Principal’s Message

Dear Parents,

Welcome back for Term 3. I hope the holiday period was enjoyable, safe and an opportunity for your children to recharge and recover from the many minor illnesses that many were suffering from at the end of last Term.

Thank you to all the parents who met with their child’s teacher in the last week of Term to discuss the progress of your child/children. One of the things that became obvious as I walked from class to class in the dark, was the need to further address the issue of lighting in our school. All the external lighting was changed to LED lighting this year to reduce our power usage. Our external lights utilise three systems, a timer system, sensors that activate the lights when it becomes dark and also motion sensor lights. There were dark areas within the school that parents were required to move through. The system for activating certain lights has been changed and a number of new lights will be added to improve the lighting for the pathways through the school.

A Feasibility Study will soon be received from Direct Energy Australia as to the viability of installing a geothermal system in our school to heat/cool our buildings. Last year the cost for power for the year at SFB equated to more than $75 per student. The Study will form part of our submission to the TCEO for a Minor Grant, which combined with funds accumulated by the school will pay for this project. The aim is to decrease our carbon footprint and reduce costs and allowing money to be spent in other educational areas.

As part of reducing the school’s carbon footprint, we will be moving to electronic only copies of the school newsletter at the start of Term 4. The newsletter will be available on Team App and the School Website. Currently many parents have the newsletter emailed directly to them and this will continue.

Please sign up to the Team App as this, and the school website, will become the primary communication methods. A small number of newsletters will still be printed and available for collection at the front Office for families who do not have consistent access to reliable internet services. So please sign up for Team App during this Term.
Below is a newspaper article on the approach of the Townsville Catholic Diocese to reducing its carbon footprint by using solar power. SFB has a small array of solar panels on the Hall roof which is used for the hot water cylinders in the Hall.

**Vatican Praise for Townsville Catholic Diocese Solar Scheme**

By Ben Millington


Catholic schools in north Queensland have caught the eye of the Vatican with a solar project that is cutting carbon emissions and saving millions of dollars.

The Diocese of Townsville, which stretches from the coast to Mt Isa in the state's north-west, has installed solar panels on roofs of all its eligible schools.

The diocese has invested $6 million in one megawatt of solar panels, but diocese director of education Dr Cathy Day said this could deliver a much higher return.

"The best figures that I like to think is a saving of $40 million over 25 years," she said.

"Now when you turn that into teachers that we can pay for, or resources for students, that's quite a substantial amount of money and I think it's a great investment."

In combination with the use of low-energy LED lighting, she said, the diocese had cut carbon emissions by 40 per cent, which is equivalent to taking 40,000 cars off the road.

Dr Day said her main motivation had been to set a positive example for students and the broader community.

"We've all got to start investing in technology and energy efficiency," she said.

"This is the way of the future. Our students are going to be in these industries. Nobody's going to be working in a coal-fired power station in years to come."

**Emissions will eventually be cut by 80 per cent**

With further investment, Dr Day said they expect to achieve an 80 per cent reduction in emissions through installing more solar and energy-efficient air conditioning, as well as using batteries to store the power generated.

She returned last week from a visit to Rome, where she presented the project to Vatican officials in meetings led by former deputy prime minister and onetime ambassador to the holy see, Tim Fischer, who has become a spokesman for the project.

Mr Fischer said the scheme was well received in Rome and he would like to see it rolled out in schools across the world.

"What has happened in Townsville is mildly revolutionary and is extremely positive in terms of energy savings because it works and it can be monitored in real time," he said.

"That's what caused positive ripples in Rome. They saw in this sustainable, cut-through, realistic energy savings created without massive capital expenditure."

The project is already being replicated in other Catholic schools in Cairns and the Northern Territory.
RECTOR'S MESSAGE

An invitation is being extended to new arrival families in our community to come to the Welcome Dinner being held in the SFB Hall on Saturday, 30th July, 6pm-9pm. All newly arrived families to Tasmania are invited. Please consider this opportunity.

Mrs Aylott is on Long Service Leave for the first four weeks of this Term. I welcome back Mrs Catherine Digney from Maternity Leave. She will be working on every Tuesday and Thursday in a Literacy Support Role across a number of classes.

I am pleased to announce that on Friday afternoons, now that Friday Sport has concluded, the Gr 5/6 classes will take turns leading physical activities for the remainder of the school. The ECE and Primary Grades will each have 30 minutes of activities led by one of the Gr 5/6 classes in rotation. This is an opportunity for the Gr 5/6 students to lead these activities, supported by teachers, and build relationships with other students throughout the school. It is also an opportunity for further physical skill development for all students. I will keep you updated on this initiative.

Have a great week and welcome back.

Anthony Healey.
Principal.

REC NEWS

Prayer
God of Light,
Jesus calls us to let our lights shine.
We have lots of gifts and talents,
Many we do not even know about yet.
May we remember to let our lights shine during this term in our words and actions.
May we encourage others to do the same.
We make our prayer through Jesus our brother and friend.
Amen.

