



ST. BRIGID'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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TERM 2 Week 7

12th June 2019

IMPORTANT DATES

= JUNE =

- **Thursday 13th**
12.20pm Stage 3 at Parish Mass
- **Friday 14th**
9.30am-1pm Ready4Learning
- **Saturday 15th**
7pm Parent Forum Trivia Night
- **Tuesday 18th**
12.20pm Year 4 Prayer Celebration
- **Thursday 20th**
12.20pm Stage 2 at Parish Mass
- **Friday 21st**
9.30am-1pm Ready4Learning
- **Saturday 22nd**
Lismore Lantern Parade
- **Thursday 27th**
ST BRIGID'S ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
- **Friday 28th**
9.30am-1pm Ready4Learning;
2.30pm Year 1 Showcase
- **Sunday 30th**
9am Parish Family Mass led by
Years 3-6

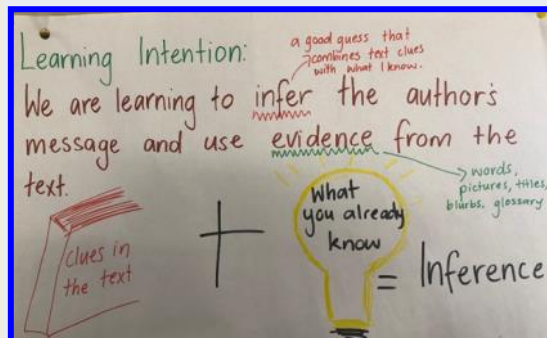
= JULY =

- **Monday 1st**
Semester 1 Reports go home

YEAR 3



Here Comes the Sun! Year 3 have brainstormed what they know about the relationship between the Sun and Earth! This week we will be observing the position of the sun and what impact this has on how we use different parts of our school. We are looking forward to learning more about how the Earth relies on the Sun.



We are working really hard at making inferences. We read "The Peasant Prince" and made inferences using clues in the text and our own knowledge.

What wishes might Li have tied to the kite? I think Li's wish was to have more food because in the text it says they have a very small amount of food. Another wish might have been to get out of the well. Li's Dad always told him a story about the frog in the well. I think Li is the frog stuck in the well. **-Mason**

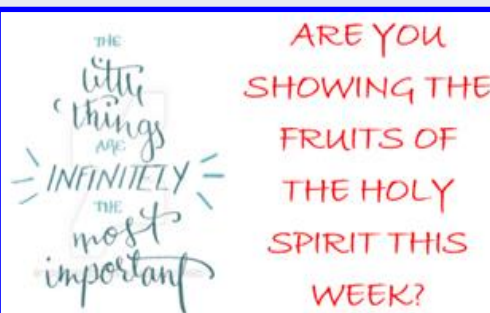
The wishes that Li might have had could have been to have more food, because he is very poor. In the text it says "He would stare longingly at what little food they have." **-Lilly**

How do your wishes compare to Li's?

Li's wishes would be very different to mine because we have more stuff than his family. Li's village was strictly controlled by Mao, but we are lucky in Australia. He might wish for more freedom. **-Aysia**

Li's wishes would be different to mine because his life was hard. I have warm clothes and enough to eat, Li does not. This is why our wishes would be different. **-Maggie**

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,

Do less, not more, for your kids

Part of our educational philosophy here at St Brigid's is to develop independence in learning and self-responsibility in behaviour and yet we often find ourselves doing things for children to speed up the process of getting the job done.

Michael Grose, the founder of "Parenting Ideas" tells us that the basic task of parenting is to do yourself out of a job. In the educational sense this is the same for teachers. We want children to develop into intrinsically motivated learners who are equipped with the skills to learn what they not only need to know but also what they want to know. In one of the Parenting Ideas articles a couple of tips are offered for developing independence but the one that resonates with me as a parent is: Never be more worried about a child's job than they are, otherwise it becomes your job not theirs.

