



ST. BRIGID'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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TERM 4 Week 1

16th October 2019

IMPORTANT DATES

OCTOBER

- **Wednesday 16th**
5.30pm Parents on Stage 3 Excursion meeting
- **Thursday 17th**
12.20pm ES1/S1 at Parish Mass
- **Friday 18th**
9am Kinder 2020 Transition;
9.30am Kinder 2020 Parent Information Session 1
- **Monday 21st—25th Friday**
Stage 3 Excursion-Sydney/Canberra
- **Thursday 24th**
12.20pm Stage 2 at Parish Mass;
Zone Summer Trials
- **Friday 25th**
9am Kinder 2020 Transition
- **Sunday 27th**
9am Parish Family Mass
- **Monday 28th Oct-Friday 8th Nov**
K-2 Intensive Swimming Program
- **Tuesday 29th**
5.30pm Parent forum Meeting
- **Wednesday 30th**
Crazy Sock Day

KINDERGARTEN



Kindergarten children have made a very settled start to their last term of Kindergarten.

This week in Mathematics, they are working hard to read, write, make and describe numbers.

We love Maths!



Make Jesus Real



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 and Carers,

Welcome back everyone to the final school term of 2019. It's hard to believe there are only 9 ½ weeks till the end of the year, and boy do we have a busy, yet exciting term ahead. Busyness at times has its good points, it does help us to keep focused on the job at hand and helps reduce incidences of absentmindedness. Being busy can become addictive because it reassures us that there is a job to do and that we are contributing to the success of our workplace. However, we do need to be careful of becoming too busy, like any addiction it does have its pitfalls. The following story highlights what can occur if we allow ourselves to become over busy.

A group of trainee teachers was asked to prepare a lesson on the Good Samaritan as part of learning about how to teach. They were to prepare their lessons in one building, then walk down the street to a studio where some would be chosen to present their lesson to the remainder of the group; the presentations were to be recorded on video for discussion at a later date.

However, the trainee teachers were unaware that an actor had been hired to dress as a wounded man; he was to lie on the footpath, appear very distressed and gesturing for help. Nearly 80% of the trainee teachers walked past the man and didn't even see him! They had studied the parable of the Good Samaritan, prepared thoughtful lessons about it, but still nearly 80% would walk past the wounded man and ignore him!

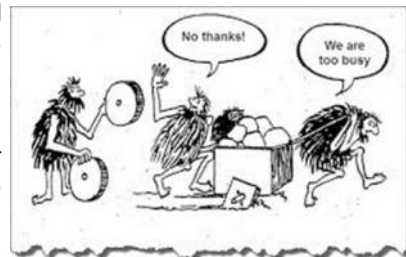
Are we, at times, a little like the trainee teachers in that we are so busy living our busy time-starved lives, that we neglect ourselves and overlook the needs of others? Do we take the time to live through our senses as well as our minds?

If we are feeling good and relaxed within ourselves, we will have time to notice other people, we won't be 'on edge' all the time and we won't allow ourselves to be so busy and caught up within ourselves. We will have time to share with our children and our children will truly feel that they are loved and appreciated.

Yes, it will be a busy term, but I do urge children, parents and teachers not to just cross events off on the calendar as they pass but to make the most of this time and take in the special moments which will occur over the next couple of months.

STAFFING ARRANGEMENTS: We welcome Mrs Marg Dowling onto our school staff to take the role of Mrs Morabito who is taking Long Service Leave for all of Term 4. We also welcome back Mrs Hession today, our School Support Worker who is resuming after a lengthy stint recovering from a nasty fall she had here at school. It is wonderful to have Mrs Dowling and Mrs Hession back working with us and bringing their many gifts into our school community.

KINDERGARTEN PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS: This week sees the first of our Kindergarten Transition sessions taking place. All students enrolled into Kindergarten for 2020 will be spending each Friday getting ready for their introduction into school. A reminder to all parents and carers that we have our Parent Information Sessions taking place on Thursday 17th October at 5.45pm and then repeated on Friday 18th October at 9.30am. The session on Thursday evening will be held in the library whilst the session on Friday will be held in the Parish Hall. It is imperative that all parents and carers attend one of these information sessions.



COLOUR RUN: A decision has been made to postpone our School Colour Run that was to be held this Friday the 18th of October. For this to be a successful event it is imperative that water be used to ensure that full value with the colour is achieved. With the current grim reality of water, we feel that this is an event that we can postpone to a later date when the water situation is a bit more positive. If this event does not occur this year, then all students in Year 6 who paid will be refunded their money. I apologise for any inconvenience caused but I am sure that we can immediately think of others who are in a far worse situation.

STAGE 3 EXCURSION: We wish all the students, parents and staff heading off to Sydney and Canberra next week all the very best for a wonderful learning experience. The group leaves early on Monday morning from Coolangatta Airport and have a jam packed itinerary taking in many featured sites in Sydney and our nation's capital. We wish all involved a very safe and enjoyable week away. Just a reminder that there are a number of outstanding excursion levies that are required to be paid by the commencement of the excursion. If you are unable to meet this requirement at this stage or request further time to pay, could you please let me know ASAP. This has been a stipulation of the excursion since the initial parent meeting back in June 2018. Thanks for your anticipated co-operation with this matter.

