December

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Tuesday 10th**
  Infant Swimming Prep - Gr 2
- **Wednesday 11th**
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  Christmas Carols Concert @ 6:30 pm
- **Thursday 12th**
  Infant Swimming Prep - Gr 2
- **Monday 16th**
  Morning Prayer 1/2 LM/CA
- **Tuesday 17th**
  Thanksgiving and Graduation Mass at 7pm
- **Thursday 19th**
  Term 4 Ends

Have you ordered your books for 2014?

From The Principal

Dear Parents,
On Thursday our current Gr 5 students participated in the election of Student Leaders for 2014. It was wonderful to listen to every single child who presented their case to their peers as to why they should be elected to positions available. Every child was a credit to themselves and their parents. They all did a great job. Every child listened with respect as each speech was presented and the atmosphere was supportive and encouraging.

I am pleased to announce that the following children have been appointed:

School Captains: Gabrielle Dewsbury & Will Preston
Vice Captains: Amy Parsell & Bailey Apted
Bethany: Zoe Barlow & Anna Suitor
Patrician: Jessica Penton & Casey Oliver
Marion: Josie Plummer & Caleb Bowman

On Friday night the Gr 6 students had their Leavers’ Dinner at Aurora Stadium where much fun and dancing was done by all. My dancing is very dated and my inability to learn new dance moves was a disappointment to those students who adopted me as a project. However I am pleased to inform you that all the other teachers who danced received the approval of our Gr 6 students. Many thanks to Mrs Burnell, Miss Harbin & Mrs Mostogl and their helpers for all their hard work in preparing a very successful and enjoyable evening.

On Wednesday night it will be the Carols Evening which will be held in the Church. We are trialling a change in the order of performance and are opening with the choir instead of the Kindergarten students who will perform later in the program. All students will perform and return to their classroom to be collected at the end of the evening, including the Kindergarten students. It is a great evening and all students are expected to attend.
On Wednesday night a meeting was held with interested parents of our current Gr 4/5 students to discuss whether SFB should introduce iPads, purchased by the parents, into the Grade 5/6 for 2014. We achieved more than 80% approval from parents who voted at the meeting, or voted without being able to attend the meeting. We are now moving forward with our planning and will be holding a number of information sessions in Term 1 next year. All interested parents will be able to attend the meetings.

Our ECE Swimming Program is proceeding very well. The children are improving and enjoying their lessons despite finding them very tiring. Many thanks to all the parents who are being supportive and assisting at the Aquatic Centre. The change from Grammar to the Aquatic Centre was forced upon us by Grammar accepting the booking for the entire year from the Education Department for their swimming program. The only time slot we were offered by Grammar for our program was in the middle of winter, which we declined for obvious reasons.

Have a great week.

Anthony Healey,
Principal.

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**Carols**

Wednesday 11th December 2013 at 6:30 pm at St Finn Barr’s Church.
Kinder to Grade Six students are to arrive and meet in their classroom at 6:10 pm.
Students are to wear their summer uniforms.
All students are to be collected from their classroom at the end of the concert.
See you there!

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**Thanksgiving and Graduation Mass**

Tuesday 17th December 2013 at 7pm in St Finn Barr’s Church. *(Church will be open from 6.30pm)*
Grade 5/6 students are to arrive at 6:45 pm and meet on the top court.
Grade 5/6 students are to wear their 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 child’s report after Mass.
Our Meeting for Parents of Grade 5/6 Students in 2014 was held last week. Thoughts on how to proceed if we are to have iPads in this complete cohort were shared by Staff and Parents. Some most worthwhile questions were raised and discussed. In voting at the end, the consensus was to move forward with the planning, while organising more meetings to ensure all parties are clear.

The dates of these will be forwarded as soon as possible to allow for future planning in 2014 diaries so allowing as many as possible to attend.

Many thanks to all Prep Bird Parents, who have returned their surveys and iPads and chargers.

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

**Prayer**

Loving God,

In these days of Advent,
keep us close to you.

Comfort us in our need and strengthen us in your love,
that we may reach out to one another,
In the Spirit of Jesus your Son.
Amen.

**Important Information about the Carols Concert:**

- Students are to wear their school summer uniform.
- All students to meet in their classrooms at 6:10 p.m.
- 1/2 Cannon/Bennett to meet in 1/2 Clayton & 1/2 Matson/Digney classrooms.
- 5/6 Harbin to meet in 5/6 Burnell & 5/6 Mostogl classrooms.

**Mini Vinnies Students with the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal donations.**
Canteen has finished for 2013

There will be

No Canteen for the rest of this year.

Please make sure your child brings a cut lunch and drink for their lunch everyday.

Thank you.
**Police Check**
Parents are reminded that to volunteer at school you are required to have a current police check. For many parents this will lapse at the end of this school year. Please collect the renewal forms from the office and return as soon as possible. Thank you.

