

St Finn Barr's Catholic School

Thursday 18th September 2025



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

Term 3 is slowly coming to an end, which means that we are getting close to the finish line for 2025. We always find Term 3 to be one of the more challenging terms. Whether it's because we don't have any public holidays during the term or that we go through some short, dark and cold days, we always find that fatigue and exhaustion are major factors during this term and it often feels like a grind just to get to the end. However, we are very close to the end and this time next week we will be able to see the end in sight.

As we approach the finish line of a busy Term 3, I encourage everyone to take this holiday break as a time for rest and relaxation. Just as Jesus reminded His disciples to “come away and rest for a while,” we too are called to pause, recharge, and care for our wellbeing. May these days be filled with joy, family time, and peace, and hopefully beautiful weather.

Sports Colours Day

Next Friday we will be holding our sports colours day. As part of the day we will be having a free BBQ at lunch time where the students will all get 1 sausage each. I would suggest bringing lunch as per normal as they may still be hungry, even after a sausage. We also have some fun activities planned for the day. The different areas will be doing different games and activities during the middle block, we have a staff vs students basketball game at lunch time and will finish the day with our end of term assembly at 2pm.

Father's Day Breakfast

Like always we had such a magnificent turn out for our Father's Day Breakfast last week. It's wonderful that we can get together as a school community and celebrate those important men in our lives. Thanks to the staff and parents who supported the day.

City Park Radio

What an amazing job our three CAT leaders did talking about the wonderful achievements our students leaders have been involved in this year. I hope that everyone got a chance to listen to James, Brieana and Stanley present on live radio last week.

Andrew Chinn

On Tuesday we were lucky enough to enjoy a day with Andrew Chinn. Andrew has been performing for many years now and every year he never fails to entertain us all, even the older students. Unfortunately we were unable to perform the concert on the courts, however it didn't really matter as everyone had a lovely time enjoying all the songs that Andrew had taught our students throughout the day.

Junior Athletics Carnival

Next Wednesday we will be holding our Junior Athletics Carnival on the back courts and oval. This is always a wonderful afternoon for all the students. We look forward to cheering on the little students of our school as they enjoy some fun activities together.

Prayers and Thoughts

Please keep Kate Dobber (2 Blue Teacher Assistant) in your prayers and thoughts over the coming weeks. Kate recently underwent knee surgery and will be recovering over the next couple of months.

Farewell

Georgie Dawe (Prep Teacher Assistant) will be finishing up in her permanent role at the end of this term. We thank Georgie for her support in the Prep area this year and wish her all the best with her future aspirations. Georgie is going to continue in a relief capacity going forward. Lauren Wright will be replacing Georgie in the Prep area for Term 4.

Damien Taylor
Principal

SFB SPOTLIGHT



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WHAT IS BULLYING?

DEFINITION

"BULLYING IS AN ONGOING AND DELIBERATE MISUSE OF POWER IN RELATIONSHIPS THROUGH REPEATED VERBAL, PHYSICAL AND/OR SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR THAT INTENDS TO CAUSE PHYSICAL, SOCIAL AND/OR PSYCHOLOGICAL HARM."

– NATIONAL DEFINITION OF BULLYING FOR AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS VIA BULLYING. NO WAY!

WHAT BULLYING IS NOT

A ONE-OFF FIGHT OR ARGUMENT – CHILDREN SOMETIMES DISAGREE, GET FRUSTRATED, OR CLASH OVER A GAME.
NOT LIKING SOMEONE – IT'S OKAY TO NOT BE FRIENDS WITH EVERYONE, AS LONG AS WE'RE RESPECTFUL.
ACCIDENTALLY HURTING SOMEONE – LIKE BUMPING INTO SOMEONE IN THE PLAYGROUND WITHOUT MEANING TO.
FRIENDLY TEASING OR JOKING – IF EVERYONE IS LAUGHING AND ENJOYING IT, IT'S NOT BULLYING. BUT IF THE JOKES GO TOO FAR, OR KEEP HAPPENING WHEN SOMEONE ISN'T HAPPY, THAT'S DIFFERENT.

PARENT TIPS

- TALK REGULARLY WITH YOUR CHILD ABOUT THEIR DAY AND FRIENDSHIPS.
- LISTEN CALMLY AND TAKE THEIR CONCERNS SERIOUSLY.
- DISCUSS POSITIVES FROM THE DAY.
- MODEL KINDNESS AND RESPECT AT HOME.
- WATCH FOR CHANGES IN MOOD OR BEHAVIOUR.

NEXT FORTNIGHT

WHAT TO DO IF YOU SEE OR EXPERIENCE BULLYING?

