Dear Parents,

“He came down that we may have Peace, Joy, Hope and Love”. Can you imagine what life would be like without Christianity? What difference would it make to our school? We try to make Jesus real (MJR) so that we can base our decisions and our values on what Jesus taught us. How we would get the message to treat each other with respect and dignity across without Jesus’s example. Each year when Advent begins, the sense of excitement, of expectation, of preparing and waiting begins. As Christmas fast approaches let us keep in the forefront of our thoughts that it is the celebration of the birth of Jesus and that this event has changed the world.

I would like to congratulate ALL the students who participated in the selecting of our student leaders. All the students were fantastic! The quality of the speeches from all, the confidence in delivering their speeches and the positive support that was given to everyone was fantastic. I would like to congratulate the following:

**School Captains:** Bianca Duffy and Charlie Townsend  
**School Vice Captains:** Isabella Young and Daniella Flynn-Summers  
**Marian:** Zac Seadon and Charlotte Boote  
**Patrician:** Travis Praciak and Erin Giles  
**Bethany:** Elyse McHugh and Jake McCarthy

The process for selecting our school leaders is as follows: All students who wish to apply for any leadership position write a letter of application to myself, and the Gr 5/6 teachers. Only students who have the necessary qualities for these positions are allowed to progress to the speech giving stage. This is where the quality control aspect occurs so that whoever is elected by their peers is already approved.

The leaders are chosen by the Gr 5 students only. After hearing the speeches for the various positions the Gr 5 students vote and elect their leaders. The teachers and I do not vote.

**Dates to Remember**

**Monday 8th December**
- Morning Prayer - Prep Team
- Kinder Foster Nativity Play, 2pm

**Tuesday 9th December**
- Kinder Young Nativity Play, 2pm

**Wednesday 10th December**
- Christmas Carols Concert at 6.30 pm

**Friday 12th December**
- Grade 6 Leavers Dinner at Aurora Stadium

**Monday 15th December**
- Morning Prayer - 1/2 KH

**Tuesday 16th December**
- Thanksgiving & Graduation Mass - 7pm

**Wednesday 17th December**
- Last day of Term 4 for Students
You may notice that this year we have two female Vice Captains as no boys applied for the Vice Captain role.

On Wednesday night at 6.30 pm we will hold our Carols Concert in the Church. The students have been practicing and the quality of the acts will be fantastic, so come along.

On the last day of the school year all parents are invited to attend the Picnic on the school grounds commencing at 12.30 p.m. Come and join everyone. Bring lunch and celebrate the end of another successful year. You have the choice of taking your children early from school or leaving them until school ends at 2.55 pm. Some Parents join us for lunch during their lunch break and return to work to complete their day.

Have a great week.

Anthony Healey,
Principal.

**New Terms and Conditions of Enrolment**

We are introducing new Terms and Conditions of enrolment which will take effect on 1 February 2015. It is our policy that these Terms and Conditions will apply to all current enrolments as well as to new enrolments. This is part of a rollout of consistent Terms and Conditions to all Tasmanian Catholic schools.

By continuing your child/ren’s enrolment in 2015, you will be taken to have accepted the new Terms and Conditions. For a full copy of the new Terms and Conditions of Enrolment, please visit our website [http://www.stfinnbarrs.tas.edu.au](http://www.stfinnbarrs.tas.edu.au) or enquire at the school office.

If you have any concerns about the Terms and Conditions, please contact the school office on 6326 3082 before 1 February 2015.

**School Books 2015**

**Have you ordered your child’s school stationery for 2015.** Remember to order by 19th December or a late fee will apply to postage. If you are having trouble please call in and see the office staff.

**School Magazine**

The school magazine is available from the school office for $15 a copy. Limited copies!! **Less than 25 magazines left to sell.**
Prayer
Loving God,
In these days of Advent,
awaken our hearts to love more like you.
Help us to be ready to celebrate
the birth of your Son Jesus.
In the Spirit of Jesus your Son.
All: Amen.

Mini Vinnies
Please bring one item to donate to St Vincent de Paul.
This could be:
• Festive food goodies to add to Christmas hampers
• Non-perishable food items

All donations will be given to St Vincent de Paul and will be given out at Christmas time. Food donations will be collected Friday, 12th December. Thank you for your support.

Thanksgiving & Graduation Mass
When: Tuesday, 16th December 2014
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Where: St Finn Barr’s Church

The Church will open at 6:30 p.m.
Grade 5/6 students to arrive at 6:45 p.m. and meet on the top court.

Grade 5/6 students to wear summer uniforms.
Kinder to Grade 3/4 students are to sit with their parents and may wear casual clothes.

