Lord, as we plan the coming year, may our thoughts be positive and filled with gratitude for what we do.

Help us to stay focused on enjoying each day as a gift from You.

May we always remember that You are with us each day.

And Lord, remind us that life is a gift... not to be wished away.

Guide us in all we say and do as a way of expressing our gratitude to You and others.

AMEN

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE: It is with great pleasure I take upon this wonderful opportunity to be the principal of St Brigid’s Primary School. I would like to acknowledge the warm welcome that I have been given and I am extremely fortunate to be given this opportunity. Our school is in a wonderful position to move forward with new educational reforms that are an integral part of the agenda. This year we will be involved in School Review and Improvement and this will be a wonderful opportunity to work closely as school, community and students to develop our plan for St Brigid’s Primary School and what it is that we want our school to become over the next 5 years. Together we develop a vision and strategic directions to drive improvement and consolidate the excellent work already being completed at our school. Each of us plays an important role in making these plans a success. I look forward to the challenge and working with you all to make our school the best place it can possibly be for the community of Kyogle.

Thankyou so much to all parents for the way in which your children were presented ready for school this morning. The Year 6 students looked very smart in their “senior shirts” and are a wonderful example to all children here at St Brigid’s.

STAFF NEWS: Since the end of last year there have been some staff appointments which I would like to draw to your attention:-

- Welcome Mr Dino Parente who will be teaching 3/4P.
- Miss Laura Macdonald will be teaching 3/4M
- Mrs Vanessa Walters has been appointed to the leadership position of Leader of Pedagogy
- Mrs Kristie Irvine has been appointed to 2 ½ days per week in 1/2CI. This is a shared position with Mrs Condon

I know that you will join with me in welcoming and congratulating these people on their appointments. Please find below the full list of staff for this year

Parish Administrator: Fr Erick Quinteros
Principal: Mr Tony Hunter
Assistant Principal: Mrs Jan Condon
Leader of Catechesis: Mrs Jan Condon
Leader of Evangelisation: Mrs Vicki Jansen
Leader of Pedagogy: Mrs Vanessa Walters
Secretary: Mrs Di Welsh
Additional Needs: Mrs Vicki Jansen
RFF / Pastoral Care: Mrs Loretta Morabito
Sport Co-Ordinator: Mr Brendan Tickle
School Counsellor: Mrs Wendy Saini
Executive Relief: Mrs Kristie Irvine
Kindergarten: Mrs Vicki Jansen
Stage 1: Mrs Jan Condon (1/2C), Miss Laura Hughes (1/2H)
Stage 2: Miss Laura Macdonald (3/4M), Mr Dino Parente (3/4P)
Stage 3: Miss Kelli-Ann Bugden (5B), Mr Brendan Tickle (6T)
Library/Quicksmart: Mrs Jean Newton
Teacher Assistants: Mrs Cinnamon Burrows, Mrs Jean Newton, Stephanie Barsby, Krystal-Lee Hyde, Mrs Paula O'Reilly
Groundsman: Mr Dennis Newton

CLASS FORMATION: This year we will have 2 classes in Stage 1 (1/2H and 1/2CI) and 2 classes in Stage 2 (3/4M and 3/4P). I would like to take this opportunity to outline as to how these classes are formulated. There is a clearly defined, collaborative process for the placement of children into classes as this will lead to greater efficiency, increased understanding and improved opportunities for learning.

At St Brigid's, we acknowledge that each child is an individual and a unique range of variables will affect their social, emotional and academic development. When forming class placements for any year, it is imperative that the best possible learning environment is created for each student. Consideration is given to a range of critical factors:-

- The spread of abilities in each class;
- The spread of behavioural, social/emotional and other special needs;
- Gender balance;
- Equal number of students in each year level within composite classes;
- Positive student working relationships and potential conflict situations, and
- Previous class placements.

As you can see a lot of time is spent by staff discussing the best possible learning environment for each student. The most important factor to any successful classroom is the quality of the teacher and to this extent we are extremely fortunate with the quality of the teaching staff here at St Brigid's.

NEWSLETTER: Our school newsletter is an integral means of communication between home and school. This year, the School Newsletter will be sent home with the youngest child each and every Wednesday.

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHTS: In the next couple of weeks the teachers will conduct information sessions for all parents who have children in year K-6. The dates of these nights will be in next week's newsletter.
ST BRIGID’S SCHOOL
2016 CANTEEN MENU

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These are the only items available at our healthy school canteen.

Please write (on a plain paper bag) your child’s name and class, then their order for lunch. Put correct money in the order bag please.

Children place their lunch orders in their class container outside the canteen before school on Canteen Day, usually on Monday, but will be first day back at school after long weekends or pupil-free Mondays.