

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hello to all in the St Brigid's community,

Term 2 Week 10

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

This week's readings are, once again, quite thought provoking. All three readings offer apparent contradictions.

In the first Reading the prophet Zechariah foretells of a time of great sadness even though God promises to send a spirit of great kindness and prayer. In the Second Reading St Paul tells the Galatians that there are no longer distinctions between Greek and Jew, male and female, slave and free. "All of you are one in Christ Jesus." In the Gospel Jesus tells his disciples that he is the Son of Man, destined to die and be raised, but they are not to tell anyone.

Jesus then follows up with the great contradiction "If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross every day and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it, but anyone who loses his life for my sake, that man will save it." (Luke 9:24)

But is it a contradiction? Is Jesus simply setting out St Paul's teaching that if we renounce all that divides us; racism, bigotry, sexism, discrimination, elitism, and various other isms (our old life) and embrace a way of life free of these evils we gain a new life, one modelled by Jesus?

What's on This Week

Assembly prayer this week was led by year 1C whilst 5A will lead the prayer on the first Monday after the holidays, July 8th.

End of Semester 1 Student Reports will be issued on Thursday.

The senior students' athletics carnival will be held on Wednesday while the junior students' athletics carnival, postponed from last week will be held on Thursday.

The monthly Parents and Friends' Association meeting will commence at 7pm in the staff room on Wednesday evening.

The final Active School Travel prize distribution will take place on Thursday afternoon from 2:25 pm.

In interschool sport any teams that have qualified, will be involved in finals on Friday afternoon, weather permitting.

Semester 1 2013 will end on this Friday June 21st at 3pm.

Feel like you're not making progress, think T.T.T.

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When you feel how depressingly
slowly you climb,
it's well to remember that
Things Take Time.

Annual Catholic Campaign (Week 6)

Thank you to everyone involved in last week's Annual Catholic Campaign fundraiser, a free dress day. The students raised \$607.30.

The Annual catholic Campaign supports several ministries that impact many individuals in our community. If you have not yet given, please go online to www.catholiccampaign.com.au and make a commitment today.

Prayers Please

Please keep in your prayers Ms Buckley (Year 1A) and her family as her father passed away last Friday morning after a long illness. May he rest in peace.

SWPBS

This week we will be expanding on **Rule #1: Respect for self and others; on the playground**. This is probably the one area that the children have most trouble with. Many children struggle in this relatively unstructured situation for a variety of reasons. Children of different ages have different problems on the playground, but they are all learning to play together; how to give and take, how to share, how to agree and stick to rules and what happens when you break the rules. Please support your children as they learn these important life skills on the playground.

Street Parking around St Brigid's

As you would be aware St Brigid's school is surrounded by a residential area which has very narrow streets. One of our neighbours has requested that our parents when parking in these streets, collecting children, only park only on one side of the street. When cars park on both sides of these narrow streets residential access can be difficult particularly for residents attempting to enter and leave their properties.

Thanks in anticipation of your support.

Parent Portal

The parent portal is a one stop site for school information on the internet. Unlike the school web page the parent portal is only accessible to authorised persons with an authorised username and password.

Parents, over the past three weeks, have been notified of their username and password via a notification letter emailed to the address we have on record. Every parent on our records will have a user account created, provided they have contact rights with their children and a unique, valid email address on our records. Where a parent has provided only one email address for both themselves and their partner only one account will be created.

Last week we emailed the notification letter to all parents of children in Years 3 and 4. The letter contains their user name and password to access the Parent Portal.

This week we will do likewise for all parents with children in Years 5, 6 and 7. This will complete our notification process. By Wednesday of this week all parents, taking into account the proviso above, should have been notified of their log on details to allow them access to the Parent Portal.

From next term more communication will be via the Parent Portal.

Access to the Parent Portal is via the school web site <http://www.sb.qld.edu.au/Pages/default.aspx>

AIIU

Again this year St Brigid's will be hosting a visit from students from Koriyama Xaverio Gukuen Catholic School in Japan from 28th July to 4th August. Each year we need to find families to host the students for the stay.

