



ST. BRIGID'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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TERM 4 Week 7

27th November 2019

IMPORTANT DATES

NOVEMBER

- **Friday 29th**

Final R4L session.

DECEMBER

- **Tuesday 3rd**

6pm Yr 6 Graduation, Liturgy & Dinner.

- **Wednesday 4th**

12noon 2020 School Leaders Speeches.

- **Thursday 5th**

2.15pm Year 6 Showcase;

3.30pm Parent Helpers 'Thank You' afternoon tea.

- **Friday 6th**

11.05am Going-up experience for Students.

- **Sunday 8th**

Kyogle's Christmas in the Park.

- **Monday 9th**

Swimming Carnival

- **Tuesday 10th**

6pm Forum BBQ and Christmas Pageant

- **Wednesday 11th--12th-13th**

Stage 2 Camp at Tallebudgera

- **Monday 16th**

9.30am End of Year Thanksgiving Mass & Awards;

Semester 2 Reports sent home.

- **Tuesday 17th**

Rewards Day

YEAR 4

Fantastic Year Fours are very excited about being buddies in 2020.



Make Jesus Real

I Choose To Forgive

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 Sunday the 1st of December marks the beginning of the Church's liturgical year. Each season has its special grace and in the season of Advent we prepare for Christmas and await with expectant longing for God to be born again into our lives, our families, our Church and our world.

During Advent, we are meant to take stock of our lives, to check our direction and to await with expectation the special grace that God promises to offer us at Christmas. During the Advent season, we symbolically participate in the waiting of the patriarchs, kings, prophets, and priests, as we await Christ's final and glorious return. As we wait in long lines this Advent season, or as we wait for anything really, we can remember the waiting of those expecting the Messiah, and always wait with patience, humility, and expectant hope in a state of prayer.



It is difficult, but especially during Advent, waiting prayerfully and patiently, in the manner of our Lord and his blessed Mother, is not only a good spiritual discipline, but could also lower our risk of holiday induced blood pressure. It seems like we're all waiting for something, so why not use these experiences to enhance our Advent disciplines by prayerfully waiting, joining our prayers with Isaiah, Zechariah, and all the saints.

Come Lord Jesus may we be prepared for your coming in glory.

FINAL DAY OF R4L: This Friday will see the final day of our Ready4Learning Program for 2019. This program has worked as a school readiness program and a transition for our young students as they prepare to commence "big school" in 2020. It has been wonderful to see these new little faces and to have the opportunity to begin building relationships with the children and their families. The purpose of the orientation and transition program is for the children to become more familiar with St Brigid's Primary, to get to meet some new friends and to begin building relationships. We know that this time has been of great benefit at the start of the new school year. Each of our new students brings with them a wealth of experience, understandings, gifts and talents to share with their new class and with the St Brigid's Primary School community. We welcome all new families joining our school and hope that they feel the warm and supportive community that we strive to provide. Thanks so much to Mrs Walters for the way in which she has



co-ordinated the program to ensure the smoothest of transitions for our new students. Mrs Walters and Miss Macdonald have been ably assisted by Sonja, Lauren, Lee, Kate and the OT students each Friday and we thank them very much for their commitment to the program.

BUNNINGS BBQ FUNDRAISER: Many thanks to the parents who assisted the Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser last Saturday. It was a very profitable day with our school raising \$1 235 which will go towards the purchasing of further resources for our students. A big vote of thanks to our Fundraising Leader Tara Laarhoven who did a great job in co-ordinating the whole day and ensuring everything was in place. We look forward to further Bunnings BBQ's in 2020.



CLASS TEACHERS FOR 2020: With the calendar year about to flick over to December, plans have been made for our classroom teachers for 2020. I am very excited about what lay ahead for our students and their learning and to have the calibre and quality of all staff in our school is an absolute bonus for our "little school community". Classroom teachers for 2020 are as follows:-

Kindergarten – Miss Laura Macdonald, **Year 1** – Ms Karen Esslemont, **Year 2** – Miss Kelli-Ann Bugden, **Year 3** – Mrs Vicki Jansen, **Year 4** – Mrs Kelly Schneider, **Year 5** – Mrs Hayley Kennedy, **Year 6** – Miss Laura Hughes.

A full outline of staff for 2020 will be published in the final newsletter for 2019.

YEARBOOK WINNERS: Many thanks to all students who submitted an entry for the 2019 St Brigid's Year Book. There certainly was a variety of entries which show cased our school and due to the large number of these it was decided to give a runner up prize along with 1st prize. Congratulations to **Medha Potomuthu** who has designed her 3rd school yearbook cover and to **Allie Walters** whose entry will be the back cover of our book. Great work everyone.



YEAR 6 GRADUATION AND DINNER: This year's students in Year 6 are a wonderful group and it will indeed be sad to see them leave St Brigid's. Their Graduation Liturgy will be held at Our Lady of Sorrows Church at 6pm on Tuesday 3rd December. This promises to be a very special occasion. This will be followed by dinner at the Parish Hall where Year 6 families, students and staff can relax and celebrate the end of an era for these children.

Have a wonderful week.

Tony

Tony Hunter—Principal

Happy Birthday to...
Emma F & Billy K.



Positive Behaviour Support

Our PBS focus this week is -

We are engaged in our learning because we want to achieve our learning goals.



Catholic Identity

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT: This annual event will be held on **Tuesday, 10th December** on the school grounds. All families are invited to come along and enjoy a BYO picnic dinner on the oval prior to our Pageant commencing. The Parent Forum will have a wonderful array of desserts available for purchase. Stay tuned for further information.



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 for Mass and the Awards Ceremony.



