Principal’s Message

Pupil Free Day Friday 20th May

Dear Parents,

Today all classes participated in the Launceston Speech Competitions at the Princess Theatre. I know that they will have enjoyed the experience and the excitement of performing to a packed theatre and representing our School.

On Friday and Saturday, a number of our students participated in the Solo Poetry Recitals. Congratulations to Emily Reardon (3rd place), Sophie Reardon (1st place), Harry McKillop (Highly Commended), Charlton Allen (Highly Commended), Maddison Hodge (Highly Commended), Milla Garvey, Everette Dewsberry and Grace Radbone.

Family Life continues this Wednesday. Please continue to have discussions with your child/children during the week and following the lessons on Wednesday.

Mrs Aylott and I will be attending the School Wide Positive Behaviour Support training on Wednesday.

Please be careful driving into and out of the school back carpark and in the surrounding streets. There have been a number of near misses, where potentially students could have been injured.

The Federal Election campaign has commenced. Education is an important policy area for all parties and the impact of the policy of the successfully elected party is profound from Catholic education across Australia. You will be provided with information each week in the newsletter for you to consider.

Have a great week.

Anthony Healey,
Principal.
Almighty God,
We give you our school.
We give you all the teachers and staff who work here,
We give you all the children who study here.

We pray that our school would be a place of great discovery, adventure and creativity.
May it be a place where we love to learn and where we learn to love,
A place where every one is respected and all are deeply valued.
We ask all this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

‘What Makes Independent and Successful Readers?’

One of the most valuable experiences children can encounter is reading with their parents, grand parents or another significant person. Reading at home will help your child in all areas of learning at school. In assisting to support your child in reading at home, each family will receive a booklet, ‘What Makes Independent and Successful Readers?’ with the Parent Newsletter.

This booklet is a guide in how to encourage your child in reading. The more your child reads, the better reader they become. You can support our targeted Reading Program at school, by reading with your child daily at home. The booklet will also be available on the school website. For further information on reading and comprehension please contact your child’s classroom teacher.
16 May 2016

School Community
St Finn Barr’s Catholic School

Dear Parents and Community members,

As you may be aware from my recent letter, Mr Anthony Healey’s appointment as Principal of St Finn Barr’s Catholic School will conclude at the end of this year.

I wish to express my personal and sincere thanks, and that of Tasmanian Catholic Education, to Anthony as he concludes his current tenure at St Finn Barr’s Catholic School.

A process to recruit a Principal will now commence in accordance with our Principal Recruitment and Selection guidelines. An initial part of this process is a consultation with members of the school community to ascertain the present and future needs of the school. This consultation process will provide an opportunity to highlight the positive aspects the school would like to see maintained and identify any opportunities for improvement.

I would like to invite all interested parent and community members to attend a consultation workshop to be held at the school on Wednesday, 25 May 2016 at 6:30pm or to complete a short online survey.

The link and password to access this survey is:

Parent Link: http://catholic.tas.edu.au/employment/general-information
Password: FinnBarr and the survey will close on Friday 27 May 2016 at 5:00pm.

Your participation in this significant milestone in the history of the school will be greatly valued.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our school community.

Yours sincerely

[Signature]

John M. Mula
Director
Entertainment Books

There are so many amazing offers and the best thing is that St Finn Barr’s 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


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

Magazines will be available this 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

Tickets are dwindling and the winners are mounting, so get in quick to share in the money.

$50 up for grabs each week if your margin ticket is the same as the winning points in the first game of the round.

Tickets only $25 and are valid for each week of the football season meaning you can win many times over.

Contact Allison Woodland – 0408 175224 or leave $25.00 with your details at the office.
ST FINN BARR’S CROSS COUNTRY

The School is holding the Cross Country at School for Grades 3-6 on Monday, 23rd May and Thursday, 16th June for Kinder-2. Please be aware that times listed are approximate.

We need 8 parents to help officiate at the Grade 3-6 Carnival. Could you please leave your name at the office. Parents helping at the carnival will need their Working with Children Check completed and verified by the school office.

The carpark will be closed for the duration of the Grade 3-6 Carnival, therefore please keep this in mind when collecting children from school.

MONDAY, 23rd MAY

1.00pm Grade 6 Boys
1.15pm Grade 6 Girls
1.30pm Grade 5 Boys
1.45pm Grade 5 Girls
2.00pm Grade 4 Boys
2.10pm Grade 4 Girls
2.20pm Grade 3 Boys
2.30pm Grade 3 Girls
2.40pm Clean up and presentations

Reminder to Parents - Working With Children Check (WWCC)

Parents working in classrooms or assisting with excursions, Friday Sport or other student-related activities must hold a WWVP Certificate (excursions, infants or primary swimming programs, sporting events etc.)

A copy of your certificate needs to be kept on file in the School Office. To complete the registration form please visit http://www.justice.tas.gov.au/working_with_children . Please allow 6 - 8 weeks for the registration to be processed. Thank you.
Students who competed in the Individual Sections at the recent Launceston Competitions.

Sophie & Emily, Grade 3/4 Clayton
Charlton & Grace, Grade 5/6 Cousins, Milla Grade 5/6
Pat-Edwards & Harry Grade 3/4 Hyatt

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 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.
Congratulations!

Shannon Kelly, Grade 5/6 Coombe and her pony Mo represented St Finn Barr’s Catholic School yesterday in the Interschool Equine Event held at Fairlands. She was part of a 3 person scramble team and her team came 3rd in the Juniors. Shannon rode her pony confidently and with sensitivity. Well Done Shannon!

Madison Hodge, Grade 5/6 Coombe competed in the PCYC’s club champs over the weekend for Level three. She won first place in beam and got second in the level three overall scores. Well Done Madison!

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.
**Confirmation and First Eucharist candidates for 2016**
Tuesday 21st June - Information/Registration Evening Sacred Heart Church Newstead 7:30pm. For more information contact Rosie Caelli, Sacramental Coordinator, Catholic Parish Launceston acaelli@bigpond.net.au

**Piano Tuition For Adults**
Ever wanted to learn the Piano but never had the opportunity? Did you learn as a Child and then gave it up and always regretted it? Adult Piano tuition is becoming more and more popular and lessons are available in a relaxed setting under a "pay as you go" system on either a weekly or fortnightly basis. Learn a variety of styles including; Jazz, Modern, Classical, Pop, Duets or whatever interests you! Contact Robyn today on 0400 070 375 or email robbiewilson75@hotmail.com

**Newstead Athletics - 2016 Kooee Snacks Schools Series Competition**
Not yet entered? It’s never too late to join this competition. Not sure how? Just turn up on the day and our friendly volunteers will help you. Teams: If your school doesn’t have enough entrants to make up a team? No problem, you can compete as an individual, or a part team, or even better do some recruiting at your school. There is no minimum size for a team but full teams of 5 are advantaged in the team competition. There three opportunities for awards in this competition. Individual age group performance, Teams, and Schools in both primary and secondary divisions.
Uniform: Students representing their school team should wear their school sports attire.

Next School Series run: is at Inveresk on Saturday May 21st (meet at the back of the car park behind the Esk Market area). Please be sure to arrive early as registrations are very busy and there is also a little athletics event planned which is starting at 12:30pm. Want some practice? The club holds events every Saturday and welcome participation. For more information visit www.newsteadathletics.org.au
## CALENDAR

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