Those of us with adolescent children and even children as young adults will probably have a good understanding of worrying about children getting the job done. I can hear myself saying things like 'how many times have I asked you to do that,' only to be told to 'chillax.' So, once the blood pressure returns to normal, and I am in a more responsive and reflective frame of mind, I realise the wisdom of my child's response. I should 'chillax.' I should let my child discover what it means to be the independent person they so want to be, especially as a young teenager. I find myself stressing over things that will not affect me. The non-completion of some tasks will only become a problem for my child, not me. How often though, do we find ourselves doing those jobs for our children? How often do we end up doing more so that things are done as we want them to be done and our children don't suffer any logical consequence for not completing a task that they were asked to do? How often are we putting extra pressure on ourselves and our children are perfecting the art of 'chillaxing?'

In education, as in parenting we tread a fine line in deciding where to step in and where to let things run their course in the search for meaningful learning experiences. There is no easy answer because what we do as parents and teachers is not an exact science but rather a journey of continual learning where failures are accepted as a step towards discovery, successes are celebrated and children loved for who they are.

At St Brigid's, 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.

ENROLMENTS FOR 2020 KINDERGARTEN: Enrolment packs are available to those families who intend to enrol their children at St Brigid's for Kindergarten in 2020. Please collect these packs from the office and return as soon as possible as this information will assist us in preparing for next year's intake of students. We would like to have all applications of enrolment back to school by Thursday 4th July so that we can start planning for next year. Please pass this information onto any one whom you may know that is thinking of St Brigid's as their choice of school for next year.

STAFFING ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mrs Jean Newton and her husband Denis will be heading overseas this weekend to visit their daughter and her family in England. Whilst Mrs Newton is away on Long Service Leave, Ms Sonja McNab will be supporting the students in Year 6 along with the duties of the library. Mrs Newton will return on August 18.

Whilst I am away in Term 3 on Long Service Leave, Mrs Condon will be Acting Principal and Mrs Walters has been appointed to the position of Acting Assistant Principal.

THE STORY OF CATHERINE McAULEY: On **Tuesday 25th June** we will be welcoming performers from STARRS Theatre Company as they perform a play for children and families, telling the story of Catherine McAuley – Founder of the Sisters of Mercy.



This show is open for all members of our Parish School community to come along and watch as this beautiful play captures the heart and spirit of Catherine; from the childhood influences of her father, to becoming an accomplished adult in her own right, achieving great things. Catherine McAuley paved the way for others to follow in her example and set foundations for Sisters of Mercy assemblies all over the world, including here at St Brigid's Primary School, Kyogle.

There will be no charge to see this show as all costs have been covered by the Catholic Schools Office. The performance will be on **Tuesday 25th June at 1.50pm** in the Parish Hall.

TRIVIA NIGHT: A reminder for all to get their teams ready for the St Brigid's Trivia Night to be held **this Saturday 15th June** in the Parish Hall. The theme of the night is Mexican and all are invited to bring along their own food and drink for a night of fun and games. **THERE WILL BE CHILD MINDING AVAILABLE.** Please provide children with snacks and a drink. Please pick up your tickets (\$10 each) from Di in the school office.

Every blessing for the week ahead.

Tony

Tony Hunter (Principal)

**Happy Birthday to
Callum R and
Kathryn V.**



SCHOOL FEE ACCOUNTS: Last Friday, any outstanding fee accounts were sent home with your youngest child. Please note for those paying by Direct Debit, receipts have been done up to the end of May.

If you are experiencing difficulties in meeting your commitment to pay fees please make an appointment to see Mr Hunter or Mrs Condon.

ABSENCES: Just a reminder that if you received an SMS asking why your child was absent from school, you must reply with a suitable answer as this is exactly what is recorded in Schoolworx.

FAMILY LEAVE: Just a reminder, if you are taking children out of school for a holiday, you must write a letter to Mr Hunter, including the dates you will be away.

Catholic Identity

ACCENDERE - Year 4 Student Discipleship Retreat: In 2019 Accendere (a one-day retreat experience for Year 4 students) will be offered for the first time. This retreat will complete the Student Discipleship Continuum for Catholic Parish School students from Years 4-12. The continuum starts with Year 4 as students have completed the sacraments of Initiation in Year 3 and are 'switched' on in a new way after receiving these sacraments. Accendere will help support them on their faith journey through immersion in a day that focuses on the theme of friendship in Jesus. Research has shown that young people are making defining choices about their faith at a much younger age than in the past. This retreat will help support our students as they search for meaning and discern their commitment to faith.

