Dear Parents,

The first week back has been a busy time at St Finn Barr’s and there have been a number of exciting and enjoyable events. On Friday I attended the Blessing of the Boats at St Patrick’s College Rowing Club. Two new boats were Blessed by Fr Mark. The boats were named after two Catholic Primary Schools - St Finn Barr’s and Sacred Heart. Our school now has a quad boat bearing our name and hopefully it will be a very successful and fast boat which some of our former students will row to victory.

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Following the note which was sent home stating that one of our students did not have a case of measles but a viral infection a parent asked me what would have occurred if it had been measles. I have reflected upon the information that I am sharing with you and do not wish to ignite a debate as to the benefits or otherwise of immunisation. All parents make the decision on whether they do or don’t immunise their child with the best interest of their child’s health and wellbeing central to the final decision. That decision is to be respected.

Currently under the health guidelines a single case of measles is considered an epidemic and schools must follow the guidelines of the Health Department. Currently the requirement is parents of children who are not fully immunised against measles would be informed that their child would not be able to attend school until such time as there...
were no more cases of measles in the school. This period of time may extend into weeks. This would require checking the Immunisation Records for every child in the school. We are having discussions as to how we can have that information available in case of such an outbreak. I repeat that it is not my intention to start a debate within our school community about immunisation and request that parents don’t start asking each other if their child is immunised.

On Wednesday it is our Athletics Carnival at St Leonards. It is a great day and enjoyed by all but is not possible to run without the help of many parents. If you are attending please volunteer even if it is for only a short time as every bit of help is greatly appreciated.

As part of our on-going Professional Development to deepen our understanding and use of the Australian Curriculum to improve your child’s educational outcomes your child’s teacher will be doing PD with Anita Cunningham (TCEO Education Officer) this week. Class Teachers are being released to work from 9.00-12.00 during the week (Monday Gr 1/2, Tuesday Gr 5/6 and Friday Gr 3/4). The Prep teachers are required to conduct PIPS Testing as part of the requirements of the TCEO. This will occur this week with each Teacher testing your child over two days. Prep Peters on Monday and Tuesday and Prep Bird on Wednesday and Thursday.

Have a great week.

Anthony Healey,
Principal.

REC News

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

Traffic & Students Safety

The school urges all parents to support road safety by obeying signage displayed and also ask that you remind your child/ren to be very aware of potential traffic related dangers around the school.

Sometimes for example, motorists do not abide by road laws, and if students are crossing inappropriately (with or without you), or just not aware of their surrounds by always looking either way, we could have an accident.

The education and care of our students is a partnership between the staff and parents and we all need to do our bit by acting appropriately and not showing a disregard for road laws, even if only to demonstrate your support to children watching of appropriate behaviour.

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.

If any families have any questions or concerns please contact our school office.
School Wide Positive Behaviour Support

We are a Community of
Safe
Respectful
Resilient
Learners.

Have you looked at our Matrix? There is one in every classroom and other spots around our school.

Much time was spent in clarifying the wording and making it, as they say, “user friendly”. Our children are directed to it if in doubt about a particular behaviour or expectation. Students are also reminded of it when an expectation has not been reached, maybe following a consequence, as a positive reminder.

It helps us to remember and work fairly towards improving behaviour and attitudes. It aids consistency.

Revisiting means we don’t forget about it or begin to think we don’t need it. It is helping us all. Let’s keep working together.

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

ICT News

October is Anti-Cyberbullying Month:

Let’s Put an End To Cyberbullying Now!

Watch this video, have a think about how you would feel if your child was on the receiving end, or if the sender.

Just as importantly think about how each could be handled. Being prepared can be the difference in coping positively.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v4gitDm3byQ

Please forward any questions to lynne.seaton@catholic.tas.edu.au
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**Students Not Returning in 2014**

If Families are **not returning in 2014**, can you please complete the form below & return to the school office. Thank you.

My Children will not be returning to St Finn Barr’s in 2014:

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**P & F News**

**Christmas Float**
There have been a few meetings to get the Christmas Float organised but there have only been three helpers, from the whole school. At this stage for the theme "Past, Present and Future" we have a plan but now we need to know if any students are interested in being in the parade before we continue. A lot of time and effort goes into participating in the Parade so if we don’t have enough interest we will not go ahead. Please fill out the form below and return it by this Thursday, 24th October when the next Christmas float meeting will be held. If you are interested in helping please come along at 3pm on that day in the glass room across from the office.