SWIMMING CARNIVAL: This will be held on **Monday 9th December**. Notes were sent home last week. **Please return your nomination form by Friday 29th November.**

The BBQ lunch order was sent home on Monday. Please return the note with correct money by the end of this week.



URGENT: Message from Di—A deposit was made into the school's bank account on 1st November. There were no details as to who made the deposit. Please phone me if you believe it was from you. I need the amount, family name and bank receipt for this as soon as possible. If I don't hear from the depositor by 2nd December I will have to receipt this as a donation in order to complete my Bank Reconciliation for November. Thank you. Di Welsh

Curriculum

WRITING WORKSHOP: Just a reminder to the writers who have been working with Zanni Louise at the Lismore Library recently, that the last workshop will take place this Thursday, 28th November, 5pm – 6.30pm. Mrs Condon will be there again to help supervise and to support our writers. Could I suggest that you print out your story and take it with you so that you can make the final adjustments (if needed) at the workshop – There will also be a focus on illustrating this Thursday. Please complete your stories prior to the workshop tomorrow so that the final editing can take place at this session.

Stories for the Anthology must be submitted by **Friday, 29th November** as a word document (Length – maximum 1000 words / or 700 words plus an image). Please email to Zanni at the address below. The book launch will take place at the Lismore Library on 12th December, 5pm.

zannilouise@gmail.com

LIBRARY & SCHOOL BOOKS: Please note the school library will be closed to borrowers from **Monday 2nd December**. All library books, home readers and bug books must be returned to school as soon as possible.

Community/Other

PARENT HELPERS AFTERNOON TEA: This will be held on **Thursday 5th December from 3.30pm**. Please return your RSVP to Di in the office or phone the school.

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 dish to contribute to the dinner. Information and reply forms were sent home on Monday.



UNIFORM SHOP: Emma will open the Uniform Shop this **Friday 29th November from 2pm-2.45pm**. Emma will also have a couple of days in January before the school year starts. Thanks Emma.

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+ OUR LADY OF SORROWS + Kyogle Catholic Church

6pm: Saturday Vigil Mass

9am: Sunday Mass

ALTAR SERVERS:

Saturday 30th Nov: P Kennedy, P Love & N Walters;

Sunday 1st Dec: A Smith, K Duff & F Fowler.

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



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SCHOOL CANTEEN

Thursday 28th Nov: T Church & L Nugent,;

Thursday 5th Dec: M Edwards & L Nugent.

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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

FREE FILM!!!

"2040"

KYOGLE HALL

6pm

Tomorrow, Thursday 28 Nov

2040 is a fantastic visual documentary that looks to the future but is important NOW!

Award-winning director Damon Gameau (*That Sugar Film*) embarks on a journey to explore what the future could look like by the year 2040 if we simply embraced the best solutions already available to us to improve our planet. Structured as a beautiful visual letter to his 4 year old daughter, Damon blends traditional documentary with high-end visual effects to inspire hope for how these solutions could regenerate the world for future generations.

FREE TEA AND COFFEE



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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.

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

Week	Date	Donations
7	25 th to 29 th November	PACKET – sugar, flour, cake mixes, spaghetti, jellies etc.
8	2 nd to 6 th December	SURPRISE - something special for Christmas – Christmas puddings, nuts, lollies, bon bons etc
9	9 th to 13 th December	PRESENT – wrapped present for a child – labelled with the age group and boy/girl

END OF YEAR: As we come towards the end of the school year, teachers are very busy finalising student reports and preparing the children for the Advent Season, Year 6 Graduation Liturgy and Dinner, Swimming Carnival, our school Christmas Pageant and End of Year Thanksgiving Mass. I am very grateful for the time and care that each of the teachers have put into preparing these reports as a summation of the semester's learning.

A great deal of time and effort goes into assessing students and writing their reports. Reports are one useful tool used to inform parents and carers about their child's learning successes for the semester and propose some goals for their continued learning.

At this time of the year, we are both looking back at the great year we have had and look forward to what is coming in 2020. Over the coming week, the process for electing our 2020 Student Leaders will take place. The students of Year 5 will present their Leadership speeches to our School Community on Wednesday the 4th of December. All are invited to come along, listen and support our young leaders. We have no doubt that each of the students from Year 5 will be great leaders in whichever position they take.

BEST START / MAI ASSESSMENT INTERVIEWS: As outlined in previous newsletters, the start of our 2020 school year will enable staff to meet with each child individually to allow our Maths Assessment Interviews to take place. Students in Years 1 to 6 will have an MAI on either of Wednesday 29th or Thursday 30th of January 2020. *The first day of school for students in Years 1 to 6 will be Friday 31st January.*

Students in Kindergarten will undergo their Best Start and Maths Assessment Interview on one of the following days, Wednesday 29th, Thursday 30th, Friday 31st, Monday 3rd or Tuesday 4th February. *The first day of school for Kindergarten will be Wednesday 5th February.*

All information on how to book will be in next week's newsletter. Bookings will be done online and will open on Tuesday 10th December from 9am.

SKOOLBAG APP: As from next year, we will be using the St Brigid's Skoolbag App more to communicate with our families. This will see our newsletters, notes, class information and notices being disbursed through this platform. The biggest change will see the newsletter going home electronically and not the hard copy as happens each Wednesday. If you wish to receive a hard copy of the newsletter next year please let Mrs Welsh know. I encourage all families to have the Skoolbag App downloaded onto your favourite devices- phones, ipads, laptops etc. Follow the steps to upload the app:-

1. Get your favourite device
2. Open the Apple Store (Apple users) or Google Play ((Android users)
3. Search for "Skoolbag"
4. Download the free app and sign in
5. Open the app and download St Brigid's Primary Kyogle (it will have a picture of our school logo)

You are now set

