Principal’s Message

Dear Parents,

The School Board is seeking expressions of interest from our school community to fill upcoming vacancies. The role of the School Board is an advisory role and advises the Principal. The Board meets once every month on the fourth Tuesday of each month from 6.30-8.30 pm. A meal is supplied at each meeting. Additional information as to the role of the Board is available from the Office. Mark Dewsbury (Chairman) and Heather Tomkinson (Vice chair) are available to answer any questions that you may have. If you contact the Office they will organise for either Mark or Heather to contact you.

Last week and again this week, all students are being tested for their reading and comprehension levels. To assist this process there are no reading groups being run. The results from this testing will be used to adjust the reading groups. The Targeted Reading groups have been running for approximately ten weeks. From talking with teachers there has been improvement and movement by a vast number of students. We are seeking to measure that movement and also make adjustments so that all students are learning the skills and knowledge to make them successful readers. Hopefully the reading booklet sent home last week with the newsletter has been helpful. Once the testing is completed, the data studied and discussions held, we will make changes to insure that all students are improving. This will include movement between the different Targeted Reading Groups. This will occur no later than the start of Term 3.

The upcoming Federal election is scheduled for Saturday, 2nd July. The funding of Education is very important. Five videos have been commissioned by the NCEC (as part of the work done in collaboration with state & territory CECs and Catholic School Parents Australia) promoting the good work of Catholic schools across the country. The videos have just been uploaded to the NCEC’s YouTube channel.
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuG45bfkyNFa0T33Vyd8cQ

The first video is on Catholic schools generally, while the remaining four have a specific theme – parents, teachers, Catholic values and funding. Please access this information so that you are informed regarding this very important issue.
Today our School Choir and the Band are both competing in the Launceston Competitions for the first time. This is very exciting and I wish them every success today as they perform before a large audience at the Princess Theatre.

The School Cross Country will be this Wednesday from 9.10 - 11.00. The Carpark will be closed from 9.10 am to ensure the safety of all students. Please be aware of this and remove your car prior to the carpark being closed.

Have a great week.
Anthony Healey.
Principal.

Dear Grandparent’s & Families,

You are invited to a special Grandparent’s Day Celebration.
When: Thursday, 9th June 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!
Prayer
God of love and compassion, you are the creator of this land and of all good things. You gave us your Son Jesus to reconcile the world to you.

We pray for your strength and grace to forgive, accept and love one another and to see you in the faces of all those we meet.

We ask this through Jesus, our model and guide.

Amen

On Thursday, 9th June we are having our Grandparent’s 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.

Confirmation and First Eucharist candidates for 2016

On Tuesday, 21st June there will be an Information/Registration evening at Sacred Heart Church, Newstead at 7:30pm.

For more information contact Rosie Caelli, Sacramental Coordinator, Catholic Parish Launceston acaelli@bigpond.net.au

STUDENT NEWS

Student of the Week

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GRADE 5/6 FRIDAY SPORT – FRIDAY 3RD JUNE

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Steve Biddulph – “Raising Girls”
After a very successful Raising Boys talk last year, the P & F is hosting Steve Biddulph for his Raising Girls talk.
Wednesday, 22nd June, 7.30pm in the St Finn Barr’s Hall. Tickets are $18 and only available online through the following link.
https://www.trybooking.com/LPZT or https://www.trybooking.com/204145

Please contact Annie Duffy 0458006093 for more details.

Next meeting
The next P & F meeting will be held on next Tuesday, 7th June so put it in your diary. All are welcome so come along and join in, or if you have any great ideas for us please let us know on pandf.st@catholic.tas.edu.au

Entertainment Books
The new books are current as of 1st June, so don’t forget to order your new book so you can start making use of the many great offers available. St Finn Barr’s gets $15 from every book we sell and this goes towards great projects that benefit our school!

Go to our dedicated website to order 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
Tickets are still available. Contact Allison Woodland – 0408175224 or leave $25.00 with your details at the office.
COMMUNITY NEWS

- OfficeMax is calling for nominations for Teachers and Teacher Assistants for their A Day Made Better Awards. Nominations close on June 17th. For more information or to make a nomination visit [http://www.adaymadebetter.com.au/#nominate-teacher](http://www.adaymadebetter.com.au/#nominate-teacher)

NOMINATE A GREAT TEACHER TODAY.

