



ST. BRIGID'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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TERM 4 Week 2

23rd October 2019

IMPORTANT DATES OCTOBER

- **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;
Stage 2 Swimming for Sport
- **Sunday 27th**
9am Parish Family Mass
- **Monday 28th Oct-Friday 8th Nov**
K-2 Intensive Swimming Program
- **Tuesday 29th**
Author Zanni Louise Writing Workshop;
5.30pm Parent forum Meeting
- **Wednesday 30th**
Crazy Sock Day

NOVEMBER

- **Friday 1st**
Feast of All Saints—
9.30am Whole School Mass;
9am Kinder 2020 Transition;
- **Saturday 2nd/Sunday 3rd**
Parent Assembly Family Weekend
Retreat;
Lego Competition in Ballina (Saturday)

PHOTOS FROM THE STAGE 3 EXCURSION



Make Jesus Real

I AM THE BOSS OF ME

TURN
THIS



INTO
THIS



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,

This Friday is the day traditionally set aside as World Teachers' Day but here at St Brigid's, I would like to acknowledge it as World Staff Day to include all the wonderful people on staff. All of our Teacher Assistants and Admin staff are extraordinary in the way they work with our students to cater for their needs.

Every day, teachers are making a difference educating and inspiring young people across our country. This Friday is an opportunity to acknowledge them and say thanks for the significant contributions they make in our classrooms and communities. The old adage of "Go to work at 9 and home by 3 with ten weeks holiday a year" is so untrue and outdated. Just ask the spouse/partner of any teacher!!!! Most teachers would work a ten-hour day at least, whether it be at school or home, and much of the weekends and holiday periods are spent on preparation for the coming week/year/term, or planning or reports.



Our staff here at St Brigid's have a fantastic working relationship with each other, sharing the load and adding their talents and skills to the collective total of those available to our students. The staff, without exception, embrace new programs and processes, adventures and new ideas. They are a real TEAM in action. The staff frequently offer the comment of how lucky we are to have the students we have, who on the whole, are a delight to work with each day.

So, this Friday, it would be lovely for our school community to acknowledge and thank all those who work at St Brigid's. Our staff are a wonderful group of people and we are so fortunate to have such a team in our school.

STAGE 3 EXCURSION: Currently our Stage 3 students are in Canberra taking in the sights and activities that our Nation's capital has to offer. We flew from Coolangatta early on Monday morning and had a good flight to Sydney. Many thanks to all parents and carers who ensured that their child was at Coolangatta airport by 5:45am ready for our flight. It was a 3am start to the day for many in order to be at the airport on time and your assistance with that was greatly appreciated by Miss Hughes, Mrs Kennedy and myself. The students have been wonderful and are thoroughly enjoying this fantastic opportunity. Thus far we have had the opportunity to visit the grave of St Mary MacKillop at MacKillop Place, climb inside one of the pylons on the Sydney Harbour Bridge, visit Parliament House, Mt Ainslie, Questacon, Government House and try our acrobatic skills at "Flip Out".



At Parliament House we were privileged to witness Mr Morrison, our Prime Minister deliver an address marking the first anniversary of the national apology to victims of institutional child sexual abuse and then the response from the Leader of the Opposition, Mr Anthony Albanese. We also met and spent time with our Federal Member, Mr Kevin Hogan and he was very keen to answer the student's questions and share a couple of photos. With only 2 days down and



3 still to go, lots more things are on the agenda which we will report about back at school and on our Facebook pages.

2020 MATHEMATICS TESTING FOR YEARS 1-6: Next year our school year will continue with the staggered start at the beginning of the year as we continue our strategic focus on improving the mathematical learning of our students. All students in Years 1-6 will be assessed using the Mathematics Assessment Interview (MAI) on **Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th January 2020**. St Brigid's staff will be taking two days to conduct the MAI with each student of their class. This is a one-on-one interview style assessment directed by the teacher and gives a wonderful opportunity for the student and teacher to have this rich discussion on mathematical processes at the commencement of the school year. Each assessment takes a minimum of 30 minutes. More details and an interview on-line booking schedule will be organised for later this term.

School will commence for students in Years 1-6 on Friday 31st January 2020.

2020 LITERACY & MATHEMATICS TESTING FOR KINDERGARTEN: Kindergarten students will have a separate testing schedule for literacy and numeracy and this will take place from Wednesday 29th January to Tuesday 4th February 2020.

Kindergarten will begin school on Wednesday 5th February.

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.

Have a wonderful week.

Tony

Tony Hunter

Happy Birthday

**Fred F
and
Ellie D**



Positive Behaviour Support

Our PBS focus this week is -
*We speak respectfully at all times
because we treat people how we like to
be treated.*



Catholic Identity

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!



STAGE 3 EXCURSION: These photos are from our visit to Mary MacKillop Place in North Sydney. ↓



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.



Curriculum

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.

Please return permission note with money by this Friday, 25th October.

YEAR BOOK COVER COMPETITION: All students are invited to design the cover of the 2019 Year Book. Entries are to be on A4 size paper and must have student's name on the back of their entry. **Entries close at 9am Friday 8th November.** An independent judge will choose the winner and their picture will be used for the 2019 Year Book.

BOOK CLUB: Book Club orders, with payment must be completed by **Wednesday 6th November**, either by using LOOP or sending order with money to the school office.

STAGE 2 CAMP: Years 3 and 4 go on camp from **11th—13th December**. Please return the permission note with \$50 deposit by this Friday, 25th October.

TRANSPORT EXPO: As part of our school's writing focus this year, we are planning a 'Transport Expo' to provide the students with transport vehicles to inspire them to write. The vehicles will be on the playground whereby students will view plan (take notes) and ask questions to support them in a writing task.

AUTHOR VISIT: We have Zanni Louise returning on **Tuesday 29th October** to do a follow-up writing workshop with a group of passionate writers. A second group of students will also participate in a workshop on the day to provide them with encouragement and hints when writing for an audience.



Community/Other

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/>

THURSDAY CANTEN: We need more helpers for the Canteen Roster!

ROSTER—If you are unavailable on your rostered day 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 26th Oct: S Harley, P & C Love;

Sunday 27th Oct: F Fowler, K Duff & Ava S.

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



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SCHOOL CANTEEN

Thursday 24th Oct: K Hyde, N Hill and L Nugent;

Thursday 31st Oct: T Church, M Edwards and L Brown

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Bentley Community Preschool

BUSH DANCE

Saturday 9th Nov 2019

At Bentley Community Hall
2/2150 Bentley Road, Bentley

Facebook/Bentley-Community-Preschool
Doors open from 6pm

Admission—Adults \$15

Kids (6-17) \$5

Kids under 5 FREE

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