



ST. BRIGID'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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TERM 3 Week 5

21st August 2019

IMPORTANT DATES

AUGUST

- **Thursday 22nd**
12.20pm Stage 2 at Parish Mass
- **Friday 23rd**
Ready 4 Learning;
Diocesan Athletics Carnival;
12noon Book Week Parade
- **Sunday 25th**
9am Parish School Mass
- **Tuesday 27th**
8.50am Bus leaves for **Lismore**
Eisteddfod
- **Wednesday 28th**
Father's Day Stall
- **Thursday 29th**
12.20pm Kinder/Stage 1 Parish Mass
- **Friday 30th August**
7.30-9.30am Father's Day Breakfast;
Lismore Soccer/Netball Gala Day;
9.30am Ready4Learning

SEPTEMBER

- **Sunday 1st**

**HAPPY
FATHERS DAY**

YEAR 1

Last week the children visited the Koala Sanctuary in Lismore as part of the Stage 1 Science unit to learn more about the koala and its habitat. The children's behaviour was impeccable and they showed great respect for the environment. The children also celebrated their learning with their amazing Showcase last Friday. Well done Year 1 !



Make Jesus Real

COMMUNICATION
IS KEY



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*St Brigid's acknowledges the traditional owners of country throughout Australia
and their continuing connection to land, sea and community.*

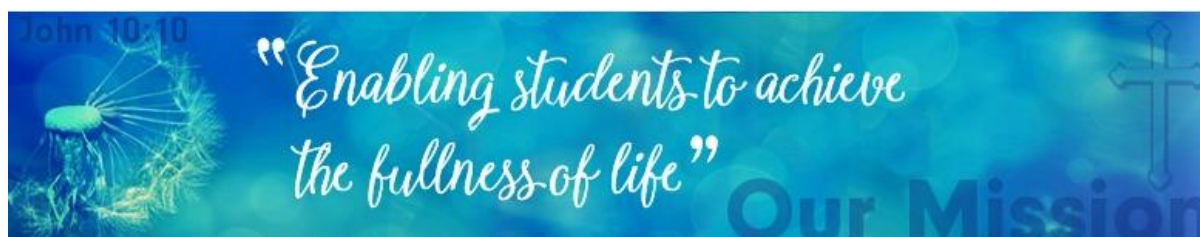
We pay our respect to them and their cultures, and to the elders both past and present.

We commit to actively work for justice and peace.



Dear Parents and Carers,

At St Brigid's Primary School, we acknowledge parents as the first educators of their children. Once associated with our school, either at Ready 4 Learning or when enrolled, we strive to ensure we have strong partnerships with our parents and carers. These partnerships are based on mutual respect and trust. It is important for us to have good communication and to work together so that we can continue to place the children at the centre of all we do to ensure they have a love of learning and successful experiences. We do this because research informs us that family engagement in education is fundamental to improving student learning. Together, we will "enable students to achieve the fullness of life" (John 10:10).

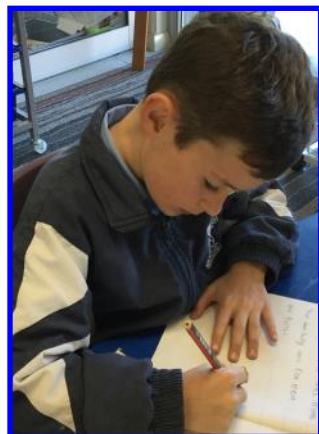


*'I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;
I will counsel you with my loving eye on you'.*

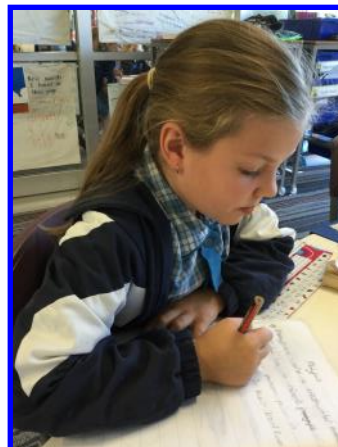
[Psalms 32:8](#)

This year, we have deliberately set a focus on writing, providing the students with a variety of opportunities and experiences to encourage them as writers e.g. visiting authors, workshops as writers, displaying their writing on the 'Writer's Wall' and sharing their writing with the wider community. As we work together to encourage our children as 'writers', please find some tips below from Kaye Lowe, who has written for the Primary English Teaching Association Australia.

What parents and carers can do to support writing:



- Encourage children to write, write, write! Provide many opportunities such as writing the shopping list, sending letters and cards to friends and relations, writing emails, keeping a diary, publishing personal stories, labelling photos in the family album, and leaving notes. Locate writing apps such as Book Creator. Writing should be relevant and meaningful rather than writing for the sake of writing.
- Give children opportunities to read their stories aloud (while you sit back and listen). Listen with a focus on the message they express. Comment on what they have done well, for example: 'I enjoyed how you used interesting words such as X, Y, Z. The character you created seems so real. I can imagine how he looks.' Leave comments about spelling, punctuation, and grammar to another time — they are important if and when it is to be published.



- Draw children's attention to how writing is presented, for example, on brochures, billboards, books, and electronic media — these are models of writing for real purposes.

Create a community of writers. Provide a quiet place for writing with lots of writing materials. Leave notes for each other, write poems for your children, and send messages in lunch containers. Play writing games, for example, one person writes the beginning, another the middle and the other the end of a family story. Enjoy time writing together.

TERM 3 PUPIL-FREE DAY: Friday 27th September (last day of Term 3) will be a Professional Development Day for Staff and a pupil-free day.