Grandparents & Families Mass

On Thursday, 21st July we are holding our Grandparents Day Celebrations. Mass will be followed by tea / coffee and a snack. We are asking families to donate a plate of sandwiches or something sweet for this event.

Food items can be dropped off at the office.

Thank you in advance for your ongoing support.
Dear Grandparent’s & Families,

You are invited to a special Grandparent’s Day Celebration.
When: Thursday, 21st July 2016
Where: St Finn Barr’s Church

To celebrate Grandparent’s Day we will be having:
• Mass in the Church at 12:00 (Prep to Grade 6 attending)
• Tea / coffee & a snack in the hall after Mass.

We hope to see you there!
The Welcome Dinner Project is a national initiative that invites established locals and people new to Australia share a meal together. Everyone brings food to share that may be culturally or personally significant. We find that the friendships that begin over a Welcome Dinner help newly arrived people feel welcome in their new community as well as being very rewarding for established locals.

The Welcome Dinner will be held at St Finn Barr’s school hall on Invermay Road, 6pm-9pm on Saturday 30 July.

The dinner is run by a team of facilitators. Expect a fun night of great food and conversation with people from many different cultural backgrounds.

The event is free to attend, all we ask is that let us know that you are coming and that you bring a plate of food to share.

This is an alcohol free event - please don’t bring any alcoholic drinks.

Once you email andrew@joiningthedots.org you’ll be sent more details about the event.
CONFIRMATION & FIRST EUCHARIST CANDIDATES 2016

Reminder that Welcome Masses are over the weekend of 23rd/24th of July.

Can those families who have not yet returned their registration forms please do so ASAP to either the School or Parish Office.

If any family has not yet registered and still wishes to do so please contact Rosie Caelli by email or phone before the Welcome Masses. Rosie 0438 274067 or acaelli@bigpond.net.au

Thank you

Rosie Caelli(Rosemary)
Sacramental Coordinator
Catholic Parish Launceston

TEAM APP

ST FINN BARR’S CATHOLIC SCHOOL
NOW HAS ITS OWN APP

Download our awesome new app now and stay up to date with all the latest information!

Install the St Finn Barr’s Catholic School App on your smartphone or tablet now!

Follow these steps:
1. Download Team App from the Apple or Google Play app store.
2. Sign up to Team App. You will be sent an email to confirm your registration.
3. Log into the App and search for “St Finn Barr’s Catholic School”.
4. Choose your applicable access group(s).
5. If you don’t have a smartphone go to stfinnbarrscatholicschool.teamapp.com to sign up and view this App online.

Need help?
Contact: Sharon Young
Email: sharon.young@catholic.tas.edu.au
Phone: 0363263082
The City of Launceston Community Grants Program Round 2, 2016/2017 is now open!

The City of Launceston Community Grant program provides funding support for young individuals/Teams/Groups 18 years and under living in the Launceston municipality, who have been selected to represent Australia, Tasmania or Northern Tasmania in sporting, academic or cultural endeavours, and Round 2, 2016/2017 is now open and will close 31 August 2016. For more information, and to check your child’s eligibility please contact the City of Launceston Grants and Sponsorship Officer on 03 6323 3217 or visit www.launceston.tas.gov.au and click on the services tab.

Volunteers needed. York Place is a Special Work of the St Vincent de Paul Society in the Launceston Region. It is a social club, aimed at people with physical or intellectual disabilities, a safe, unstructured environment, where attendees can socialise, and enjoy playing games, watching movies etc, away from home, on their own terms whilst being supported by a team of carers. We are looking for a few more volunteers to assist with the preparation of a midday meal for the attendees at York Place. Accredited carers are in place, that have responsibility for the attendees.

What is involved?

- One Saturday per month: 10:00am – 2:00pm
- Preparing and serving a midday meal in accordance with the York Place rotating menu. All recipes and ingredients are provided.
- Assisting with serving morning and afternoon tea.
- Cleaning up the kitchen after lunch is completed.
- Checking the food and cleaning supplies stores, and placing an order for anything that is needed.
- Before starting, you would be required to undertake a short online food handling course. (we can assist you with this)
- You would need to provide a National Police Check and Working with Children Check, which we can arrange

We have a number of volunteers with whom you can discuss their experiences. If you would like to know more, please contact Peter Freak on 6326 5551 or peter.freak@vinniestas.org.au

Friday 28 October 2016

A great challenge for students and teachers of all levels of fitness

Range of events conducted on the day including tug of war and other sport challenges

$20.00 per student  /  $20.00 per teacher

Over 30 obstacles on the course

Over 800 students participated last year

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Click on link below to register your school

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NBWHX86

Entries close Friday 14 October

Check out our Facebook page for more information or contact Blair Brownless - blairbrownless@gmail.com or 0437 989 479
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School calendar is also available on our web page [http://www.stfinnbarrs.tas.edu.au/news-events/calendar](http://www.stfinnbarrs.tas.edu.au/news-events/calendar) and on our School Team App.