

St Finn Barr's Catholic School

Thursday 4th September 2025



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

This weekend we celebrate Father's Day – a special occasion to thank and acknowledge the fathers and fatherly figures in our lives. It is also a time to pause and remember those who have passed away, taking a moment to honour the love, guidance, and sacrifices they gave so generously.

As we reflect, we can also look to the example of St Joseph, the humble carpenter who quietly but loyally guided and protected Jesus. Joseph's faith, strength, and dedication remind us that true fatherhood is often lived out in small, faithful acts of love and service.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all the fathers and fatherly figures in our St Finn Barr's community a very special Father's Day on Sunday. I hope that the day is special for each of you in your family's own way. I'm sure that no matter how you spend the day it will be a great day because you will get to spend it with the ones you love the most, your children.

Father's Day Breakfast

Tomorrow morning we will be inviting our community to celebrate Father's Day by joining us for a special breakfast. This is always one of the highlights of the year. Thanks to all the staff and volunteers that have donated their time so kindly to ensure the event runs smoothly this coming Friday morning.

Book Week Parade

It was wonderful to see many families in attendance at our Book Week Parade last week. Family occasions like this always remind us of the importance of community and that enjoying some light hearted fun can always find its way into the daily runnings of a school.

City Park Radio

This afternoon it's important that everyone tunes into City Park Radio because three of our student leaders will be sharing their insights about being a part of the student leadership team. The session runs from 4:30pm until 5:00pm and can be found on 103.7 FM and 96.5FM.

Band Soiree

On Wednesday evening our Band students participated in another Soiree. These evenings are such a great opportunity for students to showcase their hard work and determination in front of a live audience. Whether it's the first year of playing their instrument or their final year, we always see such improvements at each soiree and last night was no exception. Thanks to the families who created a safe space for our students to perform and thanks to the SPC music tutors for all their hard work.

Gala Day

Tomorrow our Year 5/6 Students will be participating in their third Gala Day for this year. Gala days are a great opportunity for the students to enjoy playing a variety of sports including netball, soccer, handball and volleyball with other students from our local Catholic Primary Schools. The aim of these days is for our students to start building relationships to assist with the transition into high school either next year or the following.

Damien Taylor
Principal



Congratulations to the following students who have advanced to the State/Territory Finals of the Prime Minister's Spelling Bee.

