October/November

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Tuesday 29th October**
  Athletics Carnival Grade 3-6

- **Wednesday 30th October**
  Science Discovery Excursion Gr 3/4 to George Town

- **Thursday 31st October**
  Class Liturgy at 10.30 5/6 BH PM Mass – 5/6 AB

- **Friday 1st November**
  NIJSSA Athletics Carnival

- **Monday 4th November**
  Recreation Day Holiday

- **Tuesday 5th November**
  3-6 Swimming Program @ Riverside Pool

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**From The Principal**

Dear Parents,

On Sunday six children from St Finn Barr’s joined other children from Launceston in the Church of the Apostles to be Confirmed and celebrate their First Communion. It was an important moment in the faith development of these children and for our Parish who gathered to welcome these young people into our Parish community as members who can now fully celebrate in the Mass. Congratulations to Bianca Duffy, Daniella Flynn-Summers, Stephanie Flynn-Summers, Emily Gee, Lachlan Robson and Kiana Toon.

Most classroom positions have been finalised for 2014. The list is below. A number of changes have occurred. Miss Cannon (ECE) and Mrs Aylott (Primary) will be Assistant Principals Teaching and Learning & RE. They will share the role with a focus on either the ECE (Kinder - Gr 2) or Primary (Gr 3-6). Both will teach Monday – Wednesday inclusive and be off class Thursday & Friday.

Miss Cannon will be sharing a class with Miss Bennett as she has done this year.

Mrs Aylott will share a class with a teacher who is yet to be employed for Terms 1 & 2. In Terms 3 & 4 Miss Edwards will return and share the class.

The ad for the Gr 5/6 teaching position and the Gr 1/2 position were advertised on Friday. The interview process will be concluded by mid November.
Teachers will begin the process of sorting children into class grouping for 2014 in the near future. If you have any specific requests for the placement of your child, based on educational grounds, please make the request in writing to me (Principal) so that all requests can be considered by the Leadership Team. All requests should be handed in to the Office Staff or directly to me. All requests will be considered but no guarantees will be given. A list of requests, which have been approved, will be passed on to the relevant teachers, but not the written request from parents.

Tuesday is our Athletics Carnival which was postponed last Wednesday due to the weather. While the rain did clear it was a freezing day and would have been a miserable experience for all involved. The forecast for Tuesday is for a fine day. Please pray for good weather. All are invited to come and enjoy what is always an entertaining and exciting day.

On Friday St Finn Barr’s will compete in the Interschool Athletics Carnival. I know all children involved will do a great job. Information as to who is competing on Friday will be sent home on Wednesday following our Carnival. Apologies for any inconvenience.

Last week it was announced that Nick McGann has been appointed as Principal of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School, Lenah Valley commencing in 2014. Nick is very excited about his appointment. Our school community obviously trained him very well while he was here!

Have a great week.

Anthony Healey, Principal.

**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.*
Prayer
Loving God,
you call us to your children
and remain with us in times of difficulty.
Help us to be always faithful,
and strengthen us in times of trouble.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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

Congratulations to the students who received their Confirmation and First Eucharist on Sunday at the Church of Apostles.
School Wide Positive Behaviour Support

We are a Community of
Safe
Respectful
Resilient
Learners.

Resilience in action?
In the Blue Mountains.
Young people taking HSC exams.
In between times, helping to fight fires.
Turning up for the next exam. No complaints, no self pity, no excuses. Thinking of others and getting on with it all.
Let’s hope they receive what they deserve.

Where does it begin? Develop? From childhood.

Closer to home.
Rain stops SFB Athletics Carnival.
Students remain positive, work well, stay tuned in, co-operate.
Developing Resilience.
Let’s hope a Blue Mountains trauma isn’t in the plan, but we are working towards being prepared.

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

ICT News

Quote from Telstra “Cyber Safety Tips for Parents” -

“Set Family Rules.
Make sure to be seen as a positive example.
Don’t just talk about the right thing to do, but be a role model in Internet usage and phone habits.
Demonstrate how you’re careful about what you do online and how you look after your own digital footprint. Children are happier following rules if everyone in the family plays by them.”


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

Thanks to some more helpers coming forward we are happy to announce that we will be entering a float in the Christmas Parade this year on Saturday, 30th November. The theme is "Past, Present and Future." 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. This part of the float will follow a representation of the Church that will be built on a trailer and be pulled along by a ute which will have students participating in the nativity scene (dress ups supplied) aboard. The ute will be reserved for the younger Kinder/Prep children who want to be involved so they don’t have to walk the whole way and will be done on a first in best dressed basis.

If you have already returned your form to be involved, thank you, you will be contacted shortly.

If your child/children would like to participate please return the form below by next week. Thanks. If you have any questions please contact Annie Duffy on 0458006093 or email the P & F at the address below.

There will be a working bee at the school this Friday afternoon at 3pm for just an hour or so to start recreating the Church on the trailer. Please come and help if you can.

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**Next P & F Meeting**

The next P & F Meeting will be NEXT 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.

