Principal’s Message

Dear Parents,

On Wednesday afternoon the middle oval was completed and the timer for the sprinklers to come on was set to work around recess, lunchtime and the end of the day. As the whole school assembled on the courts at 9.20am in their new grades for Orientation Day, the sprinklers made their first appearance. To say that they work effectively is an understatement. They are brilliantly powerful. Unfortunately all the teachers were facing away and missed the appearance of the sprinklers. Half the school suddenly backed away, the other half tried to, and the teachers were soaked as were many students. With the reactions of youth the students bolted leaving teachers standing in shock to get a second soaking from the sprinklers. There was much laughing by the dry students. As I shared the story with many Principals, they too enjoyed the story and laughed. We know that the sprinkler system is magnificent, and by early next year the area will be lush with green grass and will also drain well.

On Thursday our Gr 5 students gave their prepared speeches as part of the selection process for School Leaders. I would like to congratulate all the students who applied. Their applications were fantastic and their speeches, I am told, were a credit to each student. To have the courage and willingness to take a risk and put yourself forward is a credit to each of them and we as a school community should be proud of each and every one of them. The following students were selected by their peers for the School Leadership positions:

Captains: Estelle Tomkinson & Tommy Townsend
Vice Captains: Madison Hodge & Jasper French
Marian House: Mila Garvey & Harison Edwards
Patrician House: Montanna Swain & Jack Harper
Bethany House: Shannon Kelly & Ryley Sanders

I congratulate them and wish them every success next year as Student Leaders at St Finn Barr’s.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday 6th
✦ Kinder 2017 Orientation Group B

Wednesday 7th
✦ Kinder 2017 Orientation Group A
✦ Christmas Carols Concert at 6.30pm

Monday 12th
✦ Morning Prayer 3/4 HC
✦ Kinder Newman Nativity Play in Hall at 2pm
✦ End of Year Mass & Graduation at 7 pm

Tuesday 13th
✦ Kinder Young Nativity Play in Hall at 2pm
✦ Uniform Shop Open 8:30 -9:30am & 2:30 -3:30pm
✦ Gr 6 Leavers Dinner at Tailrace Centre 6pm

Wednesday 14th
✦ Term 4 Ends
The application for the carpark has been rejected. Following this I applied for funding to replace all the yellow poles with concrete car stops and to have the entrance addresses with the area dug up and fixed to stop the pot holes appearing. Crossroads are doing this work and will complete it prior to the start of the school year.

The ECE classes have been performing their Drama Plays last week and this week. I wish to congratulate them on their performances and Miss Edwards, who has been working hard with all these budding stars to perfect their performances. It is great for our students to have the opportunity to perform on stage for their peers and others.

On Wednesday night commencing at 6.30 pm, we will hold our Carols Evening. Our Band and some Strings students will perform for us as well as the students involved in our school choir. They will perform before the class groups.

I am now able to inform the St Finn Barr’s Community that next year I will be teaching Gr 5/6 at St Thomas More’s. I am looking forward to teaching again as this was the reason I became a teacher - to teach a class of children and help them achieve their potential.

Have a great week.

Anthony Healey.
Principal.

Prayer
Loving God, help us to prepare for your coming to us at Christmas in the baby Jesus.
Help us to be ready and waiting for your coming so that we can celebrate your love with all the world.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen

REMINDER
St Vincent de Paul
LAST CALL – Items will be collected on Wednesday, 7th December

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.

Thank you for your support.
**CHRISTMAS CAROLS**

**Christmas Carols**

**When:** Wednesday, 7th December 2016

**Time:** 6:30 p.m.

*Kinder to Grade Six Students to arrive and meet in classrooms at 6:10 p.m.*

*Students to wear summer uniforms.*

*All students are to be collected from classrooms at the end of the Concert.*

**Where:** St Finn Barr’s Church

See you there!

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**CAROLS CONCERT**

All students will meet in their classrooms at 6:10 p.m.

