Dear Parents,

The end of another year has come. On behalf of the teachers and support staff I would like to thank you for the wonderful support that you have given to make SFB such a great school. The sense of community which exists due to every act and word that you do to support your child and teachers to make our school a great place to be. In particular I would like to thank the P & F who do such a wonderful job in running events which support building our sense of community.

On Wednesday night the Carols were a great success with the children performing two songs each and really getting into the Christmas Spirit. Thank you to all those parents who stayed and watched every act and made each and every child feel that their performance was important. Thank you to the teachers, including Mr Daniel Townsend, in preparing the children for the performance.

I am pleased to inform you that Daniel Townsend has been appointed as the Music teacher at SFB in an ongoing position. I congratulate Daniel. The teachers were very pleased to hear that Daniel has been successful in this ongoing appointment.

This Tuesday night is the Gr 6 Thanksgiving and Graduation Mass. The Church will be open at 6.30 pm. All families are invited to attend and
celebrate the successful year and farewell our Gr 6 students who have been a wonderful example all year to the younger students. There is limited seating available for the Gr 6 parents and their guests so please be seated early. Children from other grades (Prep - Gr 4) wear casual clothes and sit with their parents. The Gr 5 & 6 students wear their summer uniform. The Mass is followed by the Awards Ceremony for our Gr 6 students.

On Thursday the traditional picnic will be held at 12.30 on the grassed areas near the Hall. All parents are invited to come and have lunch (bring whatever you like) with their child/children. At the end of lunch parents have the choice of taking their child home early or leaving them at school until the end of the day as normal. Either is perfectly acceptable as the school is required to remain open for the entire day. Children who remain play games or watch videos with their peers.

The Maths interviews which we do on one of the days before school returns will not occur next year. The teachers will be involved in a day of planning. The Interviews will occur in the 5th-7th weeks of the Term. School resumes for students on Thursday, 6th February.

At all Parish Masses last week brochures were handed out addressing the issue of The Truth, Justice Healing Council. Copies of the brochure are available at the Office or to be emailed to anyone who would like this information.

*The Truth, Justice and Healing Council is coordinating the Catholic Church’s response to the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse with the Commitment to cooperation, openness and justice for victims and survivors. It has been established in recognition of the importance of the Royal Commission and the imperative for the Church to address the past openly and honestly, the good with the bad. Truth Justice, Healing Council: wwwtjhcouncil.org.au*

Again, thank you for your support this year and have a Holy, Happy and Safe Christmas Break.

Anthony Healey,
Principal.

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**Thanksgiving and Graduation Mass**

Tuesday, 17th December 2013 at 7pm in St Finn Barr’s Church. *(Church will be open from 6.30pm)*

Grade 5/6 students are to arrive at 6:45 pm and meet on the top court.

Grade 5/6 students are to wear their 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 child’s report after Mass.
REC News

Prayer
O God of all beginnings and endings,
We praise and thank you for the gift of this school year.
It has been a time filled with grace and blessings,
With challenges and opportunities, joys and sorrows.

The days have passed quickly, O Lord.
The weeks, the months, the seasons, the holidays and holy days,
All have come forth from your hand.

While we trust that your purposes have always been at work each day,
Sometimes it has seemed difficult to understand and appreciate
Just what you have been up to in our school.

Give us the rest and refreshment we need this summer.
Let our efforts of this past year bear fruit.
Bring all of our plans to a joyful conclusion,
And bless us, according to your will,

With the fulfillment of our summer hopes and dreams.
Watch over us in the weeks of rest ahead,
And guide each day as you have done this past year.
Help us return to school with a new spirit and a new energy.

May we continue to grow
In age, wisdom, knowledge and grace
All the days of our lives.
Amen.

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.

Music Band/Strings Program
Our school offers a Band and Strings Program. Tutors work with students during school hours who would like to learn an instrument for band (clarinet, percussion, saxophone etc) or an instrument for Strings Program (violin, cello). There is a cost if your child is part of the program, which compared to outside school hours private tuition is fantastic value. Please contact the School Office for further information or visit http://www.stpatricks.tas.edu.au/school-life/cultural-co-curricular/music-enrolments
End of Year Mum’s Night Out
Come and celebrate the end of the year with us, everyone is welcome.
Wednesday 18th December, Calabrisella Restaurant 7pm BYO!
Please RSVP to Bec on 0408 558 918 or Annie on 0458 006 093 by Monday 16th.

