Principal’s Message

Dear Parents,

Congratulations to all our students who competed in the NJSSA Carnival on Friday. There were some outstanding performances from individual students including Kate Healer and Kaiden Stacey-Baker.

What was most pleasing was that the three teachers were full of praise and admiration for the support and encouragement the students gave each other, and their behaviour, which was outstanding.

Congratulations to all our students.

The final placings were:

1. Sacred Heart
2. Scotch Oakburn
3. Launceston Christian School
4. Grammar
5. St Thomas More’s
6. St Finn Barr’s
7. St Anthony’s
8. Larmenier
9. Launceston Preparatory School

The Swimming Program continues this week with the ECE and Primary grades both swimming. Thank you to all the parents who are making the effort to support their children in developing their confidence and skills in swimming.
Below is a short statement from John Mula, our Director, addressing the issue of Federal Funding to schools.

“A number of comments by Federal Education Minister Birmingham recently have focused on the ‘injustice’ arising from students and schools with similar needs receiving different levels of Commonwealth funding as a result of the arrangements devised to implement the Australian Education Act.

Media commentary interpreted these comments that the current funding arrangements under the Australian Education Act were a “corruption” of the Gonski report recommendations. Most prominent of these media reports was that of a recent Sydney Morning Herald article, *More than 150 private schools over-funded by hundreds of millions of dollars each year*.

It is disappointing that we have fallen back into the ‘public vs private’ funding debate and the goals of ‘Gonski’ to fund need are being lost.

Our position is that:

- Catholic education has long supported and implemented needs-based funding that is sector blind.
- All school sectors and all schools educate advantaged and disadvantaged students. In Tasmania 49% of our students are in the lowest two SES quartiles.
- Our schools cater to students from diverse socio-economic and cultural backgrounds.
- In Catholic schools the number of students with disability and the number of Indigenous students has doubled over the past decade. This is particularly the case in Tasmania.
- Where those students require extra support for their education, their choice of a non-Government school must not negatively affect their funding.
- Catholic education understands the current economic and budgetary context facing the Commonwealth Government, but that does not mean school sectors and jurisdictions should be forced into a zero-sum game when it comes to addressing students’ needs.”

John Mula       Director Catholic Education, Tasmania

Have a great week.

Anthony Healey,
Principal.

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**Prayer**

God of peace, through your Son Jesus you show us how to be peacemakers. Help us to look for peaceful ways to solve our problems and to be focussed on building right relationships with each other.

We ask this prayer in Jesus’ name.

Amen.

**First Eucharist Reminders**

- Presentation of the Lord’s Prayer and First Eucharist practice 12/13 November at all Mass Centres.
- Please contact Rosie (acaelli@bigpond.net.au) if your family was unable to attend the recent Faith Sharing for First Eucharist.
- If you have not advised Mass Centre and seating numbers please do so ASAP.
- Bring a Plate! Please, if you are able, provide a plate for the children’s table and one for the Parish to enable everyone to share in the celebrations.
- First Eucharist 19/20 November, look forward to seeing you!
CONGRATULATIONS

- Congratulations to Amelia James, Grade 5/6 Paternoster-Edwards on being a winner in the recent Colour Your Classroom Writing Competition. Amelia wins a prize for the school and also a prize for herself. Well Done to Amelia!

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.

SCHOOL BOOKLISTS 2017

BACK TO SCHOOL - 2017
It’s that time of year again when we are starting to prepare for the next school year!

Booklists will be available to families later this week.
All families will need to purchase books online.
If you have any problems please contact the school office.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School Photo Day is Thursday, 17th November. Please ensure that your child is in their full summer school uniform. Prepaid personalised envelopes were sent home with every child last week. All children ordering need their envelopes to be returned by photo day. Orders can be placed online as each envelope is personalised with the student’s name and a unique ordering code. All other payments must be in cash and no change will be given.

Family envelopes are available from the school office. If you have any questions please call KK Photos on 6228 9966 or visit www.kkphotos.com.au
Last week’s meeting was our AGM. A BIG thank you to Allison who generously supported the P & F during her 3 years as Treasurer.

**New P & F Executive**
- President – Annie
- Vice President – Bruce
- Secretary – Caroline
- Treasurer – Emily

Thank you to everyone who has supported the P & F school community this year. We have had a fantastic year!

Some of the great things we have done...
- Welcome Night
- Steve Biddulph Raising Boys Talk
- Mother’s Day and Father’s Day Stalls
- Rock ‘n Roll Disco
- Easter Raffle
- Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser
- Cake Stall
- Scholastic Book Fair
- Sunrise Bakery Fundraiser
- Family Fun Day
- School Magazine co-ordination

The P & F was able to support the fruition of a Mud Kitchen in the Kindergarten area with the financial support of just under $3000 being donated.

**Next Month**
A Family Fun Day is planned for Sunday 4th, December. This will be a wonderful event with lots of exciting things planned. We will share more details closer to the date but one of the plans for the day is a Car Rally Scavenger Hunt. We have an incredibly exciting raffle for 4th Term. One of the major prizes is a 32g ipad!

The next meeting is our Annual Dinner Meeting. More details to follow.

Did you know you can contact the St Finn Barr’s P & F via email? All questions, comments or suggestions are welcome. [pandf.sfb@catholic.tas.edu.au](mailto:pandf.sfb@catholic.tas.edu.au)

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**DATES FOR 2017**

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LAUNCESTON CATHOLIC SCHOOLS MUSIC PROGRAM

presents the

14th

Annual Concert

&

Awards Evening

Thursday 24th November 2016
7.00pm
Nano Nagle Gymnasium
St Patrick’s College, Launceston

Tickets available from your school office
or at the door.
Adults: $5.00
Child: $3.00 (3-16)
Attention: Mums and Dads!! Our research needs YOU!
Researchers at the University of Western Australia are looking for parents of children aged 4-12 with a behavioural and/or emotional problem (e.g., ADHD, depression, anxiety disorders, oppositional defiant disorder, conduct disorder, or an eating disorder) to fill in a short survey. The survey takes about 20 minutes of your time. Participants have the option of entering a prize draw to win one of fifteen $50 (AUD) vouchers for Coles-Myer.

Want to participate? Please go to: http://tinyurl.com/UWAParentStudy
Your responses are entirely confidential.

Need more information? Please contact Kim on 040 318 3228 or kim.eaton@research.uwa.edu.au
UWA Human Research Ethics Office approval number RA417857

EMERGENCY PRACTICE

Before December we will hold an unannounced Emergency Practice with staff & students, to test our responses of going into lockdown (opposite to evacuation).

This will occur during recess or lunchtime.

As for fire evacuation, we recognised the worth to test processes.

We have plans in place to make this practice as least disruptive to students as possible, and it will be apparent that this is only a practice – not a real lockdown.

If you have queries please call our Safety Officer, Simon Natoli on 0400 105 476
This year our school will be represented in the Apex Launceston Christmas Parade.

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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CHRISTMAS PARADE

**PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

**November 2016**

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