Dear Parents,

The Building Project is progressing well and the projected completion date is December 19th, which would be fantastic. The two classrooms are being refurbished totally. They are currently being gutted. A shared breakout room is being added to the back of the classrooms and will be on the tin shed side. It will be built on an extended slab that was part of the demolished corridor. New entrance doors are being built on the Kindergarten side of the classrooms. The new roof line will be added which will connect the buildings together.

The roof will extend out almost to the door of Gr 5/6 Harbin. The section of the shed which was closest to the two refurbished classrooms has been removed and will be added to the back of the shed so that the end of the shed is against the laneway. Panels will be added to the roof of the shed which will allow better light into the area. The whole area will be resurfaced and the drainage issues addressed. The entrance spaces that you can currently see will remain as they are to allow better access to the shed area so that this space can be better used. The old disused toilet block at the back of Gr 3/4 Pett is being converted into a kitchen that students will be able to use.

Also doors will be installed in to Gr 1/2 Matson and Gr 1/2 Clayton allowing children to access the ECE Playground from their classrooms. This will mean that those two classes can use the shaded space as an outdoor learning area while still being easily supervised by their teachers.

The issue of the level of noise from the building site has been raised. I contacted Anstie Constructions on Friday and they have responded today that the really noisy work has been completed. The asphalt in the shed area had been poured over 15-20 cm thick concrete which was news to everyone. The concrete had to be cut to locate a major leak which has been occurring for a couple of years, it is thought, but
was not evident until holes were dug in the ground. A lot of cutting was required to locate the leak. Teachers have had the option of relocating their classes at any time to the Hall or if the Hall is being used to the vacant classroom when PE is on. I will monitor the situation and if the teachers of the classes most affected by the noise consider it necessary, their classes can be relocated to the Hall for part of or all of the remainder of the year and we can work around this.

After much harassing from a group of Gr 5/6 students I have finally succumbed and agreed that SFB will have a “Wear your PJ’s to School Day”. It will occur this Friday. This is an optional event and a gold coin donation is requested to donate to Cancer Council. Children can wear their PJ’s to school, or over the top of their casual clothes. If your child travels on the bus it may be better if they bring their PJ’s to school and change into them. A few of our Gr 6 boys were talking of showing off their “manly chests” as they sleep without tops at home. Please ensure that what your child wears is appropriate for a school day.

Interviews for the Gr 5/6 and Gr 3/4 Teaching positions are occurring this Tuesday and Wednesday. I anticipate that I will be able to inform the school community who the successful applicants are in next Monday’s newsletter.

Please remember that the Christmas Parade is occurring on Saturday, 30th November and will be a great event. Many children have indicated that they will be participating so please support the P & F in this promotion of SFB.

I attended the Principals’ Meeting at St Patrick’s College on Thursday and Friday. It was very worthwhile. The information that was shared was informative and important. What was exciting though was to listen to the many examples of what is occurring in Catholic Schools across Tasmania. St Patrick’s students prepared and served food to all the Principals over the two days as part of their Food Course and the standard was excellent. It was another example of how Catholic Education in Tasmania is doing a great job in meeting the needs of students and preparing them for life after school.

Have a great week.

Anthony Healey,
Principal.

The last Book Club for the year has been sent home.
The date for return of orders is **Wednesday 27th November, 2013**.

*No late orders can be accepted, even those paid for online, to allow processing and delivery of the orders before school finishes for the year.*

Thank you.
School Wide Positive Behaviour Support

We are a Community of
Safe
Respectful
Resilient
Learners.

A safe school promotes and recognises positive student behaviour. This helps to ensure student safety and to minimise risk.

Parents, school leaders and teachers - and students themselves - can all contribute to the positive behaviour management of students inside and outside the classroom by recognising, praising and celebrating what students are doing right.

This increases the chance that students will repeat these positive behaviours in the future.

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

Congratulations!

On Sunday 17th November, Amy Parsell and Jaidyn Mountney competed in the PCYC Club Championships for Trampolining and Tumbling.

Amy Parsell
1st and Club Champion in Women’s Level 2 Trampoline
1st and Club Champion in Women’s Level 2 Synchronised Trampoline
2nd in Womens, Level 2 Double Mini Trampoline
2nd in Womens Level 1 Tumbling

Jaidyn Mountney
1st and Club Champion in Men’s Level 1 Trampoline
1st and Club Champion in Mens Level 1 Double Mini Trampoline
1st and Club Champion in Mens Level 1 Synchronised Trampoline

Well Done Amy and Jaidyn !!!
Prayer
Loving God,
your love has no limits and your grace has no end.
Bless us as we come together
in your Spirit of openness
with hearts willing to reach out
and accept one another in all our differences.
Help all people in our community and in our world
to grow in peace and love.
We make this prayer in your name.
Amen.

