



ST. BRIGID'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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TERM 4 Week 4

6th November 2019

IMPORTANT DATES

NOVEMBER

- **Thursday 7th**
12.20pm Stage 3 to attend Parish Mass.
- **Friday 8th**
9am R4L Kinder 2020 Transition;
9am-10.30am Session 2 Parent Info
—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.
- **Thursday 21st**
12.20pm Stage 2 attending Parish Mass.
- **Friday 22nd**
9am Kinder 2020 Transition—R4L;
2.30pm Kindergarten Showcase.
- **Saturday 23rd**
Bunnings BBQ from 8.30am.
- **Sunday 24th**
9am Parish Family Mass.
- **Friday 29th**
Final R4L session.
- **Tuesday 3rd DECEMBER**
6pm Yr 6 Graduation, Liturgy & dinner.

LEGO COMPETITION

A huge congratulations to our Stage 2 and Stage 3 LEGO teams, with both teams scoring their highest ever totals for their missions! What a great opportunity the children had to show off their coding skills, as well as presenting their design ideas on how to improve our local community. A big thank you to all parents for supporting this wonderful event and to Mr Hunter and Miss Bugden who came to support the teams.



Make Jesus Real

appreciate
everything
that you
have.



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,

Each of us is absolutely unique and irreplaceable in the eyes of God. As parents and teachers each and every day we remind our children that they are much loved and unique children of God—one of a kind. God gave each of us special gifts and talents that we are born with to share with the world. Part of celebrating our uniqueness is learning to look for the good in ourselves. This is as important as looking for the good in others. Instead of looking critically at their faults, examining all their blemishes and focusing on all their failings, it is important for us to help our children to see themselves as a beautiful work of God's love. As adults, we can model this for our children by the ways in which we talk about ourselves. We can never underestimate the influence and power of what our children see and hear. When our children play and learn together with their friends and peers they are encouraged to share their ideas and insights which in turn can be enhanced and refined by the contribution of the ideas of others. These circumstances regularly provide opportunities and challenges for children to share their gifts. It takes courage to share our talents and gifts and courage and curiosity to be willing to be open to new ideas and possibilities shared by others.

In the busyness of today's world, simple acts of kindness can be few and far between, or perhaps we are less aware of those around us. We can also be less kind to ourselves, caught up in taking care of others or ticking off the endless list. Below are six simple self-kindness tips ~ to care for others we also need to be kind to ourselves.

Carve out time for yourself to do something that feels good – go for a coffee, have a bath, read a good book; do something that brings you joy.

Notice your self-talk and cut yourself some slack. Everybody makes mistakes and nobody is perfect. Speak to yourself as you would a friend.

Discover JOMO (the Joy of Missing Out) and give social media a miss for a while. Everybody posts their best selves and it can make us feel bad that our lives don't match up. Be kind and have a day free of social comparison.

Acknowledge your successes. We're always quick to do that for others, so why not take a few minutes and consider all you've achieved. Well done you!

Hang out with your cheerleaders. Spend time with the people who uplift you and support you. The ones that fill your tank.

Take your daily 'MEDS' (Mindfulness, Exercise, Diet and Sleep). Looking after your mind and body is a great form of self kindness.

LEGO FIRRT COMPETITION: The children all represented the school exceptionally well and should all be very proud of themselves. They were very enthusiastic in all aspects of the competition and delivered their projects with great enthusiasm and teamwork. The highest score for robot games were: Stage2 - 120 and Stage3 - 180, these are the highest scores we have had yet after 3 years in taking part in this competition. They all spoke very well in all rounds of judging and the judges were all very impressed with them. We extend a big vote of thanks towards **Mrs Esslemont, Miss Macdonald** and **Mrs Nicole McCormack** for the amount of time spent working with and assisting the students with this challenge. We very much look forward to 2020!!