Sports Colours Day



ST FINN BARR'S



**SPORTS
COLOURS
DAY**

WEAR YOUR FAVOURITE SPORTS
TEAMS COLOURS AND ENJOY SOME
FUN ACTIVITIES ON THE DAY

**FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE FOR
LUNCH**


1 SAUSAGE PER STUDENT

**FRIDAY 26TH
SEPTEMBER
LAST DAY OF TERM 3**

ONLINE FEEDBACK 2025 - COMPASS/SEESAW


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

R.E. NEWS



KINDLY JOIN US FOR THE

St Finn Barr's Feast Day Mass



SEPTEMBER

THURSDAY

25

9:30AM

2025

ST FINN BARR'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Attendance @CET

Every minute counts....

Attendance at school every day matters!

They are
only
missing...

That equals...

Which is....

Over 13 years
of school
that's...

10
minutes
per day

50
minutes
per week

nearly
1.5
weeks
per year

nearly
half a
year

20
minutes
per day

1.5
hours
per week

nearly
2.5
weeks
per year

nearly
1
year

30
minutes
per day

half a
day
per week

nearly
4
weeks
per year

nearly
1.5
years

1
hour
per day

1
day
per week

nearly
8
weeks
per year

nearly
2.5
years

School Calendar 2025

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Date	Event	Time/Venue
<p>Morning Munch - held daily at 8:15 am- 8:40 am</p> <p>Little Fins - Thursday 9-10:30 am - Kinder</p> <p>Band Lessons - Thursday 10 am & Strings lessons - 1:30 pm</p> <p>Assembly - Senior and Junior Assembly held alternating weeks</p>		
September		
Monday 22nd	Chess Championships - some students attending from Yr 3-6	LCGS
Tuesday 23rd	Kinder Green - Intergenerational Cafe	9:15am-10:45am
Wednesday 24th	Junior Athletics Carnival	SFB
Wednesday 24th	Yr 3/4 Excursion to Brady's Lookout & Tamar Island Wetlands	9am -2:30
Thursday 25th	Feast of St Finn Barr Mass	9:30 am
Thursday 25th	Kinder Gold - Intergenerational Cafe	9:15am-10:45am
Thursday 25th	Strings Soiree at St Patrick's College	arrive 4:30pm for a 5pm start
Friday 26th	Staff & Students conclude for Term 3	
October		
Tuesday 14th	Students return for Term 4	
December		
Tuesday 16th	Last day for students (please note change of date)	

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

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



Change of Date to End of School Year

Students' last day for 2025 will now be **Tuesday 16th December**. For more information on this change please read the Compass post sent to families earlier this week.

P & F News

Rewards Recycle Program

St Finn Barr's School is now set up with the Rewards Recycle Program. From this week you can select to donate money from your recycled bottles and cans to our school. You can do this two ways, you can search for us under charities in the Rewards Recycle app or there are barcodes available from the office to scan at the machines. For more information visit [Rewards Recycle Program](#)



Lost Property

We encourage our students to take care of their belongings. As children become involved in their learning, or at lunch time, they may become preoccupied and leave things behind.

To assist in belongings being returned to their owner, it is strongly encouraged that everything is named (e.g. lunchboxes, hats, jumpers, etc). If property is found and not named, the item will be kept in the lost property until the end of the term. Parents and students can check the lost property when they are missing items. Our lost property is located in the entrance hallway of the Admin Block. All items not collected at the end of the term will be donated to a local charity or discarded.

Community News

CALLING ALL JUNIORS!

Looking to sharpen your cricket skills these school holidays?

Join us for two fun-filled days with our Chieftains coaching team!

All boys and girls aged 8–16 welcome

\$15 per child
October 3 & 4
Hadspen Cricket Club

- ✓ Skills & drills
- ✓ Game sense activities
- ✓ Fun competitions
- ✓ BBQ lunch provided

Whether you're a beginner or already playing, this clinic is the place to develop your game, make new friends and have a blast!

Bring a friend and get involved in the action!

Contact **JDO Liam Jordan** on **0400 930 113** or email **juniors.hadspencricketclub@gmail.com** to secure your spot ASAP!



IT'S TIME TO REGISTER FOR SEASON 25-26

Registrations to play with Hadspen Cricket Club in the 2025–26 season are now open!

This season we'll be fielding:

- U12 & U14 junior teams
- Boys & girls aged 9–14 years
- Woolworths Cricket Blast
- Boys & girls aged 5–9 years

Go to **www.playcricket.com.au** & search Hadspen Cricket Club for more details & to register!

