



ST. BRIGID'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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TERM 2 Week 3

15th May 2019

IMPORTANT DATES

= MAY =

- **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

= JUNE =

- **Wednesday 12th**

2020 Kindergarten Parent Information
Meeting

**Please note change of date
for our Athletics Carnival
from 14th June to
Thursday 27th June 2019**

MOTHER'S DAY LITURGY and LUNCH and STALL

What a fantastic morning. It was a wonderful celebration enjoyed by all. As the love of mothers filled the hall, the excitement started to build and our school community was full of smiles, laughter and love. The liturgy was a special occasion with some beautiful reflections and prayers for all our mums and mother figures.

Many thanks to Miss Hughes and the staff for everything they did in putting our wonderful celebration together.

A very big thankyou to Mrs Barsby and the team of helpers, for organising such a wonderful Mother's Day stall. It is amazing how quickly the gifts sold out. I hope all mums enjoyed their gifts on Mother's Day.



Make Jesus Real

*What is a God-Moment?
When something happens in
our lives and we can't really
explain it.
— that's a God-Moment.*

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,

*You are good and wise I will praise you when I rise.
Jesus, hear this prayer I send.
Bless my family and my friends.
Jesus, help my eyes to see all the good you send to me.
Jesus, help my ears to hear calls for help from far and near.
Jesus, help my feet to go in the way that You will show.
Jesus, help my hands to do all things loving, kind and true.
Jesus, guard me through this day
In all I do and all I say. Amen*



Many people ask why governments fund non-government schools - including parents who send their children to Catholic and other non-government schools.

There are many good reasons why commonwealth, state and territory governments fund non-government schools to some degree. They include:

AFFORDABLE CHOICE: A school education costs more than \$11,000 per primary student and more than \$14,000 per secondary student each year, regardless of sector. Most Australian families could not afford this cost, especially if they have two or more children. There is no real 'school choice' in Australia if only wealthy families can afford to choose.

IT'S FAIR: All families pay taxes and therefore deserve some taxpayer support of their children's education. A fairly funded non-government school sector ensures families can afford a school that reflects their values and beliefs – an important feature of a pluralist society.

IT SHARES THE LOAD: One-third of Australia's 3.9 million students attend a non-government school. Government schools are already stretched in many areas. Without non-government schools, taxpayers would need to build (or buy) and staff enough schools to accommodate an extra 1.3 million students.

HEALTHY COMPETITION: Given that schooling is compulsory, it is sensible to have a network of affordable schools to provide healthy competition and improve all schools.

TAXPAYERS SAVE: On average, Catholic school communities pay almost 30 per cent of the annual cost of their children's education and almost 90 per cent of capital works. In 2017, our schools raised \$3.6 billion in fees and \$1.27 billion in capital costs – a huge saving to taxpayers.

TAXPAYERS FUND NON-GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES: Governments also fund other private sector activities that have social benefits and high underlying costs such as GP visits, medicines, hospitals, aged care, child care and private bus services. All schools are a public good and deserve taxpayer support.

Please find attached to our newsletter a flyer, outlining further information on how our Catholic Schools are funded.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE: At St Brigid's we are learners. Studies show that going to school every day is the single most important part of children's education. Students learn new things at school every day – missing school puts them behind. We encourage every student to attend school every day, on time, and stay for the whole day, to ensure that they receive an optimum education.

STAFFING CHANGES: Unfortunately, we have had to say farewell to **Lani Schut** our Indigenous Education Worker who has left our school to take up another employment opportunity elsewhere. We thank Lani for her time and commitment to our school. We are currently in the process of seeking another IEW to work with our students.

We will also be saying farewell to **Mrs Cinnamon Burrows** shortly as she has taken up a position with Radio Station 2CH in Sydney. Cin has been a fantastic supporter of our school and anyone who watches and observes will know just how much Cin does not only for our school but for the wider Kyogle community. We thank Cin for sharing her wonderful skills and talents and we wish her, Cailean and Chris all the very best in their relocation to the big smoke. We are also in the process of organising a replacement to fill the role of TA in Stage 2 amongst a couple of other things.



