Principal’s Message

Dear Parents,

I would like you to keep in your prayers the Watson family, at this time. Mr Peter Watson, grandfather to three students in our school, Cooper Watson, William Manshanden and Tyree Marshall, was swept away in the floodwaters near Evandale last week. Please keep in your prayers and thoughts, his partner Karen, and all his family at this time.

Congratulations to all the ECE students who participated in the Cross Country last week. There were a lot of competitive races and close finishes. It was great to see all the students trying their best and being cheered on by so many parents and other supporters.

Please continue to sign up for the School App as a way of ensuring that all information is readily available to you at all times.

I am currently in Perth with 1400 delegates from around Tasmania to listen to speakers share their wisdom and thoughts on what it is to be a Catholic School in 2016, and how schools can support the faith journey of staff, students and parents.

Mrs Aylott and Miss Cannon are available for any issues that may arise in my absence.

Have a great week.

Anthony Healey,
Principal.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday 21st
• Confirmation Eucharist Meeting at Sacred Heart Church, Newstead at 7.30pm

Wednesday 22nd
• Steve Biddulph - Raising Girls. 7pm in the school hall.

Friday 24th
• Gr 5/6 Sport

Monday 27th
• Morning Prayer Gr 5/6 HC
• Kinder Interviews - Siblings
• Book Fair

Tuesday 28th
• Kinder Interviews - Siblings
• Book Fair
• Board Meeting
Dear Parents,

I am pleased to share with you some of the findings from the reading assessments completed over the last two weeks for students from Prep to Gr 6.

The purpose of our Focused Reading Groups is to improve the skills, the understanding of different texts and the comprehension levels in reading for all our students.

In the early years, most reading texts are very literal. The answer to comprehension questions can be found in the text.

*Example 1*

Todd thanked his grandparents for the gift saying that it was just what he wanted. The gift was a football jersey.

*What gift did Todd get from his grandparents?*

After Gr 3, the comprehension becomes more difficult and involves Activating Prior Knowledge, Predicting, Making Connections, Visualising, Inferring, Self Questioning, Retelling / Summarising, Synthesising, Evaluating, Scanning/Skimming, Determining Importance.

*Example 2*

The water was now past their knees. Ten minutes ago, when it had reached their ankles, they had worried. Now, looking up, they panicked. They could see no way out - the high water mark was clear to see on the smooth cave wall a metre above their heads.

*Why were they panicking?*

Comprehension in primary grades requires reading for meaning, understanding words and how they are used in different contexts.

The PM Benchmark Test was completed for students who were below PM Reading Level 30. The PM Benchmark Test provides a reading level that the student is capable of reading and comprehending.

Any students who were at PM Reading Level 30 were tested using the PROBE 2 test, which uses fiction and non-fiction texts, and provides a reading comprehension age.

These tests and the results of other data available to us, has been used to resort the reading groups.

Some key findings from this process are:

1. Students are very good at decoding words. They are able to read passages competently.
2. There is a need to improve the reading for meaning for our students.
3. The comprehension of non-fiction texts is less than that of fiction texts.
4. Students need to read a wider variety of texts to improve their comprehension.
5. The texts being read by some students needs to be adjusted down to allow them to develop confidence and improved reading for meaning.
6. Students need to develop their reading for meaning (comprehension), rather than being pushed to reading levels that they don’t understand.
The results of our reading assessments are very pleasing. Teachers are working hard to improve the reading at SFB. Their efforts are resulting in improvement, progress and increasing confidence in our students.

Over a period of time, we will share parts of our data with an explanation. We would like to share the Gr 1-2 data.

We began the actual operation of our Focused Reading Groups in Week 5 of Term 1. We stopped and began testing in Week 6 Term 2. The program has run four days a week for 10 weeks with some minor interruptions.

The results of the Developing Group have been based on a huge amount of work ensuring that the students know ALL letter names and sounds. Without this knowledge reading is impossible. One student knew 6 of the 26 sounds at the start of the year. He now knows all his sounds and letters and is reading at Level 7.

