

# St Finn Barr's Catholic School

## Thursday 30th October 2025



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

Our Year 3 - 6 students started their swimming program this week. This starts a three week period of swimming for the whole school and is always a very disrupted and busy time of the year. The children often come home a little more tired than normal due to all the changes and the swimming they have been involved in. It's important to make sure they are getting a good night's sleep each night over the next few weeks.

Please continue to keep the Porte Family in your thoughts and prayers. It's always a good idea to go back and read over the letter that was sent to families last week. This will help give you a reference point for conversations with your children if they ask how to interact with Lola, Sonny and Eddy over the next few weeks. We look forward to seeing the children back at school and will ensure all the necessary support is in place so that this can be a positive experience for them.

### **Athletics Carnival**

On Friday in Week 1 our Year 3 - 6 students participated in the senior Athletics Carnival at St Leonards. This is always a great day for all involved. A huge thanks to all the parent volunteers that put their hand up to help out on the day, a very important aspect in ensuring the day is a success. Well done to Marian House on winning the carnival. Tomorrow the students who performed extra well last week will be representing our school at the NIJSSA Athletics Carnival. We wish them all the best. Congratulations to Indy Berwick and Ochanda Okeny who will be our Sports Captains for the Day.

### **Crazy Sock Day**

Last week we celebrated Soctober by participating in a Crazy Sock Day. It's always great that we can link our social justice campaigns with something that is fun. Thanks to everyone for getting involved and bringing a gold coin for a donation. All funds raised will go directly through Catholic Missions and support people in need in Zambia.

### **Foundation Band and Strings**

Last Thursday, all the Foundation Band and Strings participated in workshop day. This is a great opportunity for the students to socialise with other students from Launceston Catholic schools and enjoy a fun day learning more about their instruments. This day also prepares them for the upcoming production on the 24th of November.

### **Gumnuts to Buttons**

On Monday Uncle Hank ran the Gumnuts to Buttons program with our Year 6 students. "From Gumnuts to Buttons" is an interactive educational simulation activity developed in Tasmania to help students and educators understand the history of Tasmanian Aboriginal people from their perspective.

### **World Teacher Appreciation Day**

Tomorrow we will be celebrating World Teacher Appreciation Day. A special day in the year where we acknowledge and thank those very special people in our lives that guide us, inspire us, encourage us, and walk beside us every day. Teachers do far more than teach curriculum — they help shape character, nurture confidence, and open up opportunities for our young people to grow into the very best versions of themselves.

At St Finn Barr's, we are incredibly fortunate to have a staff who lead with compassion, generosity, and dedication. They show up each day ready to make a difference, not just through lessons, but through the countless quiet moments of care, patience and belief they show our students.

I will be away all of next week on Long Service Leave. Belinda Perry will be the Acting Principal during my time away. I hope that you all enjoy the long weekend and get some time to rest and recharge for the remainder of the school year.

Damien Taylor  
Principal

## **SFB SPOTLIGHT**



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## **HELPING CHILDREN BUILD RESILIENCE**

AT ST FINN BARR'S WE RECOGNISE THAT RESILIENCE IS NOT SOMETHING CHILDREN ARE SIMPLY BORN WITH – IT'S A SKILL THAT CAN BE LEARNED, PRACTISED, AND STRENGTHENED OVER TIME. RESILIENT CHILDREN ARE BETTER EQUIPPED TO MANAGE CHALLENGES, BOUNCE BACK FROM SETBACKS, AND CONTINUE GROWING WITH CONFIDENCE.

