Principal’s Message

Dear Parents,

This is another busy week at our school. On Thursday a number of our students will be visiting the Tiagarra Aboriginal Centre on the Bluff in Devonport.

TIAGARRA is possibly the oldest Aboriginal Museum and Keeping Place in Australia. The Bluff holds many Aboriginal sites, including middens, tea tree living grounds, and (potential) petroglyphs across this peninsula of great natural beauty and undeniable Aboriginal cultural significance. This coastal site is rich in bird life, Indigenous plant foods and weaving materials. Two beaches provide salt water resources with the Mersey River bounding the Bluff on the east.

This is a great opportunity for our students to learn more about the rich culture of the Tasmanian Aboriginal Community.

Swimming Programs
The Grade 3-6 Swimming Programs begin next week commencing on Monday 31st October and concluding on Thursday 10th November. The students will swim every day over the 8 day program. Any students selected for the NJSSA Athletics Carnival will represent St Finn Barr’s on Friday 4th November and miss the swimming lesson scheduled for that day. Please ensure that your child is prepared for the swimming each day. Any students unable to swim will remain at school and be provided with work.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday 25th
✦ Playgroup - 1:00-2:30pm
✦ Board Meeting - 6:30pm

Wednesday 26th
✦ Family Outreach 3-4:30pm. School Oval

Thursday 27th
✦ Parent Borrowing from Library at 2:45pm

Friday 28th
✦ Parent Borrowing from Library at 8:45am

Monday 31st
✦ Morning Prayer 1/2B
✦ Grade 3-6 Swimming Program commences
Prayer

Loving God, you speak to us through all of life.
Help us to trust you and to trust that what you desire for us lies in the deepest part of my heart.
And what you desire is that which allows me to grow and to be the person you created me to be – fully human and fully alive.
May I always centre my life on you and hear joyfully your call to be your companion.
Help me to follow my desire to live my life as best I can and to serve others with the special gifts you have given me.

Amen
The St Finn Barr’s Parents and Friends continued the World Teacher’s Day Thanks that was presented to the school last week by Tayla and Charlton, by providing a morning tea for Teachers and additional Staff of St Finn Barr’s. The P & F has had a quiet year, concentrating on trying to build moral and community spirit in the school by having some fun events and minimal fundraising and thanked the staff for their support. We also reminded all staff that we are open to suggestions and requests for ideas and projects around the school or classroom. We would love to hear from them.

The Parents and Friends Annual General Meeting will be held next Tuesday, 1st November. It will be held in the staff room and will commence at 7.30pm. A short general meeting will follow. We are looking to fill at least two positions next year, but nominations can be made for all executive positions; these include the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. The Vice President and Treasurer positions have no nominees at this time. Please consider being part of the monthly P & F meetings, the positions themselves do not require a lot of time. Meetings start at 7.30pm and are over by 9pm. The P & F funds are vital in contributing to extra needs around the school for the students and it is a good way to keep in touch with what is happening in the school and meet other parents. Please bring a plate to share, drinks provided.

**LIBRARY NEWS**

Reminder

Book Club is due Thursday, 27th October 2016. This will be the last book club for the year. All orders must be done online. This issue has a bonus offer to parents who have ordered through LOOP before.

Thank You

Sharon

**PARISH NEWS**

Catholic Parish of Launceston — Mass of Remembrance

Thursday, 3rd November 2016 at 7.30pm in St Finn Barr’s Church, 247 Invermay Road, Invermay

An invitation is extended to everyone who has lost a loved one, especially during the last year to come along to our annual Mass of Remembrance. Relatives and friends are also invited to attend. You may wish to bring a photo or memento of your loved one and there will be an opportunity to place this at the altar during the Mass if you wish. You are also invited to stay for refreshments after Mass. All are welcome to join in this very special celebration of our faith. For further information, please contact the Parish Office on 6331 4377.
PRIMARY SCHOOL BASKETBALL COMPETITION

Over the past two weekends St Finn Barr’s students from Grade 3-6 (and Riley Woodland and Maxx Rawlings Gr 2) have participated in the Primary School Basketball Competition. The aim of the tournament is to introduce the sport, and to encourage young people to participate in Basketball. Numerous students have developed a passion for the sport and hopefully play on in the future.