16TH DECEMBER

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Invitation
Dear Parents,
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Thank you and I will see you on Wednesday afternoon,
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**Police Check**
Parents are reminded that to volunteer at school you are required to have a current police check. For many parents this will lapse at the end of this school year. Please collect the renewal forms from the office and return as soon as possible. Thank you.

**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.

**The 2013 School Magazine** is now available at the school office for $12 a copy. Make sure you call in and collect your copy before they sell out!!

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**Uniform Shop News**

Have you placed your uniform order for 2014?

To assist with ordering of supplies please place your order now and collect it in 2014.

**2014 Opening Hours**
The Uniform Shop will be open on Wednesday 29th January, 11-2 p.m. and Thursday 6th February, 8.30 - 9.30 p.m. and 2.30 - 3.30 p.m.

*Please mark these dates in your Calendar.*

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**School Books 2014**

*Booklists and log on passwords for the ordering and payment of school books in 2014 have been sent home, if you have not received your child’s booklist please contact the school office, immediately.*

Books must be ordered and paid for before 31st December or there will be a late fee of $9.95.

Families who have been approved for Student Assistance have been notified by the school office. These families will need to collect their books from the School Office on Wednesday 29th January, or Thursday 30th January, 2014. *Please mark these dates in your Calendar.*

*If any families have any questions or concerns please contact our school office.*

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**2014 Term Dates for Students**

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During the year our Students have developed a greater understanding of our Mantra and have worked to bring it to life in our school community.

Many have been daily commended for their efforts and each term Awards have been given.

This final term of 2013 awards were given to a student from each class who displayed the SWPBS qualities consistently throughout the year. **Congratulations to ....**

Prep P - Ksanet Mehari
Prep B - Maranda Curtis
1/2HC – Joel Curtis
1/2M – Jack Woodland
1/2AC – Kate Healer
3/4M – Zac Seadon
3/4P – Bianca Duffy
3/4C – William Manshanden
5/6B – Gabrielle Dewsbury
5/6M – Xavier Manshanden
5/6H - Jackson Radbone

**Remember the 6 to 1 positives this year and beyond!**

Have a wonderful Christmas.
Happy New Year.
Enjoy the Summer.
Have fun in the holidays.
Catch up with friends and family.
Laugh long and hard! Be happy.

If there are any questions about SWPBS you would like addressed in the Newsletter please email lynne.seaton@catholic.tas.edu.au
Ezy Covers
Last year we discovered a fabulous product that is available for everyone to order online. They 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. Please take note of the Ezy Cover flyer in the office.

Welcome event 2014
The P & F will be holding a "Welcome to and welcome back to school" event Friday, 14th February 2014. This is a great night to welcome new families to the school and catch up with existing families after the holiday break. 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!

Entertainment Books
A big thank you to all the families who bought the Entertainment Books this year. From these sales we raised $324.00!

2013
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 breakfast and Election stalls. 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.

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 The St Pat's Band, 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.
ICT News

Many thanks to all 3/4 Cousins and Prep Bird Parents, who returned their surveys and helped in the decision making process for 2014, as well as the parents who attended the 5/6 Meeting, or sent in their ideas. All were most valuable.

The follow up meetings for 5/6 Parents of 2014 will be organised as early in the year as we can achieve. The dates will be in the Newsletters. Please add them to diaries so as many as possible are available to attend and further the discussion and planning. This will enable us to work together towards the best outcomes for our Students.

Please forward any questions to lynne.seaton@catholic.tas.edu.au

Celebrating Christmas 2013

RECONCILIATION
7.30pm Thursday, 19th December
Church of the Apostles, Launceston

CHRISTMAS EVE
Tuesday 24th December

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No evening Mass on Christmas Day

NEW YEAR’S DAY
Wednesday 1st January 2014

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Launceston City Council is seeking feedback from the community on its draft Play Spaces Strategy. You’re invited to log onto our online community engagement website www.yourvoiceyourlaunceston.com, and add your comments and ideas to each of the forum topics. If you have any questions, our online co-ordinator will answer them. Or, if you prefer, just take the quick poll and the 5 minute survey. It’s quick and interesting and we would love to hear your comments.

