February/March

UPCOMING EVENTS

• Thursday 27th February  
  St Pat’s Band Program begins

• Friday 28th February  
  Gr 5/6 Friday Sport

• Monday 3rd March  
  Morning Prayer 3/4 CA/JF

• Tuesday 4th March  
  Swimming Carnival Gr 3-6

• Wednesday 5th March  
  Ash Wednesday - Prayers in classrooms

Dear Parents,

The Parent/Teacher meetings have been concluded from Prep - Gr 6. I would like to thank all those parents who attended and listened and contributed to the discussion as to what is the focus for each Grade level and how they could support their child and their teacher in achieving throughout the year. The opportunity for SFB teachers to meet and share with you is important as communication is very important to a successful year for your child.

We are about to begin the month of Lent which is the lead up to Easter. Lent is the time of preparation for the events of Easter, the death and resurrection of Jesus. It is the most important event in the Church’s calendar, far more important than the birth of Jesus at Christmas. Jesus died for us and rose from the dead for us and through these events offers us the opportunity for salvation and the promise of life after death.

There are many important events upcoming in the next few weeks including ENI Testing (Early Numeracy Testing) where every child will be tested one on one in numeracy. To do this each teacher will be released for two days in a two week period to test every child in their class.

Tuesday 4th March is our Swimming Carnival at Riverside Swimming Pool for Gr 3-6. At the end of the Carnival we are looking to have a Gr 6 versus Teachers and Parents race. Currently we are holding “trials” (anyone who will volunteer) for the teachers team and are looking for one or two parent teams to also participate. If you are keen to whoop the Gr 6 students and teachers please give your name to your child’s teacher.
Today we presented our **Gr 6 Leaders** to our school community where they were presented with their Leadership badges. I would like to congratulate:-

**School Captains**
- Gabrielle Dewsbury & Will Preston

**Vice Captains**
- Amy Parsell & Bailey Apted

**House Captains**
- Patrician (Red): Jessica Penton & Casey Oliver
- Bethany (Blue): Zoe Barlow & Anna Suitore
- Marion (Gold): Josie Plummer & Caleb Bowman

on their selection as our Student Leadership Team. It is with pride that they begin their roles as school leaders.

Please keep in your prayers the young child who was tragically killed by a falling branch in Sydney. Every year all trees on the SFB site, including the Parish property, are checked by an arborist and any work required is done. A written report is received each year and shared with the Board.

Last Thursday the second last unit in Rosslyn Road (near our back car park) was broken into during the hours of 1-4 pm. If any parents saw anything, could they please let the school office know. Thank you.

Have a great week.

Anthony Healey,
Principal.

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REC News

**Prayer**

Loving God,

God of new beginnings,

may this year which we dedicate to you,

bring us closer to you and to each other.

Amen.

**Monday Morning Prayers & Assembly** begin at 8:50 a.m. Please join us for this celebration at the start of the week. The seats are allocated to certain classes and parents may sit behind the Grade 5/6 classes.

The **Reconciliation Preparation Parent Meeting** will be held next Thursday, 6th March at 7.30 pm at Sacred Heart Church, Cnr Campbell and Abbott Sts, Newstead.

Parents & Friends News

**Icy poles** will be for sale this Thursday and Friday from the canteen for 50 cents.

Our **first meeting for the year** is next Wednesday, 5th March in the Staff room 7.30pm to 9.30pm. We will be organising the calendar of events for the year so please come along and input what you would like the P & F to achieve this year. Everyone is welcome, we look forward to seeing you there. If you have any ideas or suggestions and cannot make the meeting please email the P&F at pandf.sfb@catholic.tas.edu.au
**SWPBS**

**School Wide Positive Behaviour Support**

We are a Community of

Safe
Respectful
Resilient

Learners.

In classrooms during coming weeks Students will be revisiting the St Finn Barr’s SWPBS Matrix. This highlights some expected behaviours in relation to the various areas of our school. All age groups are supported to understand the language and meaning.

e.g. **“Listen and respond to instructions.”**

What is it to listen? What is active listening?
Why should we display a response to instructions?
How should we respond?
What reactions can we expect to certain responses we make?
Can reactions vary appropriately depending on location?

**Hear, discuss, understand, respond.**

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

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**ICT News**

Just a few Contracts sent home to our whole school cohort to be returned. Thank you to those who have!

Students are unable to use equipment in school until these have been signed and returned. Please ensure Students understand what it is they are agreeing to and signing!

Thank you too to all of our Grade 5/6 Parents who came along to the iPad meeting or who forwarded their queries. We had a most positive, worthwhile and sharing meeting.

