Dear Parents,

On Friday, Gr 5/6 Paternoster/Edwards students led for the second time, Friday afternoon PE Activities. The Prep and Gr 1/2 students particularly, seem to enjoy and are excited by, doing activities led by Gr 5/6 students. Many thanks to Miss Edwards who is organising the activities with our Gr 5/6 students. After a period of five or six weeks another Gr 5/6 class will lead the activities.

A number of families are having trouble locating their child’s clothing items, particularly in the ECE classes. Students accidentally pick up someone else's jumper, rugby top or other clothing item and take home. All clothing items and bags should be clearly marked with your child’s name. Please check your child’s items of clothing to ensure they have their own clothing and that the name is clearly and easily visible.

Thank you to the Gr 3 and Gr 5 students who participated in the On-Line NAPLAN Testing last week. SFB was chosen as one of three catholic primary schools to participate. The lessons that are being learnt will ensure that when it occurs across all schools, problems will have been resolved.

Recently, some positive comments were shared with one of our Teachers by Ms Dennis, who takes the Brass Instruments in the Band Program. She shared how much she loves coming to our school because our kids are engaged, thorough with what they do and are so willing to learn. She said it’s a great feeling having our school first up on a Thursday and that she loves starting her day off here.

Team App
Please remember that in Term 4 the school will cease to print copies of the school newsletter and that the Team App and School Website will become the vehicle for sharing information. Please join Team App in preparation for this change. It is being done to reduce our carbon footprint and reduce the amount of paper we use. A limited number of newsletters will be printed for families who do not have reliable internet access.

The plans for the new school car park have four Kiss & Go (drop off) spaces for parents to drop their children and collect them after school. The Capital Projects Committee will make their decision in the next six weeks and then inform me.
Again, I remind parents to reverse park in the car park as it allows drivers to see any small child crossing the car park without an adult. Young children are unreliable and impulsive and at times difficult to see by a driver reversing. Most accidents involving school age students and vehicles occur within the school grounds or within 100 metres of the school.

Next week is Catholic Education Week and the Gr 6 students will be attending the Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Newstead, with all the other Gr 6 students. It is a celebration of the many great things being achieved in Catholic schools in Tasmania.

I will be attending the Principals’ Meeting on Thursday and Friday. Miss Cannon will be in charge of the school.

Mrs Aylott will be returning from LSL next Monday.

Rock and Roll Night
- Students need to be under the supervision of a responsible adult who does not have to be their parent.
- No students will be allowed outside for any reason.
- This is a P & F event and alcohol is permitted but not encouraged.
- All rubbish is requested to be taken away by parents at the end of the night.
- Students need to be sensible, not run or be silly, but enjoy the evening.

Have a great week.

Anthony Healey,
Principal.

REC NEWS

Prayer
Loving God, who provides us with all that we need,
you show us in Mary of the Cross, how to be welcoming people
who look to the needs of others.
Help us to live like Mary, trusting in you and living out hospitality and generosity.
We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord.
Amen
Winter Appeal
For St Vincent de Paul

On Friday, 12th of August, the St Finn Barr’s Mini Vinnies will be holding a Winter Appeal.

Items required for donation include: blankets, jackets, jumpers, socks, beanies, scarves.

All items are much appreciated.
Items will be donated to St Vincent de Paul.
From the St Finn Barr’s Mini Vinnies students.
Sacramental Calendar of Events 2016

**AUGUST**

Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th | Presentation of the Creed at all Masses
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Monday 29th & Tuesday 30th | Faith Sharing Session – Church of the Apostles 3:30 -7:00pm

**SEPTEMBER**

Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th | Rite of Strengthening and Healing at all Mass centres
Thursday 8th | Sacrament of Reconciliation and Confirmation practice 7:00pm - Church of the Apostles
Thursday 15th | Sacrament of Confirmation 7:00pm Church of the Apostles

**OCTOBER**

Friday 21st | Candidates Fun Day St Ailbe’s Hall 10am – 2:30pm
Monday 31st | Faith Sharing Session – Church of the Apostles 3:30-7:00pm