Have a wonderful week.

Jan

Jan Condon
Acting Principal

Happy
Birthday to
Elsie L
Stella H
Conner M



Positive Behaviour Support

Our PBS focus this week is -
We include others in games and sports because we are W.E.S.T.ies



Catholic Identity

MINI VINNIES WINTER APPEAL: This year, we will again be collecting items for the less fortunate for our Mini Vinnies Winter Appeal. Our Appeal commenced at the start of Term 3 and concludes at the end of Winter, which is **Friday 30th August**.

Please bring in some of the following items if you can spare them:

- Blankets
 - Winter PJs/Jumpers/Tracksuit Pants/Long Sleeve Shirts
 - Socks/Beanies/Gloves
 - Support Packs – canned food, bottled water, toiletry items.
- Remember every item counts to someone living in the cold!

Our collection totals so far are:

Sutton: 2050

Doyle: 1209

Colahan: 670



PARISH FAMILY MASS & MORNING TEA

We have our Parish Mass on **Sunday 25th August 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.



Community

SOCIAL CUPPA: This event is hosted by Parent Assembly and our Class Parents. Come along to chat and build connections with other parents in our school community. Hospitality, care and group wisdom has the power to support and make parenting a little easier. All are welcome, on the front deck on the afternoon of **Friday, 30th August at 2.30pm**.

FAMILY REFERRAL SERVICE: Parenting can be a challenge at times and we are very fortunate to have Wendy Jansen from the Family Referral Service (FRS) working in our school each Wednesday.



FRS is a free local service for children, young people and families and Wendy is here to help provide access to a broad range of support services to help families manage better. You can contact Wendy directly through the school or by FREECALL on 1800338774.

CELEBRATING MOTHERHOOD: Save the date-Friday **13th September**. See enclosed flyer.

INTERVIEWS FOR KINDERGARTEN 2020: Enrolment interviews for the intake of next year's Kindergarten class have begun. A letter was sent to all families outlining what to bring and how to make a booking online for an interview in the coming weeks. If you have not lodged your enrolment application as yet please do so as soon as possible. Please pass this information onto anyone you may know that is thinking of St Brigid's as their choice of school for next year.

Father's Day Stall: The stall is on **Wednesday 28th August**. Prices range from \$1 to \$5. Please send cash in with your child/children on the day. Thanks, Steph Barsby.

FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST and ASSEMBLY: All families are invited to school on **Friday 30th August** for a special "Father's Day BBQ Breakfast". This will be an opportunity to bring dad and all the special males in our lives into our school to share breaky, have a chat and play a bit of handball before joining in with our special Father's Day Assembly.

The breakfast will be available from **7:30am** on the day. There will be no cost for the breakfast, just come along and enjoy each other's company.

NDIS INFORMATION SESSIONS: Please see enclosed flyer.

Curriculum

BOOK WEEK PARADE: This will be held on **Friday 23rd August at 12noon**. Book Week theme is '**Reading is my Secret Power**'. Students can dress in their favourite book character. All are welcome to the parade.

LISMORE ESTEDDFOD: This is on **Tuesday 27th August** at the Lismore Workers Club. **The bus will depart school at 8.50am**. Spectators are welcome and their entry is \$5. Please return the Permission Note a.s.a.p.

LISMORE SOCCER/NETBALL GALA DAY: The Gala Day is on **Friday, 30th August**. Cost is \$10 per student. Soccer will be played at the Southern Cross Football Centre, Crawford Road, East Lismore and Netball will take place at the Lismore Netball Courts on Ballina Road. The bus will leave school at **8.45am** and return in time for the home buses. Please return the permission note with \$10 by Thursday 29th August.

DIOCESAN ATHLETICS: We wish our athletes Sammi Crane, Nate Walters, Tom Relph, Bella Harris and Austin Chalmers all the very best this Friday the 23rd of August as they compete in the Diocesan Athletics Carnival in Lismore.

2020 KINDERGARTEN: Starting school is a big step in every child and parent's life. Naturally, you will want the start to be the best possible. To give your child the best possible start have their vision, language, hearing, fine & gross motor co-ordination skills, speech and general development assessed before they start school. Assessment takes about 1 hour. Telephone Kyogle Community Health Centre on 6632 1522 for an appointment. Your child must be at least four and a half years old or older. Places are limited so make your appointment as soon as you can.

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5pm: Saturday Vigil Mass;

9am: Sunday Mass.

ALTAR SERVERS:

Saturday 24th August: T.B.C.;

Sunday 25th August: St Brigid's.

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



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SCHOOL CANTEEN

Thursday 22nd August: T Church,
E Studders & Laura Nugent

Thursday 29th August: K Hyde, T Church
& N Hill

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UNIFORM SHOP

Open Tuesdays 2pm-3pm

Some **second hand uniforms** available
@ \$2 per item.

Tote Bags, with the school crest, are \$5 each & available from the school office
All inquiries to Emma 0422 399 841

COMMUNITY NEWS

KYOGLE SHOW 'N SHINE

Sunday 15th September

Newpark Kyogle Gates open 9am
Food stall, coffee van, trade & market stalls, kids activities-jumping castle & face painting

Further information from Phil
0400462404

FRIENDS OF THE LABYRINTH

The labyrinth project has been developed and driven by the community as a 'blueprint for community wellbeing'. Labyrinths are recognised as tools for healing and personal, psychological and spiritual transformation. They can be used as a path of prayer or meditation to quieten the mind, reduce stress, and to find solace and healing. The labyrinth is now open to the public. It is located next to Alcorn Park, near the town tennis courts.



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