

# St Finn Barr's Catholic School

## Thursday 21st August 2025



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

Last Tuesday, I had the privilege of attending the Installation of Archbishop Tony Ireland in Hobart, alongside principals and leaders from across Catholic Education Tasmania. It was a deeply moving and historic occasion, marking the beginning of Archbishop Tony's ministry in our state. The Installation Mass highlighted the significance of this role, not only for the Archdiocese but also for our schools, parishes, and wider Catholic community. It was inspiring to witness the sense of unity, tradition, and faith that this event brought together. On behalf of our school community, I extend our warmest congratulations to Archbishop Tony Ireland and wish him every blessing as he takes on this important responsibility of leadership and service.

### Science Week

Last week we celebrated Science Week as a school community. This is a great opportunity for us to celebrate all things science and nature. Our junior classes had an opportunity to observe some minerals, crystals and fossils, as well as a special electrical display by Mr Moroney and Mr Norton-Smith from St Patrick's College. The senior students had to move the rocket display to today and enjoyed watching various rockets launch into the air. They also completed several activities within their classrooms.

### Book Week

This week we have been celebrating Book Week. This year's theme is “book an adventure.” We are very excited to see everyone coming in tomorrow dressed as their favourite book characters. Our parade will take place on the courts at 9am tomorrow morning, weather permitting. Kinder Green enjoyed their dress up day and parade on Wednesday.

### Parent Parking

Can we please remind parents to ensure they follow parking rules and expectations during drop off and pick up times. This includes avoiding parking in spots where there are yellow markings to indicate no parking. We have also reminded staff to ensure they are parking in appropriate spaces and for appropriate times. These rules are in place to ensure that children and pedestrians are safe and that equity is being ensured for those sharing these spaces.

### Community Action Team Update

The Environment and Sustainability leadership team has started a new initiative this term. We have provided all classrooms with a food scraps bucket and we are collecting these scraps at the end of each day. These scraps are being used to feed the worms in the worm farm and we also have a compost bin. It's great to see our students leading such a sustainable initiative.

### **SFB Spotlight**

We are excited to introduce a new section in our newsletter called the *SFB Spotlight*. The purpose of this section is to share information and practical strategies that parents can use at home to support their child/children with everyday challenges. We understand that in today's society many families face financial pressures, and it is now common for both parents to work full time. With busy schedules, everyone is time poor—and that's where we want to help. Through the SFB Spotlight, we hope to provide simple, effective ideas that make it easier for parents to support their children's learning and wellbeing.

### **Online Safety**

We are seeing an increase in social media challenges and online bullying among our students, particularly in the older year levels. Another growing concern is the amount of time children are spending on screens each day. This is not only an issue within our school community, but also a national and global concern. Over the coming weeks, our Spotlight section will provide parents and carers with information and practical strategies to help navigate these challenges and support children in developing healthy, balanced online habits. The eSafety Commissioner website has some great resources and ideas around supporting your children with screen time, social media challenges or even online bullying.