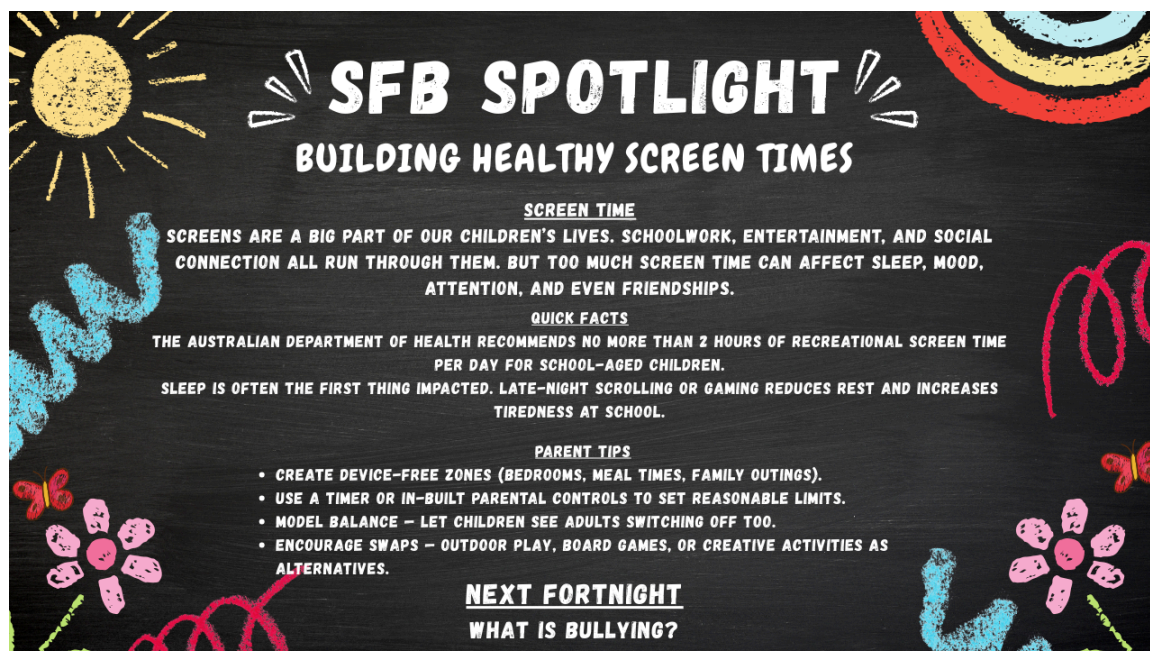
Year 5/6 Students

- Emilia F
- Ruby D

Year 3/4 Students

- Linuki M
- Billy S
- Peter K
- Christer C
- Martha T
- Mekseb M

SFB SPOTLIGHT



ONLINE FEEDBACK 2025 - COMPASS/SEESAW

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

R.E. NEWS



Attendance @CET

Every day counts....

Attendance at school every day matters!

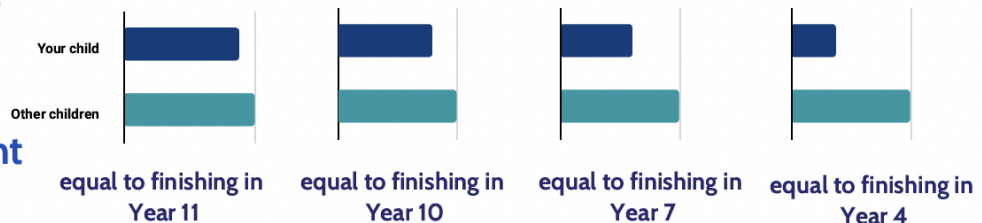
If your child misses....	1	1	2	3
	DAY	DAY	DAYS	DAYS
	per fortnight	per week	per week	per week

That equals...	20	40	80	120
	DAYS	DAYS	DAYS	DAYS
	per year	per year	per year	per year

Which is....	4	8	16	24
	WEEKS	WEEKS	WEEKS	WEEKS
	per year	per year	per year	per year

and over 13 years of schooling that's...	nearly	nearly	nearly	nearly
	1.5	2.5	5	8
	years	years	years	years

Which means your child's learning progress might look like.....



School Calendar 2025

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Date	Event	Time/Venue
Morning Munch - held daily at 8:15 am- 8:40 am Little Fins - Thursday 9-10:30 am - Kinder Band Lessons - Thursday 10 am & Strings lessons - 1:30 pm Assembly - Senior and Junior Assembly held alternating weeks		
September		
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	
Wednesday 17th	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 (<i>NB. New Date</i>)	SFB
Thursday 25th	Kinder Gold - Intergenerational Cafe	
Thursday 25th	Strings Soiree at St Patrick's College	
Friday 26th	Staff & Students conclude for Term 3	
October		
Tuesday 14th	Students return for Term 4	

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

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



P & F News

A poster for a Father's Day stall. The background is light blue. In the top left corner, there are small yellow flowers. A brown ribbon with white polka dots is draped across the middle left. In the bottom left corner, there is a black silhouette of a mustache and a white stick. The text is in a bold, black, serif font.

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**

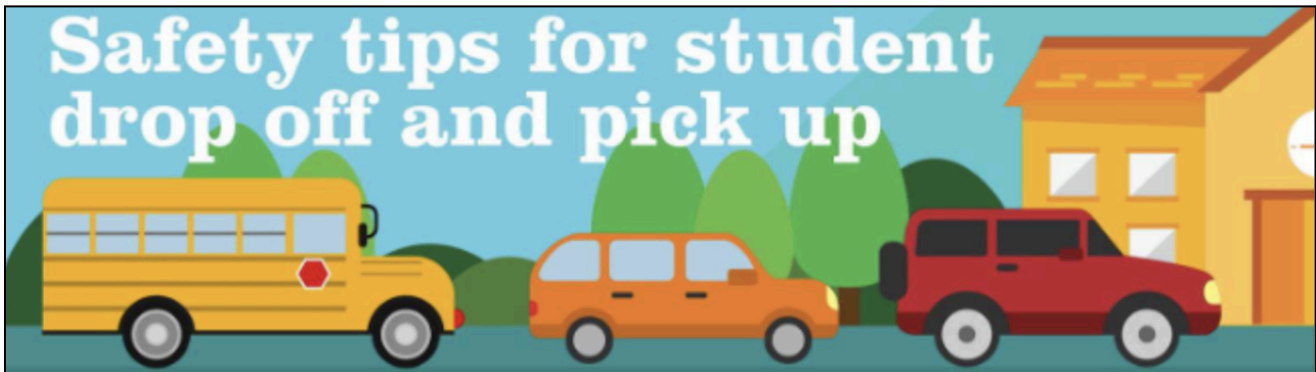
**Gifts can be
purchased from
your child's
classroom**

"Any day is a good day to ask RU Ok?"

