December

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Monday 2nd December**
  Monday Prayer 1/2 Team

- **Tuesday 3rd December**
  Infant Swimming Prep - Gr 2
  Parent Help Thank you Morning Tea
  11-11.30 am

- **Wednesday 4th**
  Infant Swimming Prep - Gr 2
  P & F Dinner Meeting

- **Thursday 5th**
  Yr 7, 2014 SPC Orientation Day
  SFB Orientation Day, 9.30-11 am
  PM Mass – 1/2 Team
  Infant Swimming Prep - Gr 2

- **Friday 6th**
  Infant Swimming Prep - Gr 2
  Grade 6 Leavers Dinner at Aurora Stadium- 6.30pm

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**From The Principal**

Dear Parents,

It was a very busy but exciting week just gone. On Thursday night all the children who are involved in the Band and String Program run by St Patrick’s College performed in the End of Year Concert. All the hard work and practising during the year, with lots of encouragement from parents, was on display. The children performed fantastically and were a credit to themselves and St Finn Barr’s. Children who were acknowledged for their work were:

**Band**

Isabella Young was the winner of the Excellence Award

Huon Spurr was the winner of the Endeavour Award

**Strings**

Gabrielle Dewsbury was the winner of the Excellence Award

Jonty Hall was the winner of the Endeavour Award

Congratulations to all the children on their improvement and endeavor in learning their instrument.

On Saturday morning a large number of children were involved in the Christmas Parade. Congratulations to the P & F on a very well organised and supported community building event. Our float was of the SFB Church and the children were dressed to represent the past (Presentation Nuns), Present (Sports Uniform) and the future (What they wanted to be). It was a great event so Thank You to all those parents who helped build the float, and supported the event.

On Thursday our Orientation Day will occur. The current Gr 6 students will be attending St Patricks College and all remaining students will be meeting their teachers and classmates for 2014 from 9.30-11.00am. The process of sorting classes is very time consuming and involves a huge amount of discussion and reflection to finalise the classes. The teachers have done a great job in this process. While some
parents will be disappointed that their request has not been met, the decision has been reached by the teachers working in groups to place children.

Have a great week.

Anthony Healey,
Principal.

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**REC News**

**Prayer**

Loving God, help us to prepare for your coming to us at Christmas in the baby Jesus. Help us to be ready and waiting for your coming so that we can celebrate your love with all the world. We make this prayer in your name.

Amen.

**Parish Buddy Masses** are on Thursdays at 12:00 in the Church. The class attending this week is 1/2 Cannon/Bennett & 1/2 Matson/Digney.

**St Vincent de Paul**

In the lead up to Christmas there are many families who are not able to enjoy many of the special privileges and treats of the Christmas season.

We are asking you to support St Vincent de Paul and bring one item to donate, this could be:
- Festive food goodies to add to Christmas hampers
- Non-perishable food items

In each classroom there will be a box to put these items.

All donations will be given to St Vincent de Paul and will be given out at Christmas time.

Thank you for your support.

**LAST WEEK** - Items will be collected on Friday, 6th December.

**Dates for your diaries**

Carols Concert - Wednesday, 11th December @ 6:30 p.m.
End of Year & Graduation Mass - Tuesday, 17th December @ 7:00 p.m.

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A case of Whooping Cough (Pertussis) has been reported within our school community. If your child presents with the described symptoms of whooping cough please seek medical advice before your child returns to school. For more information visit: [http://www.dhhs.tas.gov.au/peh/infectious_diseases/pertussis](http://www.dhhs.tas.gov.au/peh/infectious_diseases/pertussis)

To speak to a Public Health Nurse, call the Public Health Hotline on 1800 671 738.
School Wide Positive Behaviour Support

We are a Community of

Safe
Respectful
Resilient
Learners

Remember 6 to 1 positives!
**ICT News**

A meeting is being held this Wednesday, December 4th at 6.00 p.m. for our Grade Five and Six Parents in 2014. It is hoped that a representative from each family in the group will be able to attend this meeting.

It is to outline some of the thinking in our planning for work with iPads in 2014 and to discuss the implications. The aim is to achieve the best possible outcome for our Students and families.

In the meantime, Prep Bird Parents, please continue to return your iPad end of trial surveys. Thank you to those who have!
The iPads will be collected on Wednesday 4th too.

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

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**Uniform Shop News**

Have you placed your uniform order for 2014?

To assist with ordering of supplies please place your order now and collect it in 2014.

**2014 Opening Hours**

The Uniform Shop will be open on Wednesday 29th January, 11-2 p.m.

and Thursday 6th February, 8.30 - 9.30 p.m. and 2.30 - 3.30 p.m.

*Please mark these dates in your Calendar.*
Thank You
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An open invitation.

To each and every one of our Parents, Grandparents and Friends who have in ANY WAY helped our community this year we send a huge thank you from each of us!

So many of our events and support in learning would not function without YOUR interest, commitment and support.

