Dear Parents,

Gr 5/6 Camp was a great experience and it was great to spend the time with our Gr 5/6 students. Camp is a great opportunity to see students in a different light and provides them with an opportunity to showcase their different talents and abilities in a non-school environment. Resilience and supporting each other were the strong themes that were emphasised and to our students credit, they did both very well. It was one of the most enjoyable camps that I have been on in recent years. Congratulations to all our students, and especially Mrs. Cousins and Miss Paternoster who organised and ran the Camp.

Congratulations to Mr. Jason Coombe on the arrival of his second child, Ella Rose on Thursday.

Congratulations to Mrs Jo Bird on the arrival of her son, Quade.

On Wednesday the Life Education Program begins for all classes. I am very aware and acknowledge that the education of children in this area is primarily the role of parents. I was hoping that any parents who had concerns would attend the Parent Evening last Tuesday so that they could make a fully informed decision regarding participation based on the content of the program. The Parent Evening was very informative, and those who attended found it valuable.

If you do not wish your child to participate in the Life Education Program please inform their teacher and they will be sent to another classroom to read or do something else during the scheduled sessions of the Life Education Program. The Program commences this Wednesday.

On Thursday the Mothers’ Day Activities will occur in the classrooms. All are welcome to attend from 11.30 - 12.45 followed by scones and coffee/tea in the Hall.

The Mothers’ Day Stall will also be held this Thursday. Many thanks to the P & F for running this. If your child wishes to purchase a gift they need to bring $2 this Thursday.

Have a great week.

Anthony Healey.
Principal.
Prayer
We thank you for our Mums, Grandmas and any other women who are like a mother to us.
Bless them on Mother’s Day.
Help us to show our love for them on that day and all days.
We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Mother’s Day Activities
Thursday, 5th May @ 11:30 – 12:45 p.m.
Followed by a Coffee/Tea & Scones in the Hall.

Walk with Christ.
His Grace, Archbishop Porteous invites families to join with other members of the Catholic community on the Feast of Corpus Christi, Sunday 29th May, 2016 in The Walk with Christ event.

The walk commences at St Joseph’s Church (Hobart) at 1.15 pm, involves a short procession along Harrington Street to St Mary’s Cathedral, where the prayer intentions of the community will be presented and veneration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place. The walk will conclude by 3pm.

Experience our rich Catholic heritage, as we join in solidarity with Catholics from all over the world, and through the ages, in this Walk with Christ.

Maranda (Gr 3/4 C) on Sunday at her Baptism at The Church of the Apostles.
Meeting this Tuesday – 3rd May
We will be holding our next meeting tomorrow night.
There are lots of great things happening and we would like you to be part of it.

Kinder area renovation
The P&F are donating $5000 towards the great upgrade to the kinder area happening now. This is one of the ways the P&F fundraising benefits the school.
If you have any ideas for fundraising or how we can spend that money come along and join in or feel free to contact us at pandf.sfb@catholic.tas.edu.au.

Mother’s Day is THIS Sunday 8th May
We are still short of gifts for the Mother’s Day stall!
Every family sends along a gift per child so then each child can choose something special for their mother – which they love to do.
If there isn’t enough it could mean that your child will not be able to buy you a gift which would be devastating for them.
Bring donations like chocolates, bath products, coffee mugs, candles, books, photo frames or similar items to the office ASAP.
PLEASE REMEMBER to send your child to school on Thursday with $2 so they can buy you a gift.

Help Needed!!
We need helpers to wrap the flowers for Mother’s Day. We are holding a working bee in the kitchenette on Wednesday afternoon from 2pm. The more helpers we have the shorter the time.

Entertainment Books
There are so many amazing offers and the best thing is that St Finn Barrs get $15 from every book we sell!
They are really great value with 100s of terrific offers on dining, attractions, travel and shopping like these:
- 25% off total bill at Holy Guacamole Restaurant
- Buy 1 get 1 free at McDonalds and KFC
- 1 hour free at Airtime
- 8 free rides at Sliders Tube Park
- 15% off Theme Park passes – Dreamworld, Seaworld, Wet’n’Wild, Australia Zoo

Go to our dedicated website to order https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/2411c77
Once there choose digital or book copy then follow the prompts at the bottom of the page to complete details and pay. The book will then be delivered direct to your child’s classroom - EASY.
The digital version is also able to be downloaded onto two separate devices, giving you more flexibility and you have it with you at all times. For more details contact Maree Penton on 0417152266 or email pandf.sfb@catholic.tas.edu.au

School Magazine - Reorder
There has been a reorder of 10 copies of the school magazine and these will be available in the next week.
Please email pandf.sfb@catholic.tas.edu.au or leave your name and $15 at the office if you would like one.

Footy Margin Tickets
Winners so far will be posted next week. There are still tickets available for $25 and are valid for the whole football season including the games that have already been played!
Contact Allison Woodland – 0408 175224 or leave $25.00 with your details at the office.
**Student of the Week**

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Headlice have been found amongst children in the school. Please check your child’s hair today. Thank you.

**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](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.

**CALENDAR**

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Congratulations to Mia Carroll (Gr 1/2 Perinski), who took Sydney by storm during her recent performance at the Australian Circus Festival in April. Mia competed in the junior section against participants aged 6 - 12. Mia took out first place in her division. Well Done Mia.

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.
Friday Sport

We Need Help!

Friday Sport for Gr 5/6 starts this week. We are in desperate need of parent helpers for the following teams:

- Netball Div 1
- Netball Div 2
- Soccer Div 1
- Soccer Div 2 Team A
- Soccer Div 2 Team B

We are unable to enter these teams in the competition unless we have extra support to coach these teams.

Please see any of the Gr 5/6 Teachers if you are able to help each Friday for the next 8 weeks from 12.30 - 2.30 pm.

Thank you.

The Roster will be finalised this week.

All Students for all sports must have a mouthguard.

St Finn Barr’s Cross Country

Kindergarten - Grade 2 - Thursday, 16th June starting at 1.20 pm

Grade 3 - Grade 6 - Monday, 23rd May starting at 1 pm

Program and more information to follow.

LIFE EDUCATION TIMETABLE

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STUDENT NEWS
RECENT EXCURSIONS - HAGLEY FARM SCHOOL & ENTALLY HOUSE