

St Finn Barr's Catholic School

Thursday 16th October 2025



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

Welcome back everyone to the start of Term 4!

I hope you were able to enjoy some quality family time over the holidays. With the wild weather we experienced, I also hope everyone managed to stay safe, and that the wind didn't leave you with too much tidying up to do!

Term 4 is always a busy and exciting time, filled with many extra-curricular activities and special events. It's also a particularly meaningful term for our Year 6 students, who have just begun their final weeks of primary school. This can bring a mix of emotions, excitement, pride, and a touch of nostalgia, as they prepare to celebrate their final moments at St Finn Barr's.

Last Thursday was **World Mental Health Day**, a reminder of the importance of looking after our own mental wellbeing and supporting those around us. Looking after our mental health is just as important as caring for our physical health. Small things—like checking in with a friend, taking time to rest, or spending time outdoors—can make a big difference.

As we begin this final term together, let's continue to care for ourselves and one another with kindness, patience, and understanding. These simple acts reflect the heart of our Catholic values; love, compassion, and community. Let's all band together in making St Finn Barr's a place where everyone feels supported and valued.

Athletics Carnival

Tomorrow our Year 3 - 6 students will be participating in the Athletics Carnival at St Leonards. We wish the students all the best. A big thanks to Esther Gardner for her organisation, to Star of the Sea Catholic College for supplying some helpers for the day and to all the parents volunteers who will ensure that the day can run smoothly. *No Subway orders for these students.*

Bush Kinder

Our Kinder students and their Year 5 buddies have enjoyed excursions over to Heritage Forest over the past couple of days. It was such a lovely sight watching the older students holding the younger students' hands as they left the school grounds. Thanks again to the staff and parent volunteers who support these wonderful opportunities.

New Sandpit

Over the holidays we had a brand new sandpit installed in the Kinder/Ludo area. This project was well overdue and is such a welcome addition to this area of the school. There is increased space for the students to play, there is plenty of shade and it looks amazing.

New Fence

You will have noticed that over the break we had a new fence installed near the courts that is looking pretty plain at the moment. We see this new fence as a blank canvas and as a community are excited about what we can do to decorate the wall and brighten things up a little. We will be consulting with the students and looking at employing someone to support the school in ensuring this new fence becomes a wonderful addition to our yard for the whole community to enjoy. Watch this space!

Work Experience

Next week MacKenzie Swain, St Patrick's College Student and past pupil, will be doing some work experience at our school. She will be working in a variety of classes throughout the week.

Damien Taylor
Principal

SFB SPOTLIGHT



ONLINE FEEDBACK 2025 - COMPASS/SEESAW

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

STUDENT ENROLMENT - 2026

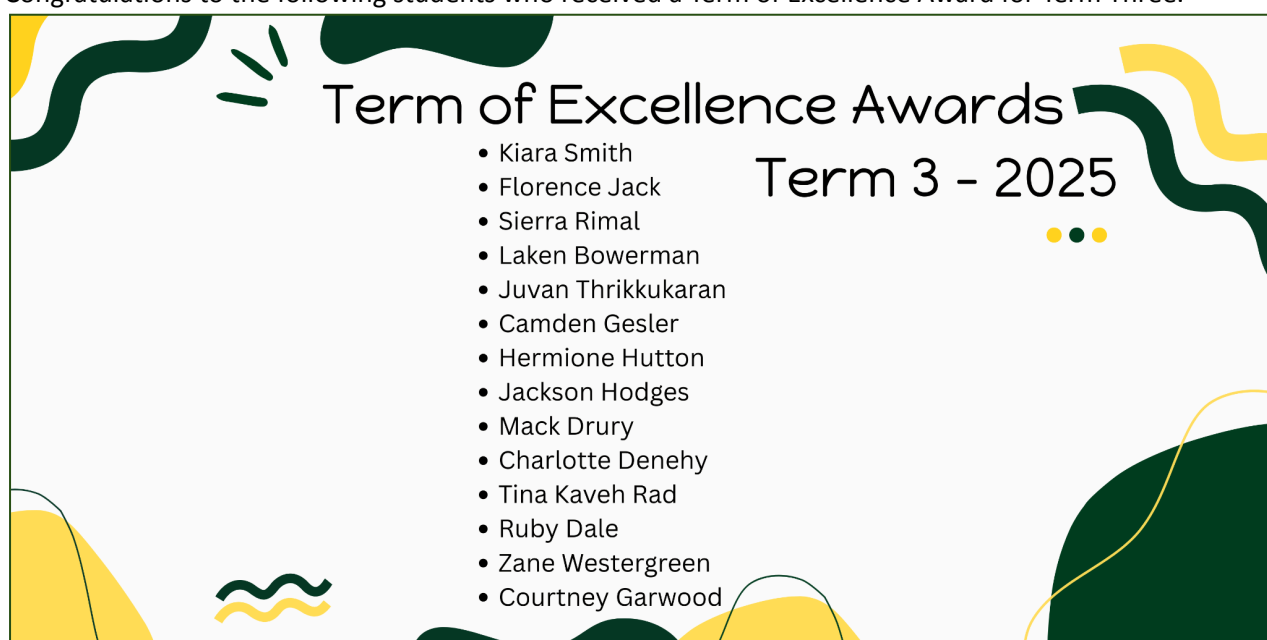
We are planning for 2026 and it is important we are aware of our student numbers. It is essential that if your child is not returning to St Finn Barr's in 2026, you email the school office - stfinnbarrs@catholic.tas.edu.au giving written notification. Thank you to the families who have already notified the school office.