**NOVEMBER**

Tuesday 1st | Faith Sharing Session – Church of the Apostles 3:30-7:00pm
Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th | Presentation of the Lord’s Prayer and practice for First Eucharist
Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th | Sacrament of First Eucharist at all Mass Centres

**SCHOOL NEWS**

**NIJSSA Cross Country**

Well done to all our students who competed at the recently held NIJSSA Cross Country Carnival. The school finished 6th overall in very wet and trying conditions. It was great to see everyone putting in such a great effort. Great effort also to the Grade 3 Boys and Grade 5 Boys who finished second in their divisions. A big Thank You to Mrs Hayley Clayton and Mrs Jo Jo Foon for helping out on the day.

**Wanted - Eddie the Penguin Saves the World Photos!**

Do you have any photos from last week’s performance of Eddie the Penguin Saves the World that you would like to share. Mrs Boyle would like to make a collage for the students. If you have any photos please email them to stfinnbarrs@catholic.tas.edu.au or drop them into the office on a USB.

Thank you for your assistance with this.

**Student of the Week**

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<th>Prep</th>
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<td>Grade 1/2</td>
<td>Charlie Morrison</td>
<td>For a wonderful start at St Finn Barr’s. Your kind and enthusiastic nature has resulted in the development of many friendships already!</td>
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<td>Ethan Curwen</td>
<td>For his exposition writing efforts.</td>
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ST FINN BARR’S SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT

St Finn Barr’s SWPBS News

BY BAILEY AND PRINCE

My Top 5 Tips for being Safe, Respectful and Resilient

1. Think about your actions before you act.
2. Stay positive.
3. Be kind to those around you.
4. Keep at it, you will get it if you keep trying.
5. Think about the right time and the right place for what you are doing.

The Spirit of Jesus at Home and School

We are a COMMUNITY of SAFE, RESPECTFUL, RESILIENT LEARNERS
GRADE 3/4 CLAYTON HAS WORKED REALLY HARD TO MAKE CARDBOARD ROLLER COASTERS AND A THEME PARK! CHILDREN IN OUR CLASS MADE ROLLER COASTERS IN GROUPS OF 2, 3, 4 OR BY THEMSELVES. OTHER CLASSES IN THE SCHOOL CAN COME AND HAVE FUN IN THE THEME PARK ON THURSDAYS AND FRIDAYS IN THEIR LIBRARY TIME. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO COME AND HAVE A LOOK IT IS IN THE OLD SCHOOL OFFICE. PLEASE VOTE FOR YOUR FAVOURITE RIDE. FROM 3/4 CLAYTON
Did you know that the Parents and Friends Committee
- Contribute to the well being of the school community
- Provide the opportunity for all parents to engage in the life of the school community
- Parents get to know each other and be informed about some of their child’s school activities
- Work in partnership with the School Board and the Principal
- Organise social events for the fun and benefit of the school community
- Partake in fundraising for our school

At the moment we are ......

Having Steve Biddulph return with The Secret of Happy Children on Wednesday, 19th October. The P & F is finalising details and excited to have Steve return!

We are starting the work around making our 2016 school magazine happen. This is going to be a great piece of memorabilia of the year gone.

We had a very successful Book Fair with lots of happy customers and positive feedback from the community. Scholastic gave St Finn Barr’s $650 worth of books for our Library as a result of sales, and a special ‘Coming Soon’ event just for us! Watch this space for more details......

Have you heard of Kindergartens new MUD KITCHEN!? Kinder Young and Kinder Newman have warmly thanked the P & F for their generous support to the fruition of the Mud Kitchen with the financial support of just under $3000 being donated.

ROCK N ROLL NIGHT THIS FRIDAY, 12th August!!! 6.00pm - 8.00pm St. Ailbe's Hall. LIVE music from Barry Nas with a fun FLURO theme. $10 Per Family - includes glow stick for everyone and great door prizes! BYO Picnic Dinner and drink bottle. Hope to see you there.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations Kate Healer, Grade 4 Hyatt, who recently competed in the State Competition for gymnastics, representing Launceston PCYC on Sunday, 31st July. Kate placed 2nd in the State in Level Four receiving high scores on all apparatus. Well Done Kate!

