September
UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Tuesday 24th**
  Board Meeting, 6pm

- **Wednesday 25th**
  Singfest 2013
  Kinder A Meal Deal & Parade

- **Thursday 26th**
  Whole School Mass – Feast of St Finn Barr

- **Friday 27th**
  Kinder B to Gr 6 Meal Deal & Parade
  Term 3 Ends

- **Monday 14th October**
  Term 4 commences

“*I am the light of the world! Follow Me and you won’t be walking in the dark. You will have the light that gives light.”* (John 8:12)

Dear Parents,
As we enter the last week of Term I would like to thank everyone (staff, parents and students) for the support you have given me this Term. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at St Finn Barr’s and hope I have left a small positive mark on the Community. We are truly a fantastic Catholic school. I thoroughly have enjoyed my Term and I wish everyone the best for the rest of 2013 and beyond.

**Welcome His Grace, Archbishop Julian Porteous**
Last Tuesday was a special occasion for the Catholic Church in Tasmania. It was the Installation Ceremony of Archbishop Julian Porteous. The Installation is a little different to the normal ceremony for a new Archbishop because Archbishop Julian is already a Bishop. We welcome Archbishop Julian to our Catholic community. Please continue to keep Archbishop Adrian in your thoughts and prayers as he departs for a very well deserved break.

**Singfest – Wednesday 25th September**
This Wednesday, several students from St Finn Barr’s Catholic School will be participating in Singfest. Singfest is a celebratory concert which features primary school aged students from the local Launceston and surrounding areas. The concert comprises over 300 students who sing in a combined massed choir as well as performing in individual school performances. Students from the participating schools come from a variety of backgrounds as both public and private schools from the city and country are represented. The students will be leaving school around 8.40am and returning by 2.45pm. The concert begins at 6pm. I would like to thank Mr Daniel Townsend for his fine leadership in getting our students ready for this event. It is very much appreciated.
**Summer Uniform**
Our usual changeover to summer uniform is Launceston Show Day. As this falls during the holidays we are asking that by the start of 4th term (Monday 14th October), all students will be wearing their summer uniform (including hat). Over the next two weeks, please check that your child/children have appropriate uniform to start Term 4. Our uniform shop trading hours are: Thursday 8:30 am – 9:30 am & 2.30 – 3.30 pm. If you have any queries please do not hesitate in contacting the office.

**Christmas Float**
The Parents and Friends Committee are still looking for helpers for the school float at this year’s Launceston Christmas Parade on Saturday 24th November. I have heard that the last parade we participated in was a fantastic experience for the students. Without more help our float is in danger of being cancelled. There is a meeting for any parent willing to help out this Wednesday afternoon in the glass-room at 3pm, opposite the office. All welcome.

**Band Soiree**
What a fantastic night we had last Wednesday with the Soiree. I was very impressed with the students and the tutors from St Patrick’s College. A massive Thank-You to Mrs Lynne Seaton for her organisation with this event. It is a special event that is very unique to our community.

**Feast of St Finn Barr**
This Thursday 26th September we celebrate the feast of St Finn Barr (our patron saint). We will celebrate this day by attending Mass as a whole school community at 12.00pm and then all classes will participate in a movie afternoon whilst enjoying an icy-pole. I would like to thank Miss Alice Cannon for her hard work in preparing the students for Mass. All parents are invited to celebrate Mass with us at 12 noon.

**Facebook**
It has come to our attention that a couple of parents have recently been engaging in a series of online, social media dialogues on Facebook that has resulted in unsavoury exchanges of words and opinions. St Finn Barr’s Catholic Primary School cannot support this activity. Please be mindful that what might be considered an innocent and private conversation between two people online is not necessarily so and a comment made in the public domain can automatically become available for a wide number of people to view. Please also be mindful that there is a potentially dangerous assumption in reading comments that are posted online and assuming that they are completely accurate! We are respectfully asking therefore that those involved in posting such material online on Facebook and the like, immediately cease from making such comments.

**AFL Day (Reminder: this Friday)**
This Friday (27th September) St Finn Barr’s Catholic School is celebrating AFL Day by having a parade and a meal deal at school. The Parade will be at 9am in the Hall. All students and parents are invited to dress up in their favourite AFL team colours (gold coin donation). The money raised from the gold coin donation will go towards Footy Colours Day. There will be some random prizes distributed to students who participate in the parade. Thank you to Mr Adam Sanders from AFL Tasmania for the donation of prizes.

Kinder A will be having their meal deal and parade on Wednesday.
Please note: Students do not have to wear AFL gear to be part of the parade. Wearing clothes that are the colour of your AFL team is a wonderful and inexpensive exercise.

I hope everyone has a very peaceful, enjoyable and safe holiday. We begin back at school on Monday, 14th October.

Cheers,

Nick McGannn,
A/Principal.
Dear God,

We pray for another way of being:
another way of knowing.
Across the difficult terrain of our existence
we have attempted to build a highway
and in so doing have lost our footpath.
God lead us to our footpath:
Lead us there where in simplicity
we may move at the speed of natural creatures
and feel the earth’s love beneath our feet.
Lead us there where step-by-step we may feel
the movement of creation in our hearts.
And lead us there where side-by-side
we may feel the embrace of the common soul.
Nothing can be loved at speed.
God lead us to the slow path; to the joyous insights
of the pilgrim; another way of knowing; another way of being.
Amen.
School Wide Positive Behaviour Support

We are a Community of

Safe
Respectful
Resilient
Learners.

