Principal’s Message

Our PBS Values
Safe, Respectful, Resilient Learners.

Being Grateful: What have you been grateful for this week?

WEST
Who have you been welcoming and encouraging to? Have you been able to say sorry? What about thanks?

It has been amazing wandering around the school and into learning spaces this past week and watching the children in their learning areas. Children are becoming settled and are quickly learning the new routines of their new classrooms. It is fantastic to see the enthusiasm for learning being displayed in all areas.

I wanted to thank parents and carers for helping to prepare your students as well for the return of the school year.
**Ash Wednesday**
On Wednesday March 1st we will be celebrating Ash Wednesday in each classroom. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Lenten period and our preparation for Easter.

The following You Tube clip is a good reminder about Ash Wednesday and the Lenten period. [www.youtube.com/watch?v=m3L3c23MfC0&list=PL2FAED86A0F01855F](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m3L3c23MfC0&list=PL2FAED86A0F01855F)

**MYTERN**
Last week Students and Parents had the opportunity to listen to Jane Foster. Jane has now introduced staff, students and some parents to the concept of MYTERN.

The language used in MYTERN helps us all to realise that we are in charge of our emotions and we are in charge of how we react to these emotions. Jane has taught us that it is OK to be on a Red or a Green road as long as we are in control. When we are not in control, we can hurt ourselves or others - physically and emotionally.

It is not OK for us to blame others for the way we act. We make our own choices, nobody else makes them for us.

PETS (Personal Emotional Tools) are tools which help us.

Teachers will be working with children using this language and reinforcing to them that they are in control of their own emotions and they are in control of how they react in each and every situation they encounter. Talk to your children about what they have learned so far about MYTERN. For more information, go to: [http://myterncity.com.au/](http://myterncity.com.au/)

**Welcome Mass and Leadership Presentation**
On Thursday 23rd at 12 noon, we will be celebrating Mass as a whole school community. At this mass, our leaders will be presented with their blazers and badges. Please come along if you can to celebrate with us in welcoming the new school year.

**School Fees**
A reminder to all families that all school fees paid in full by the end of March attract a 5% discount.

There are many options for meeting school fee obligations. Fees can be paid weekly, fortnightly, monthly or in a way that works for you situation. They can be paid through direct debit, directly from Centrelink benefits or in cash.

If you are finding it difficult to meet the cost of full fee payments it is essential that you contact the office and apply for some help in this area.
Swimming Carnival
The St Finn Barr’s Grade 3-6 Swimming Carnival will be held on Tuesday February 28th. As most parents are aware we will need significant parent help to run this event. It is essential that parents and friends have their WWVP Card in order to be able to help at this and all other school events. Please contact Mr Anthony Hielscher if you are able to help. The first event is at 9:30 am. A program of events is printed later in this newsletter.

Well done to all students who participated in the trials last week. Students did a great job. A reminder that all students are able to participate in the Carnival and the expectation is that all students will attend school ready to swim.

All grade 3-6 students will wear PE Uniform to school on this day.

Students who will be travelling home with their adult must bring a note along to their teacher. All students are expected to remain until the completion of the Carnival. Thank you for your co-operation here.

Parking
Please be aware of the local business in our School area and ensure we are doing the right thing around pick up and drop off times. We all want to maintain the ongoing safety of all our students.

Friday Sport
This Friday our Grade 5 and 6 students begin Friday Sport. The purpose of this is to have a go at different sports, continue to develop sportsmanship and to develop relationships with students from other local schools.

To run Friday Sport successfully, parent help is essential. Please if you have your WWVP and are able to help contact the Grade 5 and 6 teachers.

Pastoral Care and Wellbeing Role
Lesley Vandervelde will be working this year 3 days per week in her role of Pastoral Care and Support. This role helps to provide emotional support and wellbeing to students and parents at the school. Lesley can offer support with friendship issues, resilience building, self esteem and in many other areas. All shared information is confidential.

If you think your child could benefit from support in these areas, or you are worried about your child please contact the office to make an appointment or ask to fill out a request/referral form.

Grade 5 and 6 Camp
Please note my error in the newsletter last week which said Grade 5 and 6 Camp was on April 3-5. Grade 5 and 6 Camp is on May 3rd-May 5th at Camp Clayton in Ulverstone.
Early Arrival at School
Supervision on the school grounds does not begin until 8:30am each day. If your child is at school prior to this, they must sit and wait on the seats out the front of the Grade 3 and 4 Block until 8:30am.

After school, children should not be on the Playgrounds unless they are with the grown up who is picking them up.

Parents and Friends Welcome Picnic
Thank you to those who were involved in the organisation of the Picnic last Friday night. What a great night was had by all those who were able to come along and enjoy the evening, tea together, the jumping castle band and Zorb Balls. Thanks to all those who organised the amazing photo album for me with photos of all the students to help me learn the names of your amazing children.

Have a great week.
Liz Illingworth,
Principal.

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Welcome

Kinder to Grade Six Welcome Mass

When: Thursday, 23rd February 2017
Time: 12:00
Where: St Finn Barr's Church

During this Mass our School Captains, Vice Captains and House Captains will be presented to our community.
SAFETY UPDATE

The school has an asbestos register that lists all known asbestos containing material on-site. This includes a process for a competent person to regularly check this material is in the expected condition.

As a proactive step we affix labels to these materials, to lessen the potential for inappropriate contact by trades people, etc.