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.
UPCOMING DRAMA PERFORMANCES

St Finn Barr’s Grade 5/6 classes invite you to their performances of *Matilda* ...

MONDAY 15th AUGUST at St Finn Barr’s Hall
5/6 COUSINS ~ 10.00am
5/6 PAT ~ 11.45am
5/6 COOMBIE ~ 1.45pm

Performances are approximately 50 minutes.

*Never do anything by halves if you want to get away with it.
Be outrageous.
Go the whole hog.
Make sure everything you do is so completely crazy it’s unbelievable.*

*Matilda, by Roald Dahl

We look forward to seeing you there!

COMMUNITY NEWS

NORTHERN SUBURBS COMMUNITY CENTRE

Presents Family Outreach
Wednesday afternoon 10th August, 2016 At St. Finn Barr’s Catholic Primary School
Join us for Tea, Coffee, Milo & 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.

Be part of something BIG
National Rosary
Thurs 13 October 2016
10.30am EST
Pray for Australia and our youth together!
Join the group on facebook: NationalRosaryforAustralia

COMMUNITY NEWS
The importance of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) is increasing with predictions that 70% of future jobs will require skills in these areas. Click on the link below to read an article on Dominic Milesi, Collingwood Football’s Club national recruiting manager and the importance of STEM skills in his job. It is considered so important that Collingwood have launched the STEM Cup Challenge to encourage students to engage in larger numbers in STEM subjects.


COMMUNITY NEWS

National Rosary Day Competition

On Thursday, 13th October, a National Rosary Day is being held to pray for Australia, the youth of our Country, and to promote the popular Marian prayer. A colouring-in competition will be run for primary school students to encourage participation in the National Rosary Day. There is a colouring-in poster of Mary for Kindergarten to Year 3 students. Students in Years 4, 5 and 6 are asked to design their own A4 poster of Mary with the theme of ‘Our Lady of the Southern Cross’. Artworks can be left in the school office. Closing date is Friday, 23rd September. Colouring Competition is available from the office.
Small gift donations are urgently required for the Father's day Stall

Donations are of something small that a Dad would like to receive, things like chocolates, a mug, stationary, car cleaning items, gadgets, key ring, fishing, sports...

STALL DATE: 31st August 2016

Thank you if you have already sent your gift along.
The stall is a success when each family brings in small donation to contribute to the pool of gifts available for your child to purchase for Dad this Father’s Day.

Thank you for your support

St Finn Barr’s Parents and Friends
Stand up and be counted

Mark your religion on the 2016 census

Faith is not in decline around the world. Religious affiliation is growing and faith remains a vital part of the life, culture, thinking and behaviour of individuals in Australia, positively impacting society and culture in many and varied ways.

In our multi-faith and multicultural country, religious freedom is an essential basic human right. People of faith and the organisations that have grown out of our faith traditions make a massive contribution to things such as education, healthcare, aged care and an array of social services in our nation.

It is important that people of faith – those who are regularly connected to organised religion, and those who simply regard themselves as believers – mark the faith they identify with when participating in the National Census.

Saying “yes” to your belief matters because it:

1. Allows people of faith, their religious leaders and government representatives to credibly and confidently contribute to the public discourse on a variety of issues such as the economy, education, healthcare and social services.

2. Helps to underline the importance of freedom of belief in Australia and also enables leaders to understand the proportional breakdown of beliefs so as to best nurture interfaith harmony that is a feature of our multicultural nation.

3. Provides decision makers with vital information for effectively planning for the future of our nation such as the location of places of worship and the many ‘good works’ done by people of faith across religious traditions.

4. Provides a snapshot of who we are, including what we value and what drives us. For so many Australians, their values and reasons for the way they act stem from their religious beliefs.

5. Can be used as a future determinant of the allocation of roles and government resourcing and co-funding with faith groups who make a massive contribution to society in education, healthcare and social services.

Stand up and be counted when you participate in the Census this Tuesday 9 August 2016.

Produced by the Catholic Diocese of Wollongong for all faith traditions and people of goodwill.