Dear Parents,

Advent is a period of reflection, repentance and belief in Jesus Christ! The Church year in Australia begins on the First Sunday of Advent (30 Nov Wk 8). Advent is originally a time to reflect and prepare for Christmas similarly to how Lent is in preparation for Easter. The term “Advent” derives from the Latin word adventus, meaning “coming” or “arrival”. It refers to the period immediately before Christmas, during which one might prepare for the symbolic birth of Christ each year!

Purple is historically the main colour used for Advent because it reflects penitence, fasting, and the colour of royalty to welcome the Advent of the King (Jesus Christ). Advent wreaths are symbolic of Advent. The purpose of Jesus’ coming into the world, of the ”Word made flesh” and dwelling among us is to reveal God and His grace to the world through Jesus’ life and teaching, but also through his suffering, death, and resurrection! It truly is a special time of the year where there is much to celebrate.

On Wednesday we farewell our Gr 6 students as they leave our school community and embark on their journey through High School. On Friday night at our Leavers’ Dinner they reflected on some of their experiences at St Finn Barr’s and enjoyed each other’s company in a celebration of their time and achievements at our school. It was a great evening and a wonderful way to celebrate with such a great group of young adults. Many thanks to Brett Hyatt, Mercedes Clear and Nadia Paternoster for all their work in preparing a great evening and also Belinda Barlow who prepared the room so that it was ready for the evening. On Tuesday we formally farewell this wonderful group of children at the Gr 6 Leavers Mass at 7.00 pm. If you can join us please do!

As the year ends there is much to celebrate as a school. The continuation of improving our school facilities continued with the renovation of the Hyatt/Cousins classrooms and the undercover area. The car park is finally being done early next year. We will no longer have to be concerned whether a child, or car, will vanish, never to be seen again, in those large deep lakes which we call puddles.
I am pleased to inform you that the following teachers have been employed for 2015.

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<td>PE will return to Wednesday (Gr 3-6) and Friday (ECE)</td>
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<td>Mr Jobe Tai</td>
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Anthony Hielscher has a depth of experience as a PE teacher and has been working in Gr 5/6 classes as a TA since returning to Tasmania last Term. He is a great replacement for Sarah Reynier.

Letitia Brown has just graduated from the University of Tasmania. She has worked in Preschool care for the last six years and brings a wealth of experience to our ECE team.

Karen Higgins has been working in Gr 1/2 Higgins for Term Four and is very familiar with SFB and our community. She also has a wealth of experience in teaching.

Jobe Tai is an experienced teacher who will be a great addition to our Gr 5/6 team.

All are excited to be joining our school community in 2015 and are looking forward to meeting you and your children. Jess Edwards will be doing Drama across the school in 2015 every Monday. In Term 1 she will be preparing all classes for the Speech Competitions. During the rest of the year she will be working with children to develop their speaking and performance skills.

Last week we had our Parent Helper Morning Tea. As the year closes I would like to thank every person who has assisted and added to our school community. There are so many parents and grandparents who contribute and add to our school community in so many ways which adds to the richness of what we provide to the most important people in our community - the children! A Principal thank you for your support for myself and all the staff. It is appreciated and valued.

Have a great Christmas and I look forward to seeing you in 2015.

Anthony Healey,
Principal.
School Books 2015

Have you ordered your child’s school stationery for 2015. Remember to order by 19th December or a late fee will apply to postage. If you are having trouble please call in and see the office staff.

No Canteen

There will be NO Canteen for the rest of this year. Please make sure your child brings a cut lunch and drink for their lunch everyday.

School Fees

School Fees accounts are now overdue. Please make full payment by the end of the school Term. If you are experiencing difficulties with your account payment please speak to the Office staff.

Congratulations to our 2015 School Leaders

School Captains: Bianca Duffy and Charlie Townsend
School Vice Captains: Isabella Young and Daniella Flynn-Summers
Marian: Zac Seadon and Charlotte Boote
Patrician: Travis Pracik and Erin Giles
Bethany: Elyse McHugh and Jake McCarthy
Newsletter

REC News

Prayer
Loving God,
We gather to celebrate the goodness that this year has brought us.
We rejoice and thank you for the many blessings we have experienced in our school community this year.
Let us hold on to that joy and recognise the grace of your presence in those memories. We ask this in Jesus’ name.
Amen.

Thanksgiving & Graduation Mass
When: Tuesday, 16th December 2014
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Where: St Finn Barr’s Church

The Church will open at 6:30 p.m. Grade 5/6 students to arrive at 6:45 p.m. and meet on the top court.

Grade 5/6 students to wear summer uniforms.
Kinder to Grade 3/4 students are to sit with their parents and may wear casual clothes.

Come along and celebrate our year. Please collect your Report after Mass.
SWPBS - School Wide Positive Behaviour Support

We are a Community of

Safe
Respectful
Resilient

Learners.

PBS Awards Term 4, 2014

Prep
Respectful - Charlotte Rae
Resilient - Riley Woodland

Grade 1/2
Safe – Evie Cheney (1/2 AC/RB)
Respectful – Chad Rosier (1/2 MM)
Resilient – Emma Johnson (1/2 KH)

Grade 3/4
Safe - Shannon Kelly
Respectful - Jack Woodland
Resilient - Jack Flynn

Grade 5/6
Safe – Jaijarna Lee
Respectful – Josie Plummer
Resilient – Holly James

Uniform Shop News

Additional Opening Hours 2014  - Tuesday 16th December, 8.30 am - 9.30 am & 2.30 pm - 3.30 pm

Opening Hours for the start of 2015 - Monday 2nd February, 10 am - 12 noon, Tuesday 3rd February, 1 pm - 3 pm & Thursday

School Banking

A special thanks to Dianne Bower for her time and effort with School Banking during the year. Thank you also to those who supported the School banking in 2014.

