

Thursday February 8th, 2018



WELCOME back to all St Finn Barr's community members and a SPECIAL WELCOME to all new community members.



At St Finn Barr's, we are a community of Safe Respectful Resilient Learners.

Welcome

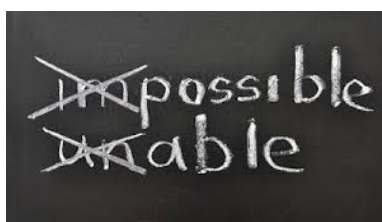
We welcome new staff members Mrs Teresa McLeod (Assistant Principal), Mrs MaryAnn Munnings (Grade 1/2), Miss Claire Hansen (Physical Education) and Ms Melissa Heathorn (Art). We also welcome Mrs Lynne Matson back to SFB.

Congratulations as well to Miss Cannon who is now Mrs Saxty. We congratulate Alice and Chris on their recent marriage and wish them many happy years together.

A special welcome to all our new Kindergarten students and to all our new families. Welcome also to several new students across grades Prep to 6. We hope that your time at St Finn Barr's is exciting, rewarding and filled with learning, friends and happiness.

WEST

In these first weeks of the year being WEST people is a great focus for us all. Being WEST means we are Welcoming, Encouraging, Sorry and Thankful. A focus across our school is to develop a Growth Mindset in all our students as learners. The first thing our kids need to know is that our intelligence isn't fixed – that it can change. It can get stronger or weaker depending on how much effort we are willing to apply.



School Information

Please be aware that all school information and notices are sent home via TEAM APP. If you don't have this please download TEAM APP (free app) and search St Finn Barr's Catholic School. If you are unable to access TEAM APP please inform the office so we can provide a paper copy of the newsletter for you to collect. We post information also on

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Facebook and Instagram and our school webpage contains relevant information at www.stfinnbarrs.tas.edu.au



The first full school Newsletter will be published on Monday next week. I encourage you all to access this Newsletter each week through TEAM APP.

Important Dates

Day Date	What	Where	Time
Tues 13 Feb	Grade 3-6 Swim Trials	Riverside Pool	9:30-1:30 pm
Wed 14 Feb	Rebecca Van Ash - Commonwealth Games Representative Visiting	School Hall	9:00-10:30
Fri 16 Feb	P and F Welcome Picnic	School Grounds	5:00-7:00 pm
Feb 20-Feb 22	Grade 6 Camp	Camp Clayton	Return 3:00 pm Thurs 22nd
Thurs 23 Feb	Birth - 4 Program	Hall	
Tues 27 Feb	Grade 3-6 Swim Carnival	Riverside Pool	All Day

All students in grades 3-6 will be participating in Swimming Trials at Riverside Pool on Tuesday Feb 13th. Please ensure children have bathers and towel and are prepared for this day.

Holiday Works

Many of you may have noticed our new Kinder Playground. It looks fantastic! During the holidays, Mr Soule has completed many works and we thank him for the way our school looks and his work.

Earlier this week as part of some scheduled maintenance work at St Finn Barr's, a contractor has potentially disturbed a ceiling cavity. We know that there is asbestos, safely contained within this building. The area was closed off when the work was being done. As a matter of being overly cautious we have conducted air monitoring and results have come back within the safe levels. As a further precaution, we will have the office professionally cleaned by a specialist this Friday.

I am including this information to let you know what is happening and to assure you the T.C.E.O. and the school has and will continue to go beyond accepted levels to maintain the safety and wellbeing of our community. Please make contact with me via the office if there are any questions or queries.

Enjoy these first 2 days,
Liz.