Do you know a teacher you’d like to thank? A Day Made Better gives you the opportunity to thank a primary or secondary school teacher who is making a difference. If chosen as one of 10 winners, they’ll receive $5,000 worth of supplies and an Apple iPad for their classroom. Help us recognise these inspiring people by nominating them today.

NOMINATE A TEACHER YOU’D LIKE TO THANK BEFORE JUNE 17TH

Great teachers are worth celebrating.
A DAY MADE BETTER.COM.AU

Wanted - Does anyone have any old chess sets that they no longer want. Please see Mr Hyatt if you have any you can donate. Thank you.

Book Club - Issue 4 - All orders for Book club are to be done online. We do not accept money and orders at school. On-line ordering is available until 10th June, 2016. Thank you.

CALENDAR

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A Fire Fighter from the Tasmania Fire Service is visiting our school this week to present a Fire Safety Program to our students.

The program is an initiative of the Tasmania Fire Service which aims to deliver appropriate fire safety education to every primary school child in Tasmania. The program is part of the Tasmania Fire Services ongoing commitment to educate the public for a fire safe Tasmania.

Activity Books will be handed out to children from grades 1 to 4. After the conclusion of the program the activity book can be taken home and we encourage other members of your family to participate in the activities to ensure your home is fire safe.

INSTALL AND MAINTAIN SMOKE ALARMS (Smoke alarms save lives)

Smoke alarms warn occupants of a fire and ensure safe evacuations. Every home should have photo-electric smoke alarms installed in each bedroom, hallway and at the head of the stairway, connecting levels, if you live in a house with more than one level. They provide an early warning of fire, giving people more time to get out potentially saving lives and thousands of dollars in property damage.

Smoke alarms should be tested weekly with flat batteries being replaced immediately. Batteries should be replaced at least every twelve (12) months; a good time is at the end of daylight savings time. Some alarms have 10 year lithium batteries that do not need replacing every year.

PLAN AND PRACTICE A HOME FIRE ESCAPE PLAN

a) With the family, plan two ways out of every room. In case of fire, one exit may be blocked by flames or smoke. Choose a safe meeting place outside where everyone will meet like the letter box.

b) Enable Doors And Windows To Be Easily Unlocked

Door deadlocks and windows locks are in many homes and can be deadly in a fire. When you are in the home leave keys in any deadlocked door and ensure windows can be easily opened in the event of a fire.

The best fire escape plan is worthless if your escape route is blocked.

CRAWL LOW UNDER SMOKE (Crawl low and go, go, go)

Everyone should know if you get caught in smoke, the cleanest air will be several centimetres off the floor. Get down on your hands and knees and crawl to the nearest safe exit. Shout Fire! Fire! Fire! To warn others.

2 METRES FROM HEATER / FIRE

Always keep clothes, newspapers, kindling and other flammable material at least 2 metres from the heater or 2 big giant steps away from it.
STOP, DROP AND ROCK AND ROLL

Everyone should know this rule. “If your clothes catch fire, don’t run! Stop put your hands over your face, gently drop to the ground, and rock and roll back and forth on the ground until your clothes stop burning. This will smother the flames while protecting your face, mouth and lungs from the flames.

A MATCH/LIGHTER IS A TOOL FOR ADULTS

Matches and lighters are extremely dangerous in the hands of a child. Store them up high where children can't reach them. Teach children that matches and lighters are tools for adults; they are not toys for children.

COOKING (Turn it off before you turn away)

Never leave cooking unattended. Turn it off before you turn away. Be alert when cooking; keep children out of harms way. Pot handles should be turned inward so they won't be knocked over the edge of the stove.

IF A FIRE STARTS IN YOUR HOME REMEMBER TO:

GET OUT – CRAWL LOW UNDER SMOKE
SHOUT FIRE! FIRE! FIRE! TO WARN OTHERS
GO TO YOUR SAFE MEETING PLACE (e.g. Letterbox)
CALL THE FIRE BRIGADE ON TRIPLE ZERO “000”
GET OUT STAY OUT - NEVER GO BACK INSIDE.

