innocent and private conversation between two people online is not necessarily so and a comment made in the public domain can automatically become available for a wide number of people to view. Please also be mindful that there is a potentially dangerous assumption in reading comments that are posted online and assuming that they are completely accurate. The school is respectful and confidential in how we address grievances. We do not publicly comment on how we follow up situations or address issues out of respect for the people involved and their circumstances.

Attached is the link to an article in the Age Newspaper and I have included some quotes from the recent judgement, where in a first in Australia, a teacher was awarded damages against a student for defamation.

"The Age Newspaper, 4th March 2014

A NSW school teacher has made legal history after a former student was ordered to pay $105,000 for defaming her on Twitter and Facebook.

In the first Twitter defamation battle in Australia to proceed to a full trial, District Court judge Michael Elkaim ruled that former Orange High School student Andrew Farley should pay compensatory and aggravated damages for making false allegations about music teacher Christine Mickle.

Judge Elkaim said the comments had had a "devastating effect" on the popular teacher, who immediately took sick leave and only returned to work on a limited basis late last year.

"When defamatory publications are made on social media it is common knowledge that they spread," Judge Elkaim said in an unreported judgment in November.

"They are spread easily by the simple manipulation of mobile phones and computers. Their evil lies in the grapevine effect that stems from the use of this type of communication."


We are all accountable for our actions and words, including all social media, and need to act in an appropriate manner in addressing any and all issues which occur at School and in the other areas of our lives.

Should you need further clarification on our position on any of the above, then please feel free to organise to meet with me.

Early Numeracy Interviews are continuing this week and will conclude by Friday. Thank you for your patience in this matter which assists in enabling students to improve their mathematical understanding.

Tomorrow the Northern Suburbs Community House will run a session after school for all families to join and participate.

Have a great week.

Anthony Healey,
Principal.
**Lenten Fast Facts**

* The Liturgical colour for Lent is purple.
* During Lent we are asked to support the work of Caritas through our contributions to Project Compassion.
* We do not say the “Alleluia” verse in Masses during Lent.

**Project Compassion** due on Friday, 11th April. Thank you for your continued support with this.

**Monday Morning Prayers & Assembly** begin at 8:50 a.m. Please join us for this celebration at the start of the week. The seats are allocated to certain classes and parents may sit behind the Grade 5/6 classes.

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**First Reconciliation**

Dear Parents,
If you missed the Reconciliation meeting last Thursday night there will be another opportunity to register your child:

**Thursday, 13th March**
2:00pm OR 7:30pm
at Sacred Heart Church, Abbott St, Newstead

The first part of the children’s preparation is the Presentation Mass on the weekend of 15th/16th March.

These meetings will only be held if required, so please RSVP to let me know which one you would like to come to. I am happy to do the meeting for just one parent if necessary, but I will not be there unless I know the meeting is required.

Kind regards,
Jacquie Wood
wood1991@bigpond.net.au or 6344 5714.

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**Family Mass**

If you or your child/ren would like to help with the family Masses please contact Alice Cannon or Carmen Aylott at School or Jacquie Wood on 6344 5714 or wood1991@bigpond.net.au
Kindergarten Enrolments 2015
Kindergarten Enrolments for all Catholic Schools in Launceston are now being sought for 2015. Our Enrolment forms are available from the school office or they can be downloaded from our school web page http://web.stfinnbarrs.tas.edu.au/contact-us/enrolment
If you know of any families who are interested in Kindergarten for 2015 please ask them to contact the school office. Enrolment applications close at the end of Term 1.

Grade 6 Parents
St Patrick's College have recently mailed out application forms for places in Year 7 in 2015. If you have not received your package can you please contact the Enrolment Registrar, Mrs Sandra Faulkner on 63419988 or email registrar@stpatricks.tas.edu.au. Enrolments close on Thursday, April 17th.

Centacare - St Finn Barr’s Outside of School Hours Care
Enrolment forms are available from the School Office.

Parents & Friends News
Thanks to all those who attended our first meeting for the year last week. We have a busy term with lots happening. The minutes from the meeting are available on the school website in the Community section.

Meal Deal
There is a meal deal this Friday of Hot dog/drink and cookie. Please have your order in no later than today. Helpers are needed to assist with the meal deal from 12.45pm until 1.15pm this Friday. Please contact the office if you can help.

Icypoles are also being sold this term on Thursdays and Fridays. If you would like to help please let the office know.

