March

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Tuesday 4th**
  Swimming Carnival Gr 3-6 at Riverside Pool, 9.30 am start

- **Wednesday 5th**
  Ash Wednesday - Prayers in classrooms
  P & F Meeting, 7.30 pm in the Staffroom

- **Thursday 6th**
  Gr 3-4 Band & Strings Progam

- **Friday 7th**
  Gr 5/6 Friday Sport

- **Monday 10th**
  Public Holiday

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**From The Principal**

Dear Parents,

On Tuesday our Swimming Carnival will be held at Riverside Swimming Pool. Please attend and support all the children who compete and will do their very best in a wide range of events. I would like to thank Mrs. Reynier for all her hard work in preparing the Carnival. For the Gr 6 student/Parent/Teacher relay race at the end of the Carnival a Shield has been purchased and, as suggested and voted by the Gr 5/6 students, will be known as the Flying Flippers Shield. I would like to thank the House Captains who helped with this decision-making process. The teachers, as current holders of the Shield, are very confident that they will successfully defend their title and score another great victory. I am unclear as to whether the fact that I have been dumped from the team (Anthony thank you for volunteering but you are not required for the relay) has anything to do with their confidence of success.

The School Grievance Policy, and also the Complaints Policy are available on the School Website ([http://www.stfinnbarrs.tas.edu.au/about-us/policies](http://www.stfinnbarrs.tas.edu.au/about-us/policies)) through the About Us button. If there are any issues that need to be discussed please request an appointment through the School Office or make a time with the teacher. It is not appropriate, and unfair, to discuss serious or emotive issues in the middle of a classroom when children are present, as well as other parents.

One of the great things about SFB, and primary schools generally, is the access parents have to their child’s teacher. This is not the case in High Schools where parents are required to make appointments. In an increasing number of schools in Tasmania and on the mainland, access by parents to classrooms and teachers is being severely restricted due to parents not dealing with issues in a proper manner.
Verbal and physical abuse of teachers and other professions is on the increase. If there is an issue that is emotive, about which you are upset or angry, you need to address the issue in the correct manner so that a meeting can occur quickly, in an appropriate place with the necessary time allocated to it.

The School Mobile Phone Policy will be added to our website this week. Many children now have mobile phones and it is an important means of contact for their parents. However during school hours all messages need to go through the School Office who do a fantastic job in passing them to classroom teachers. Children who have mobile phones are not to have them out or be using them once they enter the school grounds. This includes listening to music. If they need to text you to confirm their arrival this can be done just prior to or just after entering the school property. It should take less than 30 seconds.

There are major issues with Privacy Matters and mobile phones. Recording conversations, taking pictures or video without permission, accessing the internet with its vast range of sites as well as information/images/websites etc sent by peers are all matters of serious concern for our school. Once something is posted on the internet (Facebook, Instagram, Kick etc) it is out there and difficult to erase. As a parent I would be agitated if images that I considered inappropriate of my son appeared or were being shared around Launceston. Newspapers, magazines and TV shows are full of examples of the damage that is done when this occurs.

Children hand up their phones to their class teacher at the start of the day and they are returned at the end of the day. Children are not to use their phones during school hours. If they breach the policy their phones can be confiscated, the parents informed by phone what has occurred and the phone returned when collected by the parent.

The safety of your child is our top priority. If your child has to have their phone for safety reasons that night (catching two buses to go to football training and then walking to a location to be collected) this can be explained when you are contacted and your child’s phone will be returned. However the issue will be addressed with you and your child to ensure there are no further occurrences requiring phone confiscation.

At the end of this Term, 17th April, Stepping Stones will cease to be the provider of Before School, After School and Vacation Care at St Finn Barr’s. I would like to thank Stepping Stones for their service to our school community.

Centacare will take over the providing of all care. All services will remain the same for the foreseeable future. All parents who are using Care need to request an Information Package from the School Office to enrol with Centacare. The enrolment fee has been waived and there is no cost. If there are any questions after you have read the Information Package please contact the Office, who will direct you to me if they are unable to answer your questions.