Please be aware that a condition of enrolment at St Finn Barr's Catholic School is that we receive 10 school weeks notice of an enrolment withdrawal. Less than this may require 10 weeks of school fees to be paid.

Thank you for your support.

TERM OF EXCELLENCE AWARDS

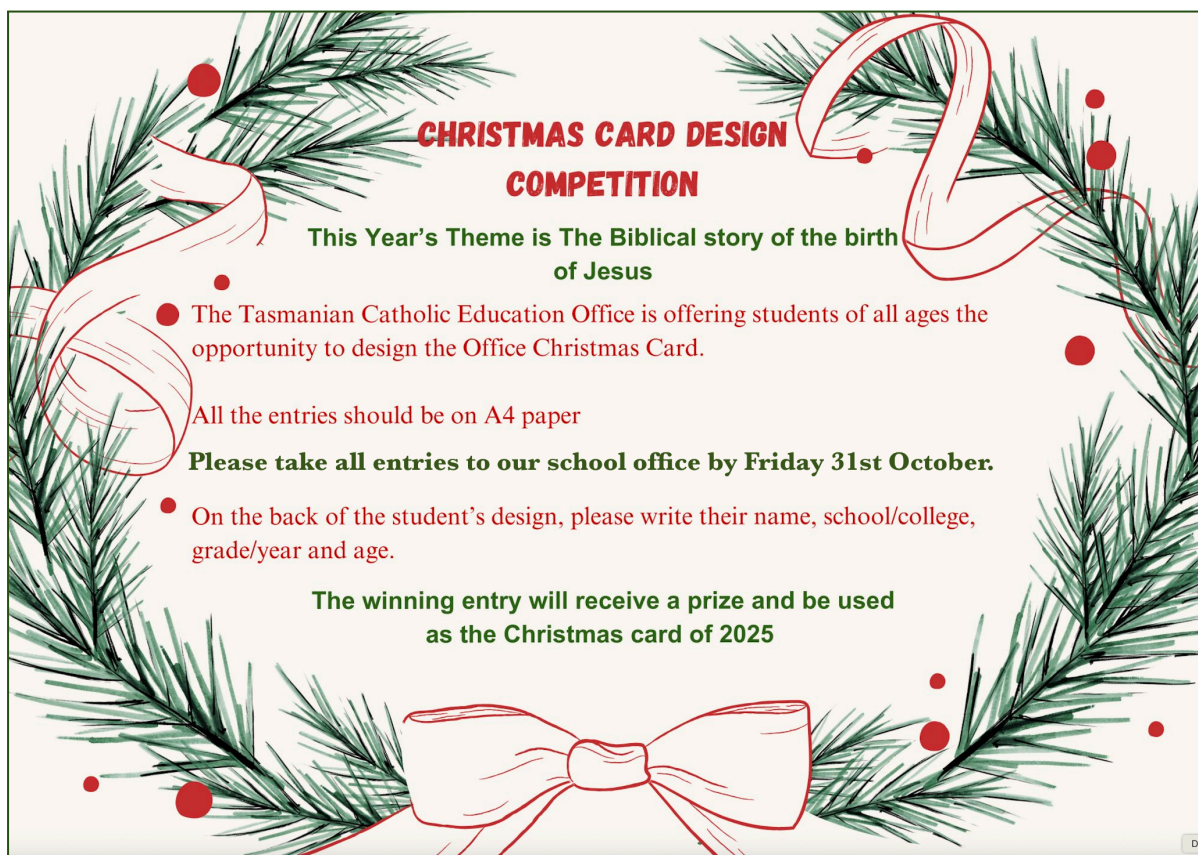
Congratulations to the following students who received a Term of Excellence Award for Term Three.



P & F MEETING



CHRISTMAS CARD DESIGN COMPETITION



RE News

Catholic Mission - Socktober 2025 - Zambia

This year we were raising awareness and funds for communities in Zambia, to help ensure children have access to food and education, giving them the chance to build a brighter future.

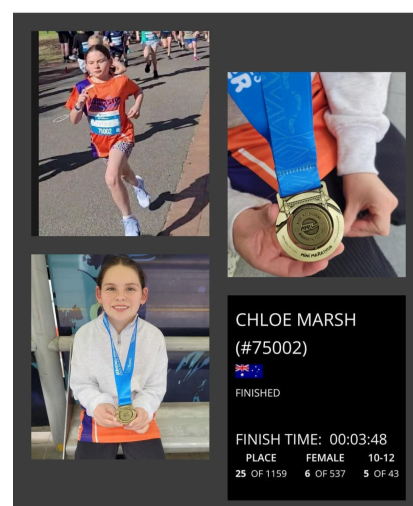
[CLICK HERE](#) to watch the Introduction video for this year's awareness campaign.

