



# ST. BRIGID'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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**TERM 4 Week 3**

**30th October 2019**

## IMPORTANT DATES

### NOVEMBER

- **Friday 1st**  
Feast of All Saints—  
**10am** Whole School Mass;  
**9am** Kinder 2020 Transition;
- **Saturday 2nd/Sunday 3rd**  
Parent Assembly Family Weekend  
Retreat;  
Lego Competition in Ballina (Saturday)
- **Monday 4th-Friday 8th**  
Intensive Swimming Program continues  
this week
- **Thursday 7th**  
**12.20pm** Stage 3 to attend Parish Mass
- **Friday 8th**  
**9am** R4L Kinder 2020 Transition;  
**9am-10.30am** Session 2 Parent Info  
session—Literacy & Numeracy support;  
**5pm** Dads & Kids Camp Out
- **Saturday 9th**  
**10am** Dads & Kids Camp Out concludes
- **Thursday 14th**  
**12.20pm** ES1/S1 to attend Parish Mass
- **Friday 15th**  
**9am** R4L Kinder 2020 Transition;  
**9am-10am** Kinder 2020 Parent Info  
Session 3

## YEAR 5

*Year 5 have returned safely from the excursion of a lifetime. We visited over a dozen different venues and experienced all that Canberra and Sydney had to offer.*

**Max-** Tenpin bowling was so fun because I won! →



← **Elyja-** Rock Climbing was challenging but I got to swing if I lost my grip. Luckily Mrs Kennedy had a tight hold of the anchor.



**Ayshka-** Telstra Tower provided a great view of the city of Canberra. It also lit up at night with different colours. →



**Conner-** I got to dress up as Sir Isaac Isaacs at Old Parliament House in the Senate Chamber. This was the best part of the entire trip. ↓



**Brodi-** Flip Out was awesome even though I got stuck in the foam pit and had to swim out. ↓



## 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,

This Friday, 1st November, is All Saints Day. On this day, the Church honours all the saints, known and unknown. While we have information about many saints, and we honour them on specific days, there are many unknown or unsung saints, who may have been forgotten, or never been specifically honoured. Every person in heaven is a saint because each one has reached the perfection of charity, and have attained the beatific vision. On All Saints Day, we celebrate these saints and ask for their prayers and intercessions.

*Thank you, God, for the tremendous sacrifices  
made by those who have gone before us.  
Bless the memories of your saints, God.  
May we learn how to walk wisely from their examples of faith,  
dedication, worship, and love.  
In the honour and noble victory of the martyrs.*

All of our school community are invited to join with the students and staff as we celebrate the Feast of All Saints with mass **this Friday at 10am** in Our Lady of Sorrows Church.

**STAGE 3 CANBERRA EXCURSION.:** Our Stage 3 students recently attended an educational tour of the National Capital. While on this tour they participated in a variety of educational programs focused on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy. The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their civics and citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government contributes \$60.00 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) program toward the travel expenses incurred. This contribution is being paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion. We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this program. The students visited venues such as the War Memorial, Parliament House, Old Parliament House and the National Electoral Education Centre. This excursion was a rewarding experience for all students and they were wonderful ambassadors of our school. Thanks to the parents who gave of their time to come along and assist – Natalie Brown, Mel Gordon, Leanne Love, Stephanie Barsby, Fiona Pratt, Amanda Garred, Nicole McCormack, Annette Smith, Helen Dodge, Emie Studders, Mandi Boocock, Sandy Cooke, Melinda McCormick, Kathy Doman, Linda Phillips, Scott Walters, Brad Crane, Warren Durrant and Phil Beetge. Special thanks to Miss Hughes and Mrs Kennedy for all of the pre planning and organisation of the trip. All at home were certainly kept updated by the daily input on the Stage 3 Facebook page and this was wonderful, once again thanks to Miss Hughes and Mrs Kennedy. We very much look forward to commencing the consultation and planning for our Canberra/Sydney experience in 2021.



**BUNNINGS BBQ FUNDRAISER:** Our Parent Forum has been allocated Saturday **23<sup>rd</sup> November** to run the sausage sizzle at Bunnings in Lismore. This will be a great way for our school to raise funds from this activity. It is our responsibility to provide the workers to run the day. Please see the attached flyer and return to school by Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November.



**2020 FUN FESTIVAL PLANNING:** One of our major fundraising events is the Fun Festival which is held every 2 years and is planned to be held late in Term 1 of next year. Planning is already underway and our Fundraising Team Leader, Tara Laarhoven is looking to set up a committee of people who would be able to assist in co-ordinating this community event for our school. **All are invited to a meeting to be held on the front deck at school on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 9am.** Let's not leave all of the work to one or two people, as they say about many hands.....!! If you are unable to attend the meeting but would still like to be a part of the committee, please contact Tara on 0422 634 127.



