Dear Parents,

On Thursday, the Gr 6 School Leaders attended the GRIP (Generosity, Responsibility, Integrity and People) Student Leadership Conference with School Leaders from many other local schools. It was a great beginning to their role as Student Leaders and explored how they can be leaders and some strategies to be good leaders. The Conference was entertaining, informative and has provided a great starting point for these students.

Here are some of their comments:

On Thursday 3rd the Leaders went to a Leadership Conference and we learnt a lot about Bullying and how to be a Leader. We did lots of activities and games and had a lot of fun.

I learnt that you don’t need a badge to be a Leader. I also learnt about Traffic Light Leaders.

I learnt about the Traffic Lights and that helps me understand more about being a leader.

You don’t need a badge to be a leader. Bye, Bye Bullying. Traffic Light Leadership.

I learnt about different leadership strategies to put into practice.

On Thursday 3rd of March the school leaders from SFB and Mr Healey went to GRIP Leadership conference at the Tailrace. GRIP stands for Generosity - Willingness to use what you have been given (time and resources) on behalf of those you seek to influence. Responsibility - We all have a responsibility to develop what we have and help others to live well. Integrity - A commitment to truth and honesty in dealings. People - Every human being is of great significance, and has a purpose to fulfill. The day was made of a number of sessions, these were How to Grow as a Leader, Bye Bye Bullying, People to Influence and Traffic Light Leadership. We learnt about, what do Leaders need, what Leaders do, that Leaders can make a difference and that bullying can stop with Leaders. I loved meeting people from other schools and catching up with some people I already knew. It was a great experience. We learnt how to be better Leaders and how we can make things better and that we can make a difference. We learnt that Leaders can see and know more than Teachers in the playground. We also learnt seek out, speak out and help out. We also learnt traffic lights as in the green lights mean we can go forwards and amber as in orange or yellow lights mean there is a problem but its in the back of our mind and a red light means there is a problem and you need to fix it now, but it was an excellent experience. I really enjoyed it. It was great!
Last week our Swimming Carnival was a great success with many of our students taking up the challenge and swimming in events that challenged them. Congratulations to Bethany House who won in a close and contested Carnival. Amelia James and Will Manshanden who, as House Captains, gave great speeches congratulating everyone on their participation and efforts.

Unfortunately, despite much talking up by myself as to the prospects of a first time win by the Teachers Team in the Teacher/Parent/Student Relay at the end of the Carnival, it was NOT to be. In a hotly contested and close race the Parents Team won. Congratulations to Louise McKenzie, Belinda Barlow, Sheena French and Emily Hodge on their victory. Also congratulations to the other five teams comprised of students who competed and all had a victory over the Teachers Team, who came last.

Many thanks to Anthony Hielscher for his work in preparing and running the Carnival and the support given to him by the Staff.

This week further work will be done on our playgrounds. A low retaining wall will be constructed around the back playground and additional bars added. The Swing Playground will have rubber installed under the basket. This will mean that certain areas of the playground will be shut for part of this week.

Please remember that next Monday is a Public Holiday and there will be no school.

Have a great week.
Prayer
Ever present God, our Companion and our Friend,
You are with us in every passing minute of every day,
Gently calling us to You,
Calmly guiding us towards fullness of life.
May we now be open and ready
To listen to Your whispers on our hearts
Amen.

Reconciliation Parent Meeting - Catch-Up Meeting
There will be a catch-up meeting for parents of Reconciliation candidates on 10th March @ 7pm in the Pastoral Centre beside Church of Apostles.
Enquiries rosie.caelli@catholic.tas.edu.au or 63274067
Rosie Caelli(Rosemary), Sacramental Coordinator, Catholic Parish Launceston
ST FINN BARR'S SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT

St Finn Barr's SWPBS News

My Top 5 Tips for being Safe, Respectful and Resilient

- We work as a team
- We always try our best
- We are respectful in church
- We use kind words and actions towards others
- We are good listeners

The Spirit of Jesus at Home and School

We are a COMMUNITY of SAFE, RESPECTFUL, RESILIENT LEARNERS
**Student of the Week**

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**GRADE 5/6 FRIDAY SPORT – FRIDAY 11TH MARCH**

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Dear Parents,

We would like to offer Scholastic Bookclub to families again this year but in order to do this we would require everyone to order online. No orders or monies would be brought to school.

