

# St Finn Barr's Catholic School

## Thursday 7th August 2025



“We nurture and inspire all academically, spiritually and personally”.

Next Tuesday marks a significant moment for the Catholic Church in Tasmania with the Installation Ceremony of Archbishop-Elect Tony Ireland as the new Archbishop of Hobart. This special ceremony, rich in tradition and symbolism, celebrates the formal commencement of his pastoral and spiritual leadership within our Archdiocese.

As a school community, we take this opportunity to sincerely thank Archbishop Julian Porteous for his years of faithful service, leadership, and unwavering commitment to Catholic education and the broader Church in Tasmania. We wish him every blessing as he enters this next chapter.

We also warmly welcome Archbishop-Elect Tony Ireland and offer our prayers and support as he begins his new role. May the Holy Spirit guide him with wisdom, compassion, and strength in the years ahead.

### **Catholic Education Week**

This week, we proudly celebrate Catholic Education Week, with the theme "Pilgrims of Hope" — a powerful reminder of our shared mission to live with faith, compassion, and service in all that we do. Yesterday, our Year 6 students represented our school with pride and reverence at the regional Catholic Education Week Mass, held at Sacred Heart Church in Newstead. They joined students from schools across Launceston and the surrounding areas in a beautiful celebration of our faith and community. This special Mass was also a significant moment, as it marked Archbishop Julian Porteous's final celebration with our Catholic school communities.

### **Excursions**

Our Year 2 students attended Hagley Farm today and what a beautiful day to do so. Our students had a magnificent day learning all about how a farm operates. The Kinder classes have started their Intergenerational Cafes this week. This is a great opportunity for some of our older generations of family and community members to come into the school and share some experiences with our Kinder students. Our Kinder classes have also started doing their Bush Kinder experiences.

### **Book Week**

During Week 5 we will be celebrating Book Week. We are thrilled to celebrate Book Week 2025, marking the 80th anniversary of this much-loved event that promotes a lifelong love of reading. This year's theme, "Read, Grow, Inspire: Book an Adventure," invites students to dive into stories that spark imagination and open doors to exciting new worlds. Kinder Green will be dressing up on Tuesday 19th August and the rest of the school will be dressing up on Friday 22nd August with a parade happening either on the courts or the hall at 9am.

### Science Week

Next week, we are excited to celebrate Science Week across our school! This year's theme encourages curiosity, exploration, and hands-on learning in the world of science. Throughout the week, classrooms will engage in a variety of science-based activities and investigations, fostering creativity and critical thinking. The week will conclude with a whole-school display on Friday. We look forward to an engaging and inspiring week of discovery!

### Feast of St Mary MacKillop

Tomorrow, 8th August we celebrate the Feast Day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Australia's first saint. Mary MacKillop dedicated her life to serving the poor and educating children, especially in rural and remote areas. Her legacy lives on through the Josephite charism, reminding us of the importance of compassion, courage, and a deep commitment to justice and faith.

While our school is proudly founded in the charism of the Presentation Sisters and inspired by the vision of Nano Nagle, the Feast of Mary MacKillop is a special time to acknowledge the shared mission across religious orders, to make Jesus known and loved through service, education, and a heart for those most in need.

Charism is not just about our past, it's the living spirit that shapes who we are and how we act each day. May we continue to be inspired by both Mary MacKillop and Nano Nagle, walking in their footsteps with generosity, faith, and hope.

***"Never see a need without doing something about it." – St Mary MacKillop***

*Damien Taylor*  
Principal

## ONLINE FEEDBACK 2025 - COMPASS/SEESAW



St Finn Barr's Online Feedback 2025						
Week	3	4	6	8	9	10
Term 3			Maths	English	Religion	Integrated
Term 4		Religion	Maths	English	End-of-year report  PE Music Art	

## R.E. NEWS

Thank you to everyone in our SFB community for your generosity throughout our Vinnies Winter Woollies Drive. Tomorrow at our Week 3 Assembly, Warren Brown (Youth Coordinator - St Vincent de Paul, Invermay) will attend to receive our donations.



### Archbishop Anthony (Tony) Ireland

The Archdiocese of Hobart will officially welcome Bishop Anthony Ireland to Tasmania on Tuesday, 12 August 2025.

The Installation Mass of Bishop Anthony as the next Archbishop of Hobart will be celebrated at St Mary's Cathedral. Bishop Anthony was an Auxiliary Bishop of the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne.

#### Solemn Mass of Installation

Archbishop Anthony will be formally installed as the twelfth Bishop of Hobart and the eleventh Archbishop of Hobart at 11am on Tuesday, 12 August 2025.

This will take place during a Solemn Mass for which many members of the Catholic Church in Tasmania will gather, together with the priests of the Archdiocese of Hobart and bishops and archbishops from other parts of Australia. Dignitaries, including the Governor and parliamentarians, will also be present to witness the occasion.