We have had Peer Support, explicit teaching, green cards, 6:1 positives, explanations and examples of being Safe, Respectful and Resilient, but have we seen evidence of this alive and well in our school community?

We certainly have! Many examples!

That’s why it was difficult for Teachers to select our SWPBS Award recipients for this term! A great position to be in as it means our school community is understanding our aims.
Well done to everyone!!

Our Awards for Term Three are -

Being SAFE - 5/6BH - Reilly Loone
3/4P - Charlton Allen
1/2HC - Montana Apter

Being Respectful - 5/6LH - Joshua Taylor
3/4C - Jaijarna Lee
1/2M - Milla Garvey

Being Resilient - 5/6B - Peter Bennett
3/4M - Erin Giles
1/2AC - Thomas Townsend
Prep P - Kaiden Stacey Baker
Prep B - Jaiden Garwood

Congratulations to each of our Students for showing an understanding of what our community aims to achieve and for displaying a willingness to participate fully.

Let’s keep reminding our children, each other and ourselves about our 6:1 positives. Even, or especially, in the holidays!!! Enjoy.

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

Please continue to remind our Students - (especially in the holidays!!)
Never give out any private information over the Internet or on mobile phones.
Know what Cyber-bullying is and tell someone if you think it's happening to you.
If you would not say something to a person face to face, don't say it at all.
Don't hide behind a computer screen.
Check what you have written before sending, to be sure it says what you mean.
An on-line friend that you don't know is in real life - a STRANGER.
Remember that the Internet is permanent.


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

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Parents & Friends News

Christmas Parade
There will be a meeting for all those interested in the Christmas Parade on Wednesday afternoon after school in the meeting room opposite the office. The theme this year is "Past, Present and Future". We look forward to getting as many people as possible involved in this project, which is so much fun for the children.

Due to the October school holidays the next P & F meeting will be Wednesday, 6th November at 7.30pm.

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Uniform Shop News

Opening Hours Term 4 Week 1
Monday 14th October, 8.30-9.30 am ~ Thursday 17th October normal hours, 8.30 - 9.30 am & 2.30-3.30 pm

The Uniform Shop entrance is now via the old staircase at the front of the school. Thank you.

St Patrick's College Girls Summer Uniform
St Patrick's College has decided to proceed with the embroidering of the Official College crest on all the Girls Summer uniforms from now on. There are several reasons for this move, the main issue is that they will have control over the quality and style of uniform that has taken many hours to develop over recent times. That means in future, the dresses will be sold only from the College Uniform shop and with the College Crest embroidered on each garment. Any other variety of the dress will not be accepted as being part of the official College uniform.

Students from Catholic Primary Schools who wear the same Girl's Summer Dress as St Patrick's will be able to organise the embroidering of the approved dress (made by Tas Uniform Emporium) through the St Patrick's College Uniform Shop after the completion of their primary school education and in preparation for entry to St Patrick's College.

The new Summer Dress is selling for $75.00 at St Patrick's College Clothing Store. It is available in sizes 6-22.
Grade 1/2 Healthy Snack. This linked with our unit on dairy and money. Students had a fruit kebab and a drink.

A Big thank you to Sharee Narracott, Belinda Bailey, Heather Tomkinson and Stacey Clarke for preparing this for us!
### Calendar

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### Community News

**Circ’S’Cool - School Holiday Program** ~Hula Hoops ~ Diabolo ~ Rolla Bolla ~ Trapeze and much more  
*Dates: Monday 30th to Friday 4th & Monday 7th to Friday 11th  
Times: Full day 9am - 3pm & Half day 9am - 12pm  
Cost: Full day $50 per day & Half day $30 per day  
Age: 7 to 15 full day & 4 to 6 half day  
Venue: 49-55 Frederick Street  
How to enrol: Email us at `cirscool@hotmail.com` or call on 0431 445 595. Bookings advised as spaces are limited.*

**Junior Cricketers Wanted** For the following Teams - U11s - U13s - U152 & U15 Girls. Registration Days: Saturday 5th October 10 am to 12 Noon Thursday 17th October 4pm to 5.30 pm at the Ricky Ponting Pavilion, Invermay Park (next to Aurora Stadium), entrance in Forster Street. Contact Shane Pritchard - 0418 131 084 or Nick Hayes - 0407 518 085 or email shane.pritchard@launceston.tas.gov.au

**Hoju Martial Arts** will be holding an Open Day on Saturday 12th October, 9:00 am - 2.00 pm. We encourage children and members of the community to come along and give taekwondo a try by participating in one of the sample training sessions below. Members of the Australian Taekwondo Team traveling to World Championships this year will be attending as well as the team who contested the recent National Championships winning 39 medals. Train with Junior National Champions. Get your photo taken wearing a black belt. Watch demonstrations of breaking, sparring and technical forms. Open Day Sessions 4-7 years 9.00 am - 10.15 am, 8-12 years 10.45 am - 12pm, 13+ years 12.30 pm - 1.45 pm. Cost $5 per session Please wear comfortable sports wear. Bookings: 0418 589 974 or email `manager@hojumu.com`. BBQ and snacks available.