



ST. BRIGID'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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TERM 1 Week 2

6th February 2018

IMPORTANT DATES

February

- ⇒ **Thursday 7th**
Canteen today with Kristy Chisolm & Nikki Hill;
6pm Stage 3 parents meeting regarding 2019 Excursion
- ⇒ **Monday 11th**
Parent Information Sessions. See further info on next page
- ⇒ **Tuesday 12th**
AFL trial submissions due
- ⇒ **Wednesday 13th**
5.30pm First Reconciliation & First Eucharist Parent meeting
- ⇒ **Thursday 14th**
12noon Opening School Mass
- ⇒ **Friday 22nd**
AFL Diocesan trials in Grafton
- ⇒ **Wednesday 27th**
12.20pm-3.15pm First Reconciliation Retreat in Parish Hall
6pm First Reconciliation in Our Lady of Sorrows church
5.30pm Sacrament of Confirmation Parent meeting

WE GAINED SO MUCH FROM THE PHILIPPINE PEOPLE

It was a very challenging 8 days that we spent in the Philippine city of Cebu in the holidays coming across so much poverty. It was very rewarding as well as my wife Helen and I witnessed the immense faith of the Philippine people and this was truly amazing. To take part in the Santo Nino procession that started at 4am, involving around 300,000 people and then to finish with Mass for 250,000 was a real show of people's faith. Due to the generosity of our parish school community we were able to donate almost 50kgs of thongs and underwear to people who were so grateful to receive a new pair of thongs. We were also able to purchase 2 wheelchairs for the Bethlehem Learning Centre where parents will no longer have to carry their children to and from school. We also arranged for 160 new food bowls for the Centre. A weekly feeding program for 320 underprivileged children has been established at Lapu Lapu Elementary School, who have an enrolment of 2,200 students. All of the people that we came across were so appreciative of the kindness and support of the Kyogle Parish community. Well done everyone!!! From Tony



Make Jesus Real



Thanks to all who donated goods & cash to assist the people of Cebu

Mabuhay

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,

Our parish school community would like to welcome back our existing families and also extend a warm welcome to new families at St Brigid's Primary School this year. 2019 will be a great year as we move forward together, **'Strong in Faith'**, knowing that we have the support of a strong and caring team who will provide rich and varied learning experiences so that each child can reach their potential and enjoy 'the fullness of life'. We especially welcome the following staff members, new in their roles this year:

Mrs Hayley Kennedy: has been appointed as the Year 5 teacher

Wendy Jansen: has been employed by the CSO, and will be part of a pilot project this year with Social Futures to support families in our school. She will be here each Wednesday (See insert for more information)

and **Kristie Chisolm:** has taken on the role of Canteen Co-ordinator.

KINDER: Today we also welcomed our new Kinder class to St Brigid's School. What a buzz!! Our whole school was excited to see them and to welcome them onboard. It was lovely to see the proud parents, carers and grandparents join us for this milestone in their lives. By all reports, the Kinder students settled into their new surroundings and had a great first day.

2019 SCHOOL LEADERS: Congratulations to our 2019 School Captains and House Captains from Year 6:

School Captains: *Karli Pratt, Ava Smith, Nate Walters and Jed Mulcahy*

House Captains: *Colahan (Gold) - Elsie Pratt & Lachlan Kennelly*

Sutton (Red) - Eva McErlean & Jai O'Reilly

Doyle (Blue) - Charlotte Davis & Lachlan Beetge



Student Representative Council: SRC students will be announced at our Opening School Mass.

We will induct our Year 6 students and officially welcome Kindergarten and all new students to our school at the Beginning School Mass on **Thursday 14th February, 12 noon**, at the church. The Captains, Yr6 Leaders and SRC Representatives will receive their badges at this mass. Please join us for a picnic afterwards on the school grounds. All welcome.

PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS: As a way of meeting with your child's class teacher and to gain wider exposure on the journey for this year, I invite all parents to attend our Information Sessions which will be held on **Monday, 11th of February**.



The Class Information Sessions will be held in the classrooms at the following times:

5:30-6:00pm Kindergarten, Yr1 & Yr6

6:00 - 6:30 Years 2 & 3

6:30 - 7:00 Years 4 & 5

MATHS AND BEST START ASSESSMENT INTERVIEWS: Thank you for bringing in your child/ren for these very important interviews as teachers could spend time one-on-one to establish your child's level of competency in counting, place value, addition & subtraction and multiplication and division. Kinder students also completed a literacy component. The information gathered will assist teachers to plan their learning experiences appropriately, taking into account the varying strengths and needs of the students. What a great platform to begin the school year! For those students who missed out, teachers will complete the assessment within the next two weeks.

Remember to see me or the classroom teacher if you have any concerns or questions. We are more than happy to help.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Harris family (Lily in Kinder & Bella in Year 4) on the birth of their son and brother Carter. May God bless Carter and his family.

UPDATE FROM TONY: Unfortunately, Tony will be absent from school until the 4th March due to a leg injury he sustained overseas in January. A serious infection developed as a result. However, the doctor was pleased with the progress of Tony's leg yesterday. Some swelling, bruising and tenderness remains and it is still difficult for Tony to place weight on his leg. The stitches were taken out, which was very pleasing and Tony will continue to have regular appointments with his doctor.

We wish you a speedy recovery Tony.

To everyone in our community this year, I wish you all a rewarding and fulfilling experience at St Brigid's. I encourage you to get involved in the life of the school, as the rewards will be great for both you and St Brigid's. At the start of any new year, it is exciting as we hold so many hopes and dreams for the year to come. May you be blessed with love and success in abundance!

With every blessing,

Jan

CANTEEN ON THURSDAYS IN 2019

Jan Condon (Acting Principal)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to ...