An invitation has now been made to all students in Years 4-7 to consider billeting a visiting student during their stay.

If you wish to take up this opportunity please contact the organisers as listed on the invitation.

Parish News Vivid 2013: Go Make Disciples

Vivid 2013 will be our local archdiocesan World Youth Day event, linking with the theme for WYD Rio 2013: Go Make Disciples and featuring guest speaker, Br Damien Price. An Archdiocesan Mass with Bishop Joseph Oudeman will also be celebrated as part of the event. This will be an opportunity to be immersed in the WYD experience as 'pilgrims' with energetic music, testimonies, prayer, great food, fun and an inspirational message of hope. So come and celebrate your faith with other young people from around the Archdiocese of Brisbane! Join us on Sunday 28 July (4.00-8.00pm, doors open at 3.30pm) at St Laurence's College, 82 Stephen's Rd, South Brisbane. Register at www.cymbrisbane.org.au/vivid by Monday 24 July or for more info phone 3109 6800.

Federation of P and F Associations of QLD newsletter

The latest Federation of P and F Associations of QLD newsletter is available at <http://www.pandf.org.au/2013/20130610/index.html>

It has many interesting articles and tips for your information. I commend it to you.

P and F Disco

Congratulations to the members of the Parents and Friends' Association who organised and conducted the student discos on Friday evening. All in attendance appeared to enjoy the event.

Thanks also to the numerous staff who were on hand to assist with supervision of the students.

Holidays

Please be aware that the Winter School Holidays commence on next Monday June, 23rd. Semester 2 will begin on Monday July 8th. May I take the opportunity to wish all a safe and enjoyable holiday.

I also wish to thank all those who have expressed their good wishes for my upcoming period of extended leave. I intend to return in Term 4, rested and enthused, to lead the St Brigid's school community into and through its next exciting stage. This community should be very proud of what it has achieved in the twenty years since the school first opened. I'm sure that the next twenty will be just as exciting.

Active School Travel

Last Thursday another 64 students from Years Prep to 7 were issued with prizes for their adoption of various Active School Travel methods in commuting to and from school. The last prize distribution will take place next Thursday from 2:15 pm.

We have cancelled the Green Boot award survey for June due to the miserable weather on the scheduled survey day, last Wednesday, and the conduct of the Senior Athletics' Carnival on this Wednesday. The next survey will be held in July.

Parish Newsletter

Please [click](#) here to download this week's Parish Newsletter.

Have a good week.

