Dear Parents,

In his World Day of Peace Message on January 1st 2015, No Longer Slaves, but Brothers and Sisters, Pope Francis invited us “to practice acts of fraternity towards those kept in a state of enslavement. Let us ask ourselves, as individuals and as communities, whether we feel challenged when, in our daily lives, we meet or deal with persons who could be victims of human trafficking, or when we are tempted to select items which may well have been produced by exploiting others.”

For the full statement by Pope Francis go to: http://acrath.org.au/5422/world-day-of-peace-2015ACTIONS

“Human trafficking is a crime against humanity. We must unite in our efforts to free victims and stop this crime that’s become even more aggressive, that threatens not only individuals, but the foundational values of society, international security and laws, families and communities.”

Pope Francis

The first few days of the school year, last week, were very busy with lots of children being excited to be back and involved in the organisational setting up for the year occurring in their class with routines and processes being established. Communication is really important, particularly at this early stage of the year. If your child is having difficulties please contact their teacher via phone message, note or conversation so that any issues can be resolved quickly.

It is important that all children are in class by 8.45am when school officially begins. Children who arrive after 9.00 am will be marked as late on the official attendance role. As a parent I know that sometimes it is very difficult but children need to have time to organise themselves, say hello to their friends and their teacher which greatly assists in their being ready to learn when the lesson begins. Please make the effort so that your child has the best possible start to the day. I would also like to thank all the parents who ensure that their child ALWAYS arrives before 8.45am and has a settled and calm start to the day.

Reminder

• Have you returned your New Enrolment Terms & Conditions Form and your Payment Arrangements Form.
  
  • These forms were mailed to all Families in December 2014. If you have not returned them to the school office can you please return them by this week. If you have lost or misplaced your forms please call in and get a new copy.

Thank you.
On Saturday there is a Working Bee to move the wood chips for the new playground. It runs from 10.00am-2.00pm. If you are able to help for even an hour it would be greatly appreciated. Please bring a shovel and wheelbarrow if possible so that the mountain of fill can be moved. A BBQ and drinks will be supplied at the end of the Working Bee. Please inform your child’s Teacher or the Office if you can help, to assist with catering. The frames for the swings will be installed this week. After the wood chips have been spread the installers will fit the chains and seats and do a final inspection on hopefully, Monday.

Next Monday at 9.00am following our Liturgy, our School Leaders will be formally presented to the school community and receive their badges. All are invited to attend, and again watch Fr Richard enthusiastically bless them, and I, with Holy Water. LOTS of Holy Water!

On Friday 20th February there is the P & F Welcome which will be held in the space outside the Hall. All are welcome. Please bring nibbles and drinks to enjoy a social hour with other members of our school community. It is a P & F function where alcohol is permitted but not encouraged.

Have a great week.
Anthony Healey,
Principal.

REC News

Dear Lord,

as we begin this new school year, we gather once again as your community of believers.
We thank you for the energy and the spirit that you renewed in us through the summer months.
We thank you for the time to enjoy our family and friends and to reflect on what is important in our lives.
Let this year be marked by enthusiasm and love so that, with the inspiration of your Spirit, we may continue to grow in our faith.
Help us to fulfill Your hope for us with honest intentions and works of faith.
Let us be gentle with ourselves and bring laughter, joy and love to others.
We ask this in your name.

P.E. Uniform

All students from Prep to Grade 6 will wear their P.E. uniform on Wednesdays and Fridays. School Uniform will be worn on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Uniform Shop News

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

Icy Poles

P & F will be selling Icy Poles every Thursday – 50cents each.
Traffic & students safety

The school urges all parents to support road safety by obeying signage displayed and also ask you to remind your child/ren to be very aware of potential traffic related dangers around the school.

Sometimes for example, motorists do not abide by road laws, and if students are crossing inappropriately (with or without you), or just not aware of their surrounds by always looking either way, we could have an accident.

The education and care of our students is a partnership between the staff and parents and we all need to do our bit by acting appropriately and not showing a disregard for road laws, even if only to demonstrate your support to children watching of appropriate behaviour.