What: Accendere— a retreat experience for Year 4 students from every parish school in each region of the Diocese.

When: **Tuesday 23rd July**

Where: **Lismore City Hall (Function Room)**

Cost: Nil. All transport and venue booking expenses will be met by the Catholic Schools Office.

Lunch/Morning Tea: Students to bring their own. Along with a hat and water bottle.

Congratulations to **Allie Walters, Callum Royal, Georgia Kennelly and Macey Livingstone** who will be attending this retreat next term.

YEAR 4: On Tuesday 18th June Year 4 will have a prayer celebration at 12.20pm in their classroom. All welcome to attend.

PARISH FAMILY MASS: All welcome to come along to our Parish Family Mass at 9am on **Sunday 30th June** led by our Years 3-6 students.

PARISH FAMILY MASS & MORNING TEA

We have our Parish Mass on **Sunday 30th June at 9am led by our Yrs. 3-6 students.** All 3-6 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.



Curriculum

KINDERGARTEN 2020 INFORMATION SESSIONS: All parents with children ready to commence school in 2020 are invited to attend our last Information Session tonight.: **Wednesday, 12th June at 6pm.**

St Brigid's Mini Shed: Last Thursday afternoon Jai O'Reilly, Logan Reeves and Josiah Beetge attended their first Mini Shed session which is being supervised by local parishioner, Mr Peter Constable. The



students were put through a safety lesson and discussed their future projects. The boys were so eager they got to work straight away and each made a small wooden box. We are very grateful to Peter for his donation of time, Bunnings Warehouse for donating \$100 for tools and materials and Social Futures who have also donated money for this project. We only have one problem and that is, the whole of Stage 3 want to do some woodwork with Peter!

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL: Helpers needed. Please see note sent home today.

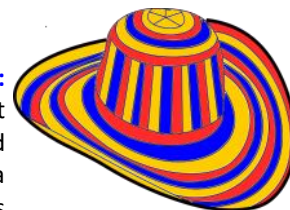
Community

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.

Doors open at 6pm for a 6.30pm start. \$10 per person, 10 seats per table. Tickets available from Di in the school office.



SCHOOL PHOTOS: GROUP PHOTOS \$16 each - SRC, Mini Vinnies, Year 6 (fun pic), School Leaders, Sports Captains, Choir, Altar Servers. These can be viewed/ordered online at www.theschoolphotographer.com.au

The photos can be viewed at the school office where Order Envelopes are available. Orders must be in **before 17th June.**

LISMORE LANTERN FESTIVAL: The lanterns that the students made yesterday will be carried in the parade on **Saturday evening, June 22nd.**

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN STICKERS: Don't forget to collect the stickers. These are used to order a variety of resources for the students. Please ask grandparents, aunts and friends to collect them for you. They can be dropped into a box in the office foyer area. Thanks for your support.

Positive Behaviour Support

We put effort into our learning and try our best.



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5pm: Saturday Mass;
9am: Sunday Mass.

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

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

SCHOOL CANTEEN

Thursday 13th June: Tilly Beetge, Kate Hayes & Emie Studders.

Thursday 20th June: Tina Church, Krystal-Lee Hyde & M'leigh Edwards

Please sign in/out at the school office.

THANK YOU

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.**

COMMUNITY NEWS

KYOGLE BLOOD DONOR CENTRE

Tuesday 25th June from 10am-2pm at Kyogle Public School hall.

Drink 3 glasses of water or juice in the hours before you donate & eat a good sized breakfast or lunch.

Bring a photo I.D. with you.

For further information phone 131495 or visit donateblood.com.au

KYOGLE TENNIS LESSONS

Free trial group with one of our amazing coaches at Kyogle Tennis club.

Times—Tuesday & Thursday 4.30-6pm
No sign up necessary for trial lesson!
Chat with our coaches if you would like to register for the term.

Head Coach Jake Howe 0435 299 198 or odysseytennis@gmail.com
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