



ST. BRIGID'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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TERM 1 Week 6

6th March 2019

IMPORTANT DATES

March

⇒ **Monday 4th-8th**

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

⇒ **Thursday 7th**

Canteen—K Chisolm & M Edwards;
Wildfire—Year 6 to Casino;

12.20pm Stage 2 at Parish Mass;

5.30pm Sacrament of
Confirmation Parent meeting
in school library

⇒ **Friday 8th**

Celebrating Catholic Schools Week

10.30am Morning Tea for visitors;

11.10am Open Classrooms;

2.50pm Awards & MJRR Assembly

⇒ **Tuesday 12th**

Visiting author, Zanni Louise;
Parent Teacher Interviews

⇒ **Wednesday 13th**

Parent Teacher Interviews

⇒ **Thursday 14th**

Canteen—K Chisolm & A Dever;

12.20pm Stage 1 at Parish Mass

⇒ **Friday 15th**

Year 5 Showcase;

Diocesan Winter Sports Trials

⇒ **Tuesday 19th**

Stage 3 excursion to Robotic Dairy;

6pm AGM of School Parent Forum

⇒ **Thursday 28th**

SCHOOL PHOTOS

BUDDIES BBQ

On Tuesday 26th February Kindergarten along with their Year 5 Buddies came together for a Buddies BBQ at school. Year 5 showed great leadership and role modelling for their younger buddies, organising and including them in various games they had set up on the oval. It was a wonderful afternoon spent with families, teachers and students and really emphasized why we hold this event annually and that is to help strengthen their relationships, bonds and get to know each other better.



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/Carers,

Can I just say how good it is to be back on deck at St Brigid's. Thanks so much to the many well wishes that I had whilst away and it was wonderful to receive so many welcome back messages from the students on Monday morning. I am extremely appreciative to the wonderful staff of St Brigid's who have started the year so well and have ensured that the students are in a great place for learning. I am so thankful to Mrs Jan Condon who stepped in to fill my role whilst also juggling her role for the past month. We still have a bit of catching up to do but all is good because of the support and assistance given by all staff during this time.

It is hard to believe that we are in the second half of the first term already. I look forward to catching up with many more of our school community at upcoming events such as our morning tea this Friday for Catholic Schools Week and the Parent / Teacher Interviews next week.

ASH WEDNESDAY: We commence our Lenten journey today with Ash Wednesday. The Season of Lent is a time for us to focus intentionally on what helps or hinders our commitment to Christ. It may be better not to give up something but to take on something, to build up our spiritual muscles.

There are often two approaches during Lent. The first is to give up something - perhaps chocolate, ice cream, internet etc. The second approach is to do something like - clean your room without being asked, find peace within relationships, eat your vegetables with joy, be a friend to someone you wouldn't normally etc.

During this Lenten period, whether it is the first or second approach that is taken it is the act of sacrifice or thoughtfulness for another. Lent is about mindfulness, reflection, consideration and prayer to renew our relationship with God.

Jesus retreated into the desert for forty days to prepare for His ministry. It was for Him a time of reflection and contemplation. In Lent, for us to pass time in the desert means to find occasions when we create a little emptiness and silence around us, rediscover the road to our heart, remove ourselves from the noise of external distractions and to enter into contact with the deepest source of our being and faith.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK: This year from 3 - 9 March 2019 St Brigid's Primary School will join with Catholic schools across NSW and the ACT to celebrate Catholic Schools Week (CSW).

Our theme for Catholic Schools Week 2019 is **Sown In Rich Soil**. CSW is about forging and strengthening connections between everyone who has a stake in our schools – students, staff, families, priests, parishioners, and members of the wider community – by showcasing our activities and actions.

During Catholic Schools Week, we take the opportunity to highlight not only the best of what we do, but also what happens in our schools every day. For that reason, we invite you and your family to join us for morning tea this Friday from 10:30am. From there our classroom doors will be thrown open from 11:10am to 12:30pm for Celebrations of Learning. This will be a time for the children to reflect upon their learning and achievements and share it with their family and friends. Come and be an active participant in a 21st Century classroom

This is an ideal opportunity to support our community and learn more about the great things that take place in Catholic schools every day.

Whilst you are down the street please take a moment to view our display in the old IGA shop window highlighting and emphasising the wonderful opportunity we all have by being involved in our Catholic School.

Our school has a supportive and talented community of teachers, parents, carers, Parent Forum, clergy, parishioners and support staff who work together to give students the best education possible.

This special week on the Catholic Schools' calendar provides an opportunity for the community to recognise our committed and gifted staff for their work in encouraging success, promoting discipline, supporting creativity and instilling compassion in our young people.

Every blessing for the week ahead,

Tony

Tony Hunter
Principal



Happy Birthday to

Charli S-G

Catholic Identity

ASH WEDNESDAY: We gathered today in Catholic Schools Week for our Ash Wednesday Mass to mark the beginning of the Church's season of Lent. Lent begins today with marking of ashes, a sign to remind us to live the way Jesus wants. Lent ends after 40 days when Jesus rises from the dead at Easter. Lent is a special time when God invites us to think of others so that they may have a fair share of the gifts of Creation. Lent is about improving ourselves and thinking of others.



