Dear Parents,

On Friday night the Gr 5/6 Leavers’ Dinner was held at the Tailrace. It was a great evening. To see our Gr 6 students dressed up and looking so mature and SO ready for High School was a fitting end to their many years at SFB. It was a fun evening and a great way to celebrate the end of their time at St Finn Barr’s. Many thanks to the Gr 5/6 Teachers and also all the parents who made the evening special for their child.

The School Magazine is available from the Office. Many, many thanks to Glen Adams who stepped up at the last minute and who has done a wonderful job in pulling it together. It looks fantastic. Glen has done a lot of work in a very short time to produce it and I would like to express our thanks to him on behalf of the school community.

The Back Oval will be closed on Tuesday and Wednesday this week as a watering system is installed. The back playground will also be closed. Also the Oval will be top dressed and the surface addressed. It will be in a much better condition when we return next year and a much better surface for our students to use. The middle oval area will also have sprinklers installed and be top-dressed in January.

During January, Sturdy Built will install a rubberised mat under the Basket in the swing playground as well as three bars for swinging on in the Back playground. All these improvements are being done using excess school funds that were accumulated last year due to careful financial management.

I wish to thank every member of our school community for the support and encouragement you have given to the staff and students of our school during the year. What is achieved is the work of many. “It takes a village to raise a child” is a very true statement. As a school community we are raising wonderful and talented children together. Our Gr 6 students who are leaving us are the product of the time, effort, commitment and love of many, particularly their parents. What is being achieved in our village is something we should be proud of!

Have a great Christmas and I look forward to seeing you in 2016!

Anthony Healey.
Principal.
RE News

RE
Prayer
Loving God,
We celebrate the goodness that this year has brought us.
We rejoice and thank you for the many blessings we have experienced in our school community.
Let us hold on to that joy and recognise the grace of your presence in those memories.
We ask this in Jesus’ name.
Amen.

Thanksgiving & Graduation Mass
When: Monday, 14th December 2015
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Where: St Finn Barr’s Church

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.

Come along and celebrate our year.
Please collect your Report after Mass.
Newsletter

Carols
Can You Help?

We are still collecting for Gaylene Brooks who lives in Launceston and travels to Thailand once or twice a year. She visits orphanages and poor schools for Primary students and is collecting writing aids, sport’s equipment, music items, craft items, puzzles, board games and lots, lots more.

Wanted

- exercise books - used items from this school year or new ones would be greatly appreciated.
- pens
- pencils
- rulers
- crayons
- paint brushes (no textas).
- new toothbrushes
- Old school summer uniforms, especially our old style summer dress

Thank you for any support or assistance you can give.

*Please leave all donations at our school office by the end of the school year for collection.*

Have you ordered your child’s books for 2016?

To order your child’s 2016 Stationary Requirements click on the following link and follow the online instructions.


Password: 77JQ3G

Lost Property

- The Lost Property basket in the office is overflowing. If your child has lost a jumper, rugby top or lunch box please come and have a look.

Uniform Shop News

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School Magazine

School magazines have been printed and are available for collection from the office after school on Monday before and after school on Tuesday and before school on Wednesday.

*CASH ONLY* when collecting.

These were printed to order but if you would still like to buy one, please put your name down for a possible additional print run in the New Year.

EzCovers

EzCovers are a great and easy way to cover your books. The covers look great and have a great range to choose from. They are ridiculously easy to use, no more struggling with sticky Contact. For every cover sold the P & F get 15 cents by choosing St Finn Barr’s from the schools’ list and entering the code EZ15. The covers are ordered online and delivered direct to you. See the flyer in the office or go online at www.ezcover.net.au.

Back to School Welcome Night

Don’t forget to put the Back to School Welcome Night in your diaries for next year. It will be held on Friday, 19th February, 2016 with a jumping castle and face painting. Families can bring along a picnic and enjoy a great evening.

The P & F wish everyone a safe and Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you again in 2016.
Newsletter

Grade 6 Leavers’ Dinner

Born in a Barn
**Term Dates 2016**

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**Launceston Youth Theatre Ensemble** - Enrolments Open For 2016

Enrolments are now open for LYTE's 2016 ensemble, for young people from prep-grade 12. No previous experience is required.

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