



ST. BRIGID'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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TERM 1 Week 3

13th February 2018

IMPORTANT DATES

February

- ⇒ **Wednesday 13th**
5.30pm First Reconciliation & First Eucharist Parent Meeting
- ⇒ **Thursday 14th**
Canteen—Krystal-Lee Hyde;
12noon Opening School Mass & BYO picnic lunch
- ⇒ **Friday 15th**
2.45pm Awards / MJRR
- ⇒ **Tuesday 19th**
5.30pm Parent Forum Meeting
- ⇒ **Wednesday 20th**
Zone Swimming in Lismore
- ⇒ **Thursday 21st**
Canteen—Kate Ridgway
- ⇒ **Friday 22nd**
AFL Diocesan trials in Grafton
- ⇒ **Wednesday 27th**
12.20pm-3.15pm First Reconciliation Retreat in the Parish Hall
- 6pm** First Reconciliation in Our Lady of Sorrows Church
- ⇒ **Thursday 7th MARCH**
5.30pm Sacrament of Confirmation Parent meeting In school library

KINDERGARTEN / YEAR 5 BUDDIES

Our Buddies Program is underway. Kindergarten have settled into 'big school' very well and have been assisted in their transition by their fantastic Year 5 buddies. Year 5 buddies have been helping students on the yard and also came and helped out with sport last week. Kindergarten and Year 5 have all enjoyed working together!



Please note—the Kinder/Yr 5 Buddies BBQ is on 26th February at 5.30pm.



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,

Our school year has started extremely well, and I commend our new students, including Kindergarten, and our continuing students, on their positive approach to being a member of our school community. There are lots of morning smiles, and welcoming comments, all of which contribute to a warm and happy school environment. There is lots of energy on the playground and opportunities to create some MJR moments – students have been noted showing kindness, good manners, and inclusiveness as well as following the SERS rules. As I rove around the classrooms, the students seem engaged in their learning, committed to putting in the effort and are having a real go! The vibe at St Brigid's is overwhelmingly positive – thank you everyone for a great start to our year! Our school rules are listed below and the students are expected to show healthy measures of all 4 during the day:

S - Safety

E - Effort

R - Respect

S - Self-responsibility



↑Students putting in a big effort with learning↑

EXTREME HEAT: Honestly, we love where we live but the heat this summer has been unbearable. We have put a few measures into place to support the students on some of the worst days – Air conditioned classrooms to enable learning to continue in a comfortable space; Lunch crates are stored inside the cool classrooms during the day; Fast and physical games are not allowed out on the playground – if outside, games are encouraged in the undercover areas; Lunchtimes spent in the cool classrooms; And water-bottles allowed inside.

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT: Once again, thanks to the many parents who availed themselves to attend the information sessions with their child's class teacher. These nights provide a snapshot of what will take place in their classroom this term/year. Expectations and classroom practices may differ a little with each teacher, so it is timely to be aware of these things at the beginning of the year so that students and families are set up for success. Thanks also to the parents who volunteered to be **Class Parent Representatives** this year:

Kinder – Tara Laarhoven

Year 1 – Nikki Hill

Year 2 – Till Beetge & Emma Rixon

Year 3 – Nikki Hill

Year 4 - Volunteer needed

Year 5 – Volunteer needed

Year 6 - Belinda McCormick

BEGINNING SCHOOL MASS: All are welcome to attend our Beginning School Mass, tomorrow, at 12 noon in the church. At this mass the School Leaders, SRC Members, Colour House Captains and Mini Vinnies Members will be commissioned. We also invite you to share a BYO picnic with your child/ren in the playground following mass.

ATTENDANCE: All children from six years of age and under the minimum school leaving age of 17 years are legally required to attend school. Children are expected to attend all school activities on time.

Regular attendance -

- ⇒ helps your child develop the skills needed to access the curriculum, the world of work and other opportunities
- ⇒ helps your child to learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- ⇒ ensures your child can make and keep friendships.

Holidays taken by students outside of school vacation periods will now be included as absences. Leave of 10 or more consecutive school days will require the completion of an Application for Leave Form. Parents and carers will need to see the principal for this form. Failure to do this will result in your child(ren) being marked as an "Unapproved Absence".