**December**

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**Enrolments Open for the 2014 Acting Ensemble**

Enrolments are now open for the 2014 theatre program with LYTE. 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 pre-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 the opportunity to welcome you to our ensemble. Contact: Jane Johnson 0402 634 820

jane@mudlarktheatre.com.au

**Private Piano Tuition 2014**

Located in Riverside, Robyn Wilson Atcl, Perf Cert, Hon scsm has over 20 years teaching experiences and provides many opportunities from 4years to Adult. Holiday programs, Piano Parties, Examinations, Competitions and Piano Recitals are all opportunities available for pupils. Weekly awards are given as an incentive to encourage regular practise, along with a $100 Annual Scholarship, Trophies and Medals. To enquire about lessons after School please call 0400 070 375 or email robbiewilson75@hotmail.com.

Be Quick! Limited Spots

**Vacation Care 2014**

Spaces available for Vacation Care in the January School Holidays. If you would like quality personal care with low ratios from a Diploma Qualified, registered and experienced Carer. Please contact Debby on 63266308 Or 0438322721. Reasonable rates, great activities and Child Care benefit available. Book Now

**Biggest Biggest Game of Cricket - Kids Registration**

A star-studded testimonial match for former Test captain and Ponting Foundation co-founder, Ricky Ponting will be played on 30 January 2014 at Aurora Stadium in Launceston.

Ricky Ponting invites all children to play in his own Biggest Biggest Game of Cricket on the Aurora Stadium ground immediately prior to the Tribute Game. If your child would like to participate in the Biggest Biggest Game of Cricket please register at www.ticketmaster.com.au

**Numbers are limited to 1,000 children**

All proceeds from the game will support the Ponting Foundation’s Biggest Game of Cricket fundraiser for distribution to the Tasmanian health system to support all Tasmanian children with cancer and their families.
Replacement of Free Student Greencard/Smart Card (Bus Pass) Guidelines
Applications close 15 November for CURRENT school year.

What is a Student Greencard?
A student Greencard allows a student to have either a discount or free bus travel. Without a Greencard the student may have to pay the standard student fare. If the student travels on a non-Metro bus service, and pays a fare, they will still need to purchase a ticket from the driver.

Who CAN apply for a Replacement Free Travel Student Greencard or Smart Card on this application form?
Students who have previously been approved for FREE travel or a Transfer Pass on a student fare paying service (other than Metro) and their card is:
Lost/stolen or
Damaged or
Not working
Or the students:
trip details have changed or eligibility has changed.

How to apply for a Replacement Greencard or Smart Card?
Non-Metro Free Bus Travel
To receive a replacement free travel non-Metro Greencard or Smart Card, fill out this application form, and take it into your local Service Tasmania Branch.
A fee of $11 (inc GST) is payable for a replacement card where:
The card has been lost or stolen
The card has been deliberately damaged
No fee applies where a card is returned to Service Tasmania and is:
Unreadable or
Damaged through no fault of the owner or
Change of trip details or
Change of eligibility.

Temporary Pass
A temporary pass is obtained from Service Tasmania when lodging this application form and can only be used for non-Metro bus travel. The temporary pass is an endorsed receipt, allowing students to access free travel for 4 weeks until their replacement card arrives.

Metro Free Bus Travel and Fare Paying Bus Travel
Students travelling on Metro only OR who pay a fare on another service (excluding Tassielink and Merseylink) must apply directly to Metro for a replacement Greencard.
Metro:
Phone: 132201
Website: www.metrotas.com.au

How long before the Greencard or Smartcard (Bus Pass) arrives?
The replacement Greencard/Smartcard process can take up to 4 weeks.

How to submit the Replacement of Free Student Greencard/Smart Card Application?
Paper applications can be submitted via:
Any Service Tasmania outlet.
By Post (including a cheque or money order for $11 made payable to Department of Infrastructure, Energy and Resources):
Passenger Transport Services Branch GPO Box 1242
HOBART TAS 7001
ENQUIRIES: 1300 851 225 or bus.passes@dier.tas.gov.au
Autism Parent Support Group

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.cdu.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.