Principal’s Message

Dear Parents,

On the weekend three Grade 3/4 Teams from St Finn Barr’s competed in the Basketball Tournament held in various locations around Launceston. It was great to see the improvement as they played more games and their enthusiasm, regardless of the score, was fantastic. I coached one of the boys teams and I was greatly impressed with their attitude. They competed strongly and displayed sportsmanship and encouraged each other throughout their four matches. Many thanks to all the parents who supported the teams and Mrs Clayton who organised the teams and practices.

Next week we have two Gr 5/6 teams competing in the Basketball Tournament. I wish them every success.

This week I will be involved with interviews for teaching positions at St Finn Barr’s for 2017. The five Catholic Schools in Launceston hold their interviews collectively. It enables applicants to interview for positions that are available, while still being able to nominate their preference for positions if successful. We are fortunate to have a large number of quality applicants for our teaching positions, to the point that some excellent teachers will not win a position at SFB.

Once the appointments have been made, and announced, parents will be asked to submit any requests, on educational grounds, for the placement of students in classes for 2017. There will be only one week to submit requests as the process of appointment of teachers has been held up by HR in Hobart and is later than last year.

I am pleased to inform you that Amy Perinski and her partner, Andrew, are expecting their first child in March, 2017. Congratulations to Amy and Andrew on this very exciting event in their lives. I am sure you will have the opportunity to congratulate Amy, who is very excited.
Today we are holding our Athletics Carnival at St Leonards. This is an opportunity for students to compete with, and against, each other in a wide range of running and field events. I wish them every success and would like to thank Mr Anthony Hielscher for organising and running the Carnival and the many parents who helped by volunteering to assist. Without their assistance we would be unable to run the Carnival.

Have a great week.

Anthony Healey
Principal.

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

REC NEWS

Prayer
Loving God, you are kind and merciful.
Help us to be the hands of Christ
reaching out to others with love and generosity;
to be the feet of Christ acting with welcome and acceptance
and to be the heart of Christ treating others with dignity and respect.
We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord.
Amen.
Our next meeting is the **AGM on TUESDAY, 1st November at 7.30pm.** All Executive positions which include, President, Secretary and Treasurer will be vacant. Nominations or volunteers are welcome.

A big Thank You to Emily and Belinda for organising our Sunrise Bakery Fundraiser, it was very successful!

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 an iPad!

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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**UNIFORM SHOP NEWS**

**Change of Opening Hours for this week.**
The Uniform Shop will be open Tuesday and not Thursday this week.
Hours: 8:30 am - 9:30 am & 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

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**CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to Maddison Barrett, Grade 1/2 Perinski, who performed in the Launceston Competitions and placed 2nd in the 7 Years Character Solo and Highly Commended in Under 8 Years Classical Solo.

Maddison was also selected to perform with the Russian Ballet Company in their production of The Nutcracker on October 14th and 15th. Well Done Maddison!

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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.
HELP!

The Library has quite a lot of new books that need covering.

If anyone has a bit of free time on **Friday afternoon 21st October from 1.30pm** I would love your help to get these books covered. I will show you how to cover the books if you would like some help.

Hope to see you.

Sharon van Baalen.

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REMINDER

Book Club is due **Thursday, 27th October 2016**. This will be the last book club for the year. All orders must be done online. This issue has a bonus offer to parents who have ordered through LOOP before.

Thank You

Sharon

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**Dates for 2017**

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**Church of the Apostles, Launceston Sesquicentenary**

Over the weekend of 25 – 27 November 2016 the Launceston Parish will be celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the Opening and Blessing of the Church of the Apostles.

The celebrations begin with the **Sesquicentenary Dinner** at the Tailrace Centre, Riverside on Friday evening, 25 November at 7.00pm. The dinner will include the launch of Mike Dunphy’s Commemorative Book, *I have loved O Lord the Beauty of thy House*. Tickets are $40 and must be pre-purchased through the Parish Office.

An Open Day is planned for Saturday, 26 November from 11.00am – 5.00pm. An **Historical Display (which includes a Commemoration of the Archbishop Guilford Young Centenary)** will be held in the Pastoral Centre with refreshments available. In the Church a **Promenade of Music** will be presented with performances each half hour commencing at 2.00pm. Between the items four treasures of the Church of the Apostles will be highlighted for those present.

On Sunday, 27 November at 10.30am Archbishop Julian Porteous will be the celebrant of the **Mass of Solemn Dedication** of the Church. This will be followed by a shared lunch in Presentation Hall at Sacred Heart School.

All parishioners, friends and families associated in any way with this magnificent Church are warmly invited to join in any or all of these celebrations. Please contact the Launceston Parish Office (phone: 6331 4377 or email: apostles@bigpond.com) for more information and to register your interest in these events.
Families Not Returning in 2017

If your child/children will not be attending SFB in 2017 (excluding Gr 6 students) can you please complete the form below & return to the school office as we have waiting lists on all grades. Thank you.

My Children will not be returning to St Finn Barr’s in 2017:

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St Finn Barr’s
K-2 Athletics Carnival, Thursday 20th October

The first event will start at 1:30 pm. Students will spend approximately 8 minutes at each station and then rotate to the next activity.

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