Dear Parents,

Last week was a busy but very rewarding time with our School Athletics Carnival on Tuesday where our Gr 3-6 students competed against each other in a range of Field and Running events. It was a very successful day where children encouraged each other and celebrated each other’s success, laughed together and were supportive of each other. It was a successful Carnival organised by Mrs Sarah Reynier and supported by the Teachers, Teacher Assistants and a host of wonderful parents who gave up their time to help run the many sites throughout the day. Without these generous parents we would not be able to run our Carnival and have so many events. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Congratulations to Marion who won the Carnival and the House Captains Jake George and Chloe Smith who accepted the trophy on behalf of their team mates.

On Friday our best athletes competed in the NJJSSA against the best athletes from the nine other Catholic and Independent schools in Launceston. Their efforts and sportsmanship were a credit to them and to St Finn Barr’s. It was a great day. To watch our children compete with enthusiasm and real endeavour was really great to watch. I am still unaware as to where we finished.

Teachers will begin the process of sorting children into class grouping for 2014 on Thursday. 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) by Wednesday afternoon 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. If you have any questions please contact me directly or via the Office.
With regards to staffing I wish to inform you that Mrs Lynne Seaton will be part-time in 2014. She will continue with SLN (Special Learning Needs), ICT and PBS (Positive Behaviour Support) and will work a seven day fortnight.

Mrs Young and Mrs Newman will continue in Kindergarten next year with the same groups and days as this year. I am advertising as required for Fixed Term Contracts for both Music and LOTE. These positions and the classroom teachers positions will be completed as soon as possible.

The Swimming Program commences for Gr 3-6 today and continues for the next two weeks. All children are expected to participate unless sick or for medical reasons. The children are divided into groups based on their ability and are them taught by qualified Swimming Instructors. The Swimming Program is held at this time of the year so that the skills and confidence that children develop during the program can be utilised and further developed during the Summer.

On Thursday the Gr 6 students will participate in their final MJR Day. MJR (Making Jesus Real) has a focus on developing a positive attitude and recognising those moments that occur throughout each day which are positive and reinforce the beauty of life that surrounds us on a daily basis. It is a powerful program that develops our children’s resilience and self confidence.

There is one scheduled Pupil Free Day in 2014 and that is Monday 21st July, the first day of 3rd Term. Please mark this in your diaries.

I hope you all had a wonderful and enjoyable weekend.

Anthony Healey,
Principal.

REC News

Prayer
Loving God,
Cut through the pain, the hurt
Kindness rather than retribution
God you don’t give up on us.
Let us not give up on each other.
You have sent us the Son
And the Christ Spirit
whispers gently:
‘Come as far as you can,
I will meet you along the way’
Amen.

Parish Buddy Masses are on Thursdays at 12:00 in the Church. The classes attending this week are Prep Peters & Prep Bird.
School Wide Positive Behaviour Support

We are a Community of
Safe
Respectful
Resilient
Learners.

How do we check to see if something is learned and embedded?
Ask the Student (younger or older) to explain the process, or to teach someone else.
Can you think of examples in your life, where you thought you had something clear until asked to share? (ever been a witness to an accident, or listened to others re-telling what they saw??)

Sometimes we get the overall idea, but miss the finer details. In some situations that’s OK. At other times it’s the finer details that are important.

We continually revisit our SWPBS thinking. Ask our children to tell you about the Mantra, (at the top of the item), Matrix (in the first Newsletter this term), and thinking around the program, (outlined in the Newsletter over the weeks).

See if it’s embedded!

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” -

“Digital media gives young people endless ways to express themselves, state their opinions and connect with friends, family and groups that interest them.

Doing all of these things has become so easy that young people can forget that every website they click, every comment they post, and every video they upload might leave a trail of information - a digital footprint or digital reputation - that leads back to them. ........ what goes online, stays online.

Ideally a digital footprint should leave a positive impression of behaviour, beliefs, interests and respect for others”

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

Officemax will provide the school with log on passwords for each Grade. Once the booklists are online we will forward these passwords to Parents. This should be early December.

Families who receive Student Assistance will need to confirm with the School Office that they will qualify for this payment in 2014. Once verified the School Office will order these student’s books.

*If any families have any questions or concerns please contact our school office.*

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**St Finn Barr’s**

**K-2**

**Athletics Carnival 2013**

**Thursday 28th November, 2013**

1:00pm – 2:45pm

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**Uniform Shop News**

Girls yellow socks are in stock now - Sizes 9-12, 13-3, 2-8 & 7-11 $8 a pair.

Orders are now being taken for Uniforms for 2014. They can be collected this year or picked up in 2014. The Order form is available on our school web page: [http://web.stfinnbarrs.tas.edu.au/community/uniform-shop](http://web.stfinnbarrs.tas.edu.au/community/uniform-shop)
**Christmas Parade**

Thanks to everyone who helped on Friday afternoon to get the Float underway. The Christmas Parade this year on Saturday, 30th November, approx 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. 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 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 to confirm your child’s preference for dressing up. If your child/children would like to participate please return the form below. If you have any questions please contact Annie Duffy on 0458006093 or email the P & F at the address below.

**Next P & F Meeting**

The next P & F Meeting is THIS 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 will be discussing the Christmas Float and organising our end of year dinner.

We love to see new faces and have fresh ideas, everyone is welcome.

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**CHRISTMAS FLOAT STUDENT PARTICIPATION**

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Please return to office by 15th November
Today our class and some of Mrs Clayton’s Grade One’s made Melbourne Cup fascinators. They are fancy hats. It was fun because we used all kinds of creative stuff.

Portia Crisp-Williams
# Calendar

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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 CATHOLIC SCHOOLS MUSIC PROGRAM

presents the

11th

Annual Concert &

Awards Evening

Thursday 28th November 2013
7.00pm
Nano Nagle Gymnasium
St Patrick’s College, Launceston

Tickets available from your school office or at the door.
Adults: $5.00
Child: $3.00 (3-16)

Children With Type 1 Diabetes - Are You Challenged by Your Child's Diabetes?

Research into parenting children with type 1 diabetes.

The University of Queensland is conducting research into parenting children with type 1 diabetes. Parenting a child with diabetes presents many challenges (everything from the regular blood glucose monitoring and insulin intake, to more general parenting tasks). The aim of this study is to understand the factors that make the management of childhood diabetes particularly difficult, and to use this information to develop strategies that might assist parents in managing their child's diabetes. If you are a parent of a 2 to 10-year-old child with type 1 diabetes, we would love to hear from you! By sharing your experiences (confidentially), you will be making a valuable contribution to the development of much-needed childhood diabetes management strategies for parents. To complete the online survey, please log on to: https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/type1diabetes

For further information about the project or to request a survey to be posted to you, please email Aditi Lohan (aditi.lohan@uqconnect.edu.au) or call (07 3365 7689) at the Parenting and Family Support Centre in the School of Psychology at the University of Queensland, St Lucia QLD 4072 (Fax: 07 3365 6724).

Thank you for your time and participation.
Aditi Lohan, Alina Morawska, and Amy Mitchell
UQ Parenting and Family Support Centre