Principal’s Message

Dear Parents,

Miss Renae Bennett’s son, Jesse, was born last week and both mother and baby are doing well. She is intending to visit and “Show and Tell” Jesse to her Prep class. Mrs Lynne Matson is replacing Miss Bennett for the remainder of the year in Prep Cannon/Matson.

This Friday SFB students will participate in Daffodil Day by dressing in yellow or an item of yellow and donating a gold coin. The daffodil was chosen as the symbol of hope for all affected by cancer because of its reputation as a hardy annual flower, pushing its way through the frozen earth after a long winter to herald the return of Spring, new life, vitality and growth. As one of the first flowers of Spring, the daffodil symbolises rebirth and new beginnings. To the Cancer Council, the daffodil represents hope for a cancer-free future.

At the Board’s AGM last month, we farewelled two members of the Board, Mal Giles and Stephen Bourke, whose term on the Board had expired. I would like to thank them for their time, energy, wisdom and passion for achieving the best for our SFB community. The Board Members are

Chairman: Mark Dewsbury
Vice Chairman: Heather Tomkinson
Secretary: Annette Saunders
Financial Officer: Kirby Taylor
Other Board Members: Fr Mark Freeman, Tim Penton, Bec Townsend and Kate Littlejohn, who has just joined the Board.

Last week was Catholic Education Week. At the Mass attended by the Gr 6 students all schools were presented with the new Archbishop’s Charter which we have displayed in the Office area. The Archbishop’s Charter for Catholic Schools was first introduced in 2008 and provided the basis for the Archbishop to ‘mandate’ Catholic schools within the Archdiocese of Hobart. A refreshed edition of the Charter was successfully launched in schools and colleges during Catholic Education Week, 2016 celebrations. If you are interested you can view the Archbishop’s Charter on http://catholic.tas.edu.au
Father’s Day activities will occur on Thursday, 1st September. As per last year the activities will run from 11.30am -12.45pm in the classrooms. Dads can come for all of the time or for part of it. It will be followed by a BBQ and Dads are welcome to stay and have a play with their children. Please don’t crush any students reliving the highlights of your football playing days!

Have a great week.

Anthony Healey
Principal.

Sick Children

At this time of the year there are many illnesses in the community. If your child is sick please do not send them to school. This will help to ensure their illness is not spread onto other children and staff. Sick children do not perform well at school, so please keep them home to rest and recover. We are depending on your support to keep all of our students happy and healthy. We thank you for your co-operation.

When returning to school after an illness, please remember:-

• Wait at least 24 hours after the fever has come down and stabilised without medication to consider sending your child back to school.

• Wait at least 24 hours after the last episode of vomiting and diarrhoea before considering a return to school.

Student Medical Detail Changes

Please now consider for your child if, since the last advice to the school, medical information has changed and hasn’t yet been advised to the school office. Please advise any changes in writing to the school office.

Basketball

Dear Parents,

This is a final reminder for any students from Grades Three/Four and Five/Six wishing to represent our School in the Basketball Tournament in October. Grade 3/4s play on the 15 - 16th October, and Grade 5/6s play on the 22nd - 23rd October. The cost is $25.00. If you would like your child to participate in this event, please let Mrs Clayton know by 26th August. Thank you.
Please pray for the strengthening of faith in our sacramental candidates, as we support them as they prepare for Confirmation and First Eucharist.

Loving God, we ask you to bless these children.
May they always feel your presence in their hearts and lives.
We take them to our hearts as you take them to your heart.
We pray that by our word and example we will help them along their journey of faith.
May our community always be a place where they feel welcome and cherished.
We make this prayer in Jesus’ name.
Amen

⭐ Angus Barber
⭐ Harry Barber
⭐ Lincoln Barber
⭐ Zara Claudio
⭐ Jack Woodland
⭐ Lachlan Shea

Father’s Day Activities in Classrooms
Thursday, 1st September – 11:30am – 12:45 p.m.
Please come and join us for activities in the classrooms & a sausage sizzle.
Small gifts are urgently required for our Father’s Day Stall. We need at least 200 more gifts so that every child will be able to purchase a gift.

Some gift ideas are: golf balls, coffee mugs, chocolates, note pads, pens, seeds & utensils for the garden, car care products, socks, hankies & bbq tools etc.

Please send in a gift ASAP to the school office.

STALL DATE: Wednesday, 31st August 2016

Thank you for your support with this P & F event.

Thank you.

Happy Father's Day

Small Gifts Urgently Required
**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**GOTO kids coding** is offering 2 courses on Saturday September 3rd. Students are welcome to come to one or both of these sessions: 9.30 to 11.30 Introduction to Coding with Scratch ($28) and 12 to 2 pm Intermediate Coding with Scratch / Introduction to Coding with Alice 3.0 ($28). Both courses develop coding skills in a fun and visual way, and would suit students aged 7 to 12. The course is held at East Launceston Primary, but is open to students from all local primary schools. For further information or to book, contact Michelle by emailing gotokidscoding@bigpond.com or by phoning 0404
9th September

TRIVIA NIGHT

BAR AVAILABLE

(NO BYO ALCOHOL)

$10 A HEAD (PLEASE BRING A PLATE OF SUPPER TO SHARE)

All proceeds go towards the restoration of the Stations of the Cross in the Church of Apostles

7PM - SCHOOL HALL
This Friday, 26th August, St Finn Barr’s Students and Staff will participate in Daffodil Day by dressing in yellow or an item of yellow and donating a gold coin.

Daffodil Pins will also be available for Staff and Parents to purchase from the office. Thank you for your support.