The Consolidating and Extending Groups have shown good improvement with students moving multiple levels. Students who have not moved, are being looked at to devise the strategies to teach them the necessary skills, which will result in improvement in the future. This needs to be monitored, but students do sit at a level while they develop their comprehension to 80%+ level of understanding.

The tables below indicate the movement of reading between levels
The teachers have been discussing the data and what needs to occur with the placement of students in the resorting of the Focused Reading Groups. Students are being placed in the group that best meets their needs.

The resorting of the Focused Reading Groups needs to be viewed as a positive. Your child’s view is heavily influenced, if not determined, by parental attitude. “You need to try harder” comments will destroy your child’s confidence. “I know you are a good reader and this reading group will help you become a better reader by improving your understanding of what you read. This will be a good thing!”

Being positive and encouraging of your child and their progress is the most important thing, besides reading to and with them.

As part of the Parent/Teacher interviews your child’s reading will be discussed. Over a period of time, information will be shared about all grades. Mid way through Term 3 we will hold a Parent Information night.

REC NEWS

Prayer
Generous God, who gave us this beautiful world for our enjoyment, help us to appreciate your wonderful gift.
With your help, may we become people of action, ready and willing to care for the land, the sea, the air and all creatures who live on our planet.
We ask this prayer in Jesus’ name.
Amen.

NEW DATE SET FOR:
Grandparents’ & Families Mass @ 12:00
Date: Term 3 – Week 1 – Thursday, 21st July

Grandparents’ Day
**STUDENT NEWS**

**Student of the Week**

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<td>Sarah Colebrook-Smith</td>
<td>For always trying her best</td>
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<td>Adrin Rai</td>
<td>For his hard work and dedication to his learning particularly his reading</td>
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<td>For a consistent effort in all subjects</td>
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<td>For her hard work in all learning areas</td>
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<td>For making real improvements in all areas of work</td>
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<td>Darcy Willis</td>
<td>For helping in the classroom</td>
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<td>Everette Dewsbury</td>
<td>For her positive attitude and infectious gratitude</td>
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<td>Aussie of the Month</td>
<td>Xavier Ombao</td>
<td>For having a positive attitude, consistent behaviour and application to learning at all times and being a wonderful role model to others.</td>
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**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 stfinnbarrscolteamapp.com to sign up and view this App online.

Need help?
Contact: Sharon Young  
Email: sharon.young@catholic.tas.edu.au  
Phone: 0363263082
Hi I’m Evie, and today I’ll be talking to you about our art piece called The Seahorse’s Garden. The art piece that 3/4 Hyatt made was created out of recycled rubbish that we found on the school grounds.

3/4 Hyatt has made an art piece out of the theme “seahorses garden”. It is made out of rubbish that we have found on the school grounds. We used chip packets, lollie wrappers, bubble wrap and a whole lot more things to create an underwater scene. The scene included seahorses, fishes, jellyfishes and some coral. It was recently displayed at the QVMAG art gallery. The art piece was a fun way to learn about the reasons why we should recycle.

We should recycle because if we recycle things it will be turned into different things, for example, old tyres from trucks, can be turned into the material that they put under children’s playgrounds. So it doesn’t have to be chucked on landfill were it won’t break into little bits. If we don’t recycle things like plastic it will be harmful to the environment. Did you know that if you drop plastic on the ground it takes up to 20,000 years to break. We should also recycle because it a sadly goes out to sea and kills fish and the coral bleaches. We should try to recycle as much as we can to help the environment.

Our class would like to give a special thank you to Mrs Dewsbury for helping us make this wonderful piece of art.

Thank you. Evie Cheney from 3/4 Hyatt

COMPETITIONS

The following Teachers have been nominated for the Chilli FM promotion ‘Apple For the Teacher’

- Leititia Browne
- Hayley Clayton
- Heather Cousins
- Tammi Crosswell
- Jess Edwards
- Brett Hyatt
- Nadia Paternoster
- Amy Perinski

Thanks to everyone for attending and wonderful to see new faces with terrific ideas! Watch this space for great future fundraising and community building events.