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**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. |
| Parent’s Name |
| Contact Phone Number |

*Please return to office by Tuesday 5th November*
This year is the last year the **Child Health and Parenting Service (CHaPS)** will offer Prep checks at schools. If your child is aged three and a half to five and has not had a Healthy Kids Check (including vision and hearing assessment) an appointment for this check is recommended, either with your local Child and Family Health Nurse or GP.

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**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 6331 4377.

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**LAUNCESTON PARISH - EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST — CLEANING/ HOUSEKEEPING DUTIES**

Due to the retirement of our current cleaner, we are seeking expressions of interest from anyone interested in this position. Current hours are up to 30 hours a fortnight and duties include cleaning / housekeeping in Parish buildings and halls and other duties as they arise. In the future, duties may need to change and these will be negotiated. For further information and to register your interest, please contact Fr Mark Freeman or Carolyn at the Parish Office, 44 Margaret Street on 6331 4377 by Friday 1 November.

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The world's most popular Pantomime **CINDERELLA** makes its theatre debut in Launceston this Christmas.  
Where: Earl Arts Centre - L'ton When: Fri. 20th Dec 6pm, Sat. 21st Dec 2pm & 6pm Sunday 22nd Dec 11am & 2pm Tickets $20 Adult $15 Children/Conc via Princess Theatre Box Office 6323 3666 or online [www.theaternorth.com.au](http://www.theaternorth.com.au)

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**TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER**

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in February 2014 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from Germany, Italy, Finland, Colombia and Mexico will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at [www.scce.com.au](http://www.scce.com.au), email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

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**Re: Bravehearts – Ditto’s Keep Safe Adventure Program**

On Wednesday, 30th October at 10.30am, the YMCA are holding a Bravehearts Personal Safety Education Program Directed at children under 5 years of age. This performance, “The Ditto Show” with “Ditto” being the star attraction, teaches children the principles of personal safety and gives them the knowledge they need to stay safe and know what to do if anything does happen. The program is delivered in a fun, interactive and engaging manner with specially written songs for the show. The cost for this 20 min session is $6.50 per child. There will also be a 30 minute session for parents/carers at 10.00am (prior to display) where Bravehearts will discuss how to handle warning signs of your child not being safe or abused. The YMCA believes it is important to teach our children and families the necessity of keeping safe in our communities. Your support for this performance would be gratefully appreciated. If you are able to attend, can you please notify reception with payment and names of children attending by Monday 28th October.

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**Cricket Tasmania** will hold an Emerging Roar Program throughout the summer which focuses on girls having fun, developing their skills, & playing lots of cricket between the ages of 10ish through to 17. If you have any questions about any of the above feel free to contact me! Samantha Cotton T: +61 3 6336 7020 | F: +61 3 6336 7020 | M: 0400 886 564 E: scotton@crickettas.com.au | W: [http://www.crickettas.com.au](http://www.crickettas.com.au)

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**Remembrance Day - Monday 11th November 2013**

Remembrance Day is a nationally recognised day of commemoration when we pause for one minute's silence to remember the servicemen and women who gave their lives in wars, conflicts and peace operations. This year the poster produced by the Department of Veterans Affairs, called Wartime Snapshots, will be on display at our school. It commemorates the armistice of the Korean War in 1953. Further information about Remembrance Day can be found on the DVA website at [www.dva.gov.au/education.htm](http://www.dva.gov.au/education.htm)

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**Kairos Prison Ministry Australia**

Kairos Prison Ministry Australia (KPMA) has been actively witnessing those in prison on the Australian mainland, and their families, since 1995. Their mission is to bring Christ's love and forgiveness to those in prison and to their families. Approximately 2,500 volunteers are currently involved in some 23 prisons around Australia. KPMA is canvassing the level of support there may be from the local Christian community in Tasmania, with a view to potentially commence operations in 2014. Further information can be found on their website at [www.kairos.org.au](http://www.kairos.org.au) and an information sheet is available at the school office.
Are You a Parent? You are invited to be part of the Tasmanian pilot of an exciting new program to support parents to engage with their children’s education. Come and join a group of parents to test this new training program! Tell other parents who might be interested and encourage them to join us on...

9 or 10 November 2013
Northern Suburbs Community Centre, Dover Street, Mowbray
Starting at 10:00 am
Lunch at 12:30
Ending by 4:00pm

Register with Leonie Mitchell or ask Leonie for further information:
Leonie@austparents.edu.au
03 6334 8886 or 0418 982 303

A $50 voucher will be given to parents completing the full day’s workshops!

Choose one day. The morning workshop will focus on reading and the afternoon workshop will focus on writing. Lunch will be provided, and child minding is available if requested at registration. This day highlights the importance of family engagement in children’s learning.

Parents Australia is a parent-run, parent-led, parent-focused charity that was established by parents to support parents by developing and delivering programs for parents to build their parents’ confidence and capacity to engage and support their children’s learning experiences, general development and wellbeing at home.

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Lost
- A size 8 rugby top with the name Tiarnah Young
- A green school jumper with a school badge sewn on.

Can you please check all your child’s school clothing to make sure they have all their own belongings. Thank you.