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:

- **Sacrament of Confirmation Parent Meeting - Thursday 7th March at 5:30pm** in the School Library.

Sacraments:

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

INCITARE: Incitäre is a one-day retreat experience for Year 6 students from parish primary schools based in regions of the diocese to celebrate their faith at a diocesan level. The retreat is a chance to bring students together to meet like-minded peers and celebrate with other young people who practice their faith. The activities were a mixture of large and small sharing groups as well as celebrating a liturgy together. The program has been geared to meet the needs of these Year 6 students. Ava Smith, Paige Love, Karli Pratt and Nate Walters attended the retreat this year and here are some of their comments from the day:

"My favourite part of the day was learning strategies to live a more positive life and encouraging others to live like Jesus did." Nate

"I enjoyed learning more about my faith and meeting new people." Paige

"My favourite parts of the day were chatting in our small groups and catching up with friends." Ava

"The best part of the day for me was learning more about my faith." Karli.



WILDFIRE TEN:TEN EXPERIENCE: In 2019, WILDFIRE is offering a TEN:TEN experience to Parish Schools, providing staff and students an opportunity to encounter Jesus Christ, leading to a deeper understanding of the Fullness of Life (Jn 10:10). TEN:TEN provides a rally experience featuring music ministry, drama, testimony and peer-to-peer ministry. We will be guided into an opportunity to respond through Exposition, prayer teams, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Year 6 students will participate in this experience on **Thursday 7th March at St Mary's College Casino.**

Curriculum/Other

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS: St Brigid's will be conducting Parent-Teacher Interviews on Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th March in Week 7. These interviews are compulsory for parents / carers to attend so that the results of the assessments and learning goals can be discussed.

The online booking system is now open and will close on Wednesday 13th March at 6pm. To book online please follow these steps: Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au

Enter the event code **qxc3a** and follow the prompts.

If you do not have access to online booking facilities, please contact Di at the School Office and she will gladly organise your bookings for you.

MAI & BEST START FEEDBACK: Tomorrow, every child who sat the Mathematics Assessments K-6 (MAI) and the Best Start Assessments (Kinder), will be taking home a Parent Feedback sheet to let you know what your child can do and what you can do at home to assist your child in Mathematics. Kinder will also have feedback on their literacy skills. Please take the time to read over this feedback and ask questions about this at the Parent Teacher Interviews next week.

FREE BOOKS: Big W is currently promoting reading by giving books away each Thursday to children 6 years and under. Take advantage of this and head to Lismore for some late night shopping and a free book!

PARENT FORUM AGM: All members of our community are invited to the AGM of St Brigid's School Parent Forum to be held on **Tuesday 19th March commencing at 6pm** in our library. The Forum is an ideal way to be involved in our learning community. There are many teams that combine to ensure that the facilities and resources here at St Brigid's are kept up to date to enhance the learning opportunities of our students. Each team has a lead co-ordinator and they do a fantastic job within their sub group. Groups involved include – Library Team, Reading Team, Grounds Team, Fundraising Team, IT/Publicity Team, Sport Team, Yearbook Team, Canteen/Uniform Team, Parent Assembly/Class Parents/Pastoral Care Team.

Nomination forms for the specific teams are available from the school office. I really encourage all members of our school community to become an active member of one of our teams that work together to enhance the learning experiences of all of our children here at St Brigid's.

UNIFORM SHOP

Open Tuesdays 2pm-3pm

Contact EMMA RIXON on 0422 399 841

We have some 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 please.

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9am: Sunday Mass

ALTAR SERVERS:

March 9— N & A Walters, K Garred;

March 10—K Duff, A Smith, L Kennelly

Hall Hire: Please contact the Parish office on 66321074 .



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SCHOOL CANTEEN

7th March: Kristy Chisholm &
M'leigh Edwards;

14th March: Kristy Chisolm &
Amy Dever

Please sign in at the office before going to Canteen.

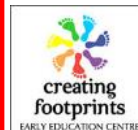
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COMMUNITY NEWS

KYOGLE MUSEUM

You are invited to the official opening of our new museum on **Saturday 9th March at 10am**. Guest of honour is the Hon Thomas George MP.

The official program will begin in the Kyogle Memorial Hall, followed by cutting the ribbon at the front of the museum at 19 Bloore Street.

CASINO NETBALL

Redeem your Active Kids voucher by registering now for Casino Netball. Fees are as follows—

Net Set Go—\$130; **Non Player**—\$60; **Early Bird special Junior** —\$170 (\$190 after 16th March); **Early Bird special Senior Fee**—\$190 (\$210 after 16th March); **All abilities**—\$110.

Further information from Melissa 0420723456 or Karie 0457866610.

FAIRMOUNT FESTIVAL

All Schools Colour Explosion
Wednesday, 3rd April 2019

At Kyogle High School oval with
check-in at 12.30pm & start at 1pm
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a registration form.

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