We are having a Morning Tea on Tuesday, 3rd December at 11.00 a.m.
in the Hall to celebrate YOU.
We would like you to know we appreciate you.

Please come along. Don’t be modest. Don’t be shy. We know who you are and would like you to be there as we show our appreciation. Tell your family and friends who have been there for us. Come and join in.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

From Staff and Students at St Finn Barr’s 2013.
School Books 2014

Booklists and log on passwords for the ordering and payment of school books in 2014 will be sent to parents today.

Books must be ordered and paid for before 31st December or there will be a late fee of $9.95.

Families who qualify for Student Assistance will be notified by the school office in the first week of December and they will not need to order books online. These families will need to collect their books from the School Office on Wednesday 29th January, or Thursday 30th January, 2014. Please mark these dates in your Calendar.

If any families have any questions or concerns please contact our school office.
**Christmas Parade**
Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Christmas Parade last Saturday. You all looked fantastic and we know you all enjoyed yourselves very much. Thanks to all the helpers who made the float possible and who participated and helped on the day.

**Ezy Covers**
Last year we discovered a fabulous product that is available for everyone to order online. They are a great and easy way to cover books. For every cover sold the P & F gets 5 cents but if you put in the school code of ZFA186 the donation increases to 10 cents. The covers look great and are ridiculously easy, there is a great display of samples in the office. They are only available online. Please take note of the Ezy Cover flyer in this newsletter and at the office.

**Next Meeting**
The last P & F meeting for the year is THIS Wednesday, 4th December at 7.30pm at the Gunners Arms Hotel. This is a dinner meeting to celebrate the end of the year. If you are planning to attend please RSVP today Monday, 2nd December. We hope to see you there.
End Of Year Concert

A great celebration of the improvements during the year for our Band and Strings Students. Congratulations to each and every one of these talented young people on their performances at St Patrick's College.

Awards were given to Band Students:-

Isabella Young for Excellence and Huon Spurr for Endeavour

and in the Strings:-

Gabrielle Dewsbury for Excellence and Jonty Hall for Endeavour.

Keep up the practising!
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Dear Parents,

**IMPORTANT STATIONARY INFORMATION FOR PREP AND GRADE 1/2 STUDENTS in 2014.**

It is important that *all* items in the stationary pack are sent to school on the **first day**.

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The items that are not labelled will be collected from the students and will be used as needed during the year. OfficeMax’s policy is that all booklist items must be received by parents. Please ensure the appropriate items are labelled. Thank you in advance for your support in this matter.

We hope that you have a wonderful holiday and we look forward to seeing you in 2014.

Kind regards,

Prep & 1/2 Team
The 2013 School Magazine has arrived from the printers and is now available at the school office for $12 a copy. Make sure you call in and collect your copy before they sell out!!
Ez cover is a new faster & cheaper way to cover school exercise books. Made with some recycled content, our covers can be used over & over again.

Our cover sizes fit all Australian school exercise books. Covering all your school books will take about 5 minutes and we provide 12 free name/subject labels with every order. Postage is $3 for any-sized order, anywhere in Australia.

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Save the Planet

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Cover all your child’s books this year with ez covers ...then use them again next year.
St Thomas More’s Catholic Primary School

Invites you to an Advent Musical Production

Captain Cat and the Carol Singers

at HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

Cameron Street, Launceston

on Tuesday 10th, Wednesday 11th,

Thursday 12th and Friday 13th December.

Performances at 10 am and 1.30 pm each day

and Wednesday morning at 11.30 am.

Seats can be reserved by phoning 6334 2794

All performances are free.
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Contact Dan for more info

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Phone: 0447 394 903
Email: karatetas@bigpond.com
Web: www.karatetas.com
Dojo Instructor: Sensei Dan Ridler

International Goju Karate
Where: In the Peace Garden 1 Archer St Rocherlea
When: FRIDAY THE 6th OF DECEMBER  5 to 8pm
Entry by gold coin donation.

5 TO 6 PM  Photos with Santa, Ride on Santas' Harley

Harley Rides on Santa’s Harley are offered by Knees to the Breeze on a professional bike which seats 3 children.
Children must be over 8 years of age to go for a ride.
The cost of rides are offered to you at $2 per child or $4 per adult.

6 TO 8PM  Community Carols, BBQ & Drinks, Face painting,
Fun, games & activities for the children

For further information contact the NSCC on (03) 6326 5506.

In the event on rain our celebration will be held at our community hall in Archer St, Rocherlea.

Please note: this is a smoke free family event.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.
NORTHERN SUBURBS COMMUNITY CENTRE

Presents
Community Recreational Outreach
Friday afternoon December 6th
at St. Finn Barr's Catholic Primary School

Join us for a
Softball session with Kaylene.

Free games and activities
Times are 3pm to 4.30pm
Come and join in on the fun!

Outside the school hall - Rosslyn Rd access

Adult Carer supervision required

In event of rain activities will be run in the school hall

Grab some info,
We can fill you in on what's happening in your community.