**Parish Buddy Masses** are on Thursdays at 12:00 in the Church. The class attending this week is 5/6 Mostogl.

**St Vincent de Paul**
In the lead-up to Christmas there are many families who are not able to enjoy many of the special privileges and treats of the Christmas Season.

We are asking you to support St Vincent de Paul and bring one item to donate, this could be:
- Festive food goodies to add to Christmas hampers
- Non-perishable food items

In each classroom there will be a box to put these items. All donations will be given to St Vincent de Paul and will be given out at Christmas time.

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**18TH NOVEMBER**

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School Books 2014
There will be a major change to the process of buying and collecting school books in 2014. Officemax will not be having a Book Sale day at school, all books will be delivered to families at home. Families will need to order online and pay by Credit Card or Pay Pal. STAS families will need to be approved by November to allow for processing of their books. Officemax will provide the school with log-on passwords for each Grade. Once the booklists are online we will forward these passwords to Parents. This should be early December. Families who receive Student Assistance will need to confirm with the School Office that they will qualify for this payment in 2014. Once verified the School Office will order these student's books.

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

Student Assistance Scheme (STAS)
STAS is one of the forms of financial assistance available to assist with the cost of school levies. The scheme provides assistance for low-income families towards the cost of levies for students enrolled from Kindergarten through to year 12. Families who have been in receipt of STAS 2013 have been sent correspondence regarding STAS 2014. If you have changed address you will need to contact the Department on 1800 816 057.

STAS application forms can be collected from the School Office.
**P & F News**

**Christmas Parade**
Thanks to those few who came to our working bee. The Christmas Float is just about ready. The Christmas Parade this year is on Saturday 30th November, approximately 10am to 12pm. If you have responded to our participation letter, thank you. If you have not already passed on your child’s preference for wearing "past/present or future" could you please email the P & F at the email below or text your child’s name and preference to 0458006093 this week. The "past" will be addressed by students dressing up as nuns (dress up supplied) to represent the Presentation Sisters who founded the School. The "present" will have students in school sports uniform and maybe some Christmas decorations supplied. The "future" will be students dressing up as what they want to be when they grow up - dress ups supplied by students. The younger Kindy/Prep children who want to be involved will be part of the Nativity. If your child/children would like to participate please return the form below this week as we finalise preparations. If you have any questions please contact Annie Duffy on 0458006093 or email the P & F at pandf.sfb@catholic.tas.edu.au

**Ez 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 sample in the office. They are only available online. Please take note of the Ez Cover flyer in this newsletter and at the office.

**Next Meeting**
The last P & F meeting is on Wednesday, 4th December at 7.30pm, venue to be advised next week. This will be a dinner meeting to celebrate the end of the year. If you are planning to attend please RSVP by Monday, 2nd December.

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**CHRISTMAS FLOAT STUDENT PARTICIPATION**

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Community News

Come and Try Surf Life Saving this summer 2014...Get fit, gain skills, and challenge yourself this summer...

- Surf Sports Training - junior/seniors
- Bronze Medallion 15yrs to adult
- SRC & Award Training - 13yrs+
- Nippers Training 5-13yo

BRIDPORT SLSC
Email: secretary@bridportslsc.org.au Website: www.bridportslsc.org.au Facebook: www.facebook.com/Bridportslsc

SCAMANDER SLSC
Email: doublecdesign@bigpond.com

Launceston Catholic Schools Music Program presents the
11th Annual Concert & Awards Evening
Thursday November 28th 2013, 7pm.
Nano Nagle Gymnasium,
St Patrick’s College Launceston.
Tickets available from your school office
or at the door.
Adults $5.00
Child $3 (3-16)

Launceston Family Day Care (LFDC) are currently looking for passionate and dedicated people to become Family Day Care Educators to provide quality childcare in their own homes.

This family friendly, home based, self-employment opportunity allows the educator to care for the children of friends and relatives, choose the hours and days that they work, ages of children they wish to care for and their own hourly rate.

In addition to this, you will be provided with comprehensive training and will be supported and mentored by a team of qualified and experienced child care professionals.

For more information, contact Allie on 6331 7455 or info@lfdc.net.au to obtain a detailed information pack.

Specialising in Home Based Child Care throughout the 63 phone area of north and north eastern Tasmania.
# Calendar

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