Students and staff are invited to wear a touch of yellow with their regular school clothes to school on Thursday 11th September in recognition of this national awareness campaign. There is no cost.



Safety Tips for Student Drop Off and Pick Up



The 10 minutes before and after school can be quite busy and congested, but it doesn't need to be unsafe. Please do your part in keeping everyone safe.



Pedestrian crossings

Be mindful that we are sharing the road with young walkers. Always stop for school patrols, crossing guards and traffic lights. Always use designated crossings and set an example for the young ones.



Pick up/drop off zones

This is a quick stop zone, not a place to park. Students must exit the car on the pathway side, and vehicles must not reverse, U-turn or stop on yellow lines or over driveways.



Bus safety

Always slow when bus lights flash. Allow extra time for students to board or exit, and wait until they are safely on the path before driving on.



Share the road

Be patient of other vehicles and stay alert in school zones, Young people may take an unpredictable path as they are still learning. Drive slow and obey road safety signs.

Congratulations

Mya and Indi Bryan and Tina Kaveh Rad swam in the 2025 Tasmanian Short Course championships in Hobart last weekend.

This was the first time Indi competed in Hobart and she was very nervous and smashed out a PB in her Individual 50M Freestyle and was part of the Girls 8-11 years 200M Freestyle and 200M Medley relays.

Mya had an amazing weekend, bringing home 2 individual bronze medals for 50M and 100M Freestyle and was also part of the Girls 8-11 years 200M freestyle and 200M medley relays. In the 200M freestyle relay they broke the state record which was from 2002! Very exciting!

Tina raced in the 50m Breaststroke: 1st place, 50m Freestyle: 3rd place, 50m Backstroke: 5th place and the 50m Butterfly: 6th place. Congratulations Tina!

Well Done Girls.



Community News

YOUTH HUB - TERM 3

THE PROGRAM IS OFFERED TO CHILDREN AGED 6-13

SESSION 1
Tuesday 5 Aug, 3:30pm - 5:00pm

SESSION 2
Tuesday 19 Aug, 3:30pm - 5:00pm

SESSION 3
Tuesday 2 Sept, 3:30pm - 5:00pm

SESSION 4
Tuesday 16 Sept, 3:30pm - 5:00pm

LOCATION: Kings Meadows Hub (8a Blaydon Street)

REGISTRATION IS ESSENTIAL FOR NEW ATTENDEES.
PLEASE CALL VINNIES HUB ON:
p: 0480 799 397
e: youth.north@vinniestas.org.au

St Vincent de Paul Society
TASMANIA
good works

GALA Volleyball DAY

NTVA

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

Medication at school

Parent responsibilities



Complete and submit the Authorisation for Administration of Medication form annually or whenever medication requirements change.



Ensure medication is supplied ready to administer in the exact form and dosage required, as staff must not modify medication. (e.g. cutting tablets).



Supply medication that is in-date and provided in a pharmacy-labelled container or a pharmacy-prepared Webster-pak



Medication should never be sent in unlabelled bags, food containers, lunch boxes, or any other unsuitable packaging.



Advise the school promptly of any changes to their child's medication, medical condition, or treatment plan.



For self-administration, provide written permission from a medical practitioner, dentist, pharmacist, authorised nurse practitioner or optometrist using the Authorisation for the Administration of Medication form

Thank you for your support in keeping the students safe at school



THANK YOU!

**...FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND
CONTRIBUTION IN 2025!**

Some say can't... You said CAN!

On behalf of everyone at Zest & Impression Promotional Products we thank you and everyone involved for supporting the 2025 Can Drive and helping make a real difference to the Launceston Benevolent Society and the needy people of Launceston.

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