



ST. BRIGID'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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12th February 2020

IMPORTANT DATES

February

Thursday 13th

5.30pm Sausage Sizzle;

6pm Meet 'N Greet evening

Monday 17th

Zone Swimming Lismore

Tuesday 18th

9.30am Opening School Mass

Wednesday 19th

5.30pm Buddies BBQ &

Better Together Initiative

Sunday 23rd

9am Parish Family Mass

Monday 24th

6.30pm Safe on Social Media

Parent Information night

Wednesday 26th

Ash Wednesday;

6pm First Reconciliation

March

Thursday 26th

9am → School Photos



KINDERGARTEN

Kindergarten students have settled into Big School really well and are already working super hard. You will find our class photo in the next edition of Talking Turkey, our local Northern Rivers newspaper.



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 Families of St Brigid's,

A Student's Prayer for the Beginning of the School Year

*We give you praise, O God, for everything that is new and beautiful,
for everything which holds promise and brings us joy.*

Bless us as we start this new year with our friends and teachers.

Help us to make the most of every chance we have to start afresh.

May we show love to one another and to all.

*May the new beginning of this school year remind us that you give us chances to start
over again and again. Help us to forgive others as we receive your forgiveness.*

*Help us to learn and to work together. Help us to listen when we should and to know the best words
when we speak and when it is better not to speak.*

We thank you for our friends. Help us to be good friends this year.

Help us to be patient with ourselves and with others.

Bless our school and keep us safe. Be with us as we travel each day.

Help us to be aware of your love shown to us in the people around us.

*Bless all those who care for us in school and at home. Help us show our care for them
and to say sorry when we need to.*

*May the Blessed Mother Mary protect us and help us to live as well as we can giving thanks
and glory to God as she did. Amen*

OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY: Our parents' support is valued and appreciated and we encourage all to join in where you can! Communication is the key. If you have any concerns about school life, it is important to deal with them as soon as possible so that your concern does not become a big problem. You can email me at: tony.hunter@lism.catholic.edu.au if that is easier. Make an appointment to discuss any issue or concern with myself or our Assistant Principal, Mrs Condon. Always approach the class teacher first if it is a concern relating to a class issue or academic progress. Teachers can often correct relatively quickly what might appear at first to be a big issue. We have a tremendous staff here at St Brigid's and with a wonderful parent body working with the school, we can accomplish much. Our Parent Forum AGM will be coming up in March along with other opportunities as listed below. These meetings are a great way to support your school and to get to know other parents.

2020 FAMILY MEET 'N GREET EVENING: Want to find out what is in store for our St Brigid's School Community in 2020? Then please come along to our Meet 'n Greet Night tomorrow **13th February commencing at 6pm**. This year, our Information Evening takes on a different format. All families are invited to school from **5:30pm** for a sausage sizzle dinner followed by our presentation in the Hall for all families to attend. During this session we will introduce all staff to you as well as highlighting our school and the services that are available for all families here at St Brigid's. We will also highlight our communication procedures for this year. All families in attendance will have the opportunity of winning \$100 off their school fee account for 2020. Looking forward to seeing all of our families at this gathering.

OPENING SCHOOL MASS: Our mass to commence our school year will be held on **Tuesday 18th February commencing at 9:30am**. At this mass we will be welcoming our Kindergarten, other new students in Years 1-6 and inducting our school leaders for 2020 who will be presented with their Leadership badges. I look forward to seeing as many as possible at our first liturgical celebration for the year.

BUDDIES BBQ AND BETTER TOGETHER INITIATIVE: Our school will be taking part in a project this year that will forge the way for stronger links between home and school. The evening will take place on **Wednesday 19th February commencing at 5:30pm** with our free Kindergarten and Buddies BBQ preceding our guest speaker. All of our parents and carers have the opportunity to work with acclaimed international educator, Dr George Otero who is presenting at 6pm. To register and for further information please refer to the flyer attached with this newsletter.

SCHOOL FEE ACCOUNTS: Your account has been sent home with your youngest child at school. Please check that your address on the account is correct, and contact Di in the office if not. Please make an appointment with the Principal if you are having difficulties in meeting this commitment so that an agreeable arrangement can be made for paying your fees.

With every blessing for the week ahead,

Tony

Tony Hunter
Principal

Happy Birthday to

Eva B
and
Noah L



Positive Behaviour Support

Our PBS focus this week is -

We have expectations and routines in our classrooms that we all follow because we are happy chappies.



HOME DETAILS AND CONTACTS: If over the holidays you have changed address, phone numbers, email address or emergency contacts, it is essential to let the school know so that we can keep these all up to date. This is especially important in the case of an emergency and we need to contact families urgently. Your assistance with this is greatly appreciated.