REMEMBER: Plan ahead – there’s a lot you can do to prevent a fire

EARLY CHILDHOOD

TFS receives regular requests from kindergartens, preschools and child care centres asking for firefighters to visit and teach children about home fire safety.

TFS does not deliver structured fire safety programs to children below primary school age. This decision was made based on research carried out by the Mental Health Services of the Royal Children’s Hospital and the Metropolitan Fire Brigade in Melbourne. This research indicated that:

• Children under the age of five had low retention of the information they had learned; and
• In some children, the information had actually stimulated their curiosity about fire and they had begun to play with fire.

TFS believes that parents and caregivers are the best people to make sure that very young children are safe from fire. To help with this, TFS has a fire safety website for parents, carers, teachers and students @ www.tfseducation.com.au

TFS has also developed resources for young children that introduce them to the friendly firefighter characters that they will meet when they receive the School Fire Education Program:

• A colouring book;
• A money box shaped like a fire truck; and
• Stickers with home fire safety messages for the whole family.

To order free giveaways for your kindergarten, preschool or child care centre, go to www.tfseducation.com.au/order
Catholic Schools in Tasmania

Distribution of Catholic Schools in Tasmania

Catholic Education in Tasmania educates over 16,000 students in 38 schools and colleges across Tasmania.

Indigenous Students in Catholic Schools in Tasmania

- 954 students in 2016
- 522 students in 2008
- 390 students in 2000

Students with Disability in Catholic Schools in Tasmania

- 678 students in 2016
- 446 students in 2012
- 254 students in 2008

TCEO Census Data

Student Database
TCEO Annual Report 2008
Catholic schools reflect and celebrate the diversity of contemporary Tasmania and Australia. They make a substantial contribution to society and to the Catholic Church in Australia, and particularly in Tasmania.

Our mission is to be more than providers of high-quality education that advances the common good of society. We have a fundamental belief in the intrinsic value of each student based on a distinctive educational vision inspired by the example and message of Jesus Christ.

Through our Catholic identity and mission, and through the commitment of our staff, our educational programs demonstrate the integration between learning and living the Christian life. Our schools and colleges teach that a life lived in the love of God and in the Christian service of others has purpose and meaning.

### Average Annual Funding Allocations for Capital Projects 2012 - 2016

- **Catholic Education Tasmania**: $12,908,110
- **Commonwealth Government**: $1,742,517
- **Tasmanian Government**: $676,944

### Total Capital Projects Allocations Over the Last Five Years (2012 - 2016)

- **Catholic Education Tasmania (funded by loans and parent contributions)**: $64,540,548
- **Commonwealth Government Grants**: $8,712,583
- **Tasmanian Government Grants**: $3,384,721

### How Tasmanian Catholic Schools are Funded

Since the early 1970s all Australian Catholic schools have received significant funding support from Commonwealth and state governments. This support has enabled our Catholic schools to consolidate their collective position as partners in the national educational endeavour – partners with governments, families and Church communities in achieving shared educational goals for young Tasmanians.

Commonwealth Government funding for Catholic schools enjoys bipartisan support. It has long been recognised by successive Australian governments that Catholic schools deliver value for the taxpayers’ dollar, and that Catholic schools enhance social capital and community infrastructure.

Government and non-government schools are funded differentially in Australia’s current federal and state funding models. Inequities in school resources between states and territories remain a source of national debate and concern. To continue to provide quality education, our Catholic schools need appropriate funding from state and federal governments to ensure they remain an affordable option for families into the future.

### How Funded

- **60%** Commonwealth
- **18%** Catholic
- **22%** Tasmanian

The Commonwealth Government provided 60% of the funding to Catholic schools in Tasmania. The Tasmanian Government provided another 18% and parents contributed 22% through fees and levies.

91% of the net recurrent income per student of Tasmanian Catholic schools.

*TCEO Census Data

*In 2014 Tasmanian Catholic schools operated at 91% of the net recurrent income per student of Tasmanian Government schools.*

*My School Data 2014*