Christian H

Piper M

Ashton D

Eva B

Catholic Identity

ST BRIGID'S FEAST DAY: February 1st was St Brigid's Feast Day.



Our school is named in honour of St Brigid, because she lived and worked in a rural Irish community, similar to Kyogle, hundreds of years ago. When St Brigid's School opened in 1914, most of our farmers milked cows and many farming children attended our school. St Brigid came from a dairy farm and was a hard worker. She was compassionate and generous and always looked out for the needs of others. As she grew up, her love for God also grew. She is now known as "Mary of the Gael" and is the Patroness of Ireland. St Brigid also founded Kildare Monastery and is depicted holding a church in her hand because of her work in spreading the Gospel and setting up religious orders.

OPENING SCHOOL MASS: On **Thursday 14th February** we will be celebrating the beginning of the year with our School Commencement Mass **at 12 noon**. All are welcome to attend and join us in presenting our Year 6 leaders with their areas of responsibility for this year and officially welcoming our Kindergarten students and new students in Years 1-6. After Mass we will be having a picnic lunch on the playground.

SACRAMENTAL DATES: This year our Year 2 and 3 students will share in the Sacrament of Confirmation, First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. The following dates are important for Year 2 and 3 students and parents:

Parent Information Sessions:

- First Reconciliation & First Eucharist Parent Meeting - Wednesday 13th February at 5:30pm in the School Library.
- Sacrament of Confirmation Parent Meeting - Thursday 7th March at 5:30pm in the School Library.

Sacraments: Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Retreat – Wednesday 27th February from 12:20-3:15 in our Parish Hall

Sacrament – Wednesday 27th February at 6pm at Our Lady of Sorrows Church

Sacrament of First Eucharist:

Retreat - Wednesday 27th March from 9:00-3:00 in Parish Hall

Sacrament - Sunday 31st March (Parish Mass) at 9am at Our Lady of Sorrows Church

Sacrament of Confirmation:

Retreat - Monday 29th April from 9:00-3:00 in Parish Hall

Sacrament - Monday 29th April at 6pm at Our Lady of Sorrows Church

PARISH MASS: Our first Parish Mass is on Sunday 24th February at 9am at Our Lady of Sorrows Church led by Stage 1 students. Please come along and join us in celebrating the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

BAPTISM: Anyone who is interested in getting Baptised is asked to contact Laura Hughes at school. Thank you!

TERM CALENDAR: Please find accompanying this newsletter a Term 1 calendar which outlines all the important dates for this term. Please place it in a prominent position and refer to it and add to it as the term progresses.



Curriculum

LIBRARY: Please note that students may start to borrow from the school library in Week 3 this term.

CREATIVE ARTS: This term Stages 2 and 3 will be learning the recorder. We have enough recorders for the stages and these have been sterilised using Milton. If your child has their own recorder, that is fine but he/she will be responsible for it.

Stage 2 will have Creative Arts on Tuesdays and Stage 3 on Wednesdays. Recorder will begin next week, Week 3.

SPORTS NEWS: The 2019 Sports Coordinator is Mrs Vanessa Walters.

Diocesan Primary AFL Trials—in Grafton on Friday 22/02/2019 and are open to students in Years 5 & 6. Interested students can collect a nomination form from the office and must be completed online and are due by Friday 12/02/2019.

Zone Swimming Carnival—Students selected to compete on Wednesday 20/02/2019 will receive a note which must be returned with \$10 by Friday 15/02/2019. The \$3 pool entry will need to be paid by each student as they enter the pool.

Winter Sports Trials—The Zone trials (rugby league, boys soccer, girls soccer, rugby union, netball & hockey) will be held in Lismore on Thursday 21/02/2019. Those interested can collect a nomination form from the office and must be returned by Friday 15/02/2019. Details of venues/times will be given to you at time of registration. The \$10 levy must be sent in with the nomination form.

Polding Cricket Trial- As a school community, we wish Jed Mulcahy the best of luck on Friday as he represents our Diocese in a team to trial for selection into a Polding cricket team. All the best Jed!

Community

ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL: Supervision begins in the morning at 8:30am. Parents are asked not to allow children to arrive at school before this time. On the very odd occasion when there is a need to drop off a few minutes early, children must sit and wait in the undercover area. This should not be before 8:15a.m. Staff arrive at school early in order to prepare for the day and unless a teacher is on morning duty, staff are not required to supervise children until 8.30am. There will be a teacher on duty from 8:30am.

FACEBOOK PAGES: These pages have been a wonderful resource in communicating information to our school community in the past and we will continue to do so this year as well. Until we have our Parent Information sessions we will continue to use the current pages that are set up. New pages will be set up when class parents are advised from the Information Evening. A reminder that these pages are to be used for the distribution of information – they are not to be used to give opinions on school matters.

UNIFORM SHOP

Open Tuesdays 2pm-3pm

Contact EMMA RIXON on 0422 399 841

We have some second hand uniforms available for \$2 per item.

We are still waiting for boys shorts, sport shorts & girls uniforms from our suppliers. Please check future Newsletters when these items will be available to purchase.

For any inquiries please phone Emma Rixon

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6pm: Saturday Vigil Mass

9am: Sunday Mass

Altar Servers:

10 Feb: TBA

Hall Hire: Please contact the Parish office on 6632 1074.



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SCHOOL CANTEEN

**7th Feb.: Kristie Chisholm
& Nikki Hill.**

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COMMUNITY NEWS



POSITIVE PARENTING PRO- GRAMS

FREE starting 6 March, every
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RSM Club function room.

Evening sessions for 4 Tuesdays
starting 19 March from 5.30pm-
7.30pm at Jumbunna Community
Preschool.

You must book a place by phone
66622866 or email
jumbunna@jumbunna.com.au
See flyers on door to Admin office.

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