Come along and celebrate our year.
Please collect your Report after Mass.

Uniform Shop News

Regular Opening Hours - Thursday 8.30 am - 9.30 am & 2.30 pm - 3.30 pm

Additional Opening Hours 2014 - Tuesday 16th December, 8.30 am - 9.30 am & 2.30 pm - 3.30 pm

Opening Hours for the start of 2015 - Monday 2nd February, 10 am - 12 noon, Tuesday 3rd February, 1 pm - 3 pm & Thursday 5th February, 8.30 am - 9.30 am & 2.30 pm - 3.30 pm
P & F News

Thanks to all those who attended the meeting last week. The minutes will be on the school website.

We are pleased to announce that the Fair raised nearly $10 000 which enables the P & F to donate $20 000 to getting swings installed at the school. To install the swings including all the earthworks the total cost is likely to be $30 000 with the school paying the difference. We will however be having a working bee early in the school year to help with the costs. The swings will be completed by Sturdybilt by 13th February and we will have the working bee on 14th February to be ready for our welcome evening on February 20th.

Ezy Covers
Ezy Covers 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.

Your Back to School helper

OfficeMax Schools makes ordering your child’s Back to School supplies quick and easy. Simply log in and view your school’s booklist to have 2015 sorted in a matter of minutes.

Plus, we’re rewarding early orders with the chance to win 1 of 75 $100 Visa Gift Cards.

So jump online and order today at officemaxschools.com.au
All students will meet in their classrooms at 6:10 p.m.

- 1/2 Cannon/Bennett will meet in 1/2 Maleki & 1/2 Higgins classrooms.
- 5/6 Hyatt will meet in 5/6 Paternoster & 5/6 Clear classrooms.
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.

Please come along.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

From the Staff and Students at St Finn Barr’s 2014.
Community News

- **St Finn’s Barr’s Vacation Care program** is available to parents here at the school premises over the school closure period including Thurs 18th, Fri 19th and Monday 22nd and re-opening again from the 7th January. Children are provided with afternoon tea and a variety of indoor and outdoor activities are provided. Activities include cooking, outdoor play, sports, water play, art/craft, bike days, and more. Excursions also include a trip to the cinema, zorbing, berry farm, kids paradise, caves, bowling and picnic and games at the park. Children who are 4 years and started school are welcome to join in the fun and make some new friends. We look forward to welcoming new children and their families to our service. For further information please contact Centacare CCS on 1300 119 455.

- **Does your child want to play basketball in 2015?** Launceston Saints Basketball Club will be holding their Registration clinic and sausage sizzle on February 2nd 2015 at Sacred Heart Catholic School gym. Under 10’s & 12’s 4-5pm, Under 14’s & 16’s 5-6pm. Bring your ball and have a bit of fun with other children your age. Sausages will be available for $2. To register your expression of interest or for further information please email us at launcestonsaints@gmail.com

- **The Music Tree** - Early childhood music and movement, guitar, piano, keyboard and ukulele lessons. For more information phone 0407 344 107 or email info@themusictree.com.au

- **Launceston Youth Theatre Ensemble** enrolements open for 2015. LYTE is currently taking enrolements for our Junior Company (grades prep-4), Middle Company (grades 4-7) and Senior Company (grades 8-12). For more information contact Jane Johnson on 0402 634 820 or email Ojanejohnson@gmail.com

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**Adopt a Grandparent Initiative**

There are many elderly people in our community who do not get gifts and visitors at Christmas. So why not brighten up their festive season this year?

FOR JUST $20 YOU CAN “ADOPT” A GRANDPARENT AND GIVE THEM A GIFT THIS CHRISTMAS.

My team and I will be raising money to buy Arbonne gifts for nursing home residents. We will hand deliver them and spread a little Christmas cheer around the local community.

You can donate by contacting the consultant that shared this with you, or by contacting me on the details below.

Not limited to one. Adopt as many as you like.

All gifts will be purchased at consultant rate so no commission will be earned.

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★ Cover all your child’s books this year with ez covers ...then use them again next year.

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### Calendar

#### December 2014

**Term Dates 2015**
- **TERM 1**: Thursday 05.02.15 to Thursday 02.04.15
- **TERM 2**: Tuesday 21.04.15 to Friday 03.07.15
- **TERM 3**: Monday 20.07.15 to Friday 25.09.15
- **TERM 4**: Monday 12.10.15 to Wednesday 16.12.15

### Lost and Found
- There are a large amount of jumpers, rugby tops etc in the lost and found basket in the school office. Please check if you have lost any item of clothing.
- Found – a Katy Perry CD was found in the school playground. Please see the office if you have lost one.