In this gathering the Catholic community of Tasmania will welcome Archbishop Anthony. Representatives of parishes and other arms of the Church will personally greet him.

The letter of appointment from Pope Leo, by which he has been announced Archbishop of Hobart, will be read.

He will take the crosier and will be led to the cathedra, or bishop's chair, where he will be seated for the first time.

<i>Birth place</i>	Bishop Anthony, 68, grew up in Caulfield, in Melbourne.
<i>Schools attended</i>	St Aloysius Catholic Primary School, Caulfield and De La Salle College, Malvern.
<i>Ordained - Priest</i>	Ordained at St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne in September 1987.
<i>Ordained - Bishop</i>	Auxiliary Bishop for Melbourne in July 2021.



## NEWS FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

*1st and 3rd Sundays –9am Invermay*

*2nd and 4th Sundays –10.30am Apostles*

**FOR YOUNG PEOPLE**

**Teens Group: Gr 6-12**

***2nd and 4th Thursdays, Pastoral Centre***

***4pm-6pm***

**YAS (age 18-35) 2nd and 4th Sundays in**

**the Pastoral Centre**

**Enquiries: Parish Office**

## School Calendar 2025

School Calendar 2025		
Date	Event	Time/Venue
<b>Morning Munch - held daily at 8:15 am- 8:40 am</b> <b>Little Fins - Thursday 9-10:30 am - Kinder</b> <b>Band Lessons - Thursday 10 am &amp; Strings lessons - 1:30 pm</b> <b>Assembly - Senior and Junior Assembly held alternating weeks</b>		
<b>August</b>		
Tuesday 12th	Kinder Green Bush Kinder	Heritage Forest
Tuesday 12th	Installation of Archbishop	Hobart Cathedral
Thursday 14th	Kinder Gold Bush Kinder	Heritage Forest
Tuesday 19th	Kinder Green Book Week	
Friday 22nd	Book Week Parade	9:00 am
Sunday 24th	Sacrament of First Eucharist (Church of Apostles)	10:30 am
Friday 29th	Faith n Fun Day	St Ailbes Hall
Friday 29th	Year 3-6 Athletics Carnival	St Leonards Athletics Track
<b>September</b>		
Wednesday 3rd	SFB Band Soiree	SFB
Thursday 4th	City Park Radio	
Friday 5th	Yr 5/6 - Gala Day	Various venues
Friday 5th	Yr 3/4 Pillowcase Program	

*For more information on events at school please see links below.*

- [School Calendar](#)
- [Term Dates](#)



## Book Week 2025



## Book Week - Week 5

A reminder that St Finn Barr's will be celebrating Book Week during week 5 of the term. Students are encouraged to come dressed as a book character from one of their favourite books.

Please note the following dates:

- Tuesday 19th August - Kinder Green - Book Week Character Dress Up & Parade
- Friday 22nd August 9am - K-6 - Book Week Character Dress Up

SAVE THE DATE



The poster is framed in a dark blue border and features several decorative elements: a gold coin with 'Gold Coin Donation' in the top left; a St. Finn Barr's logo with a cross and the motto 'ST. FINN BARR'S THY KINGDOM COME' at the top center; a 'MY HERO' badge on the top right; a steaming mug with 'WE ❤️ DAD' on the left; a striped tie on the right; a wristwatch in the bottom left; and another gold coin with 'Gold Coin Donation' in the bottom right. The central text is arranged vertically, starting with 'PLEASE JOIN US FOR A' in small caps, followed by 'FATHER'S DAY' in large, bold, dark blue letters, and 'Breakfast' in a large, red, cursive script. Below this, the date and time are given in bold caps: 'FRIDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER, 2025' and 'TIME: 7.30-8.30AM'. The location 'WHERE: UNDERCOVER AREA' is also in bold caps. The food and drink offerings 'BACON & EGG ROLLS', 'TEA/COFFEE', and 'JUICE' are listed in bold caps. The event concludes with '!!LUCKY DOOR PRIZES !!' in bold caps.

Gold Coin Donation

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DAY**

*Breakfast*

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5TH SEPTEMBER, 2025**

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**WHERE: UNDERCOVER AREA**

**BACON & EGG ROLLS  
TEA/COFFEE  
JUICE**

**!!LUCKY DOOR PRIZES !!**

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**PRIZES BY**



**TOYWORLD**

# Wild Winter Games Night

**UNDER 12'S EVENT**

**BBQ**

Available

**FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**

**Special Feathered Guests!**

**MAJICK FEATHERS**



Training Over Taming

-  **Awesome Door Prizes!**
-  **Scavenger Hunt with Treasure.**
-  **Best Wild Creature Costume**
-  **MC-Led interactive Games**

**EARLY BIRD TICKETS**

**\$10**

\$20 ON DOOR



**5 - 7 P M**