Kevin Bianchi
Principal

APA NEWS

New Mobile Devices for Greater Student Access to Learning Technologies

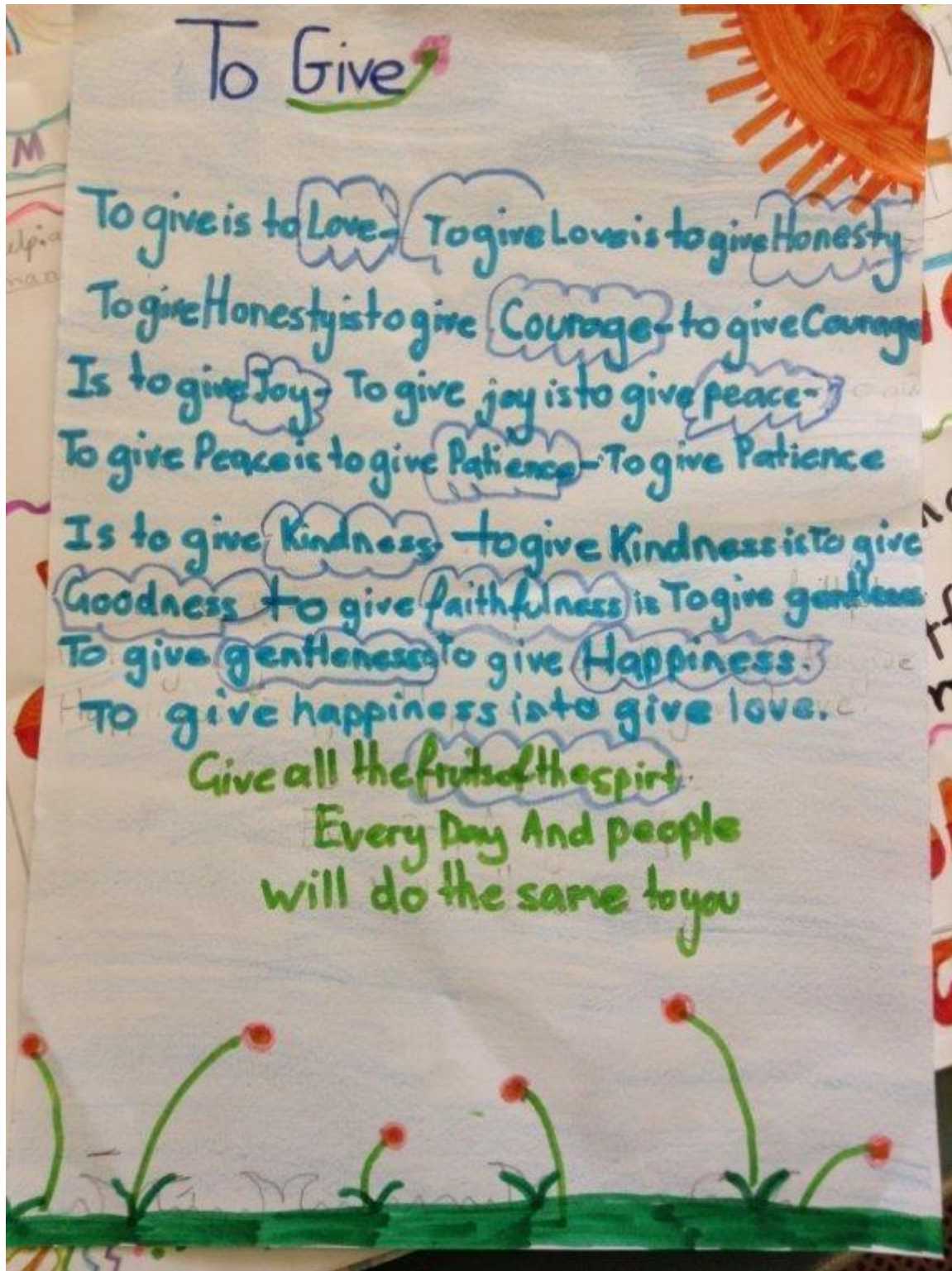
Year 4A has been trialling the use of 'tablet technology' for a number of weeks this term. Miss Bray's class have been integrating technology into their school day through the use of Hewlett Packard Elite Pads. Each student is responsible for a 'HP tablet' which they use across a variety of learning areas each day. These tablets will be trialled in our other Year 4 classes across the remaining terms of 2013. Information gathered from the students & teachers will assist the school to make an informed decision about the possible use of these devices for a 1:1 program in Year 4 in 2014. There will be more information for parents regarding the 1:1 program later in the school year.

In addition to these windows based tablets the school is also trialling the use of 20 x i-pads and 10 x i-pods across P-7 classes in coming weeks. These banks of devices will be borrowed by classroom teachers when opportunities within the curriculum recommend the use of digital learning technologies. Part of the learning process for students will include the handling, care and appropriate use of these devices and their 'apps' to help improve their learning. Both students and teachers will be developing their skills with the various PC and Mac based portable devices during Semester 2.

APRE NEWS

Thank you to all of the children who created an artwork to reflect the concept of 'Giving'. There were many lovely entries and you will see them displayed around the school. The winning entries were chosen as they showed various aspects of giving. The artists were awarded with a prize at Assembly on Monday.

Congratulations to Gracie T, Molly C and Jaymi S (7A), Katie H and Lachlan L (Prep C), Kate E (3A), Caitlin, Jet, Sandy, Colorado and Mia (4A), Sienna (3B), Maddie (3C)



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giving is just like caring



giving is great.