One of our Parents highlighted a site of interest to us all on iPads and forwarded the link later that night. Thank you!!

We achieve so much for our children by working together. Anyone interested in accessing this site, please email for the link. It will also be in the letter to be forwarded soon about iPad options.

Lynne Seaton - ICT Co-ordinator
A Free Information Session for parents who have separated will be held at St Finn Barr’s on 3 April 2014.

There will be two sessions held to allow parents to attend a separate session.

Session 1: 2-3 pm
Session 2: 3:30-4:30 pm

These sessions will focus on giving parents ideas about what their children might need after family separation, and some helpful tips about communicating with your child’s other parent and supporting your child after separation.

Parents will be given information about other services available that help separated parents.

If you are interested please speak to Lynne Seaton and feel free to call Mel, the presenter, on 6332 8000 or 1300 364 277.

Swimming Help!!

If you are able to help in our upcoming Swimming Carnival on Tuesday 4th March anytime from 9am to 2pm, please let the office know, or send an email to sarah.reynier@catholic.tas.edu.au. Your assistance is much appreciated!

Volunteers in School

Any parents and relatives wishing to help in classrooms or on excursions and camps will need to have a current Police Check. The Registration for Volunteers in Tasmanian Catholic Education Forms are available from the school office. These forms need completing and returning to the school office. A large number of those on file expired at the end of 2013. Please check with the office if you think you may need a new one.

School Newsletter

To assist the school office with setting up the mailing list for newsletters, we are asking all families (even if you already receive the newsletter by email) to send a test email to our school email address stfinnbarrs@catholic.tas.edu.au

Please write - Newsletter 2014 and your Child’s Surname in the subject line. Thank you.

Notification of Absence of a Child

The school must be contacted by the child’s parent on the morning of the child's absence. Where it is known in advance that a child will be absent, the school should be informed by the parent. This can be either by phone or email stfinnbarrs@catholic.tas.edu.au

Head lice have been found amongst children in the school. Please check your child’s hair today.

Thank you.
GRADE 5/6 FRIDAY SPORT - FRIDAY 28TH FEBRUARY

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GAME TIME:  1.10pm – 2.40pm

Parent Calendar

Picnic and Play in the Park

TUESDAY 25th MARCH

DILSTON PLAYGROUP
Dilston Hall
10.00-11.30
For more info ring
Northern Suburbs Community Centre
63265506
Or
Childhood Support Networkers

Activities may Include free:
Jumping castle
BBQ & drinks
Face Painting
Parenting information
Fun for all!

Everyone welcome
Flyers kindly printed by the office of
Peter Gutwein MHA

International Women’s Day 2014
Inspiring Change

You are warmly invited to join us to Celebrate International Women’s Day
NSCC Dover St site
Friday 7th March 2014
12.30-2.00 pm

Free Community Lunch
Pampering sessions & much more
Bookings Essential Please

Call us on 63 266776
to book or for more info

Harmony Week 2014
“Together We Can”

Celebrate Harmony Week with us with a Free Community Long Lunch
Tuesday 18th March 12.30-2.00 pm
NSCC, 1 Archer St, Rocherlea
In the grounds by the Peace Garden

Please bring along a small plate of food to share
We will provide BBQ Food & Drinks
Call 63 265506 to book your spot or for more info

We will be cooking savoury & sweet pancakes for Community Lunch
Wednesday 5th March 2014
12.30 @ NSCC 1 Archer St Rocherlea
Cost: $4.00

All Money raised will be donated to Uniting Care Pancake Day
Please call us on 63 265506 to book your spot

This is a fun FREE event for families with children 0-5

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Community News

Palm Sunday Pilgrimage 2014 – Help Needed!

The fifth Archdiocesan Palm Sunday Pilgrimage will be held on Sunday 13th April. Palm Sunday Pilgrimage is an event for the whole Church to come together to celebrate World Youth Day, Palm Sunday and all the different parts that make up our Tasmanian Church! This has been extremely successful in the past with over 1000 people participating from all over the state! Catholic Youth Ministry needs YOUR assistance to help make this even more successful than ever! We are in need of: Business Sponsorship, Donations (food items, water, kids activities etc), know-how and/or access to sound equipment, vehicles and people to transport large objects, PEOPLE TO VOLUNTEER ON THE DAY! Volunteers need to be 18 years or older, able to undertake a national police check and attend a volunteer briefing. If you can help in any of the above ways we would love to hear from you asap. Please contact Rachelle Smith e: rachelle.smith@aohtas.org.au m:0400 045 368

2014 Term Dates

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