1/2 Browne will meet in 1/2 Perinski & 1/2 Vunaki/Maleki classrooms.

5/6 Coombe will meet in 5/6 Paternoster/Edwards & 5/6 Cousins classrooms.

3/4 Crosswell will meet in 3/4 Hyatt & 3/4 Clayton classrooms.

**REMINDER**

Band Students will need to bring their instruments to the Carols Concert. They are performing in the Concert.
THANKSGIVING AND GRADUATION MASS

When: Monday, 12th December 2016

Time: 7:00 p.m.
The Church will open at 6:30 p.m.
Grade 6 students to arrive at 6:45 p.m. and meet on the top court.

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

Where: St Finn Barr’s Church

Come along and celebrate our year.
Please collect your child’s report after Mass.
SCHOOL BOOKLISTS 2017

Have You Ordered Your Child’s Books for 2017

Booklists have been sent home with codes for online purchasing. *Please remember that orders placed on or before 11th December will be delivered free of charge. All orders after this date will incur a delivery fee of $9.95.*

If you have lost your order form, copies can be found on our web page [http://www.stfinnbarrs.tas.edu.au/news-events/newsletter](http://www.stfinnbarrs.tas.edu.au/news-events/newsletter)

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

*Opening Hours for the last week of Term* will be Tuesday, 13th December instead of Thursday.

8.30-9.30am & 2.30-3.30pm

*Uniform Shop Back to School opening hours*

- Tuesday 31st January, 12 noon - 3pm
- Thursday 2nd February, 9 am - 12 noon
- Tuesday 7th February, 10 am - 2pm

Order forms can be completed and left at the school office in December and orders will be ready for pick up in 2017.


If you are wanting to leave pre-loved clothing in the uniform shop for sale, please remember to complete a Pre-loved Clothing form. [http://www.stfinnbarrs.tas.edu.au/files/Pre%20loved%20clothing.pdf](http://www.stfinnbarrs.tas.edu.au/files/Pre%20loved%20clothing.pdf)

STUDENT AWARDS

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<td>Holy Rosary Colouring Competition</td>
<td>Zandar Adams</td>
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A big thanks to all the families who came to the Family Fun Day and participate in the car rally.

A big congratulations to the following families who won prizes.

The Crowe family won "the best dressed" prize of a family pass to Seahorse World and a family pass to Platypus House.

The family with the highest score were the Vandenberg Family who won a family pass for the Tamar Valley Cruise and one adult and a child voucher for the new Tree Adventure course.

The Moorhouse family won the prize for "the first family back" which was a 5 visit family pass to the Aquatic Centre and a family pass to Tasmazia.

The family who won the prize of "the last family back" were the Austin family who received a free family pass to the Richmond Gaol and a $50 voucher to Balls and Bumpers.

And last but not least, was the award for the most creative family. This was a very hard one to judge because most families were very creative, but the Reardon family stood out. They received a family pass to Airtime 360 and a family pass to the Richmond Gaol.

Some of the highlights were families singing Christmas carols to people, wheelbarrow and running races in Citypark.

Some people did yoga in McDonald's, families performed dances in public and many teams had unique ways to fish including using necklaces and reindeer noses.

A big thanks to all those businesses who donated prizes. Also a big thanks to those who helped on the barbecue. The jumping castle was a massive hit by the young children while the bigger kids loved the Zorb balls. Everyone really enjoyed themselves. It was great to see so many people come and try something new.

PARENTS & FRIENDS – RAFFLE

Thanks to all those people who purchased tickets in our raffle. We raised over $1000 which was fabulous.

Thanks to all the business that donated prizes.

Here are the lucky winners........