GIVING HANDS



HANDS

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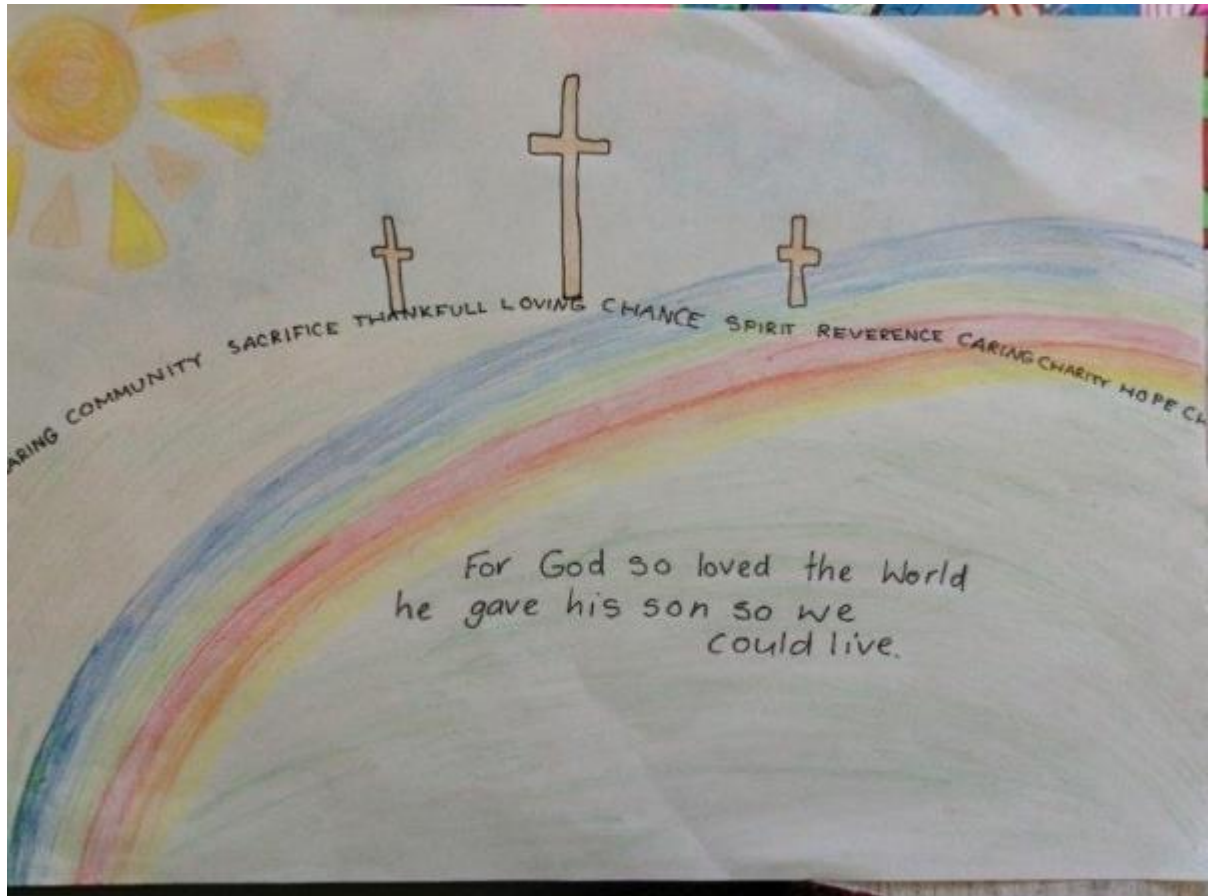
Katie Humphrey helped Matilda by telling the teacher and getting ice for her. (1/14/03)

