Dear Parents,

Thank you to all the parents who came and assisted with the Working Bee on Saturday. It was very successful and completed quickly thanks to the support of Crossroads Civil Contracting who generously donated the use of a Bobcat. A number of parents at SFB work for Crossroads and I would like to thank their company for its support which enabled the Working Bee to be completed quickly. Many thanks to Matthew Townsend, Over the Hedge Landscaping, for all his work in preparing the site, building the retaining wall and helping with his workers on Saturday. The final inspection and fitting of the swings will occur early this week. I would like to thank the P & F who have donated over $20 000 towards the construction of this playground. This will be a great addition to our school community. Parents and their children are welcome to come and use our facilities, including the swings, after hours and on weekends.

Congratulations to our 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 Praciak and Erin Giles
Bethany: Elyse McHugh and Jake McCarthy
who were presented today with their badges and blessed during a ceremony conducted by Fr Richard. I know you will support them in their important role as school leaders.

Gr 3 and Gr 4 students will be participating in the Swimming Carnival trials this Tuesday 17th Feb. Please ensure that your child has their bathers, towel and all other necessary items for this. Gr 5/6 will do their trials on Tuesday 24th Feb. On Thursday the Gr 1/2 teachers will be released for a day of planning. On Friday the Gr 3/4 teachers will be released. These days have been scheduled to allow the teachers the time to plan together as a team to improve the educational outcomes of your children. The other teachers will be released next week. This is in addition to the weekly planning meetings which occur after school.

Reminder
- Have you returned your New Enrolment Terms & Conditions Form and your Payment Arrangements Form ???
  Thank you.
This Friday Gr 5/6 students begin Friday Sport competing against other Independent and Catholic Schools. They are greatly excited by this and it is a great learning opportunity. Thank you to all the parents who are supporting the different teams as coaches and helpers.

Katelin Barker (Gr 5) is participating in the World’s Greatest Shave. She is doing this to support her grandfather who is currently having treatment for Leukaemia. Katelin will have her head shaved at school in early March. This was a decision that was not lightly taken by her, and her family, and I support her decision to participate. If you would like to support her in her effort to raise money for this worthy charity you can do so on her donation page http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/katelinbarker

Have a great week.
Anthony Healey,

Principal.
Do you knit or crochet?

Are you interested in making poppies? The poppies will feature in art installations at the Tasmanian Heritage Festival this year in gardens and buildings of National Trust properties. They will be displayed before ANZAC Day and remain throughout May.

If you would like to be involved in this project, please see me or collect a pattern from the office or visit http://5000poppies.wordpress.com/poppy-patterns/

Lynne Matson.

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Let us pray.

Lent is a time of reflection and renewal, a time for us to think about how we treat others, the way we act, the way we live our lives and how we can be more peaceful people.

Loving God, be with us in a special way during this time of Lent so that we can become people of love and forgiveness. We make this prayer through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.
Living Lent in your family - some suggestions:

* Pray as a family - at mealtimes, at bedtime.
* Place a candle/cross on the table or in a special place in your home.
* Encourage your children to “give up” something or to help others.
* Contribute as a family to Project Compassion or other charities.

**Lenten Fast Facts**

* The Liturgical color 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.

**The Three Aspects of Lent**

**PRAYER:** During Lent, we are asked to try to find time in our busy lives to stop, reflect and pray.

**FASTING:** In the past, Catholics were expected to abstain or give up meat every Friday during Lent. Now, there are only two days when this is required: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The whole idea of fasting and making sacrifices or “giving things up” is a way to try to simplify our lives a little and to discover what truly matters.

**ALMSGIVING:** During Lent we “give alms” or donate money to those in need. One way schools do this is through Project Compassion. Each classroom has a Project Compassion box where students can support children in other countries, perhaps by giving up some of their own coins. Families could also have a Project Compassion box at home to remind them of their commitment to those less fortunate.

**Did You Know?**

Why we eat pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday?

Traditionally, Christians gave up meat, fat, eggs and dairy products for Lent. Shrove Tuesday was the last chance to use up some of these foods before Lent begins.

Why we receive ashes on Ash Wednesday?

