



ST. BRIGID'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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TERM 2 Week 2

8th May 2019

IMPORTANT DATES

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- **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;
5.30pm Parent Forum Meeting
- **Wednesday 15th**
Years 3 & 5 NAPLAN Testing
- **Thursday 16th**
Years 3 & 5 NAPLAN Testing;
12.20pm Kinder & Stage 1 attending
Parish Mass
- **Friday 17th**
Walk Safely to School Day;
9.30am Ready4Learning;
Year 3 Showcase
- **Thursday 23rd**
12.20pm Stage 3 at Parish Mass
- **Friday 24th**
Diocesan Cross Country at Bowraville;
9.30am Ready4Learning
- **Sunday 26th**
9am Parish Family Mass led by
Kindergarten—Stage 1 students

CONFIRMATION 2019

Last Monday, the Confirmation Candidates and Year 2 forgot about the busyness of the classroom and participated in a Confirmation Retreat in readiness for the Sacramental ceremony. Throughout the day students partook in various games and activities, and took the time to listen, reflect and to contemplate what God is calling them to do as witnesses of Christ in every aspect of their lives. Well done to all students for their participation throughout the day and congratulations to the 7 students who were conferred with the gift of the Holy Spirit during the Sacrament of Confirmation.



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/Carers,

From the few glimpses we get of Mary in the Gospels, she bears all the marks of a loving and protective mother. After all, she had gone through quite a bit to bring that life into the world. Considering the shame and the misunderstanding, considering the circumstances of his conception, she would have been anxious to spare him any scandal. Her feelings of protectiveness were very evident in the mix-up there at the temple in Jerusalem, and what we see coming out is in the classic tradition of a mother's supportive, protective and enveloping love.



Over against this, however, is the pull of what Jesus spoke of as 'His Father's business'. This influence tended to call Jesus beyond the boundaries of his mother's little world of safety and into larger areas of concern. His curiosity about the temple and the traditions of His people, represent a sort of pulling away from his mother and a reaching out to bigger things. And of course this was only the beginning of what proved to be some rather frightening things for His mother. On several occasions, Mary attempted to intervene and to save Jesus from all this danger, but with no effect and finally her worst fears came true as she saw him executed as a common criminal.

Loving God, we pray:

*for new mothers, coming to terms with new responsibility;
for expectant mothers, wondering and waiting;
for those who are tired, stressed or depressed;
for those who struggle to balance the tasks of work and family;
for those who are unable to feed their children due to poverty;
for those whose children have physical, mental or emotional disabilities;
for those who raise children on their own;
for those who have lost a child;
for those who care for the children of others;
for those whose children have left home;
and for those whose desire to be a mother has not been fulfilled.
Bless all mothers, that their love may be deep and tender, and that they may lead their children to know and do what is good, living not for themselves alone, but for God and for others. Amen.*



POLDING WINTER TRIALS: Last Friday, 4 boys from St Brigid's and their families travelled to Tamworth to take part in the Polding Rugby League trials. Tom Relph and Xavier Brownlee were taking part in the Under 11's and Nate Walters and Jed Mulcahy were taking part in the Under 12's trials. After a full day of competition and giving their best, Jed was selected in the Polding Squad for the Under 12's. Jed will now take part in the NSWPSA Open State Rugby League Carnival to be held at St Mary's from 25th to 27th June. We wish Jed all the very best and once again congratulations on achieving such a high level of representative sport.

DIOCESE OF LISMORE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT SURVEYS (DOLSIS): Sixty families of our school will be randomly selected to participate in the DOLSIS surveys this month. Insight SRC is conducting this survey on behalf of our school and the Catholic Schools Office Lismore. It is designed to assist our school community in gaining an understanding of our parents' perception of their children's experience of attending school here at St Brigid's. The results will benefit everyone within the school by providing valuable information about the ways in which the school can use staff, student and parent input to plan programs and activities to improve your child's experience at school. Surveys can be completed either online or via a paper version. Please return the paper version to school by or on Friday 24th May. Many thanks to those parents for your support in completing this survey.