REMEMBRANCE DAY: Next Monday, the **11th of November** is Remembrance Day. It marks the end of World War 1, 1918. It is a day when we remember with thanksgiving, those who made the supreme sacrifice for us in time of war. We pray that offering of their lives may not have been in vain. We offer ourselves to the cause of justice, freedom and peace, and pray for the wisdom and strength to enable us to build a world of peace and friendship in their honour. The students from Years 3 to 6 will be attending the Kyogle RSL Sub Branch ceremony at ANZAC Park. We will assemble there at **10:50am** on Friday morning.



TOILET BLOCK UPGRADE: Our school has been fortunate to be awarded a grant with which we are going to upgrade and revitalise our student toilet block here at St Brigid's. This is an area which has needed a bit of a lift and is an area that all students use every day. Our student toilets have not had any significant work in a number of years whilst the learning spaces have undergone massive refurbishments with the Building Education Revolution (BER) Program in 2010. This project would consist of knocking down the wall to the toilets and making it into a completely open space. It would see the current cubicles being refurbished and an ambient cubicle being installed. These would run the full length of the existing back wall and utilise the existing waste and cubicle locations. New plumbing will be required for the extra cubicles where there are none at present. The scope of works includes for all new toilets, hand wash troughs, tap wear, new vinyl flooring and painting. With the refurbishment it will allow for this area to be more accessible for supervision and give this area of the school a completely new look. The work will take place over the Christmas Holiday period and be ready for the start of the new school year. We are extremely grateful to the Catholic Schools Office for their support in this project. Should you require any further information or would like to view the plans please do not hesitate to come and see me.

Have a wonderful week.

Tony

Tony Hunter
Principal

Happy Birthday to...

Taylah D, Lawson A, Jessica R.



Positive Behaviour Support

Our PBS focus this week is -

We respect other people's property.



Catholic Identity

CRAZY SOCK DAY: Last Wednesday we raised \$180.50 for Catholic Mission. We have sent \$200 to Catholic Mission. Thanks to all who supported this event, and had lots of fun on the day.



PARISH FAMILY MASS & MORNING TEA

We have our Parish Mass on **Sunday 24th November at 9am.** All students will have a part in the Mass and they would love to see as many of our school families there to join in this celebration.



Year 6 Graduation Liturgy and Dinner: Year 6 students and families are invited to attend our Year 6 Graduation Liturgy and Dinner on **Tuesday 3rd December** commencing at **6pm** in Our Lady of Sorrows Church Kyogle. The Liturgy will be followed by dinner, speeches and presentation of certificates in the Parish Hall.

St Brigid's Christmas Pageant: On **Tuesday 10th December** we will be presenting our annual Christmas Pageant commencing at 6pm in the school grounds. This is a great way to end our year, as we reflect upon the true meaning of Christmas. We hope to see you all there!



End of Year Thanksgiving Mass and Awards: This year, our End of Year Thanksgiving Mass and Awards will be on Monday **16th December at 9:30am** in Our Lady of Sorrows Church. This is a significant Mass when our Year 6 students are farewelled by our whole school community and students are acknowledged for their excellence during the year. All community members are invited to join us on Monday 16th December for Mass and Awards Ceremony.

YEAR 6 RE TEST: Congratulations are extended to our Year 6 students on the results that they achieved in the recent Religious Education Test sat by all students in our Diocese. **On the day we had 23 students take part and from there, 3 students were awarded High Distinctions, 3 students were awarded Distinctions and 11 students were awarded Credits.** This is a fantastic achievement by all of our Year 6 students. This will be the last year our students will be sitting this exam as the Diocese has made a decision that our schools will no longer sit the Year 6 RE Test.



Curriculum

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 the entry. **Entries close at 9am this Friday, 8th November.** Please send entries to the school office. An independent judge will choose the winner and their picture will be used for the 2019 Year Book cover.

WRITING WORKSHOPS: These are conducted at the Lismore Library every **2nd Thursday from 5-6.30pm.** Zanni Louise, our visiting author from last week, has invited the students from our school to come along and work with her and other eager and motivated writers. Mrs Condon would like to attend these sessions (**beginning 7th November**) so please contact her if you are interested in your child participating. Young writers who attend will be given the opportunity to nominate a piece of completed writing for an Anthology being produced with the support of Zanni. Please contact Mrs Condon or phone the Lismore Library for further information. **Please see flyer.**

EARN AND LEARN: We have happily taken delivery of a variety of musical equipment which was very much needed in our Creative Arts department. We thank all our families, extended families and friends who contributed to the Woolworths Earn and Learn promotion in Term 2. Woolworths has supplied schools across Australia with millions of new resources to suit their learning needs.