OUR NEW OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY STUDENTS: We welcome our new OT's for this term, Casey Taylor and Nicola Leeahy. Both are currently 4th Year Masters students studying through Sydney University. It is great to have Casey and Nicola here working with our students for this term.

KYOGLE SHOW RESULTS: Congratulations to all students from our school who were successful with their exhibits at the recent 2019 Kyogle Show.

Have a wonderful term everyone.

Tony

Tony Hunter
Principal

Happy Birthday to

Aleyah F, Brodi G, Sienna I,
Ruhara M, Lily H.



Positive Behaviour Support

Our PBS focus this week is -

Reviewing classroom routines and expectations (Guided reads, writes etc).



Catholic Identity

DAVID OGG WORKSHOP:

On the last day of Term 3, Year 6 were involved in an Art Enrichment Workshop led by David Ogg. The Art Enrichment Workshop was aimed to enthuse students, build character, creativity and develop an appreciation of existing art capabilities and foster a sense of well-being.



OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY: In the month of October there is a special devotion to the Rosary. The Rosary is a meditation on the life of Jesus and Mary and was developed as a breathing prayer. The Rosary is a mantra; a centering prayer involving the repetition of a particular word or phrase as part of one's breathing pattern. The prayer allows us to tailor our needs so that it can be prayed unhurriedly with one decade or just a few Hail Marys which makes it easy for children. It calls us to spend time with Jesus and Mary in the events of their lives with the help of story, illustration and imagination.

CRAZY SOCK DAY—Wednesday 30th October: We will wear Crazy Socks to raise money for Catholic Mission and participate in 'Sock Activities' on this day. Crazy Sock Day or Socktober is an initiative of Catholic Mission and one way in which our school can fundraise and engage in advocacy and formation activities for Catholic Mission during World Mission Month in October. We look forward to seeing all your CRAZY SOCKS!



PARISH FAMILY MASS & MORNING TEA:

We have our Parish Mass on **Sunday 27th October at 9am**. All students will have a part in the Mass and we would like to see as many of our school families as possible join in this celebration.



SCHOOL FEES: Outstanding accounts were sent home yesterday. Thank you to families who have paid their fees. If you are experiencing difficulties meeting this commitment please make an appointment to speak with the Principal.

Curriculum

STAGE 3 EXCURSION: If you are unsure of the balance due for the Stage 3 Excursion please phone Di in the office.

FRIDAY SPORTS—Swimming: This will take place each Friday for this term. Our students will be involved in going to the pool each Friday and all students will need to bring in with them a towel, swimmers, swim shirt and sunscreen. Entry to the pool will be \$3.00 or supply of your Pool Season Ticket number.

Stage 2 will begin swimming for sport in Week 2 (25th October).

Stage 3 will begin in Week 3 after they return from camp.

ES1 & S1 will begin swimming for sport after their Intensive Swimming Program has finished.

Intensive swimming for Kinder and Years 1 & 2 will be held in Weeks 3 & 4 (28th October-8th November).

Cost is \$10 per child for the 2 weeks. Helpers welcome. A note will be sent home later this week.

Community/Other

PARENT ASSEMBLY NEWS: Dads and Kids Campout is on the 8th November from 4pm. Please see the enclosed flyer. The link to register is <https://bit.ly/35yoZck>

We would like to see as many dads/carers and kids attend the Campout. Bring your tents, camper trailers or swags. If you have any questions please contact your Parent Assembly team—Danni Howes, Kelly Schneider or Stephanie Barsby.

TERM 4 CALENDAR: A Term 4 calendar outlining all the important dates and events for this term was sent out last term. If you missed receiving your copy please contact Mrs Welsh in the Office and one will be sent home to you.

ARE YOU MOVING? Planning for next year is underway and to estimate enrolments and class structures for 2020, it would be appreciated if the school could be notified of any children who may be leaving St Brigid's at the end of the year from grades other than Year 6. I invite you to come and see me or to put in writing your circumstances. Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

ANTI-BULLYING POLICY: Please be informed that the School's Anti-Bullying (Student) Policy has been reviewed along with the Child Protection Policy. Both policies are on our St Brigid's public website. It can be viewed via the following link:

<https://www.kyogplism.catholic.edu.au/policies-procedures/>

CANTEEN NEWS

We need more helpers for the Canteen Roster PLEASE!

ROSTER—If unavailable for canteen please call Krystal-Lee on 0431 985 401. Thank you.

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+ **OUR LADY OF SORROWS** + Kyogle Catholic Church

5pm: Saturday Vigil Mass

9am: Sunday Mass

ALTAR SERVERS:

Saturday 19th Oct: K & E Pratt and
P Kennedy

Sunday 20th Oct: J O'Reilly, E Harley
and L Kennelly.

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



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SCHOOL CANTEEN

Thursday 17th Oct: K Hyde, T Church
and M Edwards.

Thursday 24th Oct: T Church, C Boocock
and L Brown

Please sign in/out at the school office.

UNIFORM SHOP

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