The books will still be delivered to the school and distributed to your child/children’s class teacher.

The 2nd issue catalogue for 2016 will be sent home this week and on-line ordering will be available until the 18th March 2016 for this issue.

Scholastic has merged all catalogues into one. Each child brings home only one catalogue.

Thank you for your assistance with this.

Sharon van Baalen
Bookclub co-ordinator
Kindergarten Enrolments 2017

Kindergarten Enrolments for all Catholic Schools in Launceston are now being sought for 2017. If you have a child turning 4 this year you are reminded that enrolments for Kinder 2017 need to be in the office by the end of May. Our Enrolment forms are available from the school office or they can be downloaded from our school web page http://www.stfinnbarrs.tas.edu.au/contact-us/enrolment  If you know of any families who are interested in Kindergarten for 2017 please ask them to contact the school office. Enrolment applications close on Friday 27th May, 2016.

2017 Kindergarten

The Catholic Primary Schools of Launceston invite prospective parents of 2017 Kindergarten students to Parent Information Evenings. We encourage parents to attend any information session of potential schools for their child. Listed below are dates and times for each school. If any further queries, please contact individual schools during office hours on numbers provided.

- **St Thomas More’s Catholic School**  Wednesday 9th March 7:00pm  6337 7200
- **Sacred Heart Catholic School**  Thursday 10th March 7:00pm  6331 1011
- **Larmenier Catholic School**  Tuesday 15th March 7:00pm  6339 1910
- **St Finn Barr’s Catholic School**  Wednesday 16th March 7:00pm  6326 3082
- **St Anthony’s Catholic School**  Tuesday 22nd March 7:00pm  6327 3618
P & F News

Thank you to everyone who attended the first meeting last Tuesday. Minutes from this meeting will be available on the school web page this week.

Easter Raffle - Easter is not far away and the Easter Raffle is on again. Look out for tickets coming home today. The raffle will be drawn on Monday 21st March.

Footy Margin Tickets - These are available now. The tickets sell for $25 and are valid for the whole football season. See flyer for more details.

Book Club - Mrs van Baalen in the Library is looking for volunteers to help with Book Club orders. If you are willing to help contact Mrs van Baalen or email pandf.sfb@catholic.tas.edu.au

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.sfb@catholic.tas.edu.au

Mother’s Day Stall - Mother’s Day is on Sunday 8th May which is the week after we return to school for Second Term. To make the stall successful we need donations as soon as possible to ensure there are enough gifts for all mothers. Suggestions are chocolates, bath products, coffee mugs, candles, books, photo frames. Take your donation to the office.

Steve Biddulph - After the success last year of Steve’s Raising Boys evening, the P & F is looking at holding a Raising Girls event. Watch this space for more information.

Magazine - We are looking at doing another print run of the school magazine from last year if there are enough people who want them. There is a minimum run required so we would need to have definite numbers. If you missed out last year and would like a copy, please email pandf.sfb@catholic.tas.edu.au or let the office know as soon as possible.

Would you like to help Matthew and Lillian raise money for the Worlds’ Greatest Shave?

Matthew Burns will be having his hair shaved this Friday, 11th March at SFB at 10.30 am, his sister Lillian is having her hair coloured. Students will be able to colour their hair for a gold coin donation. Please discuss with your child whether they should or should not have their hair coloured. If your child lines up with a gold coin then they will be able to have their hair coloured.
AFL MARGIN TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW

$25.00 EACH - FOR THE FULL 2016 SEASON

Your ticket will be valid for the first match of each round for the full season this year (23 weeks).