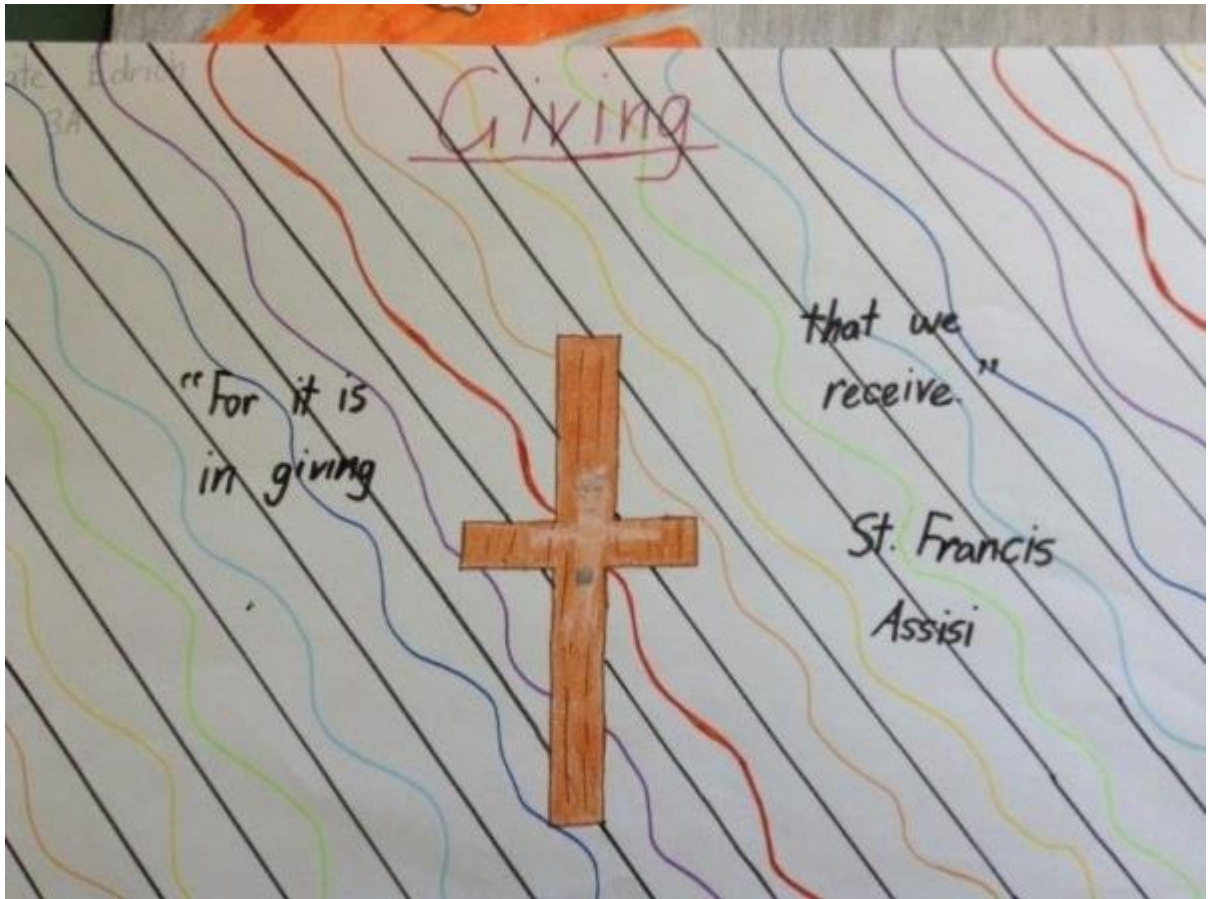


I give a helping hand just like Gabby Get Along.



Lachlan Lucock helps his brother Samuel get on his BMX bike. (1/14/03)







GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR NEWS

Coping...Part 2

As mentioned last week, coping with hardships, frustration and disappointment, both big and small is part of growing up.

Parenting Educator Michael Grose has identified 12 essential coping strategies every child can use when life gets hard. Last week included the first 5 skills and this week the next 7 skills are [attached](#).

These skills include:

- See the silver lining
- Hang in there
- Blame fairly
- Accept what's happened
- Keep your perspective
- Be flexible with your thinking
- Let's set a goal or two

Please do not hesitate to contact me, the class teacher or other school personnel if you are concerned about the social or emotional well-being of your child.

Weekly Quote:

"Life isn't all about waiting for the storm to pass, it's about learning to dance in the rain".