**Next P & F Meeting**
The next P & F Meeting will be on Wednesday, 6th November at 7.30 in the Staff room. If you have anything you would like on the agenda please email pandf.sfb@catholic.tas.edu.au. We love to see new faces and have fresh ideas, everyone is welcome.

**CHRISTMAS FLOAT STUDENT PARTICIPATION**

My child/children
would like to participate in the St Finn Barr’s Christmas Float for the 2013 Christmas Parade on Saturday, 30th November. Approximate times from 9am to midday.

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Please return to office by Thursday 24 October.
Northern Tasmania Primary School Basketball Competition

Over the weekend St Finn Barr’s participated in the Primary Schools Basketball Tournament. We entered a grade 5/6 Girls and 5/6 Boys team in the competition. It was a brilliant weekend spent with a wonderful group of people. Some students had played before, while others were having a go for the very first time. Both teams played well, displaying determination, good skills, lucky shots, gutsy moves, and fantastic teamwork!!

Both teams represented our school admirably, with their skills improving each game, and displaying great sportsmanship. Thank you to Adam Donahue who coached the boys over the weekend, Mrs Clayton who coached the girls and managed both groups, and a big Thank You to all the parents who cheered, encouraged, and supported our teams. We are looking forward to the 2014 challenge!!

2013 5/6 Girls:

#5 Emily Coogan
#7 Kiana Toon
#11 Jorjianna Harper
#14 Ebony Walters
#16 Anneka Gough
#18 Carly Curtis

2013 5/6 Boys:

#1 Jake George
#3 Reilly Loone
#6 Joseph Burke
#10 Thomas Saunders
#12 Brayden Smith-Claridge
#15 Lachlan Donohue
#21 Peter Bennett
#23 Caleb Bowman

Sarah Reynier
Community News

CATHOLIC PARISH OF LAUNCESTON — MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Thursday, 7th November 2013 at 7.30pm in St Finn Barr’s Church, 247 Invermay Road, Invermay

An invitation is extended to everyone who has lost a loved one, especially during the last year to come along to our annual Mass of Remembrance. Relatives and friends are also invited to attend. You may wish to bring a photo or memento of your loved one and there will be an opportunity to place this on the altar during the service if you wish. You are also invited to stay for refreshments after Mass. All are welcome to join in this very special celebration of our faith. For further information, please contact the Parish Office on 6331 4377

Mowbray Little Athletic Club

Little Athletics is for all kids aged from 3 to 14 years old who would like to run, jump and throw, make lots of new friends, have fun and get fit. Little Athletes aged 3 and 4 years participate in our Tiny Tots program which is open to all. Little Athletes aged 5 to 14 years on 30 September will participate in Running, Jumping and Throwing events every week.

Little Athletics is held each Saturday morning or Thursday evening from October to March at the Rocherlea Football Ground with warm up starting at 8.45am for a 9am start. Our season starts on Saturday 12th October. Training is each Tuesday 4.30 to 5.30pm at Mowbray Heights Primary School, Cadorna Street. Don’t worry if you can’t come to our first meet or training you are able to join in at any time and you only need to pay after you have competed twice, which gives you plenty of time to decide if it’s the sport for you.

If you have any questions please contact Jenny on 0428 981 295 or further information can be found on our website www.whitecitylittleathletics.org.au. We look forward to seeing you.

Sacred Heart Parent and Friends are proud to present - The Secret of Happy Children - a special evening with Steve Biddulph

Tuesday 29th October 2013 at Sacred Heart School Presentation Hall 7.15pm for 7.30pm $15.00 per person

For thirty years Steve Biddulph has been giving talks around the world, helping parents understand the psychology of children. His talks are hilarious, moving, and immediately helpful. 130,000 parents in 17 countries have listened to him speaking live.

Based on his bestselling book of the same name, The Secret of Happy Children covers girls and boys from birth to 21, showing you a clear roadmap of what to do and when.