**Fees**
School Fees accounts are now overdue. Please make full payment by the end of the school term. If you are experiencing difficulties with your account payment please speak to the Office staff.

There will be no more **School Banking** for 2013. A special thanks to Dianne Bower for her time and effort during the year. Thank you also to those who supported the School banking in 2013.

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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.

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**School Books 2014**

Booklists and log on passwords for the ordering and payment of school books in 2014 were sent home last week, if you have not received your child’s booklist please contact the school office, immediately.

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 this week 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.**

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**2014 Term Dates for Students**

Term 1  Thursday 06.02.14 to Thursday 17.04.14
Term 2  Monday  05.05.14 to Friday 04.07.14  Mon. 5th May (Pupil Free Day)
Term 3  Monday  21.07.14 to Friday 26.09.14  Mon. 21st July (Pupil Free Day)
Term 4  Monday  13.10.14 to Wednesday 17.12.14
End of Year Mum’s Night Out

Come and celebrate the end of the year with us, everyone is welcome.

Wednesday 18th December, Calabrisella Restaurant 7pm BYO!

Please RSVP to Bec on 0408 558 918 or Annie on 0458 006 093 by Monday 16th.
Thanks to those who came to our dinner meeting last Wednesday night. The minutes for the meeting will be on the web this week.

**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.

**Save the Date!**
The annual St Finn Barr’s Welcome Night is scheduled for Friday, 14th February 2014. This is a great night to welcome new families to the school and catch up with existing families after the holiday break. We plan to have a jumping castle, face painting and live music. Look out for more details and remember to save the date!

**Thank You**
Thank you to the Rosier Family for their donation of cor-flute for the Christmas Float.

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**Celebrating Christmas 2013**

**RECONCILIATION**
7.30pm Thursday, 19th December
Church of the Apostles, Launceston

**CHRISTMAS EVE**
Tuesday 24th December

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*No evening Mass on Christmas Day*

**NEW YEAR’S DAY**
Wednesday 1st January 2014

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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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Please **DO NOT LABEL** these items:
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| · Pencils 2B (Triangular) (x10) | · Document Wallets |
| · Display Book | · Art Folder |
| · Blank A4 Pads (x2) | · Coloured Pencils |
| · Glue Sticks (x4) | · Textas |
| · Coloured Pencils (x2) | · Whiteboard Marker (x1) |
| · Textas (x1) | · Pencil Case |
| · Clipboard | · Pencil Sharpener |

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 is now available at the school office for $12 a copy. Make sure you call in and collect your copy before they sell out!!
COMMUNITY NEWS
Join us at the beach these summer holidays Snails Rock. Pools. is an extension of NRM North’s coastal community program that encourages caring for our coastal environment. Snails Rock. Pools. invites you and your family and friends to join us at a number of summer activities across the north. Register online at VolunteerSpot (http://vols.pt/R2C31i) or find us on Facebook for updates (www.facebook.com/snailsrockpools). We are able to provide transport from Launceston (by arrangement), you'll need to bring good shoes, hat, sunscreen and water bottle (and snacks) and an adult if you're under 16 yrs. Help us collect important information about the health of our coastal environment, while getting to know the creatures that live there. For further details, contact Emma Williams @ NRM North on 6333 7779 or ewilliams@nrmnorth.org.au

The Music Tree - 2014 Early Childhood Music & Movement,
The Music Tree offers instrumental tuition in a fun group environment perfect for the young beginner (up to 8 yrs). Classes include the use of percussion instruments, music games, movement and lots of fun activities - the perfect balance to keep young kids interested and motivated. Individual tuition is also available. Award winning parent/child music classes for babies and pre-school children including our new Family Fun Class. We also run sessions for schools, play groups, parties etc.
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## Northern Suburbs Community Centre Inc Primary Vacation Care

### January School Holiday Program 2014

**Open to young people 5 to 12 years**

Mon 20th Jan, Tues 21st Jan and Wed 22nd Jan
Tues 28th Jan, Wed 29th Jan and Thurs 30th Jan

at NSCC, Dover Street, Mowbray 9:00am to 3:00pm

Activities include: Trips to Brickendon Farm, Mini Golf & Jumping Pillow, visits from PCYC, CHAT & Afrikan Warriors. Party Games, Craft, Sports & loads of FUN !!!

**$20 per day /per child**

_Payment up front required to secure your child’s place – bookings must be confirmed by DECEMBER 16th_

*Please bring a packed lunch, drink and sun hat*

Call us on 0448919160 or 63 26 5506 to book. We provide a child safe environment

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### Don’t forget to order your meal deal by Tuesday

**Chicken burger (Chicken burger, cheese & sauce in a bun), drink and a bag of chips - $5.00**

- Kinder B and Prep to Grade 6 - Friday 13th December
- Kinder A - Wednesday 11th December

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