Cilla Stent

Primary Guidance

DATE CLAIMERS

Wednesday 19th June	Senior Athletics Carnival
Thursday 20th June	Infants Athletics Carnival
Friday 21st June	Last day of Interschool Sport
Sunday 11th August	St Brigid's Fete 10am - 3pm
Friday 16th August - 21st August	Year 7 Camp - Tasmania
Thursday 5th September	Catholic Schools Athletics Carnival
Thursday 17th October	School Photo Day
Friday 18th October	Grandparent's Day at St Brigid's
Monday 21st October	Pupil Free Day
Saturday 26th October	St Brigid's Race Day
Wednesday 6th - 8th November	Year 5 Camp - Bornhoffen PCYC
Tuesday 12th November	GC Catholic Schools Readers Cup
Wednesday 13th November	GC Catholic Schools Aquathon
Friday 6 th December	Term 4 Finishes – 12 Noon

Term Dates

Please refer to the Brisbane Catholic Education website for term dates for 2014 and 2015.

<http://www.bne.catholic.edu.au/students-parents/Pages/TermDates.aspx>

Term Dates 2013	
Term 2:	Monday 15 April - Friday 21 June
Term 3:	Monday 8 July - Friday 20 September
Term 4:	Tuesday 8 October - Friday 6 December
Professional Development and Planning Days	Monday 21 October

BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday this week to the following children:

James B, Brynton J, Tyler M, Brayden M, Kayla R, David H, Me-Risi O, Grace J, Jonty S, Isaac C, Sarai G, Jasper S, Annika J, Ayla M, Cooper G, Gwen P



STUDENT AWARDS

Assembly - Week 1 Term Three Monday 8th July

Congratulations to the following students who will receive an award at next Monday's assembly:

0A Chris, Ayla

0B Sarai, Jordon

0C Hayley, Kobe

- 2A Tyler, William
- 2B Luke, Jade
- 3A Gabriel, Uha
- 3B Chloe, Hamish
- 3C Molly, Kobe
- 4C Hannah, Charlice, Brielle
- 5A Jayde, Charlotte, Katie, Cooper C
- 5B Sam, Sophie, Natasha
- 6A Cougar, Nic
- 7A Monique, Jaymi



MR GUDGEON'S SPORT'S REPORT

Interschool Sport

Round 10 of interschool sport will be held at the following venues.

Netball - Firth Park, Mudgeeraba

Friendly games - Times to be advised

Rugby League

Junior team - 1:25 - Glennon Park Field 2

Senior team - 12:40 - Glennon Park Field 3

Soccer

Year 7 boys - 1:35 Broadbeach field 2

Year 7 girls team - Glennon Park field 4 at 12:40

Year 6 Team - 12:40 Glennon Park field 1

Year 5 Team - 1:35 Glennon Park field 3



Infant Athletics Carnival

The infant Athletics carnival has been rescheduled for **Thursday 20th June**. We welcome all parents and Friends to come and support their children on this great day. Fingers crossed for nice weather.

AFL Auskick - Sign on and First Session

3:10 – 4:10pm Tuesday 16, July

Venue: St Brigid's PS Oval

For more info. Contact Tim Searl on 5594 5722

Cost only \$60.00!!!

To pay online register at aflauskick.com.au

Please make cheques payable to: AFL Queensland

FAQ - Kids turning 5 in Calendar year can participate. If you miss the first session, you can join the following week. No specialist clothing required (football boots not necessary)



Simon Gudgeon

PE Teacher & Sports Coordinator

PASTORAL CARE

Last week the Grief Programme concluded with a Ritual and sharing of food for Years 5 and 7. The Grief Programme will be offered to Years 2 and 3 in the Fourth Term.

Next Term, I will spend time with the other seven members of my family in Ireland.

All the best for your Winter while I take off to enjoy another Summer (I hope!)



Sr Brigid Frawley

Pastoral Care

OSHC NEWS

Vacation Care Program

OSHC are now taking bookings for Vacation Care for the June/July holidays.

Please [click](#) here to download the programme.

Margot Lowrie

St.Brigid's O.S.H.C.

MUSIC NOTES

Do you have a special performance talent?