**START OF 2020 SCHOOL YEAR:** School will commence for students in **Years 1-6 on Friday 31st January 2020. Kindergarten will begin school on Wednesday 5th February.** Arrangements for the start of the school year were outlined in the Newsletter sent home on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October.

**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  
Principal

**Happy Birthday to...**

**Tom R, Van S, Savannah D & Tahnesha W.**





## 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.*



### IN THE CASE OF A LOCKDOWN AT SCHOOL

Last Wednesday, when we had to initiate a 'LOCKDOWN', parents/carers were sent an sms as soon as was possible. This was to re-assure them that their children were safe at school during an incident involving police in Kyogle.

During lockdown a number of parents phoned the school to get further information about the incident. We ask that in these types of circumstances please do not phone the school, as the phone is needed to communicate with police and other agencies. All information parents/carers need is in the sms. Please make sure the school has your current mobile number.

**Please note that during a lockdown and the alarms are sounding, no children will be released to parents/carers.**

## Catholic Identity

**ALL SAINTS DAY:** This Friday is the Feast of All Saints Day. On this day we honour all those who have entered heaven. As a school, we will celebrate this day with a **Mass in Our Lady of Sorrows Church at 10am.**

**CRAZY SOCKS DAY:** Today was CRAZY Sock Day! We wore Crazy Socks to raise money for Catholic Mission and participated in 'Sock Activities'. Crazy Socks Day or Socktober is an initiative of Catholic Mission and one way that our school can fundraise and engage in advocacy and formation activities for Catholic Mission during World Mission Month in October.



**PARENT ASSEMBLY NEWS:** Dads and Kids Campout is on the 8th November from 4pm.

The link to register is <https://bit.ly/35yoZck>

We would like to see as many dads/carers and kids attend the Campout.

To date, we have only 4 on the list.

Bring your tents, camper trailers or swags. If you have any questions please contact your Parent Assembly team—

**Danni Howes, Kelly Schneider or Stephanie Barsby.**



## Curriculum

**LEGO FIRST COMPETITION:** We wish all the very best to our 2 teams that will be competing in the FIRRST Lego Competition in Ballina this Saturday **2<sup>nd</sup> November** at Emmanuel College. The teams have devoted lunchtimes and after school time for the past 2 terms along with their teachers Miss Macdonald (Stage 2) and Mrs Esslemont (Stage 3). Many thanks also to Nicole McCormack who has given so much time to support the teams.

Our 2 teams are as follows:-

**#sa-BOT-age (Stage 3):-** Conner McCormack, Jarrah Phillips, Ava Smith, Karli Pratt, Kara Garred, Charlotte Davis, Will Klaassen, Ayshka Howes, Lachie Beetge, and Baylee Dodge;

**#sa-BOT-age (Stage 2):-** Fred Fowler, Billy Kennedy, Ryan McDonald, Ruby Garred, Callum Royal, Jarrod Rixon, Ruhara Mapabandara, Medha Potumuthu, and Allie Walters.



**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.

**AUTHOR'S VISIT:** Yesterday we had an author visit from Zanni Louise. She conducted two workshops with selected students from Yr2-Yr6, assisting them with a variety of writing skills. Zanni said we were very privileged because no school in our region had been chosen for a second visit, but they were so impressed with our young writers last March that they initiated the follow-up workshop. It was a rich learning opportunity for the students. Baylee said that "Zanni was inspiring in providing many different ways to improve our writing through editing. It was fun to work with a 'real' author".

Zanni also informed us that Writing Workshops are conducted at the Lismore Library every 2nd Thursday 5-6.30pm and that students from our school would be very welcome. Please phone the library for further information.



## Community/Other

**HEAD LICE:** These little pests have been discovered in several children's hair. We ask that parents/carers check their children's hair regularly. If found, lice need to be treated with the appropriate solution and eggs need to be removed from the hair before the child returns to school.

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**6pm:** Saturday Vigil Mass

**9am:** Sunday Mass

#### ALTAR SERVERS:

**Saturday 2nd Nov:** K & E Pratt, and  
B Kennedy;

**Sunday 3rd Nov:** G & L Kennelly.

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



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## SCHOOL CANTEEN

**Thursday 31st Oct:** T Church, A Smith  
and K Hyde;

**Thursday 7th Nov:** T Church, M Edwards  
and C Boocock.

Please sign in/out at the school office.

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

### KYOGLE LABYRINTH

Alcorn Park

**29th November from 10am**

for schools & aged care

Come & celebrate the progress of  
the Labyrinth & see your paver.

### 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

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