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 you may have. If you contact the Office they will organise for either Mark or Heather to contact you.

The P & F after much discussion over a number of meetings, has decided that there will be no Fair in 2016. While there has been consensus as to the benefits of having a school fair in building a sense of school community and promoting our school to the wider school there has not been support from enough parents willing to commit to the planning, organisation and running of the Fair. The P & F is still very interested in running a Fair in 2017 and is looking at support and suggestions as well as an organising group, willing to begin the planning process this year.

The testing of most students for their reading and comprehension levels has been completed. Reading groups will again begin to run from tomorrow. The results from this testing will be entered into our spreadsheet of reading results across a number of years. This will be again shared with all teachers and the data will be used to adjust the Targeted Reading Groups. This will involve some students moving into a different group that better meets their needs. This will be occurring no later than the start of Term 3. The testing used for the ECE was the PM Benchmark Reading Assessment, which gives a level of reading comprehension that equates to the levelled readers we use. However, this only tests to Level 30. To address all those students reading at Level 30 and above we purchased the PROBE 2 Reading Comprehension Test which tests both fiction and non-fiction comprehension. During the testing it was found that some students have excellent decoding and word attack skills and can read passages with the highest accuracy and confidence. However, their comprehension of what has been read is at a much lower level than what their reading capability indicates.
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/UCuG45biyNFaoT33Vyqd8cQ

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.

Last Monday our School Choir and also our Band both competed in the Launceston Competitions for the first time. The fifty members (Gr 3-6) of our School Choir did a superb job in competing in the Primary Choir section. They did a great job in performing their two songs and enjoyed participating and observing the other choirs perform.

Our Band Students performed very well and were awarded Third Place. This is a great achievement and Miss Fiona Mowat was thrilled by their performance and their third place. Miss Mowat stated that a number of other teachers commented on the quality of the SFB Band’s performance and the maturity they demonstrated in their playing.

Our School Cross Country was held last Wednesday. Unfortunately I was away due to illness and missed it. Congratulations to all the students who participated and ran to the best of their ability. From this Carnival, our NJSSA team is selected. Congratulations to all those who will be representing SFB at the Inter-school Cross Country.

Interviews for Kindergarten enrolments are commencing this week for new families. Families who have children already enrolled at SFB are guaranteed enrolment and your interviews will occur later this Term. Currently we have 15 vacancies, which we need to fill. If you know of any families with young children commencing Kindergarten next year please talk to them about the possibility of enrolling their child at our great school.

This Wednesday the entire school will be having a Fire Evacuation practice. On Friday we will be having a Lockdown practice. We are holding both of these practices in the same week to address the confusion that some students are having regarding these two different safety drills. All students will be informed on Monday that these practices are occurring. Please talk to your child and address any concerns or anxieties they may be having. If necessary please talk to your child’s teacher so that they are aware of any anxiety being felt and can help support your child.

Have a great week.

Anthony Healey,
Principal.

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**ST FINN BARR’S SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY 2016 - Kinder to Grade 2**

The school is holding the Cross Country at school on Thursday, 16th June for Kinder-2. Please be aware that times listed are approximate.

**THURSDAY, 16th JUNE**

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Prayer

As grandparents the relationship that you have with your grandchildren is often characterised by unquestioning love and support, of knowing that they will always be welcome, that there will always be a hug and a space for them to be who they really are. You are indeed the face of God’s mercy for many children. Today we celebrate the gift that you are to your grandchildren.

We pray for you, we give thanks for you and we ask God’s blessing on each and every one of you.

Amen

Grandparent’s Day Celebrations

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.
Meeting Tomorrow Night - All Welcome!
Our meeting is tomorrow night, Tuesday, 7th June and we would love to see some more new faces. All are welcome so come along and join in or if you have any great ideas for us please let us know on pandf.sfb@catholic.tas.edu.au.

