Dear Parents,

I wish to inform you following interview processes that Mr. Jason Combe has been appointed as the Gr 5/6 teacher for the remainder of 2016 replacing Mrs. Edwards, commencing in Term 2. Jason is a mature age graduate teacher who will begin his teaching career at St Finn Barr’s.

Mrs. Sue Pearton has reduced her hours from four days to two as she begins the movement towards retirement. Mrs. Kylie Bourke has been appointed to a variety of roles and will be working in the Office for four days commencing in the last week of Term 1. Both Jason and Kylie are excited to be joining our school and I know you will make them welcome.

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the NJSSA Carnival last Tuesday. On a cold and miserable day they were tremendous in competing in the Carnival against the best swimmers from other schools. They did a great job and represented St Finn Barr’s with great pride. Congratulations to Jasper French who won his race in Div. 1 Gr 5 33m Backstroke. We came sixth overall, one point behind St Anthony’s in fifth. It was a great result for us! Well done to all our athletes!

As you are no doubt aware, St Finn Barr’s will be closed this Friday and will re-open on Wednesday, 30th March.

Last week there was an Open Night for prospective Kindergarten Students for 2017. It was well attended and a great deal of information was shared with these possibly new parents to our school. If you know of any friends or family who have children who could attend, please encourage them to consider St Finn Barr’s. We have a wonderful school which caters for the educational needs of all students. Playgroup is a wonderful introduction to our school, to which everyone is invited.

Have a great Easter and I look forward to seeing you next week.

Anthony Healey,
Principal.
Dear Parish Family,

Since the beginning of Lent until now we have have prepared our hearts by penance and charitable works - so begins the Mass of Palm Sunday. Most of us may be thinking of all that we could have done during Lent. However, these wonderful days of Holy Week and Easter invite us to renew our Faith and recommit ourselves to the Lord. Yes, we can always do more but it is also important to acknowledge the power of God’s grace and mercy working in us and through us especially since we were marked with the ashes at the beginning of Lent.

As we enter into Holy Week, I ask you to embrace a spirit of confidence about your faith so that we can pray together and experience the very life of God through the mysteries we celebrate. Our wonderful week begins today and continues until we stand with the Risen Christ on Easter Sunday. During the Chrism Mass in the Cathedral on Tuesday evening we, your priests will renew the commitment we made when we were ordained. Please pray for us that we will be faithful to the call the Lord has made. On Thursday, during the Mass of the Lord’s Supper, we are reminded of the call to service made to all Christians. What we do in memory of the Lord nourishes us so that the Lord can give life to all, even now. Good Friday invites us, and challenges us, to accompany Jesus along the Way of the Cross. The Easter Vigil draws us out of darkness into the light of Christ - a light that shines brightest through our being merciful like the Father. Our Easter celebrations strengthen and renew us to bring this very light to the ends of the earth.

Fr Mark Freeman.

Museum Excursion
Gifted and Talented Get Together Day.
Prayer
God of all people.

Each person is made in your image, no matter where they come from, how they look and how they understand and act. This variety is most wonderful. Give us your help to understand how others are different and welcome them. We want to live in harmony with all around us, so every day is one beautiful song. We ask this through Jesus Christ who saw the goodness and love in each person.

Amen.

Holy Week Prayer Service
Led by 5/6 Edwards
When: Thursday, 24th March
Time: 10:15 a.m.
Where: St Finn Barr’s Church

Rainbows Program

In Term Two we will commence weekly support groups for children who have experienced grief in their families. This may be due to death, separation/divorce of parents, or other painful loss.

A Rainbows group comprises children of similar age, who have experienced loss, offering peer support to each other with the guidance of a trained adult facilitator. Rainbows facilitators are caring people committed to supporting children on their journey from hurt to healing. Students are able to express their feelings, work through their grief, build self-esteem and begin to accept what has happened. Facilitators and children must agree to strict confidentiality. With the exception of children sharing what they say or do with their own parents, what happens in the group stays in the group.

If you feel your child would benefit from participating in this program or would like further information, please come and see Alice Cannon.
My Top 5 Tips for being Safe, Respectful and Resilient

I am being respectful when I listen to my teacher.

I am being resilient when I don’t give up and keep trying.

I am being safe when I follow the school rules.

Be kind with your words.

Include others in your game.