Every blessing for the week ahead,

Tony

Tony Hunter
Principal

Happy Birthday to Jai O and Aysia H



NAPLAN 2019: Yesterday, today and tomorrow our Year 3 and 5 students are sitting their NAPLAN which for the first time our students are completing online. We wish them all the very best and know that they are doing their absolute best.

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY: This year our school is participating in National Walk Safely to School Day on **Friday 17 May**. Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around.



*I extend an invitation to all parents and students to meet with staff at the Netball Clubhouse in Norton Street (behind skate park) from **8am** and we will walk to school together at **8:10am**. Students who catch the bus will be supervised in a "walk around the block" as they arrive at school.*

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic. Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids.

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.

Catholic Identity

PARISH FAMILY MASS & MORNING TEA: **Sunday 26th May at 9am** led by our K-2 students. All these 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.

PROCLAIM LISMORE STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY: On **Monday 3rd June**, staff will attend the Proclaim Lismore Staff Development Day in Lismore. Proclaim Lismore Staff 2019 is a pupil free day called for by the Bishop and entrusted with the purpose of enhancing and strengthening the foundations of Catholic culture in Catholic Education in the Diocese of Lismore.

YEAR 6 RE TEST: On **Wednesday 12th June**, Year 6 will complete the Year 6 RE Test. This test is conducted annually and consists of 50 multiple choice items. Test items are based on the following sources:

- Religious Education Curriculum from Year 3
- Religious Education Curriculum from Year 4
- Religious Education Curriculum from Year 5
- Religious Education Curriculum from Year 6 - only units 6.2 – Lent and 6.3 – Easter.

Positive Behaviour Support

Our PBS focus this week

We move quickly and quietly to lines and are seated before the second bell.



Community

CANTEEN NEWS: All families would have received an updated Canteen Price List this week. Unfortunately, due to ongoing price increases, these are then passed onto our canteen and therefore the domino effect continues. A change to the Canteen will be the introduction of "Theme Days" which will be an extra day, twice a term where specific lunches will be available. Our first theme day will be on **Tuesday 11th June** and it will be a **"Hot Chicken Roll Day"**. All orders will need to be in prior to the day to allow for exact catering. More information will be in next week's Newsletter.

UNIFORM SHOP

Open Tuesdays 2pm-3pm

Second hand uniforms available for \$2 per item.

Tote Bags with the school crest are available from the school office costing \$5 each.

All inquiries to Emma **0422 399 841**.

READY 4 LEARNING 9.30am-1pm: The program began last Friday and runs for Terms 2 and 3, Term 4 is only for those enrolled students for Kindergarten 2020 at St Brigid's.

ST BRIGID'S TRIVIA NIGHT Saturday 15th June: The Parent Forum would like to invite you and your friends to our 2019 Trivia night. The theme for the night is Mexico. Come and enjoy an evening of fun and laughter. More information in a later newsletter.



WOOLWORTHS EARN 'N LEARN PROGRAM: 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.

FAIRMOUNT COLOUR RUN: Our school will be holding this event on **Friday 18th October**. This is the first Friday of Term 4. Please mark this date down in your calendar. Further information will be sent out at the end of Term 3.

GRANDPARENTS DAY & BOOK FAIR: A day that means so much to all of our school community is **Friday July 26th**, 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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5pm: Saturday Mass;

9am: Sunday Mass.

ALTAR SERVERS: Roster will come out after Altar Serving Training is complete.

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

SCHOOL CANTEEN

Thursday 23rd May: Tina Church, Krystal-Lee Hyde & Laura Brown

Please sign in/out at the school office.

THANK YOU

=COMMUNITY NEWS=

KYOGLE FIRE STATION

Saturday 18th May 2019

OPEN DAY 10am-2pm

At Fire & Rescue NSW, we are prepared for anything. Come and meet your local firefighters and learn about all the things we do beyond firefighting to keep you, your family and friends safe.



**The League Stars
after school program**

**6 sessions starting on 13th May,
ending on 24th June from
3.30pm to 4.30pm.**

Cost \$75 , includes gift pack of bag , ball etc.

To register see Link below

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