Important Dates

February
Fri day 19th
Richmond Zone Swimming
Carnival;
Friday swimming for sport starts

March
Friday 11th
9.30am Suara Indonesian Dance
Group performance-whole school
Tuesday 15th
6pm Parent School Forum AGM
Fri 19th March
Swimming for sport last day

Tuesday 29th March
PUPIL FREE DAY.

May
Wednesday 25th
School Photos

Make Jesus Real

BE POSITIVE
⇒ Make eye contact
⇒ Encourage and compliment

BELIEVE ACHIEVE SUCCEED
Message from Mr Hunter

PRAYER

God, our Father, we ask you to establish a kinder, gentler order
in our lives and in the lives of our children.
Gently grow this kindness within us,
so that it may be expressed to others
Through the sympathetic influence of what we say and do.
Amen

Dear Parents/Carers,

This year, Pope Francis has declared as the Jubilee Year of Mercy. Mercy takes many forms and has many virtues, one in which is kindness.

Participating in regular small acts of kindness is beneficial to your health, longevity and well-being; making the decision to be a little kinder will bring more pleasure and direction to your life than ever before. What’s more, the practice of being kinder is a simple way to make your life more joyful and fulfilling. So we need to relax, enjoy, be friendly, laugh, be playful and help others. We should focus on the things we enjoy rather than on things that annoy.

A kind person is one who is described as being friendly, generous, warmhearted, sympathetic, considerate, gentle, affectionate, forgiving. Is your home like this? Is our school like this? Kindness needs to be nurtured. Parents and teachers have the power to instil kindness in children by being affirmative and supportive. If children learn to understand how others think and feel, they will better understand how their choices affect other people. If we act in a kindly manner and do things in the same way we expect our children to act and do, then, our children will have a much better chance to be kind people. Here’s a little story:

“As the bus slowed down at the crowded bus stop, the bus conductor leaned from the platform and called out, “Six only!” The bus stopped. The conductor counted on six passengers, rang the bell, and then, as the bus moved off, called to those left behind. “Sorry”, plenty of room in my heart but the bus is full”. The conductor left a row of smiling faces. It’s not what you do, it’s the way you do it.

If we teach our children about love and kindness by teaching them with love and kindness, they experience the good feelings that come from being helped. From this, they understand for themselves the value of helping, because they know that when they share kindness, they are making others feel good. Furthermore, they will be better able to understand that, when someone does something hurtful to them, they should try to handle it in a way that supports forgiveness not revenge, to make peace not war.

Being an ‘attractive ’person encompasses many traits such as kindness, friendliness, thoughtfulness, being interesting, and being a healthy eater. Who you are on the inside is much more important than what you look like on the outside. The poet, Adam Lindsay Gordon, left behind these famous lines:

“Life is mainly froth and bubble
Two things stand like stone;
Kindness in another’s troubles
Courage in your own.”

Peace and best wishes

Tony

PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS: Many thanks to all parents who were able to come along last Monday evening and be informed of their child’s learning journey for this year. Congratulations to every one of our teachers for the extensive and thorough planning that has gone into these first weeks of the school year. All staff appreciate your support as we all work together in the education of everyone in our St Brigid’s School Community.

LUNCH ARRANGEMENTS: This year we have introduced a new routine in our lunch time. All students are dismissed from class at 11am and are able to go straight out to play. At 11:30am the bell rings and students then all sit down to eat lunch for the next 15 minutes before the bell rings at 11:45am indicating it is time to put rubbish in the bin, go to the toilet, wash hands and move to lines ready to start the middle session of learning at 11:50am. This re-arranging of lunch has the students more settled when they are ready to resume class after lunch. The students of St Brigid’s have been wonderful in adapting to this new procedure. On canteen day (Monday), the children are permitted to go to the canteen when dismissed from class and then they all sit down for lunch at 11:25am.

CLASS PARENT CONTACTS: One of the key areas to ensure our school continues to move forward is through clear channels of communication. We have our weekly newsletter, Skoolbag App, website and also class parents. Class parents are a very personal and effective means of communication to all families within each respective class. Many thanks to the parents who offered to be the Class Contacts at our meetings on Monday evening:

Kindergarten – Emma Rixon
1/2C- Tilly Beete & Steph Barsby 1/2H– Mel Gordon & Trudy Ribton-Turner
3/4M - ? (need a parent volunteer) 3/4P - Vanessa Walters
5B– Leanne Copeland & Jo Leadbeatter 6T– Tara Price

Year 3/4M need a volunteer so if you are able to be a contact could you please contact Laura Macdonald. Thank you.
Catholic Identity

LOVING OUR KIDS ON PURPOSE

The family is the vehicle for generational revival. Loving Our Kids on Purpose brings a fresh perspective on the age-old role of parenting. It incorporates the principles of the Kingdom of God and revival into your strategy as parents.

Loving our Kids on Purpose will give you tools to:
- Protect your connection with your children
- Teach your children to manage increasing levels of freedom
- Replace the tools of intimidation and control
- Create a safe place for children to build confidence and personal responsibility.

All parents are invited to attend the ‘Loving our kids on purpose’ (Danny Silk) DVD sessions, starting on Thursday, 25th Feb (and then fortnightly) at 10am in the Parish Meeting Room (parish garage). The sessions will include DVD series, chat and a cuppa.