Steve Biddulph – “Raising Girls”
THIS WEEK!! - Wednesday June 22nd, 7.30pm at the St Finn Barr’s Hall. Tickets are limited so get in NOW if you don’t want to miss out. Tickets are $18 and only available online through the following link.
https://www.trybooking.com/LPZT or https://www.trybooking.com/204145

Entertainment Books
Books are still available with great savings. On average if you use 2 vouchers you will save more than the cost of the book and there are 100’s of vouchers in the book. There is one on display in the office to see all the great offers. To order go to our dedicated website https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/2411c77
For more details contact Maree Penton on 0417152266 or email pandf.sfb@catholic.tas.edu.au

Footy Margin Tickets
Winners Rounds 7 – 13.
Janet Blythe 46pts
Bradlee Hardy 26pts
John McDonald 14 pts
Bradlee Hardy 26pts
Louise Shea 70pts
There were no winners in the last 2 rounds.

A question has been asked about what happens if the margin is over 100 pts (the maximum ticket number). As has happened in previous years we don’t pay on margins over 100. As we are a small organisation and we never sell all the tickets, to maximise the fundraising potential we only pay out on exact margins to ensure we can at least break even.

School Magazine - Reorder
The magazines are available for collection from the office if you have ordered and paid. Several people ordered copies at the end of last year, if you would still like a copy, a limited number are available from the office.

Election Day Cake Stall
Just a heads up that the P & F will be running a cake stall on Election Day, Saturday, 2nd July. We are calling for people to help us out for an hour on the day to man the stall. If you can help email pandf.sfb@catholic.tas.edu.au or speak to any of the members. Plates will be going home next week for donations, so think about the great goodies you can make.

Scholastics Book Fair
The P & F is having a book fair at the school, the week of Parent/Teacher Interviews. Books will be upstairs in the old staffroom (through the discovery centre). It will be cash only sales. Books range from $1 to $25. Great time to start thinking about Christmas!

Opening Times:
Monday 2.30 -3.30pm
Tuesday 2.30 - 4.30pm
Wednesday 2.30 - 4.30pm
Thursday 8.30 - 9.15am & 2.30 -4.30pm
Friday 2.30 -3.30pm
GRADE 5/6 FRIDAY SPORT – FRIDAY 24TH

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Kinder Cross Country Results 2016

**Kinder**

**Boys**
1st Toby Taylor, 2nd Robert Archer, 3rd Akera Okeny

**Girls**
1st Siea Harper, 2nd Bella Garvey, 3rd Shilah Lockwood

**Prep**

**Boys**
1st Rhys Penny, 2nd Koby Bryan, 3rd Seth Davis

**Girls**
1st Ruby Edwards, 2nd Charlotte Rawlings, 3rd Erryn Rae

**Grade 1**

**Boys**
1st Harlan Garvey, 2nd Layton Davey, 3rd Lachlan Down

**Girls**
1st Molly Hawes and Ava Radbone, 2nd Tamiya Lockwood, 3rd Erin Kelly

**Grade 2**

**Boys**
1st Maxx Rawlings, 2nd Riley Woodland, 3rd Toby Cheney

**Girls**
1st Lauren Mckenzie, 2nd Atria Exton, 3rd Mia Carroll
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NIJSSA Cross Country will be held on Tuesday, 26th July at Windsor Park
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)

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Festival of Voices** is thrilled to be opening this year’s festival with a brand new free event in Launceston, Winterlight! Beginning in City Park, audience members are invited to join in with performers for a singing procession through the streets of Launceston on Friday July 1! We will be closing down Tamar St for the event and finishing in Inveresk for a free concert, led by comedian Rachel Berger, showcasing the best artists of the festival, alongside our outstanding local choirs, bands and performers. Winterlight invites the whole community to join together and participate in a celebration that brings light and warmth into the darkness of winter. Rug up and bring your torch! Featuring performances by Lady Sings It Better, Tina C, Jamie MacDowell & Tom Thum, Deborah Conway, The Embers, Encore Theatre, Vox Harmony, Pink Ladies. Date: 6pm, Friday 1 July. Further info: [https://festivalofvoices.com/events/](https://festivalofvoices.com/events/)

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