The ashes that are placed on our forehead are a symbol of our mortality and a sign of sorrow and repentance. The ashes come from burning the palms from Palm Sunday of the previous year.

**What is Lent?**

Lent is a 40 day season of preparation before Easter. It is a time where we are asked to reflect on our lives and on our relationship with God and others. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday and finishes during Easter week. The forty days are symbolic of the 40 days Jesus spent in the desert.

Faith Information Sheet 1, February 26th 2014. For more information, please contact Leanne Prichard, Pastoral Associate on 0409 434784 or Father Chris Hope on 62291280.
P & F News

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

We have our Welcome Night coming up this Friday night, 20th February from 5pm - 7pm. There will be a jumping castle, face painting and tattoos and show bags. There will also be the official opening of the swings! Please come along to catch up after the holidays and to welcome the new families to the school. BYO picnic dinner. All Welcome.

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.
Dear Parent/Caregiver,

On Thursday 5th March at 12pm, with a parent information session at 11:30am, you and your child will have the opportunity to experience our Personal Safety Education Program “The Ditto Show”. Bravehearts are extremely proud of this program and believe that by providing children with the basic principles of personal safety, we are providing them with the tools to stay safe.

Just as teaching children the road rules cannot guarantee our children’s safety on the roads, no program can guarantee to “abuse-proof” our children. But, by teaching them the principles of personal safety we are giving them the knowledge they need to stay safe and know what to do if anything does happen.

The ‘Ditto Show’ is live performance with ‘Ditto’ being the star attraction. The show runs for 35 minutes (and we have a 20 minute one for our under 5’s). The cost of the program is free, however a gold coin donation will ensure the continuation and expansion of the program throughout Australia.

Our program has been delivered throughout other states in Australia since 2006 empowering over 300,000 children.

‘Ditto’, the Bravehearts’ mascot comes to life as the star of Ditto’s Keep Safe Adventure Education Program to ensure the program is delivered in a fun, interactive and engaging manner.

Specially written songs for the show include “Private Parts” and “Run and Tell Someone You Can Trust”. These are catchy songs and our experience shows children are remembering them in the same way they remember common nursery rhymes. Feedback from schools and centres has indicated that children are singing the songs in the playground. Ditto’s Keep Safe Adventure Program and resources are NOT SEX EDUCATION. Private Parts are simply explained as the mouth (as we don’t just go around kissing anyone) the chest, between the legs and our bottoms). The main aim of the program is to enhance children’s emotional literacy.

The findings of an independent evaluation suggest that the delivery of the principles embedded in this program can reduce the prevalence of not only child sexual assault, but also other forms of abuse including family violence and bullying, in a range of settings.

Topics covered throughout the show consists of “Yes” & “No” Feelings, The Body’s Warning Signs, Private Parts, Secrets and what to do if you feel unsafe or unsure.

If you do not wish for your child to attend the show please notify your school/centre. Should you have any questions about the program please do not hesitate to contact our Head Office on 07 5552 3000. For information on attending our Parent/Teacher Information Session, please contact your school for availability & times.

PARENTS WELCOME!

Kind regards,

Bravehearts Education Team
Student of the Week

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Community News

Carlena's Family Day Care

Located in Newnham.
Has spaces available for Kinder age children on their "Off" Days and vacation care.
Before and After school care also available.
(Registered with NCN).
Please contact Carlena on 0409384623

TREVALLYN SEA SCOUTS
Running During School Terms
Come and Join the Adventure
Get Active and Outdoors
In a fun and Safe Environment
Joeys 6-7yrs Mondays 5.15-6.15
Cubs 7-10yrs Mondays 6.30-8.00
Contact – Tammy 0428 527 598
Contact – Tania 0402 049 404
Scouts 10-14yrs Tuesdays 6.30-8.30
Contact - Ross 0418 130 996

PCYC
1st TRY FREE Invitation
NEXT WEEK
Check out a DANCE "Try It" Session for Free @ PCYC
Hip Hop | Commercial Jazz | Broadway Jazz | Jazz Intro | KinderDance
Phone 6344 2411 to book*
*1st spaces are limited

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10% Discount Present Card Instore

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