Website: <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents>

*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	

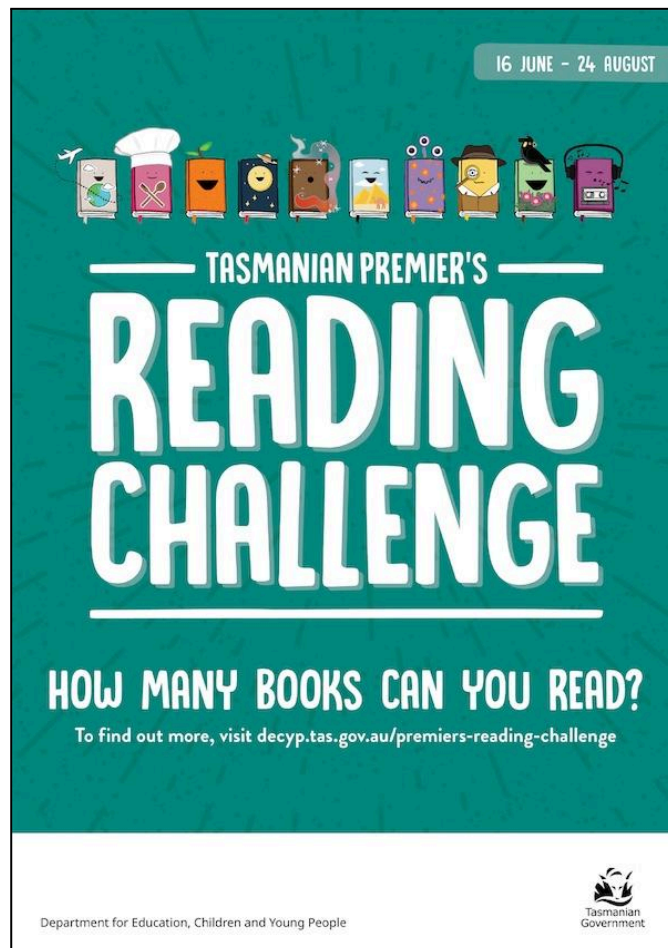
## Premier's Reading Challenge 2025

3 days to go!

The challenge finishes this Sunday.

Please encourage your child to keep reading to achieve their goal.

Completed reading logs must be returned to school by Friday, 5th September, for your child to go in the draw to win some great prizes.



R.E. NEWS



The poster is a colorful invitation for a Father's Day breakfast event. It features a central text area with a large 'FATHER'S DAY' title and a cursive 'Breakfast' subtitle. The event details include the date 'FRIDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER, 2025', time '7.30-8.30AM', and location 'UNDERCOVER AREA'. It also lists the menu: 'BACON & EGG ROLLS', 'TEA/COFFEE', and 'JUICE'. At the bottom, it mentions '!!LUCKY DOOR PRIZES !!'. The poster is decorated with several illustrations: a 'Gold Coin Donation' circle in the top left and bottom right; a 'ST. FINN BARR'S THY KINGDOM COME' logo at the top center; a 'MY HERO' badge on the right; a 'WE ❤️ DAD' mug on the left; a striped tie on the right; and a wristwatch in the bottom left corner. There are also small starburst graphics scattered around the text.

Gold Coin Donation

ST. FINN BARR'S  
THY KINGDOM COME

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

# FATHER'S DAY

*Breakfast*

FRIDAY  
5TH SEPTEMBER, 2025

TIME: 7.30-8.30AM  
WHERE: UNDERCOVER AREA

BACON & EGG ROLLS  
TEA/COFFEE  
JUICE

!!LUCKY DOOR PRIZES !!

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MY HERO

WE ❤️ DAD



## Attendance @CET

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## Schools

School staff must record student attendance and absences accurately



## Principals

Principals must follow the *CET Attendance Policy* which includes formally following up with families

## Families



Parents and guardians are responsible for their children attending school each school day and to advise if they are absent



## Pastoral Care

Pastoral Care and Wellbeing teams have resources designed to support students and their families to improve attendance



## Conciliation

Compulsory Conciliation Conferences are there to provide external mediation services when further support is required

## 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>		
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	Father's Day Breakfast	7:30-8:30 am
Friday 5th	Yr 5/6 - Gala Day	Various venues
Friday 5th	Yr 3/4 Pillowcase Program	
Tuesday 16th	Kinder Green Bush Kinder	Heritage Forest
Thursday 18th	Kinder Gold Bush Kinder	Heritage Forest
Tuesday 23rd	Kinder Green - Intergenerational Cafe	
Wednesday 24th	Junior Athletics Carnival <b>(NB. New Date)</b>	SFB
Thursday 25th	Kinder Gold - Intergenerational Cafe	
Thursday 25th	Strings Soiree at St Patrick's College	
Friday 26th	Staff & Students conclude for Term 3	
<b>Tuesday 14th October</b>	Students return for Term 4	

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

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



## Book Week 2025



### Book Week

A reminder that St Finn Barr's will be celebrating Book Week this week and students are encouraged to come dressed as a book character from one of their favourite books. Book Week Character Dress Up will be tomorrow, Friday 22nd August 9am for students in Kindergarten to Year 6.

### Dress Like a Book Character Day!





## P & F News

A poster for a Father's Day stall. It has a light blue background with a dark blue gift box, a gold polka-dot ribbon, and a black mustache cutout. The text is as follows:

**Father's Day stall**

**Spoil your dad or father figure this fathers day!**

**\$5 per present purchased from the stall**

**From Wednesday 3rd September onwards**

**Gifts can be purchased from your child's classroom**



## Community News

### Reading Groups

Qualified teacher librarian Sarah Hodgson runs inclusive online reading groups for students from lower primary to high school. Whether your child is wanting to expand their reading across genres or hasn't yet found the right type of books, these sessions foster a lifelong love of reading in a relaxed, welcoming environment. Students can participate in the way that suits them best — reading aloud, joining in discussion, or simply listening.