SAFE ON SOCIAL PARENT INFORMATION EVENING:

With the ever increasing exposure to Social Media, this is a presentation that no parent or carer can afford to miss. We are delighted to have Kirra Prendergast, CEO of 'Safe on Social' come to our school on **Monday 24th February** to deliver a presentation that will be engaging, entertaining and quite confronting. Kirra will deliver information that primary school parents need to know about - YouTube, Instagram, Musical.ly, Snapchat, Roblox, Minecraft, Clash of Clans / Clash Royale, Online Gaming, Fortnite and other games and apps your children may be using now or in the future.

Other areas that Kirra will cover are:-

Using social media with awareness

Keeping personal information private

Online grooming

Posting and sharing photos

What is a digital footprint

Cyber-bullying, harassment and how to report it

Strategies to build resilience

Online gaming safety

Kirra will be presenting to the students in Years 3 to 6 during school time and then will give her presentation to parents in the Parish Hall commencing with dinner from 6pm and the presentation to commence at **6:30pm**.

Don't let someone tell you how good this evening was, witness it for yourself!!

SKOOLBAG APP: From **Wednesday 19th of February** our weekly school newsletter will be sent home via the Skoolbag App. We will be relying on this app for a large majority of our communication between home and school. If you wish to continue receiving a paper copy of the newsletter this year please let Mrs Welsh know. I ask all families to have the Skoolbag App downloaded onto your favourite devices- phones, ipads, laptops etc as it is a compulsory app for our St Brigid's families.

Please follow the steps to upload the app:-

1. Get your favourite device
2. Open the Apple Store (Apple users) or Google Play (Android users)
3. Search for "Skoolbag"
4. Download the free app and sign in
5. Open the app and download St Brigid's Primary Kyogle (it will have a picture of our school logo)
6. You are now set.

MATHS: Parent Helpers are needed. If there are any parents who have some time to make Maths resources, it would be much appreciated. This would involve laminating, cutting, making bead strings etc. Please leave your name with Di at the office or contact Jan Condon.

Catholic Identity

SACRAMENTAL DATES: This year our Year 2 and 3 students will share in the Sacrament of Confirmation, First Reconciliation and First Eucharist.

The **Sacrament of First Reconciliation** will be celebrated on **Wednesday 26th February 2020 at 6pm**, and

The **Sacrament of First Eucharist** will be received on **Thursday 9th April at 6pm**.

The **Sacrament of Confirmation** will be celebrated on **Tuesday 28th April at 6pm**.

All of these Sacraments will be in **Our Lady of Sorrows Church Kyogle**.

PARISH FAMILY MASS & MORNING TEA

We have our Parish Mass on

Sunday 23rd February at 9am. All

students will have a part in the

Mass and we would love to see as many of our school families there to join in this celebration.



Community/Other

FUN FESTIVAL COLOURING COMPETITION: All students are invited to enter our Fun Festival Colouring Competition for the opportunity to win free rides for the whole evening at the Fun Festival.

There will be 4 prizes to be won, one each for Kindergarten, Stage 1, Stage 2 and Stage 3.

Entries close on Wednesday 26th February.

All students were given an entry form today.

FUN FESTIVAL MUFTI DAY: Our Fun Festival will be taking place on **Friday 3rd April from 5pm**.

In preparation for this there will be 2 mufti days (students wear casual clothing). On each of these days children will be asked to bring in something to support the Fun Festival.

The days and requirements are as follows:-

- **Friday 28th February** – all children to bring in a bag of lollies;
- **Friday 13th March** – children to bring in a block of chocolate.

STUDENT BANKING: A big THANK YOU to Ali Lindsay, (mother of Lola in Kindergarten) who has volunteered to be the Student Banking Co-ordinator. If possible, we would like a second person to share this responsibility. Contact Di in the school office if you are available.

CANTEEN: Our Canteen Day is on Monday this year. Only 7 parents have volunteered as of today. We need more helpers to fill the Roster for the year. Please return the note or phone Di in the office if you can assist.

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For any inquiries please phone Emma Rixon

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6pm: Saturday Vigil Mass

9am: Sunday Mass

Altar Servers:

15/16 Feb: TBA

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



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SCHOOL CANTEEN

17th Feb.: K Hyde &
K Hoffman.

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before going to Canteen.

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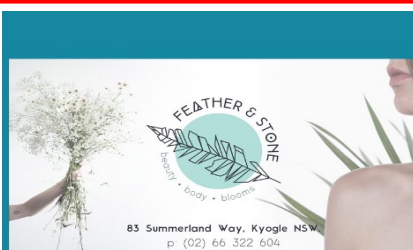
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