It is with great pleasure that I witness excellent sportsmanship, teamwork, determination and leadership skills amongst all students. I would like to thank all the parents who gave up their weekend to drive their children around, and for cheering the teams on as well as supporting our other SFB teams, and also to those who helped with scoring and coaching. A special Thank You to Adrian McHenry for taking up his time to support, guide and encourage the Grade 5/6 Boys Div 1 team. There was lots of cheering, fouling, fouling off, spills and drills, falling, sweat and tears, tiredness, speed, pocket rockets, and super shots. Most of all, we all witnessed determination, perseverance and excellent team spirit. I look forward to this tournament every year and am honoured to be a part of an awesome bunch of students and community team spirit. You represented St. Finn Barr’s with pride.

Thank you,
Regards,

Mrs Hayley Clayton.
My Top 5 Tips for being Safe, Respectful and Resilient

IF SOMEONE FALLS DOWN HELP THEM UP.

IF YOU WERE BORN ORIGINAL DON'T SETTLE AS A COPY

NEVER LET A STUMBLE IN THE ROAD BE THE END OF YOUR JOURNEY.

NEVER STOP DOING YOUR BEST JUST BECAUSE SOMEONE DOESN'T GIVE YOU CREDIT.

The Spirit of Jesus at Home and School

We are a COMMUNITY of SAFE, RESPECTFUL, RESILIENT LEARNERS
Traffic & Students Safety

The school urges all parents to support road safety by obeying signage displayed, and also asks 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 any children watching.

Student of the Week

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**Community News**

**Basketball**
With the last of the Club championships being held over the weekend, Season 2016 is now complete for all age groups. There are however still opportunities for the players to improve their skills over the off season, by registering for the BTas School holiday camps. Click on the link below for more information, and to register online.

Please also click on the link below to see our Saints flyer which has important dates and information for Season 2017 selections and registration. [https://drive.google.com/file/d/0BwblJ9A6--V9ODVJNkRyZlpiUOWxYX2VRUXIXb1ROXJOoOXdv/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/0BwblJ9A6--V9ODVJNkRyZlpiUOWxYX2VRUXIXb1ROXJOoOXdv/view)  

**Prevention of Childhood Obesity**
In this public lecture, Professor Hills will explore the idea that all we need to know for healthy growth and development should be introduced in the early childhood years.

**When:** Thursday 27 October, 5.30pm *(Refreshments from 5.00pm)*
**Where:** VOS-Rory Spence Lecture Theatre, School of Architecture & Design, Inveresk
**Register:** [campuswww.events.utas.edu.au](http://campuswww.events.utas.edu.au)

**Scale Model Expo**

**Japara Basketball Club**
Registration & Come & Try Night
Our experienced Japara coaches will be there along with some of our up and coming development players to help take you through some great drills! We would love to see you there, however if you can’t make it please make sure you head to [www.japara.org.au](http://www.japara.org.au) and use the link to fill in your 2017 Japara registration form.

**Age Time Slots**
- **U10 Boys & Girls** - 5-6pm (Court 2)
- **U12 Boys & Girls** - 5-6pm (Court 2)
- **U14 Boys & Girls** - 6-7:30 pm (Courts 3 & 4)
- **U16/18 Boys & Girls** - 7:30-8:30pm (Courts 3& 4)

**Date:** Wednesday 2nd November 2016  
**Venue:** Elphin Sports Centre
For more information email: [japarbasketballclub@hotmail.com](mailto:japarbasketballclub@hotmail.com)

**Lost**
This is "Puppy". He is a black and brown stuffed puppy with a floppy neck. He was last seen at lunchtime on Wednesday 19th at Ms Perinski’s classroom door. Puppy has been a much loved comforter for this students entire life and we would really appreciate his return.

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Christmas Parade
This year our school will be represented in the Apex Launceston Christmas Parade.

This year the theme is 'The Night Before Christmas', and this year St Finn Barr’s will be participating with a Religious Theme. If you would like your child to participate please complete the slip below and return to the school office or Jenny Flynn who will be co-ordinating the event.

We are asking that children come either dressed as angels, kings, shepherds, stars or an animal of some description, completely up to your own discretion.

The date the Parade will be held is Saturday, 26th November. More information about meeting times, etc will be sent to participating families closer to the date. Everyone is welcome to come along and walk with their child.

**My Child/children would like to participate in the Christmas Parade**

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