Disney
BEAUTY AND THE BEAST
Cinema
JRQ

MUSIC BY
ALAN MENKEN





LYRICS BY
HOWARD ASHMAN
AND TIM RICE

BOOK BY
LINDA WOOLVERTON



PRINCESS THEATRE
28 & 29 OCTOBER 2025
THEATRENORTH.COM.AU
6331 0052

LICENSED EXCLUSIVELY BY MUSIC THEATRE INTERNATIONAL (AUSTRALASIA)

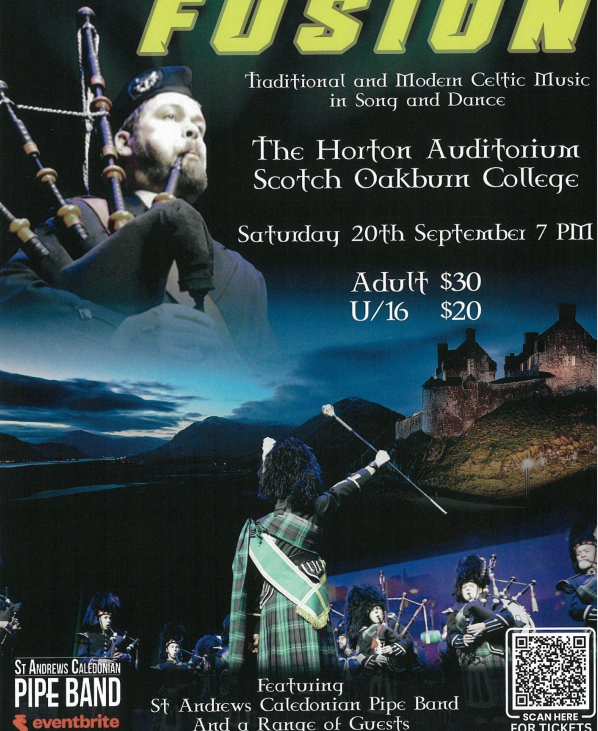
CELTIC FUSION

Traditional and Modern Celtic Music
in Song and Dance

The Horton Auditorium
Scotch Oakburn College


Saturday 20th September 7 PM

Adult \$30
U/16 \$20



ST ANDREWS CALEDONIAN PIPE BAND
eventbrite

Featuring
St Andrews Caledonian Pipe Band
And a Range of Guests

 SCAN HERE FOR TICKETS

 Black Square Chess
Building Better Brains



EAST LAUNCESTON PRIMARY SCHOOL
8 OXFORD STREET, LAUNCESTON


**SPRING HOLIDAYS
CHESS PROGRAM**

THURSDAY 9TH OF OCTOBER
FRIDAY 10TH OF OCTOBER

Day is 9:30 - 3:30pm
\$30 for the each day
\$60 for both

Team Play, Individual Games
Lessons, Games, Prizes

SIGN UP AT BLACKSQUARECHESS.COM

 Black Square Chess
Building Better Brains



SACRED HEART COLLEGE, HOBART
PEDDER STREET ENTRANCE

**2025 TASMANIAN
JUNIOR CHESS
CHAMPIONSHIPS**

7 rounds classical Games, ACF Rated
Under 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18 Sections

10:00 - 4PM
SEPTEMBER 27 - 28

SIGN UP OR FIND OUT MORE
AT BLACKSQUARECHESS.COM




Do you have a health care card? You could be eligible for Saver Plus.

For every dollar you save, you'll get a dollar from ANZ to spend on educational costs, up to \$500.

To join, you need to meet all of these requirements:

- ✓ Be 18 years or older
- ✓ Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- ✓ Have a child in school, starting school next year, or be studying yourself
- ✓ Get a regular income (can be you or your partner)
- ✓ Agree to join in free online financial education workshops

saverplus
1300 610 355 saverplus.org.au

Kids Learn to Sail

with **TACKERS**

discoversailing.org.au/tackers





When Starting 10.00am, Sunday 5th October. Please see club website for all dates and times <https://pdytc.yachting.org.au/home/>

Where Port Dalrymple Yacht Club, 9 Kemps Parade, Beauty Point

Contact Ben Greshbatch 0427 040 280 | training@pdytc.org.au

Tackers 1 Having fun
Tackers 2 Tricks & techniques
Tackers 3 Sailing fast!

All equipment provided
Delivered by qualified instructors
Fun game-based activities on and off water
Non-competitive and social


Northern Suburbs Community Centre Inc.

Friends for Life

A free school holiday activity

October 2025
Week 1- Friday, 3rd/10
Week 2- Friday 10th/10
10am to 2pm

A 2 day fun group activity program for parents and children.





Northern Suburbs Community Centre
Dover Street, Mowbray.

Call Debbie on 0455 310 329 for more information and to book your place

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ROOKE Presents

Nimble

"A way-too-dangerous game of floor is lava"
-Audience member, 12

3 & 4 October
Majestic Theatre
Launceston
(Old Neil Pitts Building)

★★★★★ Artshub



School Holiday Workshops

DEVONPORT 1 & 2 Oct
GEORGE TOWN 8 Oct
ROSS 9 Oct
LILYDALE 10 Oct
DELORAIN 11 Oct
ZEEHAN 15 Oct
BURNIE 17 & 19 Oct



LITTLE CIRCUS, BIG IMPACT

Term 4 Classes
DuCane Launceston

Ages 5 - 10, Tuesday
3:45 - 4:45

Ages 11+, Thursday
3:45 - 4:45



BOOK NOW!

for more information about shows, workshops or classes visit rooke.org.au



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