Epipens and Medication

If your child has an epipen or medication in the school office please make sure it is up to date. If you are new to the school and your child is anaphylactic please ensure we have your child's epipen in the office. Thank you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

The School Office is open from 8.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. daily.
Mailing Address:              P.O. Box 318
                              Mowbray Heights, 7248
Phone:                (03) 6326 3082
Fax:                    (03) 6326 1989
Email:          stfinnbarrs@catholic.tas.edu.au
                stfinnbarrs.principal@catholic.tas.edu.au

BANKING

Catholic Development Fund (CDF) Student Banking is provided at school. Each Monday students leave their bank book and deposit at the School Office. Forms are available from the office for new accounts.

NOTIFICATION OF ABSENCE OF A CHILD

The school must be contacted by the child's parent on the morning of the child’s absence. Where it is known in advance that a child will be absent, the school should be informed by the parent. This can be either by phone or email.

VOLUNTEERS IN SCHOOL

Any parents and relatives wishing to help in classrooms or on excursions and camps will need to have a current Police Check. The Registration for Volunteers in Tasmanian Catholic Education Forms are available from the school office. These forms need completing and returning to the school office. A large number of those on file expired at the end of 2014. Please check with the office if you think you may need a new one.
P & F News

Our first meeting for the year is this Wednesday Night, 11th February at 7.30pm upstairs in the Staff Room. Everyone is welcome.

Welcome To and Welcome Back To
St Finn Barr's 2015.

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

Friday 20th February.

5 - 7 pm outside the SFB School Hall.

We will be opening the swings that everybody worked so hard to raise money for this year.

There will also be a jumping castle, face painting and live music!

Bring a picnic dinner and relax and enjoy the evening.

We are looking forward to seeing you all there.
Community News

Detailed information and flyers are available from the school office.

- **Milo in@Cricket.** For boys and girls aged 5-8. Phone Alex on 6336 7020.

- **Veggie Box Delivery.** Contact Northern Suburbs Community Centre on 6326 5506. Fruit & Veggies supplied by Launceston Farm Fresh

- **Tennis Coaching** Term 1, Coach - Mathew Carswell Tennis Australia Club Professional and Talent Development Coach. Phone Carswell Coaching 63261020 or 0417390261 or matcarswell@yahoo.com.au

- **The Music Tree** - Early Childhood Music and Movement. Phone 0407 344 107 or email info@themusicmtree.com.au

- **YMCA Launceston** - Basketball, Netball & children’s activities. Phone 63344 3844 or visit www.ymcalaunceston.org

- **Urban FX Dance** Studio Enrolments - Urban FX Dance Studio is a High Energy, local Dance School that is enrolling students aged 4 to 50 for 2015. Our styles include • Jazz • Funk • Hip Hop • Popping • Tap • Breakdancing .For enquiries contact Jason Bakes on 0439903542.

- **Harmony Early Learning Centre** - Spaces are available for all ages. Phone 6326 0300

- **Tasdance** - Our classes are tailored for ages six to adult offering styles in Contemporary Dance, Street Jam Funk/Hip Hop, Boys Only Dance Theatre, Dance Fortified - a class specifically designed for mature students (perfect for parents and staff!). Starting at only $11 per class, contact Tasdance now to enrol for Term One. Enrolments are being accepted now so please contact Tasdance on 6331 6644 or email diane@tasdance.com.au - www.tasdance.com.au

- **Kidz Fizz Gym** - Gym for kids 5-12. Contact My Gym on info@mygymtas.com or 6343 5366

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| 1.45 pm      | SFB Swimming  | Band & Strings |
| David        | Carnival       | Program       |
| Carswell     | Grade 3-6     | commences     |
| visiting     | Riverside      |              |
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| about Tennis |               |              |

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**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
NORTHERN SUBURBS COMMUNITY CENTRE

Presents
Family Outreach
Wednesday afternoon 11th February 2015
At St. Finn Barr’s Catholic Primary School

Join us for
Free games and activities
Come have a cuppa-
Tea, Coffee & fruit break provided free

Times are 3pm to 4.30pm
Come and join in on the fun!
Outside the school hall - Rosslyn Rd access
Adult Carer supervision required

In event of rain activities will be cancelled

Grab some info,
We can fill you in on what’s happening in your community.