Topics include...
- Is my child normal? - the question every parent asks.
- From toddlerhood to teen-age-hood - what is going on?
- Understanding your parenting style and what might be missing
- Softlove and firm love, and when to use which
- Discipline - it isn’t what you think
- Helping your family to slow down and be happier

Bring a friend or two, and enjoy a good night out that might even change your life.

Steve’s books, including Raising Boys, Raising Girls, Complete Secrets, and Manhood, will be available for purchase on the night.

Tickets can be purchased on line at http://www.trybooking.com/DQVU or at the Sacred Heart School office on 63 311 011.

We regret that children and babies cannot be admitted to the talks.

JANUARY 2014 SCHOOL HOLIDAY LEARN TO SWIM PROGRAM

Monday 20th to Friday 31st Jan 2014
30 minute lessons available from 9.00am each day
Same Instructor each day. Qualified experienced Austswim Instructors

Ages: 4 to 12 years – small classes. All levels catered for
Just Swim – Kings Meadows
63 442244
www.justswim.com.au
email: info@justswim.com.au

Open Invitation

To past staff and students of St Thomas More’s Primary School/Marian College and anyone else who would like to visit the school during our 75th Anniversary celebrations on 29 and 30 Nov.

Friday: Open School 9.00am - 4.00pm
Planting of time capsule and tree - 11.15am
Tea, coffee & scones from 9.00am
Sausage sizzle - 12.30pm onwards
Concert inc play about Mary MacKillop and choir - 2.00-3.00pm

Saturday: Open School 4.00 - 6.00pm
Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Newstead, 6.00pm
Supper in the Josephite Hall - 7.00pm

RSVP by 8 November

St Thomas More's Catholic Primary School
Launceston, Tasmania
Is your heart set on some serious fun? Want to learn dance in a fun filled environment with one of Tasdance’s wonderful teachers? Get your groove on with Tasdance Studio Classes, and now is the time to enrol for Term Four 2013. Our classes are tailored for ages four to adult offering styles in Contemporary Dance, Street Jam Funk/Hip Hop, Boys Only Dance Theatre, Dance Fortified - a class specifically designed for mature students (perfect for parents and staff!), as well as tuition for the very young and their parents in ‘MiniMovers Plus’. Also we are happy to confirm that in Term Four Tasdance Studio has included a Jazz Class on Wednesday at 5.30pm.

Starting at only $9.50 per class, contact Tasdance now to enrol for Term Four. Don’t miss out! Enrolments are being accepted now so please contact Tasdance on 6331 6644 or email diane@tasdance.com.au or download a brochure from our website www.tasdance.com.au

DISCOVER SAILING DAY October 27th 2013
Discover Sailing Day provides you with an opportunity to try sailing for FREE! Clubs on the Tamar River will devote their club boats and instructors to give people of all ages with little or no expertise a chance to experience the joys of sailing. You will be given the opportunity to try your hand at various boats under the instruction of sailing club members. You can simply turn up on the day at the participating club of your choice but bookings would be appreciated. A parent or guardian must accompany children under the age of 18. For more information and registration visit discover sailing.org.au. What should I bring? Participants should wear suitable clothing (prepare to get wet), sunscreen and hat. Life jackets will be provided. Weather: Sailing will only go ahead if the weather is suitable for beginner sailors. If in doubt about the weather, please contact the club selected. More information:
Deviot Sailing Club: 10am to 1:30pm Tony Fist: fists@netspace.net.au Ph: 0417 384 156
Port Dalrymple Yacht Club: 10am to 1:30pm Jason Harriss: rolypoly@netspace.net.au Ph: 0438 173 269
Tamar Yacht Club: 10am to 1:30pm Richard Grant: richard.g@wacco.com.au Ph: 0408 449 110

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Ryley Sanders (Gr 1/2 HC) and Oliver Sanders (Gr 5/6 H) who competed in the Burnie Ten at the weekend. Ryley finished in a time of 52.05 minutes and Oliver in a time of 57.40 minutes.

Well Done Ryley & Oliver !!!

Please inform the Principal or Office Staff by email/letter of any significant skills and achievements in any academic, sporting, social or cultural area. Achievements, both school based or associated with clubs, groups from the community will be acknowledged in subsequent newsletters.
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