ZONE CROSS COUNTRY: Congratulations to all of our students who participated in the Richmond Zone Cross Country last Wednesday. Despite the variety of weather conditions, the students were enthusiastic and gave it their best in true St Brigid's spirit, encouraging each other to the finishing line. Thank you to Mrs Burrows and all parents who attended who were cheering the students to the end! Congratulations to Noah Laarhoven (5th place U8's) and Jarrah Law (7th place U10) who finished in the top 8 of their respective events. Jarrah now progresses to the Diocesan Cross Country Carnival in Bowraville later this term. All the very best Jarrah!!

Every blessing for the week ahead,

Tony

Tony Hunter
Principal

**PARISH FAMILY MASS &
MORNING TEA**

We have our Parish Mass on
**Sunday 26th May at 9am led by
our K-2 students.** All K-2 students
will have a part in the Mass and they would love to
see as many of our school families there to join in
this celebration.



Happy Birthday to...

Austin C
Eva M
Harry N
Maggie P
Chloe K
Sabine H



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 **CORRECT** link is as follows:-
<https://forms.gle/CE2fk4sfTYDt99tt9>

Each week we have a PBS focus that is communicated to the students at morning assemblies by the school leaders. In the classroom, our PBS focus is explicitly taught by teachers. The students are then asked to consider how our focus will look like in the classroom, on the yard, around the canteen and toilet blocks. Our PBS focus for this week is **We speak respectfully to everyone at all times using manners.** You might like to discuss our weekly PBS focus with your child.



WOOLWORTHS EARN 'N LEARN PROGRAM:

This promotion kicked off last week and we are taking part once again. All students received 2 sheets today to fill in with the stickers given after shopping at Woolworths. Please return your filled sticker sheet back to the school office by the end of this term. Please ask family and friends to collect the stickers and send them into school. We look forward to collecting as many stickers as we possibly can.



Catholic Identity

MOTHER'S DAY LITURGY AND LUNCH: We warmly invite our Mothers and mother figures to join us for our Mother's Day Liturgy and Lunch this Friday 10th May at 12:20pm in the Parish Hall. Please join us for lunch once our Liturgy has concluded. Please take this opportunity to meet some new wonderful mums, grandmums, nans or aunties who make up our amazing community. We thank you for all your support, love and care of our wonderful children at St Brigid's. We look forward to celebrating our special ladies this Friday!



Curriculum

NAPLAN 2019: Next week our Year 3 and Year 5 students will undertake their NAPLAN Assessments. This will be the first time that the assessments will be completed online by our students. They had a trial in late March and all went according to plan with our technology and so we are very confident that all will be ready for the students next Tuesday 14th, Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th of May. NAPLAN has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy skills of students across Australian schools. The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support our learning programs here at St Brigid's. Parents will receive a report indicating their child's level of achievement later in Term 3. Each student's level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard. We look forward to our students doing their very best with their NAPLAN next week.

Community

FAIRMOUNT COLOUR RUN: This fundraising event was postponed last term due to the wet weather. The committee have set aside Sunday 19th May as the alternative date. Our school will be conducting their own version of the Colour Run at a later date. The time and date will be discussed at next week's Parent Forum meeting and communicated to our school community in next week's newsletter.

READY 4 LEARNING: The program begins on **Friday, 10th May from 9.30am to 1pm** in the school's library.

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 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 – Mexico

Come and enjoy an evening of fun and laughter. More information in a later newsletter.

KYOGLE HEALTHY TOWN CHALLENGE GRANT: Our school was recently notified by Kyogle Council that we were successful with our application for the Healthy Town Challenge grant. With the \$1000 that we will soon receive, we will be purchasing a raised garden bed, soil and vegetable seedlings. This is just the start! We hope to secure future funds to further our school vegetable garden.

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.

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+ Our Lady of Sorrows + Kyogle Catholic Church

5pm: Saturday Mass;

9am: Sunday Mass.

ALTAR SERVERS:

Anyone is welcome to Altar Serve on the 11th and 12th of May.

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

Roster will come out after Altar Serving Training is complete.



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SCHOOL CANTEEN

Thursday 9th May: Tina Church, Krystal -Lee Hyde, Felicia Livingstone and M'leigh Edwards.

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KYOGLE FIRE STATION

Saturday 18th May 2019

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

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All inquiries to Emma please.

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