Can you –

- sing like an angel?
- play a musical instrument?
- dance?
- entertain a crowd with acrobatic feats

Then you need to enter

**SHOWCASE 2013
COMING IN TERM 3
WATCH THIS SPACE
(START REHEARSING)**

WORKPLACE HEALTH & SAFETY NEWS

Workplace Health and Safety affects everyone, including staff, students, parents and visitors.

It is everyone's responsibility and requires ongoing commitment to ensure St Brigid's is a safe environment.



be SAFE be WELL

TUCKSHOP

Athletics Carnival

This week - snacks & drinks will be available on the oval during the athletics carnivals & orders will be taken for lunch items!

Helpers needed for both Wednesday & Thursday

Wednesday Special

Nachos - \$4.00

Nachos with Sour Cream - \$4.50

Please check out the new tuckshop menu for Wednesday Meal Deals!!

Volunteers Needed URGENTLY please.

Please contact me on 0428 415 341 if you can assist or ring the office on 5596 4188.

Miss Mel
Tuckshop Convenor

UNIFORM SHOP

Hours

Tuesday and Friday 8:30am - 9:30am

P & F COMMITTEE

Disco

On Behalf of the P & F I would like to thank the Teachers and Parents that helped at the Disco last Friday night. I would also like to thank the children and their families that came along and had a fantastic time.

Regards

Helene & Mel

Date Claimers

Friday 14th June	Disco
Friday 18th October	Grandparent's Day
Monday 21st October	World Teacher's Day
Saturday 26th October	St Brigid's Race Day

Thursday 21st - 22nd
November

Christmas Stall

FETE NEWS

Craft Group

St Brigid's P & F Fete Committee would like to encourage anybody interested in making items for the upcoming fete, to join in the Parish craft group which meets each Tuesday in the Parish Centre.

Full details can be found in the Parish newsletter.



Thank you

The Fete Committee

CLASS NEWS

Prep News

Thankyou to all of the children who were able to attend the disco last Friday evening. It was a fun night filled with lots of interesting dance moves.

This week we are looking at the letter "Oo". Please remember to discuss this with your child. Perhaps you could ask your child to find as many "Oo" words as they can on a newspaper page. Our number train is fast approaching the final "100" day destination. The children are getting very excited as this special celebration gets closer. Just a reminder that weather pending, our Sports carnival is on this Thursday June 20th.

We hope that you and your children have a very restful and happy time over the holidays.

Year 1 News

Year One enjoyed a great performance of the puppet show Goldilocks and the Three Bears last Friday.

Descriptive words used by the children were

Fantastic! Fun! Awesome!

The standard of the Fairy Stories told by the students has been amazing in the last few weeks and we are progressing this week with a critical review of a story.

See last week's newsletter for more information.

The students have come along at amazing speed this term.

Every time they read, we get such a lovely surprise!

Don't forget to enjoy stories in the holidays. Maybe a trip to the library would be fun.

Keep up Reading Eggs too, if they have spare time. They beg us at school to have a go.

Let's hope we get to have the Sport's Carnival on Thursday.



Year 3 News

The Year Threes had another fantastic week at school that was finished off with an amazing 80's disco party.

We are sure that you will all enjoy looking at the wonderfully creative narratives the children have crafted, as well as their other work samples, when the progress reports and portfolios come home at the end of this week. The children have put in a great effort this term and should all be congratulated.

Thank you also, to all the families who supported the Annual Catholic Campaign with their gold coin donation for our Free Dress day last week. Know that you are making a big difference.



Year 4 News

Year 4 have been looking at different text types in the Bible. We read some psalms and looked at psalms as a genre. Then we wrote some of our own. We had to think of ways of describing God. Everyone's psalms are very

special. We then created a candle using symbols as images of God from our psalms. We are very proud of our efforts!









Year 5 News

Another term almost over! The year 5 students have been working hard over the past few weeks to complete their final assessment tasks for the term. They have presented some informative PowerPoint presentations on Mary MacKillop and delivered speeches informing the class about the inspirational person she was. These assessments, along with others, will appear in their portfolios, handed out, along with reports, at the end of this week.

