Dear Parents,

We have entered that season called Lent – a period of time in the Northern Hemisphere when days begin to lengthen into Spring. In our upside world, our days are shortening in Autumn. It is the season to once again retell our most ancient stories, to show and acknowledge our dependence on God, to turn back to him once again, to change our hearts, to express remorse for our error-filled ways, to renew the very same covenant made with our ancestors in faith.

The P & F Welcome Event on Friday night was a great success. Many families came and enjoyed socialising on the grass outside the hall while their children played. The Jumping Castle, Face Painting and Spray on Tattoos were very popular. The new swings were also a great attraction with most children keen to have a go. Thank you again to the P & F for their work in supporting the building of our school community.

As you would be aware, the Swings are a big hit with our students. This week the days are: Monday-Gr 2 students, Tuesday-Gr 3-4 students, Wednesday-5-6 students, Thursday-ECE students and Friday-Gr 3-6 students. The school practice is students who arrive before 8.30am are to wait or play in the Top Playground area. They are not to play football or soccer. At 8.30am classrooms are opened and all children should be inside. No SFB student attending school is to play on the swings or playgrounds before school. Younger siblings or Kindergarten students, on their non attendance days, are allowed to play if supervised by their parents. As stated, last week the school is happy for our facilities to be used after school hours or on weekends.

Principal’s Message

Monday 23rd February 2015
This week the Gr 5-6 teachers (Tuesday) and Prep Teachers (Wednesday) will be released to plan together. This is important to allow the teachers to work together to plan for the Term. On Thursday Mrs Browne, Mrs Crosswell and Miss Bennett will be attending Professional Development run by the TCEO for the whole day.

At the upcoming St Finn Barr’s Swimming Carnival, there will be a relay race between the Gr 6 students, parents and teachers. If you would like to be part of one or more of the parent relay teams please inform the Office. Belinda Barlow will be in contact as the relay organiser for the Parents' relay Teams.

Have a great week.

Anthony Healey,
Principal.

REC News

Prayer
Loving God, we are changed because you love us.
Help us to know the depth of your love so that we may never be afraid to speak and act in your name.
Shine your light on us so that our hearts and minds are open to doing your will.
Amen.

P & F News

Welcome Night
Thanks to all those who came and enjoyed the Welcome Night on Friday. We hope all families enjoyed the Jumping Castle, Face Painting and Spray on Tattoos. Thanks especially to the teachers who came and to Lydia Kelly for officially opening the swings for us. Lydia was the student who wrote the letter that inspired the swings project. This should encourage more students to come forward with ideas after all that’s what the P & F are here for. It was a successful night. Please remember that all these events cannot and will not happen without help from the school community.

The P & F welcomes all in our school community and hopes to be supported by all school families in the rest of the events for the year.

The next P & F meeting is Wednesday, 4th March at 7.30pm upstairs in the Staffroom.
St Finn Barr's School Swimming Carnival

A reminder that the swimming carnival is being held on Tuesday 3rd March at the Riverside Pool. All permission notes should have been returned to the classroom teacher. There was an error on the letter handed out recently regarding the finish time. The carnival will be finished before 2.30pm, not 12.30pm.

Swimming Practice -
This Tuesday, 24th February, Grades 5 and 6 will be going to Riverside Pool to practice for the carnival. The bus leaves school at 9.00am and will depart the pool at noon. The year 5's will be first up, then the year 6's will travel out and practice.

Swimming training for those students (Grades 3-6) who are representing the school at the NUSSA Swim Carnival -
For those students, Mr Hielscher will be taking them to the Riverside Pool for training. Those students who make the team will be notified after our school carnival.

HEAD LICE HAVE BEEN FOUND AMONGST CHILDREN IN THE SCHOOL.
PLEASE CHECK YOUR CHILD’S HAIR TODAY.
THANK YOU.

Student of the Week

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**School Office**

**School Fees** will be sent out this week. Any parents who have applied for a Fee Remission will be notified in due course of the outcome of their application. Fee remissions will be applied at the end of the school year as per the new Terms and Conditions. Please contact the school office if you have any queries.

**School Newsletter** - To assist the office with setting up the mailing list for newsletters, we are asking all families who would like to receive the newsletter by email to send a test email to our school email address stfinnbarrs@catholic.tas.edu.au. Please write “Newsletter 2015 and your Child’s Surname” in the subject line. You can also find the newsletter on our school web page - http://www.stfinnbarrs.tas.edu.au/news-events/newsletter. Thank you.

**Calendar**

Please click on the link below to check out our online school calendar.

http://www.stfinnbarrs.tas.edu.au/news-events/calendar
Community News

Library Book Fair
Friends of the Library, Launceston’s Annual Library Book Fair will be held on Saturday 14 March 2015, 9.00am – 1.00pm at St Ailbe’s Hall, 46 Margaret Street, Launceston Refreshments available.

Small Business Book Keeping
I’m looking to expand my book keeping business from home and would love some more clients ... if you don’t have time to do your accounts for your small business or if you just don’t like doing them ... then I’m your book keeper! I have over 20 years experience in a variety of different industries and charge reasonable rates. Please contact me on mobile 0439 311 467 or email, jodieombao@bigpond.com

North Launceston Eagles Junior Soccer Club - Training: Every Tuesday from 4pm at Churchill Park, Invermay. Website: www.northlauncestoneagles.com Email: nleagles@gmail.com Contact: Ben Radbone 0429 428 578

Baby & Kids Market at the St Ailbes Hall in Launceston on Saturday 28th of February from 9am – 12pm. Lisa Van Zetten M: 0417 126 670 www.babykidsmarket.com.au

Mind Moves Chess Club invites all children (5-18yrs old) Venue: Windsor Community Precinct Health and Wellbeing Centre, Community Hall-Area 3, 1 Windsor drive, RIVERSIDE. When: Every Monday during school term (Except public holidays) Time: 6pm – 7pm Cost: $60 (from 16 February – 29 June 2015) + $20 yearly insurance. or more information or to register, please contact Dawida Rose-Nel on 0417981770 or email: dawidaeandshawn@bigpond.com Please visit our website: www.mindmoves.info for more information on the benefits of chess and much, much more. Proudly supported by The Rotary Club of Launceston
Parent – Teacher Interviews Term 1 2015

To set goals for your child’s learning and development for 2015, Parent – Teacher Interviews will be held on Tuesday 10th, Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th March.

Parents are invited to attend, and we ask you to note the points you would like discussed in the section labelled, “Parent Focus”. Teacher and Parent Action sections can be completed during the interview.

To assist us with the timetabling of the interviews, please fill in the form below and indicate your preferences by numbering 1, 2 & 3 against the times. Every effort will be made to accommodate families with requested times. You will be given a time for each of your children and notified accordingly.

Please return forms to class teachers no later than Friday 27th February. One form per child.

Anthony Healey
Principal

Parent – Teacher Interviews Term 1 2015
Preparatory to Grade 6

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