### **5 WAYS TO SUPPORT RESILIENCE AT HOME**

- 1. ENCOURAGE A GROWTH MINDSET – HELP CHILDREN UNDERSTAND THAT MISTAKES ARE A PART OF LEARNING. INSTEAD OF SAYING "I CAN'T DO THIS," ENCOURAGE "I CAN'T DO THIS YET."**
- 2. NAME AND NORMALISE EMOTIONS – LET CHILDREN KNOW IT'S OKAY TO FEEL DISAPPOINTED, FRUSTRATED, WORRIED, OR SAD. WHEN WE ACKNOWLEDGE FEELINGS, WE HELP CHILDREN LEARN TO MANAGE THEM.**
- 3. FOCUS ON PROBLEM-SOLVING – WHEN CHALLENGES ARISE, GUIDE CHILDREN TO THINK OF POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS. ASK: "WHAT COULD WE TRY?" "WHO COULD HELP?"**
- 4. CELEBRATE EFFORT, NOT JUST SUCCESS – NOTICE THE TRYING, THE PRACTISING, THE STICKING WITH SOMETHING EVEN WHEN IT'S HARD. THIS BUILDS INNER BELIEF.**
- 5. KEEP ROUTINES CALM AND PREDICTABLE – CONSISTENT ROUTINES HELP CHILDREN FEEL SECURE AND READY TO TACKLE NEW CHALLENGES.**

### **NEXT FORTNIGHT**

#### **DEVELOPING INDEPENDENCE IN CHILDREN**

## ONLINE FEEDBACK 2025 - COMPASS/SEESAW

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

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Mission Mass (Northern Catholic Schools) for October, was celebrated last Friday at the Church of the Apostles. Our Year 6 Student Leaders proudly represented St Finn Barr's at the Mass, led by our newly installed Archbishop, Tony Ireland. Following the Mass, students were given the opportunity to meet with His Grace and participate in a Q & A session with Catholic Mission Youth Engagement Officer, Rachel Prince.





## Calendar

| Calendar - Term 4 2025 |                                                                                                                                             |                                    |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| October                |                                                                                                                                             |                                    |
| Friday 31st            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>World Teacher Appreciation Day</li></ul>                                                              |                                    |
| Friday 31st            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>NIJSSA Athletics Carnival</li></ul>                                                                   | St Leonard's Athletics Track       |
| November               |                                                                                                                                             |                                    |
| Monday 3rd             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Public Holiday - Recreation Day</li></ul>                                                             |                                    |
| Tuesday 4th            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Year 3- 6 Swim Program</li><li>Prep - Yr 2 Swim Program</li></ul>                                     | Riverside Pool<br>LAC              |
| Wednesday 5th          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Year 3- 6 Swim Program</li></ul>                                                                      | Riverside Pool                     |
| Thursday 6th           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Year 3- 6 Swim Program</li><li>Prep - Yr 2 Swim Program</li></ul>                                     | Riverside Pool<br>LAC              |
| Friday 7th             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Prep - Yr 2 Swim Program</li></ul>                                                                    | LAC                                |
| Monday 10th            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Prep - Yr 2 Swim Program</li><li>ATSI Camp</li></ul>                                                  | LAC<br>Camp Banksia                |
| Tuesday 11th           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Prep - Yr 2 Swim Program</li><li>ATSI Camp</li><li>Kinder Green 2026 Orientation Session #1</li></ul> | LAC<br>Camp Banksia<br>12:30 - 2pm |
| Thursday 13th          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Development Band &amp; Development Strings Workshop</li><li>Prep - Yr 2 Swim Program</li></ul>        | St Ailbe's Hall<br>LAC             |
| Friday 14th            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Prep - Yr 2 Swim Program</li><li>Kinder Gold 2026 Orientation Session #1</li></ul>                    | LAC<br>12:30-2pm                   |
| Tuesday 18th           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Kinder Green 2026 Orientation Session #2</li></ul>                                                    | 12:30 - 2pm                        |
| Wednesday 19th         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Tasmania Zoo Excursion - Kinder Green &amp; Gold</li></ul>                                            | 9am - 2pm                          |
| Friday 21st            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Primary Schools Triathlon</li><li>Kinder Gold 2026 Orientation Session #2</li></ul>                   | Devonport Bluff<br>12:30 - 2pm     |

*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.

## Community News



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**Save the Date**

**Our Lady of Mercy Catholic School**  
is celebrating  
**130 Years of Catholic Education!**

Join us for an afternoon and evening filled with memories of the past and a look into the future. Reconnect with old friends, enjoy drinks and dinner. Take a stroll through the school and our Holy Redeemer Catholic Church.

Date: 28<sup>th</sup> November

⌚ Time: 3:30 pm - 7:30pm, cutting of cake: 5:00pm

📍 Location: 22 West Goderich St, Deloraine

**Let's celebrate the legacy and future of Catholic education together!**

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