1st Prize (donated by Mac Shop) - Natasha Reese
2nd Prize (donated by Bunnings and Glebe Gardens) - Ray Russell
3rd Prize (donated by Joseph Chromy and Landfall) - Caitlyn Scott

Booksellers Prize - Caitlyn Vandenberg.
CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Jasmine Burleigh who over the previous 4 weeks has been competing in the Launceston Super 10s Tennis Competition. Jasmine was awarded the Dellacqua Award for playing with an unmatched spirit, never giving up, chasing down every ball and working the hardest on court. Last weekend Jasmine played in the regional (North and NW Tasmania) Super 10s Tennis Challenge and was awarded the Kokkinakis Award for outstanding behaviour on and off the court, sportsmanship and focusing on improvement. Well Done Jasmine!

Please inform the Principal or Office Staff by email/letter of any significant skills and achievements in any academic, sporting, social or cultural area. Achievements, both school based or associated with clubs, groups from the community will be acknowledged in subsequent newsletters.

MYTERN – SAVE THE DATE

All Parents, pop this date in your diary for 2017.

Thursday Feb 16th 7:00pm.
Discovery Centre
Parent Session on MYTERN (Taking Emotional Responsibility Now).

MYTERN teaches you that it is your response to life’s challenges that dictates your emotions, and that you can learn to take control of that response.

www.myterncity.com.au
DATES FOR 2017

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REMINDERS

✦ Have you ordered your child’s school books for 2017 ?? Please order online.

✦ Have you returned your Payment Arrangements Form for 2017 to the school office?

✦ The Library is closed for stocktaking. It would be appreciated if all outstanding books could be returned.
  Thank you!

✦ All Fee accounts should be finalised. If you are unable to finalise your account please contact the school office. Thank you.
"WHERE THE PASSION BEGINS"

The Rugby Union Academy is Tasmania’s first and only rugby academy, catering not only for rugby players, but also youngsters between the ages of 7 years old and 18 years old, interested in learning about the game, developing their rugby and having fun.

Introduction Into Rugby Program

For players aged 7-12 years old we run an Introduction into Rugby program. The focus of this program is a fun, active and game orientated program designed to introduce, educate and improve the skills of young rugby players at a grassroots level. Skill development is essential for young players to learn about the game of rugby union, however, it can be boring. Young players want to play games, be involved and have fun. That is why The Rugby Union Academy focuses on developing the essential skills of rugby union, while players are enjoying themselves in the company of others and having fun.

Programs are run during the school holidays from 9am -3pm. So jump on our website and see when we are running a program near you. Join in the fun, get active, develop your skills and learn to play rugby.

ENQUIRIES

Website:  www.therugbyunionacademy.com

Email:  admin@therugbyunionacademy.com

Northern Suburbs Community Centre Inc Primary Vacation Care

January School Holiday Program 2017

Open to young people 5 to 12 years
Tuesday 24th 9am-3pm, Wednesday 25th 9am- 5:30pm
Monday Jan 30th, “Tuesday 31st”, Wednesday Feb 1st 9am-3pm
At NSCC, Dover Street, Mowbray

Activities include: Zorb Balls, CMax Cinema Devonport, Art & Craft, Crazy Golf, Healthy Eating, PCYC, Hollybank Forest Treasure Hunt, Pirate Day & loads of FUN!!!

$20 per day /per child

Payment up front required to secure your child's place – bookings must be confirmed
*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

Supported by Northern Suburbs Community Centre

Funded by the Education Department
Players are asked to attend at least one or both.

FOR THOSE INTENDING TO PLAY BUT ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND ON THESE DAYS, PLEASE NOTIFY THE CLUB VIA EMAIL: launcestonsaints@gmail.com

Registration with SAINTS and BTAS will occur via SportsTG (Fox Sports Pulse) when fees are paid. The Club will advise when online registration is up and ready to go. This is likely to be some time in December. All fees must be paid upfront in one payment prior to the roster commencing at the end of February.

SAINTS sporting apparel for Season 2017:
Hoodies - $45
Long sleeve F’s - $30
Playing shorts - free for registered players
Orders taken at selection days (cash payment req.)