Dear Parents,

Welcome Back! It was great to see so many HAPPY parents supporting their children on the first exciting day of a new year. The renovations of our two classrooms have been completed, and are looking great. Access was only available on Wednesday so they are not completely set up yet.

There are a number of changes, which are occurring this year.

School times are exactly the same but lunchtime will be from 12.55-1.35 pm instead of 1.05-1.45pm. Children will eat from 12.45-12.55 pm. Please ensure that your child/children are at school ready to start at 8.45am so that the start of their day is as settled as possible. School ends as always at 2.55pm.

Specialist lessons have changed days as well. Music is on Tuesdays. LOTE (Japanese) is on Wednesdays. Last year classes had Music and LOTE every second week. After consultation we have changed the structure of these lessons. Gr 3-6 will have music weekly in Terms 1 & 3 and LOTE weekly in Terms 2 & 4. Prep to Gr 2 will have music weekly in Terms 2 & 4 and LOTE in Terms 1 & 3. This will give greater continuity to both our Music and LOTE programs.

Mrs. Reynier has relocated to Ulverstone but is continuing to work at SFB. PE days will now be on Tuesday (ECE including Kinder B group) and Wednesday (Gr 3-6 including Kinder A group). In managing this change the ECE (Prep-Gr 2) classes will wear their Sport’s Uniform on Tuesday and Friday, while the Primary Grades (Gr 3-6) will wear their Sport’s Uniform on Wednesday and Friday. On Tuesday Gr 3-6 wear their summer school uniform. On Wednesday Prep –Gr 2 will wear their summer school uniform.

Thank you to all the parents who have sent their child/children in the correct school uniform. I remind parents that all children need to wear black leather shoes and not the hybrid sneakers that are available in some shops. Teachers will be addressing any issues over the next few weeks.
Welcome to and Welcome Back to St Finn Barr's 2014.

Please join us for a get together to catch up with friends, welcome new families and meet the teachers.

Friday 14th February

5 -7 pm outside the SFB school hall

There will be a Jumping Castle and The St Pat’s Band, face painting and other entertainment provided by the St Finn Barr’s Parents and Friends.

Bring a picnic dinner and relax and enjoy the evening.

We are looking forward to seeing you all there.

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!

Sarah Reynier

Teacher Parent Class Meetings will occur on the following dates:

Thursday 13th February
Gr 3/4 meetings from 3.00-3.45 pm  Gr 5/6 meetings from 3.45-4.30 pm

Thursday 20th February
Prep meetings from 3.00-3.45 pm  Gr 1/2 meetings from 3.45-4.30 pm

These meetings are important opportunities for you to learn how best you can support your child and their teacher throughout this year. Please attend.

Furniture City has requested that Parents do not use their car park as a parking area before and after school.

Welcome back and many thanks for your efforts in preparing your child/children for their first day at school.

Anthony Healey,
Principal.