Find out more at <https://sarahhodgson.com.au/reading-groups>.



**Reading Groups**  
Online

Programs Available for All Age Levels

- Lower Primary
- Middle Primary
- Upper Primary
- High School

Develop a lifelong love of reading!

The poster features a stack of colorful books at the top. Below them is a circular portrait of Sarah Hodgson, a smiling woman with dark hair. To the left of her portrait is a grid of book covers including 'Hey Jack!', 'The Fire Truck', 'Dragon Girls', 'Runt', 'We Are Wolves', 'Zig Power', 'Scar Town', 'Anardo WeirDO', and 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid'. The background is blue with white and yellow accents.



**September/October**  
**HOLIDAY PROGRAM**  
Monday 29<sup>th</sup> Sep to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct a 5 Day Program

This is a great way for children to learn, consolidate and advance their swimming skills.

- 30 min lesson daily with the same teacher
- For ages 4 to 12
- Small classes
- Book now as spaces are limited

**REGISTER ON OUR WEBSITE**  
[www.justswim.com.au](http://www.justswim.com.au)  
6344 2244

The poster has a teal and white wavy background. On the right side, there are two photographs of children swimming underwater. The top photo shows two girls wearing goggles and smiling. The bottom photo shows a boy swimming. The text is in a clean, sans-serif font.



# GALA Volleyball DAY

SEPTEMBER  
5TH



If your child thrives on energetic teamwork and making new friends, Volleyball is the perfect match. It's a dynamic, inclusive sport that builds confidence, coordination, and community—all in a supportive environment where kids feel seen and celebrated.

For Volleyball enquiries, contact us:  
[secretaryntva@gmail.com](mailto:secretaryntva@gmail.com)



## News From St Anthony's Catholic Primary School

**ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL**

# **SNAP, CRACKLE & POP!**

**FRIDAY 29TH  
AUGUST  
2025**

**BONFIRE,  
FIREPOTS,  
FIREWORKS, BANDS  
& DRUMLINE,  
SILENT DISCO,  
FACEPAINTING,  
BALLOON TWISTING  
& GLOW TUBES**

**GATES OPEN AT 5PM - 8:30PM,  
FIREWORKS DISPLAY AT 7PM!**

**GET YOUR TICKETS!** → 

 ← **FOLLOW OUR EVENT!**





## Updated Price List Midford Uniforms

# Price List

From Term 4, 2025



### Girls Academic Uniform

Winter Skirt	\$	100.00
Girls Shorts Grey	\$	36.00
Girls Pants	\$	40.00
Blouse L/S Lemon	\$	37.00
Blouse S/S Lemon	\$	32.00
Jumper (Green)	\$	84.00
Summer Dress	\$	75.00
Soft Shell Jacket	\$	64.00

### Boys Academic Uniform

Trousers	\$	38.00
L/S Shirt (Grey)	\$	35.00
S/S Shirt (Grey)	\$	32.00
Shorts (Grey)	\$	32.00
Loop Tie	\$	20.00
Tie	\$	21.00
Jumper (Green)	\$	84.00
Soft Shell Jacket	\$	64.00

### Accessories

Netball Shorts (2 Pack)	\$	19.00
Stockings (70 Denier)	\$	13.00
Stockings (Cotton Blend)	\$	16.00
Girls Socks (Lemon, 3 Pack)	\$	18.00
Sport Socks (White, 3 Pack)	\$	20.00
Boys Long Winter Socks	\$	11.00
Bucket Hats	\$	16.00
Backpack	\$	67.00
Library Bag	\$	16.00
Beanie	\$	26.00
Boys Summer Socks (Grey, 3pk)	\$	18.00

### P.E. Uniform

House Polo (Blue, Gold, Red)	\$	48.00
Shorts (Microfibre)	\$	32.00
Track Pants (Microfibre)	\$	46.00
Double Knee Track Pants	\$	41.00
Skort	\$	36.00
1/2 Zip Jumper	\$	62.00

Our opening hours are:

**Monday - Friday** 8.30 am - 5.00 pm  
**Saturday** 9.00 am - 2.00 pm

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launceston@midford.com.au

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132 Charles Street, Launceston, TAS 7250



Prices are correct as of 19th August 2025  
(prices may change without notice)

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