Election Day Cake Stall
The P & F are holding a cake stall on Election Day Saturday, 15th March. Hopefully each family has received a plate that went out last week. Please support us by returning this plate to the school on THIS Friday with some yummy homemade goodies to put on our stall. Regulations now require all items to be labelled with all ingredients, date made, makers initials and class group. Please do not use fresh cream in your goodies. For more information there is a free online course at http://www.launceston.imalert.com.au We have a roster of helpers on the day and do need some more help after 9am. If you can spare an hour please let us know what time suits after 9.30am.

Mother’s Day Stall
The P & F will be running the Mother’s Day stall again this year and are looking for some helpers to organise the donations and set up the stall. Please think about having a go helping out, it is great fun for the kids and they love picking out something special for Mum. We will start collecting donations shortly, more information next week.

If you can help with any of the above please let the office know or email pandf.sfb@catholic.tas.edu.au
SWPBS
School Wide Positive Behaviour Support

We are a Community of
Safe
Respectful
Resilient
Learners.

In week six, continuing focus in classrooms will be on being Respectful in all areas.

Next week, Monday, March 17th our four sessions of Peer Support for this term will begin, and the focus in the first week will move to being SAFE.

Our Grade 5/6 Students will support Teachers in each classroom to ensure understanding of what it means to be Safe in all areas. In school, around the school and out of school.

In Peer Support, the Prep to Grade Two students are grouped across the ECE and 3/4 classrooms to share with the 5/6 Students and Teachers. Grade Three/Four Students are in cross grade groupings in the 5/6 and 3/4 Cousins classrooms to share at the same time.

The aim is that this shared understanding is then transferred to all classrooms, the playground, the Hall, the Church, on excursions and beyond our school environment whilst being supported by all Students, Staff and Parents.

Ask your children about their experience and understanding of being Safe, now and following the Peer Support session.

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

ICT News

The Easy Guide to Socialising Online provides information about the online safety features of different social networking sites, search engines and online games. This includes step by step instructions on how to report cyber- bullying, abuse and inappropriate content directly to social media sites.

Lynne Seaton - ICT Co-ordinator
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.

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 ………………………………………………………………………
### Grade 5/6 Friday Sport - Friday 14th March

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**GAME TIME:** 1.10pm – 2.40pm

### Parent Calendar

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| Morning Prayer 5/6 AB         |         |           | NIJSSA Swimming Carnival | Buddy Mass - 1/2 MM & 3/4 HCo |

| 24      | 25      | 26        | 27       | 28     |
| Morning Prayer 1/2 AC/RB      |         |           | NIJSSA Swimming Carnival - back up day | Class Liturgy of the Word - 5/6 MC |

| 31      | 3/1     | 2         | 3        | 4      |
| Morning Prayer - 1/2 CD       |         |           | Class Liturgy of the Word - 5/6 BH | Buddy Mass PM & 5/6 AB |

Community News

A Free Information Session for parents who have separated will be held at St Finn Barr’s on 3 April 2014.

There will be two sessions held to allow parents to attend a separate session.

Session 1: 2-3 pm
Session 2: 3:30-4:30 pm

These sessions will focus on giving parents ideas about what their children might need after family separation, and some helpful tips about communicating with your child’s other parent and supporting your child after separation.

Parents will be given information about other services available that help separated parents.

If you are interested please speak to Lynne Seaton & feel free to call Mel, the presenter, 6332 8000 or 1300 364 277.

Music Party/Workshop

Music games, Prizes, Performance (for those who learn an Instrument) and Party food. Learn Theoretical components of Music through games including; Ladders, Pass the Parcel, Musical Bingo, the Memory game and more. Plus come on a Treasure Hunt through the garden! Loads of fun for children aged 4-12 years. Sunday 16th March at 3-5PM. Riverside - addressed advised on Application. $15 for the first Child and $5 for each additional Child/Sibling Be Quick! Limited Spots. Email: Robbiewilson75@hotmail.com or Phone Robyn Wilson 0400 070 375

Nurturing the Child and Pony

Lilydale District Pony Club Open Day, Sunday 16th March 2014, 10 am to 3 pm

Lilydale District Pony Club will be delighted to welcome you to their Open Day on Sunday 16th March 2014 at the Karoola Recreation grounds on Pipers River Road, the club’s home base, from 10am until 3pm. A free sausage sizzle will be provided.

2014 Term Dates

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