Term Dates 2015

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P & F News

Ezy Covers
Ezy Covers are a great and easy way to cover books. For every cover sold the P & F gets 5 cents but if you put in the school code of ZFA186 the donation increases to 10 cents. The covers look great and are ridiculously easy, there is a great display of samples in the office. They are only available online, you can follow the link on the P & F part of the school website.

Welcome event 2015
The P & F will be holding a "Welcome to and welcome back to school" event Friday, 20th February 2015. This is a great night to welcome new families to the school and catch up with existing families after the holiday break. We hope the swings that we have been working hard to raise money for will be opened that night and we plan to have a jumping castle, face painting and live music. Look out for more details next year and remember to save the date!

2014
The St Finn Barr's P & F would like to thank the whole St Finn Barr's community for such a fabulous effort this year. We have had the Welcome Night, Easter Raffle, Mother's Day Stall and flowers, Rock n Roll night, Father’s Day Stall and lunch and of course, our Fair. We would like to thank the office staff for all their help throughout the year, Mr Soule for all his efforts, staff who attended meetings throughout the year and all the SFB families who helped and contributed throughout the year.

We look forward to your continued support next year.
Happy Holidays,
Parents & Friends.

Knitters needed

Knitters are needed to knit poppies for the National Trust Tasmanian Heritage Festival 2015. They are due in March and will be collected and sent to the National Trust. See Lynne Matson for patterns.
Welcome to and Welcome Back to St Finn Barr's 2015.

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

Friday 20th February.

5 -7 pm outside the SFB School Hall.

We will be opening the swings that everybody worked so hard to raise money for this year.

There will also be a jumping castle, face painting and live music!

Bring a picnic dinner and relax and enjoy the evening.

We are looking forward to seeing you all there.
St Finn Barr's Parents and Friends  2015

The Parents and Friends are a welcoming group of parents, friends, guardians and staff of St Finn Barr's school who wish to be involved in their child’s schooling and in the development of the school and its resources.

The P & F work in conjunction with the School Board and share information on upcoming projects and ideas for the future of our school.

These are always fun for the children to participate in and foster a school spirit within our community.

These events cannot and will not occur without help from families.

We look forward to you and your family supporting the school in many different ways...............................

- **Welcome Night.................................come along and catch up with old and new friends.**
- **Easter Raffle.................................sell a whole book of raffle tickets.**
- **Entertainment Books...........................buy a book.**
- **Mother's Day Stall..............................donate a gift and then the kids can buy one for their mum.**
- **Mother's Day Flowers...........................help prepare flowers for all the mums.**
- **Rock ’n’ Roll Night............................a family get together in the middle of the year.**
- **Fathers Day Stall..............................donate a gift and then the kids buy one for their dad.**
- **Father's Day Lunch...........................come and help cook and serve the lunch.**
- **School Fun Run.................................help sell coffees and cakes.**
- **School Fair...............................a whole school event every two years.**
- **Christmas Raffle.............................sell a whole book of raffle tickets.**
- **Christmas Parade Float..........................help prepare for and participate in the float.**
- **Other ideas...........................................always welcome.**

Student’s Name ..................................................................................................................................................

Parent’s Name ..................................................................................................................................................

Parent’s Contact Details Phone.....................................................................................................................................

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Other comments ..................................................................................................................................................

The P & F meets on the first Wednesday of the month in the staff room from 7.30 pm to 9.00 pm.

Dates for the meetings are advertised in the school newsletter and meeting minutes are on the SFB website. We encourage as many new and existing parents to come along with new and exciting ideas and to be a part of this wonderful organisation.
## Christmas Mass Times

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| Carmelite Monastery       | 7 Cambridge Road       | WEST LAUNCESTON| 7250     | **Christmas Eve:** 12:00 AM  
**Christmas Day:** 8:30 AM  
**New Year's Day:** 7:30 AM |
| Church of the Apostles    | 44 Margaret Street     | LAUNCESTON    | 7250     | **Christmas Eve:** 6:30 PM (Family Mass), 9:00 PM, 12:00 AM  
**Christmas Day:** 10:30 AM  
**New Year's Day:** 10:00 AM  
**Sunday:** 10:30 AM, 6:30 PM, 4:00 PM (Polish – 2nd Sunday only) |
| St Finn Barr's            | 247 Invermay Road      | INVERMAY      | 7248     | **Christmas Day:** 9:00 AM  
**Sunday:** 9:00 AM |
| St Francis of Assisi      | Pomona Road            | RIVERSIDE     | 7250     | **Christmas Eve:** 6:00 PM  
**Christmas Day:** 9:00 AM  
**Sunday:** 9:00 AM  
**Monday:** 9:00 AM  
**Tuesday:** 9:00 AM  
**Wednesday:** 9:00 AM  
**Friday:** 9:00 AM  
**Saturday:** 6:00 PM (Vigil) |
| St Patrick's College Chapel| 282 Westbury Road      | PROSPECT VALE | 7250     | **Christmas Day:** 9:00 AM  
**Sunday:** 9:00 AM |
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