



ST. BRIGID'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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TERM 2 Week 1

1st May 2019

IMPORTANT DATES

= MAY =

- **Thursday 2nd**
9am Canteen-K Hyde & T Church;
12.20pm Stage 3 attending Parish Mass
- **Friday 3rd**
Polding Winter Sports Trials in Tamworth
- **Monday 6th**
PUPIL FREE DAY
- **Wednesday 8th**
Mother's Day Stall
- **Thursday 9th**
Year 6 at GRIP Leadership Day;
12.20pm Stage 2 at Parish Mass
- **Friday 10th**
9.30am-1pm Ready4Learning;
12.20pm Mother's Day Liturgy followed by lunch;
- **Tuesday 14th**
Years 3 & 5 NAPLAN Testing
- **Wednesday 15th**
Years 3 & 5 NAPLAN Testing
- **Thursday 16th**
Years 3 & 5 NAPLAN Testing;
12.20pm Kinder & Stage 1 attending Parish Mass

ANZAC DAY and ASSEMBLY

Last Thursday, it was great that so many students and their families turned out for the ANZAC Dawn Service and March in Kyogle. Our Year 6 student leaders represented our school so well, delivering speeches at both of these services. Congratulations Karli Pratt, Jed Mulcahy, Ava Smith and Nate Walters who read so beautifully and with pride. Thank you also to the staff and families who came to participate in these special commemorations. Last Monday we welcomed Doug Grove and Judith Facer who were our special guests at our own school ANZAC Assembly. This is a time when we pray and thank God for all Australians who have given their lives and will continue to do so in defence of our freedom.

We will Remember Them



Make Jesus Real

No act of
KINDNESS
no matter
how small
is ever
wasted.

BELIEVE ACHIEVE SUCCEED

St Brigid's acknowledges the traditional owners of country throughout Australia
and their continuing connection to land, sea and community.

We pay our respect to them and their cultures, and to the elders both past and present.

We commit to actively work for justice and peace.



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to Term 2 and I trust the Easter season brought time to gather with family and friends and to remember the death and resurrection of our Lord. Throughout Lent we have reflected on our personal relationship with God and through our daily actions renewed ourselves to live in ways 'worthy of Christ'.

The Easter message of Pope Francis is 'healed by Jesus' wounds'. Pope Francis observes that in all of the gospels' Resurrection stories, Jesus appears still wounded, a parallel between the risen Jesus and ourselves, as a wounded community, a hurting world. Amidst the joy and the beauty of our lives, there will still be wounds, he reminds us. It is in our own closeness to the wounded and yet resurrected Christ that our own wounds may, in fact, bring healing to others.

We are people of the Resurrection, Pope Francis reminds us, and in fact our own inevitable wounds, like those of Christ, can heal others.

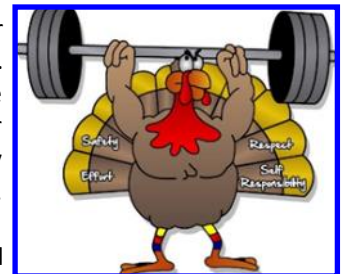
On the 2nd last day of Term 1, our Year 6 children led us in prayer and reflection about the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ at Holy Thursday. Our senior students led the school in a beautiful liturgy to think about the events of Holy Week. They represented each significant day, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Saturday with words and images to which the children could relate.

Yesterday, Tuesday, our Year 4 students led a liturgy with a meaningful celebration of Easter Sunday and the message, "Alleluia, he is risen."



CONGRATULATIONS ST BRIGID'S: During the recent holiday break we received notice from the Catholic Schools Office that ACARA (Australian Curriculum Assessment Reporting Authority) had identified six schools in the Diocese of Lismore as having demonstrated substantially above average learning gain in reading and/or numeracy achievement, as measured by NAPLAN from the 2018 data. St Brigid's was one of these schools and we were acknowledged in both Reading and Numeracy. This success highlights the continuous effort put in by the whole team to improve student learning here at our school. The other schools in the Diocese to receive recognition from ACARA were Pottsville, Alstonville, South Grafton, Kingscliff and Laurieton.

SCHOOL BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT: Our school made the decision 3 years ago to base our Behaviour Management Policy and Procedures on the PBS (Positive Behaviour Support) Model. Positive Behaviour Support (PBS) is a whole school framework which helps our school to create positive learning environments. Our school values, defined by the community, guide the behaviour of everyone in our school; staff, students, parents and community members. This is achieved by developing proactive systems to define, teach and support appropriate student behaviour. At St Brigid's, we strive to be strong in our SERS – Safety, Effort, Respect and Self Responsibility. Our PBS Team here at St Brigid's, Miss Bugden, Mrs Morabito, Mrs Condon, Mrs Esslemont and Mr Hunter are wanting to ensure that our school community is fully aware of and supportive of our Behaviour Management System. Please find a link attached to the newsletter for a short survey to assist us in helping you. There is also a chance to ask questions that will be answered in future editions of our school newsletter. All responses are completely anonymous but will be of so much value in supporting all of our school community. The link is as follows:-



https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1KZDS-8ViXTK-X5aP_vh1qWwO2CYIjyQeXXRRhJMdHN0/edit

PUPIL FREE DAYS: As noted on the Term 2 Calendar, there will be 2 pupil free days this term - **Monday 6th May and Monday 3rd June**. These days are set aside by the Diocese to allow for Staff Professional Development. Each school in the Diocese is permitted to take 4 pupil free days per year.