Fair
Unfortunately due to lack of support – we had 1 response to our call for help – the Fair will not be going ahead this year. The P & F is predominantly about raising funds to help the school supply items, like the swings, revamped Kinder area, books etc. that the school would not otherwise be able to have. It is pointless to have such a major fundraiser as the Fair (raises roughly $14,000), which takes so much effort to organise and run, when we have no clear direction on what to spend the money. We are also about building community spirit, which is why we ask for all families to become involved. Even though we won’t be having a Fair this year, another fun, family event will be organised for later in the year.

Steve Biddulph – “Raising Girls”
Tickets are going fast so get in quick to secure your seat at this great event. Wednesday, June 22nd, 7.30pm at 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

Entertainment Books
Thanks to those who have ordered new books, as we get $15 from every book it all goes to 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

Many Things to Look Forward To
There are many great things being organised by the P & F, including the annual Rock ‘n’ Roll night and a great Winter Raffle and lots more you will hear about in the coming weeks. Please come and join us.

SPORTS ROSTER

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REMINDER

Book Club is due this Friday 10th June. Please have all your online orders done by then so I can have them all processed together.

Thank You

Sharon

HELP!

The Library has quite a lot of new books that need covering.

If anyone has a couple of hours free on **Friday morning, 10th June**, I would love your help to get these books covered. I would like to start about 9.00am. I will show you how to cover the books and will shout you a cup of tea or coffee and something sweet for morning tea.

Please, if you can, come along. See our nice Library, have a chat and a cuppa while we cover.

Hope to see you.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Lost - Woollen Rugby Jumper size 8-10 name inside - Rhys Penney. Please check your child’s clothing to make sure they have the correct jumper. Thank you.

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*

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.
Cyber Awareness

Now is a great time to have a chat with your child about how they interact online.

While schools try hard to ensure the safety of students online during school hours, we also need to work with parents as it is at home when a lot of online behaviour issues intensify. It is so important to be aware of how children are active online and to help give them the skills to ensure they are staying safe.

Some conversations starters with your child might be:
- Do you have any online contacts who you’ve never met in person?
- How certain can you be that they are who they say they are?
- Are you familiar with the block and report functions of the apps, games and social media sites you use?
- How would you respond if a friend of a friend asked you an inappropriate question online?
- What would you do if you accidentally came across inappropriate content online?

What children and young people need to know
- Not everyone online is who they say they are
- who to talk to if someone makes them feel uncomfortable online

Talking with your child
There may be occasions when a child is embarrassed to disclose an incident to their parent, they may feel as though they have contributed to the incident or don’t feel it is serious enough to warrant telling a parent. It’s important to have ongoing discussions with your child about safe and respectful relationships in a manner appropriate to the age of your child.

Write a contract!
Sitting down as a family and developing a contract for the safe and ethical use of technology can help your child define the standards they would like to see and follow online at home. It can also help to set expectations of what children should do if they see someone being cyberbullied or are cyberbullied themselves.

School Visit by Ms Annabel Shegog from Tasmania Police
On Thursday, 23rd June, Grade 5/6 students will welcome Annabel as she comes to talk to students about staying safe online. She will discuss issues such as bullying online, chat rooms, inappropriate conduct with strangers and peers, identity protection and even just finding a balance with the online world.
Annabel has been trained in ThinkUKnow which is an evidence-based cyber safety program that provides accessible cyber safety education to parents and teachers.
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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)

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**PICNIC, PLAY & PROMOTE MINI EXPO**

Lilydale Primary School “PAC”
Thursday June 23rd 1-3pm

**Activities**
- Jumping Castle, Braveheart, Services
- BBQ, Face Painting, Activities

For more info please call Northern Suburbs Community Centre on 6326 5506 or the Community Family Worker on 0448 919 160

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

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**Update Medical Details**

If since your last advice to the school, any medical information for your child has changed and the new details haven’t yet been advised to the school office, please do so as a matter of urgency.

Please regularly check the expiry date on your child’s medication and epi-pen at home.

Thank you.
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.

[ADAYMADEBETTER.COM.AU](http://www.adaymadebetter.com.au)

Several of our Teachers and Teacher Assistants have been nominated for these awards.

Please go online and support them.

Thank you.

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**NOMINATE YOUR FAVOURITE TEACHER AND WIN!!!**

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