If any queries contact our Safety Officer Simon Natoli on 0400 105 476

TRAFFIC & STUDENTS SAFETY

The school urges all parents to support road safety by obeying signage displayed and also ask you 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.
Sacramental Preparation

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Each year the Parish holds an Information Evening for parents/guardians with children who are expressing a desire for the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** which will be celebrated in our Parish on **Tuesday 23rd May 7pm at Sacred Heart Church Newstead**. In our Archdiocese, children prepare for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Eucharist in a parish based, family centred setting. For those children in Catholic Schools they are also supported through units of work in their RE curriculum. To support you in preparing your child for this special time we have developed a parent-child program which will help your child to understand all about Reconciliation.

The first thing you need to do is to attend our **Information Evening** for parents and guardians. At this evening our preparation program will be outlined and any questions you may have will be answered. It is essential for you to attend this meeting if you wish to present your child for the Sacrament this year. The meeting for parents / guardians will be held at:

**Sacred Heart Church, Cnr Campbell & Abbott Sts NEWSTEAD**
(next to St Thomas More’s School)
**Tuesday 28th February at 7:30pm**

Registrations for this Sacrament will be received between 6th – 10th March. Details of Registration Week are on the reverse of this letter. Hopefully the Information Evening will help you to consider whether you wish to present your child for the Sacrament of Reconciliation through the 2017 program. If you do decide to register your child you will also need to provide a copy of the child’s Baptism certificate.

The program will be a parent/guardian-child activity based format. Parents/Guardians will engage in a series of activities with your own child at the Church of the Apostles during the weeks leading up to the Sacrament. It will be a drop-in program, enabling you to choose times that best suit your family’s schedule. Further information will be handed out at the meeting.

Parents/Guardians will need to know how the program works in order to help your child through the activities. **Therefore, it is not possible for children to participate in the program if a parent does not attend the information evening.**

_If necessary we can arrange another meeting for parents/guardians who cannot attend on the planned date._ Please let me know by 24th February if you need an alternative date.

There is a registration fee of $15 to cover materials and the certificate. This is to be paid on registration. If payment is a problem please don’t hesitate to contact me or (if applicable) your school’s Assistant Principal (Religious Education). The easiest way to get in touch with me is by email to: rosie.caelli@gmail.com or by phone to 0438 274067.

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting and helping you and your child to prepare for this special time in their faith journey.

Kind regards,
Rosie Caelli
Sacramental Preparation Coordinator
Launceston Parish
Sacramental Preparation - March Registration Week

Monday 6th - Friday 10th March

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Also at Pastoral Centre, 44 Margaret Street Launceston, Monday – Friday 10am - 3pm (except Wednesdays)

Parents & Friends News

Our first P & F Meeting is 7th March 2017 at 7.30p.m. You are warmly welcomed to attend the Parents and Friends meeting. Maybe you are interested in meeting other parents, finding out more about P & F, or joining in on fundraising and volunteering in the school community.

Did you know you can contact the P & F via email? pandf@catholic.tas.edu.au Ideas and questions welcome!
Snaps from the MYTERN Presentation Last Thursday, Welcome Picnic and Around the School.
Community News

Tasdance Studio Classes
Term 1 2017
Enrol Now!
Contemporary, Hip Hop, Ballet, Dance + Discovery.
Enrol online at www.tasdance.com.au/classes or call 6331 6644

Friends of the Library, Launceston’s
Annual Book Fair
Saturday 4 March
9.00am – 1.00pm
St Ailbe’s Hall
46 Margaret Street, Launceston

Come and join us at Launceston’s best book sale!
A wide range of good quality, donated books – crime, thrillers, fantasy, science fiction, romance, children’s, cooking, health, history, travel, crafts, gardening, sports, war, DVDs, collectables and Tasmaniana. Special sale of old agricultural books. All at rock bottom prices.

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ST FINN BARR’S SWIMMING CARNIVAL PROGRAM
TUESDAY 28TH FEBRUARY, 2017

START 9.30am
66m Freestyle Grades 3-6
33m Freestyle Grades 3-6
10.50am
33m Backstroke Grades 3-6
11.30am
33m Breaststroke Grades 3-6
12.00pm
15m Freestyle Grades 3-6
Novelty events
12.40pm
15m Backstroke Grades 3-6
1.20pm
15m Breaststroke Grades 3-6
Novelty events
1.50pm
Relays
2.00pm
Winning House Shield presented
2.15pm
Buses depart from the swimming pool

N.B. The above times are approximate only.

Novelty events are for the non swimmers and will be run throughout the day, approximately around the times stated above.
Friday, 24 February
Gr 5/6 Friday Sport - Summer

Tuesday, 28 February
Swimming Carnival Gr 3 - 6

Friday, 3 March
Gr 5/6 Friday Sport - Summer

Tuesday, 7 March
P & F Meeting

Friday, 10 March
Gr 5/6 Friday Sport - Summer

Friday, 17 March
Gr 5/6 Friday Sport - Summer

Thursday, 23 March
NIJSSA Swimming Carnival

Friday, 24 March
Gr 5/6 Friday Sport - Summer

Thursday, 30 March
Back up Day - NIJSSA Swimming Carnival

Friday, 31 March
Gr 5/6 Friday Sport - Summer

Monday, 3 April
St Finn Barr's School - Student Free Day

Friday, 7 April
Gr 5/6 Friday Sport - Summer

Thursday, 13 April
Students - Term 1 finishes