ZONE CROSS COUNTRY: We wish our squad of runners all the very best as they head off to the Zone Cross Country Carnival today, **Wednesday 1st May**. We will have a full update in next week's newsletter.

TERM 2 CALENDAR: A calendar outlining the important dates and events we will be involved in this term was sent home with the last newsletter of Term 1. If you did not receive one, please contact Mrs Welsh in the Office.

Every blessing for the week ahead,

Tony

Tony Hunter
Principal

Happy
Birthday
to...

Carter H
and
Noah M



INCLUDED WITH THIS NEWSLETTER—

SCHOOL FEE ACCOUNTS: Today your youngest child at St Brigid's was given the account. Please check that your address on the account is correct. If not, please contact Di to update your details.

TERM 2 CANTEEN ROSTER: Thank you to our 4 Co-ordinators, Tilly, Kate, Tina and Krystal-Lee. Thanks also to the 6 parents who have volunteered to be on the roster. We need more parents to help. Please contact Di in the office if you can help.

Catholic Identity

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS: Please note the time has changed for Saturday evening. It is now at 5pm. Thank you.

Mother's Day

MOTHER'S DAY LITURGY AND LUNCH: We would like to invite all mothers to our special liturgy and lunch to be held on **Friday, 10th May commencing at 12:20pm**. We would love to see you attend. This is a special way for our school community to pay tribute and honour all the special ladies in our lives.

MOTHER'S DAY STALL: On **Wednesday, 8th May**, we will have a Mother's Day Stall in the Library. Gifts are from \$2-\$5.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: On Monday our Year 2 students participated in a Confirmation Retreat. The students came away from normal school activities and spent time with Jesus to remind them that the Sacrament of Confirmation seals us with the Holy Spirit, strengthens us for service and invites and equips us to be witnesses of Christ.



On Monday night, 7 students were conferred with the Sacrament of Confirmation by our Bishop Gregory Homering. Congratulations to: Cailean Burrows, Chelsea Hyde, Eamon McCormack, Georgia Pratt, Noah Laarhoven, Ryan McDonald and Van Smith.



EASTER PRAYER LITURGY: Easter commemorates the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. We celebrated this significant event in Easter at our Easter Prayer Liturgy on Tuesday. Thank you to Year 4 for leading us in such a wonderful celebration.



Curriculum

NAPLAN TESTING: Year 3 and 5 students will be sitting NAPLAN in **Week 3 from Tuesday 14th to Thursday 16th May**. Whilst it is important for the children to understand that they need to do their best, we do not lose sight of the fact that it is just one piece of assessment at one particular time of the year. In other words, it is not the be all and end all of their education. All of our students have great teachers who continuously strive to assist the children to improve their level of achievement. They are in good hands and are provided with plenty of opportunities during the year to demonstrate their ability in all areas of the curriculum.

Community

READY 4 LEARNING: The program begins on **Friday, 10th May from 9.30am to 1pm** in the school's library. Ready 4 Learning Enrolment forms must be sent to the school office by next Wednesday, 8th May.

YEARBOOK PHOTO REQUEST: Just looking for any pictures from the Anzac Day services and march for the Yearbook. Please email to cinnamon.burrows@lism.catholic.edu.au

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE, CASINO: The College Open Night will be held on Monday, **6 May, starting at 5.15pm** with a visit to the Earth Centre. Please pass this message onto any prospective students to the College. It is one of the biggest nights of the year and the college is always very proud to showcase their facilities, students and innovative practices.

ST BRIGID'S TRIVIA NIGHT – SAVE THE DATE: The Parent Forum would like to invite you and your friends to our 2019 Trivia night.

Date - Saturday 15th June Theme – To be announced
Come and enjoy an evening of fun and laughter.
More information in a later newsletter.

GRANDPARENTS DAY & BOOK FAIR: A day that means so much to all of our school community is **July 26**, the Feast Day of Saints Joachim and Anne – the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary and therefore the earthly grandparents of Jesus. Letting all of our community know this date in case there are grandparents who do not live in or close to Kyogle who would like to make arrangements to be with us and their grandchildren on this special day. We will be celebrating Grandparents Day with Mass and a special gathering on Friday July 26 which is in the first week of Term 3.

Our **School Book Fair** will also take place on this day.

UNIFORM SHOP Open Tuesdays 2pm-3pm

We have some second hand uniforms available for \$2 per item. **Tote Bags** with the school crest are available from the school office costing \$5 each. All inquiries to Emma please.

Contact EMMA RIXON on 0422 399 841

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5pm: Saturday Mass;

9am: Sunday Mass.

ALTAR SERVERS:

May 4:

May 5:

PARISH HALL HIRE: Please contact the Parish office on 6632 1074 .

SCHOOL CANTEEN

Thursday 2nd May: Tilly Beetge, Kate Hayes & Nikki Hill.

Please sign in at the school office.

THANK YOU

=COMMUNITY NEWS=

KYOGLE LANDCARE OPEN DAY

Saturday 4th May from 9am—1pm

Alcorn Park (next to tennis courts)

Plant Sale & Workshops—

9am-10.30am Plant, Propagation;

10.30am-11am Koala Talk;

11am-12noon Fawcetts Creek

Guided Walk;

12-12.30pm Birdwing Butterfly

12.30pm-1pm Wires Workshop.

Morning Tea—scones & tea/coffee for a gold coin donation.

Kids Activities—Face Painting & Art.

Phone 0423 923 311 0437 866 911



KYOGLE FIRE STATION

Saturday 18th May 2019

OPEN DAY 10am-2pm

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