FAR NORTH COAST CRICKET: Last weekend **Jed Mulcahy** was selected to play in the Under 13 FNC Cricket team and **Tom Relf** was selected as a Reserve in the Under 12 FNC Cricket team. Congratulations boys.



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 can return.

FATHER'S and KIDS CAMPOUT:

This is happening **this Friday, 8th November** and it is still not too late to register. This will be a terrific time for our dad's and special friends to come together with their children and camp out on the school oval. Camp Out commences from 4pm and concludes at 10am on Saturday 9th November. Just need to bring your own tents, swags etc, nibbles and soft drinks (no alcohol). All meals and entertainment are provided due to the generosity of our Parent Assembly. To register go to <https://bit.ly/35yo2ck> or for further information please do not hesitate to contact the school or see our Parent Assembly team, Stephanie Barsby, Danielle Howes and Kelly Schneider. Looking forward to a great weekend.



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6pm: Saturday Vigil Mass

9am: Sunday Mass

ALTAR SERVERS:

Saturday 9th Nov: N & A Walters &
B Kennedy;

Sunday 10th Nov: F Fowler, K Duff &
A Smith.

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



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SCHOOL CANTEEN

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Thursday 14th Nov: K Hyde, A Smith
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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

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Kids (6-17) \$5

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PARISH DINNER AND MOVIE NIGHT: I encourage all families of our school to set aside **Saturday 30th November** and come along to the Parish "Pot Luck Dinner" and Movie Night. Enjoy the company of all in our Parish community with dinner in the school assembly area and children can enjoy a movie in the Parish Hall with popcorn, ice cream and a drink. Cost is **\$5 per family** with each family asked to bring along a plate/dish of food to contribute to the dinner. More information will be in next week's newsletter.



UNIFORM SHOP DAYS: In preparation for 2020, Emma Rixon will be opening the Uniform Shop for a couple of extra days this term. These dates and times are as follows:-

Friday 15 November 8:30am to 9:15am

Friday 29 November 2pm to 2:45pm

The Uniform Shop will also open up in January just prior to school starting. These dates and times will be notified in upcoming newsletters.

ST VINCENT De PAUL CHRISTMAS COLLECTION: Every year as a school community we like to support the Kyogle St Vincent De Paul Society with items for their Christmas hampers. These hampers go to people in the local area who are experiencing hardships during the Christmas period.

Week	Date	Donations
6	13 th to 17 th November	CANS – cans of ham, pineapple, soups, peas, vegetables etc.
7	18 th to 22 nd November	BOTTLE – tomato sauce, vinegar, sauces, softdrink etc
8	25 th to 29 th November	PACKET – sugar, flour, cake mixes, spaghetti, jellies etc.
9	2 nd to 6 th December	SURPRISE - something special for Christmas – Christmas puddings, nuts, lollies, bon bons etc
10	9 th to 13 th December	PRESENT – wrapped present for a child – labelled with the age group and boy or girl

The students will be presenting our donations to the Kyogle St. Vincent De Paul workers on **Friday 13th December**.

BUNNINGS BBQ FUNDRAISER: Our Parent Forum has been allocated **Saturday, 23rd 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. A flyer was attached to last week's newsletter calling for volunteers. Please return this to school by Wednesday 13th of November if you are able to help out. If you need another flyer please see Mrs Welsh in the Office.



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 11th 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.

INTENSIVE SWIMMING PROGRAM: Kindergarten, Years 1 and 2 will conclude this program this Friday, 8th November. From next week these students will join the rest of the school for Friday swimming for sport. We thank **Peter Fish** and **Emma Rixon** for their expertise as coaches for our younger students.



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 23rd 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.