A small number of absences may be accepted.

For example, if your child—

- ♦ has to go to a special religious ceremony
- ♦ is required to attend to a serious and/or urgent family situation (e.g. a funeral)
- ♦ is too sick to go to school or has an infectious illness
- ♦ Is participating in a non-school special event

KINDER - 50 BOOK CHALLENGE: At the end of Ready 4 Learning last year, all Kindy students were set the challenge to sit with an adult/older reader and enjoy sharing 50 books. Those Reading Logs are now due in and the students will receive a certificate at our Friday afternoon assembly.

Every blessing for the week ahead,

Jan

Jan Condon (Acting Principal)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to ...

Charlotte B, Noah L, Carissa
R, and Wyatt B

2019 SCHOOL FEES: Fee accounts are accompanying this Newsletter. Please note—for those making regular payments online, receipts are up to 31st January.

If you are experiencing difficulties in meeting this commitment please make an appointment with Mrs Condon, Acting Principal, so that a mutual arrangement can be made for payment of your fees.

Please check that the address on your account is your correct postal address. Contact Di if you need to change it.

Catholic Identity

OPENING SCHOOL MASS: Tomorrow, **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 2019, announcing SRC members and welcoming all new students. After Mass we will be having a BYO picnic lunch on the playground. **Canteen will be open on this day.**

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 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.

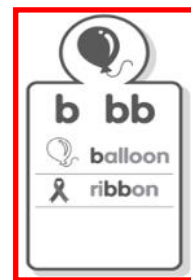
BAPTISM: Anyone who is interested in being Baptised is asked to contact Laura Hughes at school. Thank you!



Curriculum

WEEK 3 SPELLING FOCUS

Challenge!!! How many words with bb can you find??? Make a list and write your name on it and bring it to Mrs Walters' office. Place your list in the box outside her office door.



MATHS CHALLENGE!



Spend some time this week counting on and back from given numbers. Begin with 16 and add 2 more, 5 more, 10 more or 100 more. Begin with a 116 and count 2 less, 5 less, 10 less.

Do you notice any patterns?

Share these patterns with your teacher.

SPORT NEWS

Those children in Years 5 & 6 who would like to trial for a Zone Winter Sport MUST complete their nomination ONLINE by Friday 15th February. No late nominations will be accepted. Cost is \$10 per child which is to be sent to the office with child's name attached.

The **Zone Swimming Carnival** will be held in Lismore on **Wednesday 20th February**.

All notes must be returned by Friday 15th Feb.

The bus will leave school at 8.30am on

Wednesday morning. Please ensure that your child is at school by 8.20 am.



Community

BOOK CLUB: Order pamphlets were given to every student. Please note the correct due date for orders is **Friday, 22nd February** (not March).

Remember you can order through the LOOP option as well as sending your order, with cash or cheque (made payable to Scholastic Bookclub), to the school office.

TOTE BAGS: We have tote bags with the school emblem on them for sale at \$5 each. These are suitable as a library bag etc. If you wish to buy one for your child, for an extra \$5 you can have your child's name printed under the school emblem. Contact Faye & Donna Rose on 0427 287 500 / 0431 599 029.

CANTEEN HELPERS: Thank you to those who have returned the volunteer note. It's not too late to send in your name. We also welcome Dads, Carers, Grandparents to volunteer. You must have a Working with Children Volunteer number from the Roads & Maritime Authority. This is free for volunteers.

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: NO 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

14th Feb.: Kristy Chisholm
& Krystal-Lee Hyde

21st Feb: Kristy Chisholm &
Kate Ridgway

Please sign in at the front office
before going to Canteen.

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COMMUNITY NEWS



POSITIVE PARENTING PROGRAMS

FREE **starting 6th March**, every
Wednesday for 4 weeks at Casino 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.

FNC HOCKEY INC

FREE Junior Pre-season Twilight Comp at
Goonellabah Hockey Centre, Oliver Ave
behind the Sport Club.

Every Thursday for 5 weeks starting
7th February from 4.30pm-6pm.

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