Each week the person who holds the ticket with the correct points margin will win $50
(how many points the winning team won by)

The person with the winning ticket will be advertised in the weekly newsletter and also be contacted via phone or email.

GET IN QUICK - 1st game
24th March
so get your ticket now

CONTACT ALLISON WOODLAND - 0408 175 224
OR LEAVE $25.00 WITH YOUR CONTACT DETAILS AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE.
St Finn Barr’s P & F Mother’s Day Stall is on again!

This is for the children to buy their mums a present.

We need donations of small gifts, i.e. chocolates, coffee mugs, bath soaps or something that a Mum might like to receive.

The children will then be able to “go shopping” and purchase a $2.00 gift for them.

Please send in a gift ASAP to the school office.
World Youth Day 2016 – Registrations Closing

Don’t miss the opportunity to join with young Tasmanians as we explore the historically and spiritually rich Rome, Assisi, Milan, Czestochowa, Auschwitz, Krakow, Wadowice and Prague en route to the largest and most vibrant display of our catholic Church that will inspire you in more ways than you could ever imagine at World Youth Day 2016. Experience the energy, spirit and faith of millions of young people gathered together with Pope Francis. Discover, Learn, Explore, Pray, and make life-long friends. You need to be 16 – 35 years as at 31st December 2016. Registrations are closing really soon…don’t miss out! Contact Rachelle Smith before 12th March on 0400 045 368 or rachelle.smith@aohtas.org.au. More info at: www.wydtas.org.au

School Road Safety Education Campaign

The Road Safety Advisory Council recently launched the ‘Stop, Look, Listen, Think’ campaign to encourage road safety around schools. The ‘Stop, Look, Listen, Think’ campaign includes a television commercial and an interactive website: http://www.rsac.tas.gov.au/roadsafekids/ The website is an excellent resource that provides students with important safety information through interactive games, a quiz, craft ideas and other activities. Three lucky Tasmanian primary school children will win an iPad as part of the road safety education campaign. Entries to the competition close on 16th March.
Curing cancer for all: Tour de Cure

Cancer is a leading cause of death in Australia and will touch most Australians at some point in their lifetime. Since 2007, leading Australian charity organisation, Tour de Cure, has been riding to raise awareness and funds to cure cancer for all.

Angelique Sanders of Invermay, (Mother of Ryley Gr 5/6 C) is training hard as she prepares to ‘ride to cure cancer’ on Tour de Cure’s annual hero event - Signature Tour. Over ten days, a team of riders, support crew and corporate partners bring the ‘cure cancer’ awareness message to local communities and fundraise with them. From 29th of April – 8th of May 2016, Tour de Cure will ride 1,540km on the scenic route between Brisbane and Sydney, aiming to raise a record $2 million. This year, Tour de Cure will take over 180 men and women on the Signature Tour team and donations of $10,000 will be given to nine communities and their selected local cancer projects.

“Regional communities are often forgotten when it comes to health education and funding for cancer projects” said Káti Jahromi, Managing Director of Tour de Cure. “Tour de Cure is proud to help these communities with funds to support local cancer projects. We also share our “BE FIT BE HEALTHY BE HAPPY” program, Tour de Cure’s cancer prevention and education program, which engages schools and over 7,000 kids in the communities we visit on our biggest ever Tour. 1 in 3 cancers can be prevented and we want to ensure all Australians are aware of this and know what to do to help prevent cancer.”

Angelique joined Tour de Cure as a way to help raise funds and awareness in the fight against cancer. Angelique wants to find a cure for cancer because everybody is touched by cancer in some way, shape and form – we can make a difference in helping find a cure.

You can show your support and help cure cancer by donating to Angelique Sanders. Simply visit www.tourdecure.com.au and search Angelique Sanders. Angelique has set a personal goal of raising $12,000. We know Launceston will get behind her to reach this.

Bandanas will be available from the school office, they will be $10 each.

Thank you for supporting this raffle.