The Spirit of Jesus at Home and School

We are a COMMUNITY of SAFE, RESPECTFUL, RESILIENT LEARNERS
CELEBRATING HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2016

LAUNCESTON PARISH

PARISH LENTEN RECONCILIATION (2ND RITE)
7.30PM, MONDAY 21ST MARCH AT ST FINN BARR’S CHURCH, INVERMAY

HOLY THURSDAY, 24 March
MASS OF THE LORD’S SUPPER
7.30pm Church of the Apostles
44 Margaret Street, Launceston
7.30pm Carmelite Monastery
7 Cambridge Street, West Launceston

GOOD FRIDAY, 25th March
STATIONS OF THE CROSS (OUTDOORS)
10.30am Church of the Apostles
COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD’S PASSION
3.00pm Church of the Apostles
3.00pm Carmelite Monastery

HOLY SATURDAY, 26th March
1ST RITE OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)
10.00am Church of the Apostles
EASTER VIGIL & MASS OF THE RESURRECTION
7.30pm Church of the Apostles
11.00pm Carmelite Monastery

EASTER SUNDAY, 27th March
8.30am Carmelite Monastery (Please note time)
9.00am St Patrick’s College Chapel (Family Mass)
Cnr Mt Leslie & Westbury Roads, Prospect
9.00am St Finn Barr’s Church
247 Invermay Road, Invermay
10.30am Church of the Apostles

Please Note
NO 6.30pm EVENING MASS
at Church of the Apostles on Easter Sunday
Easter Raffle
1st Prize Geoff Crisp
2nd Prize Jack Curtis
3rd Prize Sue Pearton
Book Seller’s Prize Ellah Reese
Bonus Prizes Ronesa Oliver & Jenny Flynn

Footy Margin Tickets
The first round is this Thursday, 24th between Richmond and Carlton so make sure you have your ticket – the margin could be big or it could be close. The tickets sell for $25 and are valid for the whole football season. Contact Allison Woodland – 0408 175224 or leave $25.00 with your details at the office.

Entertainment Books
If you have previously ordered these through St Finn Barr’s P & F then you will receive a reorder email and you can simply click on the “reorder” button and pay online and the book will be sent home with your child. For those of you wanting to order for the first time please see details on the website www.entertainmentbook.com.au or further information will be available in the coming weeks.

Mother’s Day Stall
Mother’s Day is Sunday, 8th May, and if every child is to be able to purchase something for their mother, we need donations ASAP. Please bring articles like chocolates, bath products, coffee mugs, candles, books, photo frames or similar small items to the office.

Fair
A Fair or similar event is held every 2 years and this is the year. It takes a lot of time, effort and volunteers to get an event like this together. If you are interested in helping organise or have any great suggestions please let us know at pandf.sfbscatholic.tas.edu.au

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Congratulations

Kate Healer, Lachlan Shea, Neil and Lauren McKenzie were part of the Sacred Heart Little Athletics Club. They all qualified to represent and compete against other young athletes from across the state on the 12th and 13th March for the State Little Athletics Championship. They all did a fantastic job and should be very proud of themselves as they worked hard to make it to the States. Congratulations to all the other Athletes who competed throughout the season.
Uniform Changeover
The changeover date for students Winter uniform is the first day of Term 2 (Tuesday 26th April).

*The Uniform Shop is open on Thursdays 8.30 - 9.30 am & 2.30 - 3.30 pm*

The following families have money from the sale of second hand uniforms that can be collected from the office.
- Radbone
- Adams
- Lee
- French
- Farrow
- Mountney
- Burns
- McKenzie
- Reardon
- Townsend

Working With Children Check (WWCC)

Parents working in classrooms or assisting with excursions or other student-related activities must hold a WWVP Certificate (excursions, infants or primary swimming programs, sporting events etc.)

A copy of your certificate needs to be kept on file in the School Office.

To complete the registration form please visit [http://www.justice.tas.gov.au/working_with CHILDREN](http://www.justice.tas.gov.au/working_with_children). Please allow 6 - 8 weeks for the registration to be processed. Thank you.
AFTER SCHOOL CARE
Do you require After School Care for your child? Would you like your child to be in a calm relaxing environment with low ratios and a qualified and professional carer, and to be cared for as an individual rather than one of the crowd? School pick-up and afternoon tea provided as well as great activities and outings and Child Care Benefit available. If you are looking for that personal touch please contact Debby on: - 63266308 or 0438 322 721 (Only 2 spaces left 1 on a Monday and 1 on a Wednesday). Vacation Care also available.

NORTHERN SUBURBS COMMUNITY CENTRE
Presents
Family Outreach
Wednesday afternoon 30th March, 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
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