Contact Catherine 0427268256.

OR on Wednesday, 25th Feb at 6.30pm (and then fortnightly) in the Parish Meeting Room. Contact Steph 0409200481.

Incitāre - Note home with Year 6 today

SCHOOL STUDENT BANKING

Outback Savers is this years theme, and we’ll join the Dollarmites on a wild adventure through the canyon of savings. Lots of prizes, including pencils, mud splat handballs, skipping ropes, and more! The major prize this year is a family trip to Australia Zoo. For anyone interested in starting to bank all you need is a CBA Dollarmites A/C, which can be arranged through our local Kyogle branch. Our school student banking co-ordinator is Fiona Pratt. Thank you Fiona for your on-going support.

If you need more information please phone Fiona on 0428211622. Please ensure bank books are handed in at the office by Tuesday afternoon for banking early Wednesday.

HELPERS NEEDED

We would love a band of helpers to assist us in covering teacher resource books. This will take place on Friday morning, 26th Feb, 9am-12noon. Parents are welcome to take a break and join the school for assembly at 10.30am. Other Fridays may also be tagged during the term. If you can help, please contact the office and leave your name. Tea and coffee will be available. Perhaps you could ask a friend to come with you as many hands make light work. Thank you in anticipation.

Community

SPORTS NEWS

St Brigid’s Running Club

St Brigid’s Running Club will commence on Tuesday 23rd February 2016. The St Brigid’s Running Club is designed to promote physical activity and help students prepare for the St Brigid’s Cross Country, which will be held on Friday 1st April. Students of all ages and fitness levels are invited to join the running club. The students have the option of walking, jogging or running around the 200m track which is located on the bottom playground. The students will meet on Tuesday and Wednesday morning from 8:25 – 8:45am. Students attending the running club are asked to bring a t-shirt and appropriate footwear to run in.

Polding Cricket Trials

On Friday 5th February, Cooper Mulcahy attended the Polding Cricket Trials which were held in Lismore. The Polding region is made up of Catholic schools from the Armidale, Bathurst, Broken Bay, Lismore, Maclean/Newcastle and Wilcannia/Forbes Dioceses. Cooper excelled with both the bat and ball. His outstanding performance at the trials ensured that he was successful in gaining selection into the Polding Cricket Team. Selection into this Polding team is a credit to Cooper’s determination and dedication to the sport of Cricket. We congratulate Cooper on this outstanding achievement and wish him the best of luck at the NSW PSSA Boys Cricket Carnival in Sydney in November.

St Brigid’s Aquatics Program

The St Brigid’s Aquatics Program will commence this Friday 19th February and conclude on Friday 18th March. Please see the permission slip for additional information. Permission slips were due back today. It is essential that any outstanding permission slips be returned prior to the commencement of the program.

The St Brigid’s Aquatics Program will be split into two sessions:
- Infants: 12:20pm – 1:30pm
- Primary: 1:50pm – 3:00pm

Please ensure that your child brings all necessary items to partake in the aquatics program on Friday, including $2.60 for entry into the pool (season ticket holders exempt).

UNIFORM SHOP

Open MONDAYS
2:30pm—3:15pm (after Canteen)

All enquiries about uniforms to:

Suzie Smith
Phone 6632 2958
or 0422 415 520

Uniform order forms are available from the school office at any time.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to

Lydia McCormick
Rhianna Merenda
Kobe Vail

ASSEMBLY
10.30AM
FRIDAY
YEAR 3/4M
Please join us!
**SCHOOL CANTEEN HELPERS ARE URGENTLY NEEDED**

Please sign in at the office before going to Canteen. If for any reason you cannot attend on your rostered day, please swap days with someone on the roster.

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**KYOGLE JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE**

Fees—Minis $90 & Mods $110. All paid members receive 1 pair of club shorts & 1 pair of club socks. Please retain voucher & present closer to first game to collect these. You must bring your birth certificate at sign-on as proof of identity.

Mandy Boocock 0422 696 001

**Kyogle Soccer 2016**

Calling all soccer players young & old. Our season is about to start. Senior training has commenced on Tuesdays and Thursdays 6pm. Junior training will start on Wednesday 16th March at 4 pm for 6s, 8s and both 12s teams. Our 7s and 10s teams will start training on Thursday, 17th March at 4pm.

All training is at High School fields. Players should register online using the “My Football Club” website. Any questions can be directed to kyoglefc@ffnc.net.au or to Glenn Rose on 0418 264 968.

**BAREFOOT BOWLS FUN DAY**

Sunday 3rd April at Kyogle Bowling Club. Registration from 9.30am, bowling starts at 10am. $15 entry includes bowling fee & sausage sizzle. For more information, visit Facebook.com/PRDnationwide.Kyogle. All proceeds benefit Cancer Council NSW.

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Group of two: $16 per lesson

Group of three: $13 per lesson

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**PLANNED EVENTS**

**Our Lady of Sorrows**

Catholic Church Kyogle

6pm: Saturday Vigil Mass

9am: Sunday Mass

**HALL HIRE**

Please contact the Parish office on 66321074 regarding hiring of the hall.