This week 5B will say a sad good bye to Mrs Vicki Daley, as we welcome back Mrs Vanessa Chappell, next term, at the completion of her maternity leave. We thank Mrs Daley for all her hard work and dedication to 5B over the past 2 terms. We will still see Mrs Daley around the school including in the library during the week. Year 5 will also say good bye to Miss Hall and Miss Chinia, Student Teachers from Australian Catholic University, after the completion of their practicum experience with us. They will be sadly missed in our classrooms but we wish them well for their future endeavours.

We wish all students a safe and restful break and we look forward to seeing you all refreshed and ready to begin another important semester in your schooling.

Year 6 News

The Year 6 students are busily finishing a number of assessment items. We had our 'gruelling' Biography Cup this week to see how much information they have learnt about some famous Aussie Legends. Congratulations to the winning teams who will be enjoying a pizza lunch on Thursday this week. We hope all students have a safe and relaxing holiday and return refreshed, ready for Term 3.

Year 7 News

Year 7s have been presenting their lessons on Ancient China to the rest of the class. There has been so much improvement shown in the quality of research and in the way the information has been presented. A number of students are showing real skill as speakers and they are really thinking of the needs of their audience. They should be very proud of their work in history. We are still working on learning - and remembering - tables and basic facts in maths. Please remind and reinforce this at home on a regular basis. Everyone is looking forward to the athletics carnival next week to show off talents in the sporting field as well!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Enrolling Now at St Michael's College



ST MICHAEL'S
COLLEGE

WE ARE ACCEPTING 2015 ENROLMENTS NOW

Enrolment Applications can be downloaded from our website at
www.stmichaels.qld.edu.au

or contact Gail Stoner on 5530 2722 ext 2006

Dental Van Offer of Oral Health Services at St Brigid's

Students in grades (7A, 7B, 3A) have been provided with an offer of oral health care pack to take home.

The pack includes:

- Child & Adolescent Oral Health Service Brochure
- Examination Card

If your child is enrolled in one of the grades listed above and did not receive an offer of care pack and you would like to arrange for your child to receive oral health care please contact the Oral Health Call Centre 1300 300 850. Monday to Friday 8.00 am – 4.30 pm Excluding Public Holidays.

If your child requires disability access please identify this requirement with the Call Centre Operator.



Congratulations

Congratulations to the Lema family on the birth of Cruz on May 20th. A brand new baby brother for Mia in Grade 4.



Notice of Leaving the School

One whole term's notice is required if leaving the school during the year.

If the required period of notice is not received one full term's fees plus the balance of the value of books and other items issued will be invoiced.

There will be no pro-rata of term's fees paid if leaving during the term.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

A weekend away for married couples in peaceful, picturesque surroundings – away from the distractions of everyday living. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset . . . your Marriage! This is a unique opportunity to recharge your relationship batteries, refocus on each other and fall in love all over again!

- Weekend date: 6th – 8th September 2013
- Venue: Santa Teresa, Ormiston QLD



Do Life Experiences Affect the Social & Emotional Responsiveness of Teenage Boys???

Parents and Teens Needed!

- Are you a parent of a **boy** between **10 and 16 years** of age?
- Have you got **concerns** about their **behaviour, emotions, responses to daily situations or choices** that have got them into trouble?
- Are you simply interested in **learning more** about your teenager and teenagers like yours?

This study aims to gain an understanding of the daily life experiences of teenage males and their primary caregivers.

The first step in the study is for the parent or carer to fill out a take home questionnaire estimated to take around 15-20 minutes to complete. You will go into the draw to win a \$50 voucher for your participation.

The second step of the study needs both the adolescent and their parent or carer to complete an interview and questionnaires separately. This will take about 2-3 hours.

This study has been approved by QUT Human Research Ethics Committee (1100001449).



As a parent participating in the main study, you will get:

- **Feedback** about teenagers like your son.
- **Tip sheet** for parenting adolescents.
- **A summary** of the research findings.
- **Referrals** to appropriate services.
- **Compensation** for your time.

As an adolescent participating in the main study, you will get:

- **Compensation** for your time.
- **A summary** of research findings.

If you are interested in being part of this research project, please call Natalie on 0401080044.