Students and staff are invited to wear their **crazy socks** to school on **Wednesday 22nd October, 2025** and donate a **Gold Coin**.



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Chloe (Yr 3/4 White) who last weekend ran in the Nike Melbourne Marathon Festival, 1km event. Chloe was placed 5th in her category of 10 - 12 year old girls and 25th overall out of a field of 1159 runners. Completing the course in a time of 3:48 which was a fantastic achievement. Well Done Chloe!



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Lizzy (Yr 5/6 White) who recently performed in the production of Frozen at the Princess Theatre. Lizzy has written a report sharing her experience with us.

My Frozen Jnr Experience – by Lizzy (Middle Anna)

Being part of the Black Box Junior production of Frozen Junior at the Princess Theatre in September was an incredible experience. Playing Middle Anna was a dream come true and one of the most rewarding roles I've ever had. Musical theatre is such a fun and exciting way to begin your journey in singing and dancing, and this show was the perfect opportunity to grow as a performer.

One of the biggest highlights of playing Middle Anna was getting to sing "Do You Want to Build a Snowman?" solo on stage. It was such a special moment for me.

I especially loved performing in the day shows, where we got to meet so many enthusiastic little children—seeing their faces light up made every rehearsal and performance worth it. We put a huge effort into making each show magical for every person in the audience, and I hope they felt the joy we tried to bring to life.

Working with Black Box Theatre Company introduced me to some incredibly talented people. The cast and crew were supportive, inspiring, and full of energy. I learned so much from them and made friendships I'll always treasure. This experience helped me build confidence, not just as a performer but as a person.

Looking ahead, I'm excited to be performing in the Kim Roe School of Dance and Performing Arts 2025 Christmas Pantomime; The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe, also at the Princess Theatre, from 2nd–4th December 2025. I'll be playing Mr. Squirrel and other roles, and I can't wait to help bring another magical story to life on stage.

My goal is to become a Triple Threat—someone who can sing, dance, and act at a professional level. My dream is to one day perform on the West End in London. This production of Frozen Junior was just the beginning, and I'm so excited for what's to come.

Well Done Lizzy!



Calendar - Term 4 2025		
October		
Friday 17th	Yr 3-6 Athletics Carnival	St Leonard's Athletics Track
Wednesday 22nd	Crazy Sock Day for Catholic Mission	
Thursday 23rd	Foundation Band & Foundation Strings Workshop	
Monday 27th	Gumnuts to Buttons - Year 6 students	
Tuesday 28th	Yr 3-6 Swim Program	Riverside Pool
Wednesday 29th	Yr 3-6 Swim Program	Riverside Pool
Thursday 30th	Yr 3-6 Swim Program	Riverside Pool
Thursday 30th	Prep Excursion - The Bike Centre	The Bike Centre
Friday 31st	NIJSSA Athletics Carnival	St Leonard's Athletics Track
November		
Monday 3rd	Public Holiday	

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

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

**IMPORTANT
DATES**

NEWS FROM THE PARISH OFFICE



CATHOLIC PARISH OF LAUNCESTON — ANNUAL MASS OF REMEMBRANCE
Thursday, 6th November 2025 at 7.30pm in St Finn Barr's Church, 247 Invermay Road
 An invitation is extended to everyone who has lost a loved one, especially during the last year to come along to our annual Mass of Remembrance. Relatives and friends are also invited to attend. You may wish to bring a photo or memento of your loved one and there will be an opportunity to place this at the altar during the Mass if you wish. All are welcome to join in this very special celebration of our faith.
Envelops are available in the church for November Mass Intentions.

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE
 Teens Group: Gr 6-12
 2nd and 4th Sundays, Pastoral Centre
 4.30pm-5.30pm
 YAS (age 18-35) 2nd and 4th Sundays in
 the Pastoral Centre 4.30pm-5.30pm
 Enquiries: Parish Office

CHILDREN'S LITURGY
 1st and 3rd Sundays –9am Invermay
 2nd and 4th Sundays –10.30am Apostles

Community News

CELEBRATE

Children's Week TASMANIA

Find an activity
near you!

Saturday
18 October -
Sunday
26 October
2025

What is Children's Week?

Children's Week is a national celebration held annually across Australia, aimed at raising awareness and educating the community about the rights of children, as outlined in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Everyone should know
about Children's Rights!



PLAYGROUP
TASMANIA

Find a
Children's
Week event
near you!



Freeform



BADMINTON

COME & TRY

WHERE - ELPHIN SPORTS CENTRE (HALL 2)

**WHEN - FRIDAY AFTERNOONS
STARTING 17TH OCTOBER**



4:00pm-5:45pm



COST - \$5 per person

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

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