A number of named clothing items are missing. Please check that your child has not mistakenly taken another child’s hat, jumper, rugby top etc. The lost property bin is located in the Office.

Have a great week.

Anthony Healey,
Principal.
REC News

Prayer
Loving God,
God of hope and compassion,
You remind us of the need to care for our brothers and sisters throughout the world.
We pray that during this time of Lent, we will make a home in our own hearts for the poor. May we listen and act on your call to end poverty, promote justice and uphold the dignity of every person.
We make this prayer in Jesus’ name.
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 on Thursday, 6th March at 7.30 pm at Sacred Heart Church, Cnr Campbell and Abbott Sts, Newstead.

Project Compassion boxes and information sent home today.

Parents & Friends News

Icypoles will be for sale this Thursday and Friday from the canteen for 50 cents.

With the Election being held at the school again this year, if we can get enough helpers we will run a cake stall at the school on Election Day. More information will be in next week’s news letter.

Our first meeting for the year is THIS Wednesday, 5th March in the Staff room 7.30pm to 9.30pm. We will be organising the calender 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 or use the suggestion box in the office.

Congratulations!
Congratulations to Erin Giles who competed in the 5km Women’s Run, Walk at the weekend. Erin finished 40th out of 2049 competitors, in a time of 23.05 minutes.

Well Done Erin!

Please inform the Principal or Office Staff by email/letter of any significant skills and achievements in any academic, sporting, social or cultural area. Achievements, both school based or associated with clubs, groups from the community will be acknowledged in subsequent newsletters.

Student of the Week

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<th>Courtney James</th>
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<td>Grade 1/2</td>
<td>Lydia Allen</td>
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SWPBS
School Wide Positive Behaviour Support

We are a Community of
Safe
Respectful
Resilient
Learners.

In weeks five and six, focus in classrooms will be on being Respectful in all areas.

What can each of us do to respect those around us...... siblings, friends, peers, teachers and all other adults we meet?
How do we expect others to treat us if being respectful?
How do we feel when others treat us with dignity and respect?
How do we speak to others when we are being respectful?

What does it look like, feel like and sound like?

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

ICT News

A useful site to check out and reflect on in supporting our children as they grow up in a vastly expanding technological world.

ThinkUKnow
www.thinkuknow.org.au

The ThinkUKnow website is administered by the Australian Federal Police and provides cyber information, advice and tools for youth, parents, carers and teachers.

Having clear and accurate information helps us to be prepared for questions, concerns and student’s misconceptions, so we can respond with accurate facts and answers.

Lynne Seaton - ICT Co-ordinator
Community News

Mind Moves Chess Club Tournament
When: March 22nd, 2014 9:00am - 1:30 pm
Registrations closes at 9:30am, so please arrive early
Where: Windsor Community Centre, Community Hall
Area 3, 1 Windsor Drive, Riverside
To enter: email: dawidaeandshawn@bigpond.com
Name & Surname • Date of Birth • Contact number • Or call Dawida on 0417981770

Physically challenged youth are invited to enter the Mind Moves Chess Club Tournament. The tournament will be held at Windsor Community Centre, Community Hall, Area 3, 1 Windsor Drive, Riverside. Entries close at 9:30am on the day, so please arrive early.

Kindergarten Enrolments 2015
Kindergarten Enrolments for all Catholic Schools in Launceston are now being sought for 2015. Our Enrolment forms are available from the school office or they can be downloaded from our school web page http://web.stfinnbarrs.tas.edu.au/contact-us/enrolment

If you know of any families who are interested in Kindergarten for 2015 please ask them to contact the school office. Enrolment applications close at the end of Term 1.

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

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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.

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### Grade 5/6 Friday Sport - Friday 7th March

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**GAME TIME:** 1.10pm – 2.40pm

### Parent Calendar

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- NUSSA Swimming Carnival
- Buddy Mass - 1/2 MM & 3/4 HCo
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- Class Liturgy of the Word - 5/6 MC
- Class Liturgy of the Word - 5/6 BH
- Buddy Mass PM & 5/6 AB