TERM 2 Week 1 20th April 2015

**Important Dates**

**TERM 2**
**20th April—26th June**
**APRIL**

**Tuesday 21st**
6pm Class Parents meeting in Library

**Friday 24th**
10:15am Anzac Assembly in Hall

**Saturday 25th - ANZAC Day**
St Brigid’s students participating in 5am Dawn Service & march at 10:30am.

**Sunday 26th**
5pm Parish Family School Mass followed by BBQ

**Tuesday 28th**
6pm Parish School Forum meeting in the library

**Wednesday 29th**
10am Resurrection Liturgy

**MAY**

4th-8th Catholic Schools Week

Friday 1st May
Zone Cross Country

Saturday 9th
Trivia Night

12-14th May
NAPLAN for Years 3 & 5

**2015 CROSS COUNTRY**

On Tuesday, 31st May the first annual St Brigid’s Primary School Cross Country was held at the Kyogle High School oval. The day was a great success, with all students displaying outstanding behavior, effort and house spirit. A special congratulations to Red house for taking out the John Cahill Cross Country shield. Our Kindergarten and Year 1 students did a fantastic job in both their running and novelty races. The staff at St Brigid’s Primary School would like to extend their sincere appreciation to those parents who volunteered their time on the day. Without your assistance we would have been unable to hold the event.

**Division Winners**

8/9 Years Boys  Lachlan Kennelly
8/9 Years Girls  Amaria Royal
10 Years Boys   Oliver Rixon
10 Years Girls   Chelbie Pickering
11 Years Boys   Cooper Mulcahy
11 Years Girls   Jessica Farragher
12/13 Years Boys   Elliott Thompson
12/13 Years Girls   Zoe O’Reilly
Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 2 everyone. It was lovely to see so many of our families at church on the Easter weekend celebrating what is the most important event in the church year. It was also wonderful to see some of our new altar servers in action. Remember if you would like to be an altar server contact the parish centre. I would also like to take the opportunity to thank Mrs Jansen for the beautiful Holy Thursday liturgy, the children were all so engaged and I feel that they all left having a greater understanding of why the last supper is so important to our Catholic faith.

One of the highlights of Term 1 for me was the way in which the St Brigid’s community welcomes new families and works together to support one another. My family and I have felt so welcomed and feel as if we have been here for longer than one term. I am sure that this wonderful support will be shown to Mr Tickle who was due to get married in the holidays. As many of you may have heard, both Mr Tickle and his fiancée have decided to not get married at this time and we commend them on having the courage to make such a big decision. We understand that Brendan is a much loved teacher at our school and we would ask all our families to respect Brendan and keep him in your thoughts and prayers at this time. We ask parents to discuss this with their children if needed but please refrain from gossip. We would like to extend our sympathies to the Relph and Boocock families for their loss during the holidays. We have you in our prayers and thoughts at this difficult time.

On a happier note we welcomed several new families to our school at the end of last term and we hope that they have settled in well. We are starting to look towards enrolments for 2016 so if you have a child that will be ready to start Kindergarten in 2016 please come in and take an enrolment pack. Information about transition to Kindergarten will be sent home this term.

I have spent the second week of the holidays at the Catholic Schools Office with some of our other staff developing our leadership strengths and qualities so that we can lead our school together and be the best we can be. I have come back feeling really excited and enthused about this and hope we can continue to build on the strong foundations that exist at St Brigid’s. Hopefully, we have all had a wonderful break and are ready to get stuck into some hard work.

We have a very busy and exciting term ahead. Please make sure you look at the dates and mark these on your calendar. Also, don’t forget to download the skoolbag app so that you can receive your newsletters and other important dates and notifications on your phone or other devices.

Teaching and Learning:

**ANZAC DAY**

This week we celebrate the Centenary of the landing at Gallipoli. How far we have come as a nation since this fateful day. The ANZAC spirit is such a strong part of our Australian heritage and I encourage all our students to join the march this Saturday. ANZAC Day can be a very difficult day for some people and I would like to encourage you all to pray for the families of those who may be currently serving or those who have died as a result of any of the conflicts both past and present.

Our Anzac Assembly is this Friday at 10:15am. Some students from each class will be chosen to help lead the assembly.

5am Dawn Service at the Cenotaph. Thank you to Isaak Ross & Phoebe Kennett for volunteering to do the readings. 10:30am March (please meet at the swimming pool corner by 10:15am). Thank you to Taj Edmunds & Zoe O'Reilly for volunteering to do the reading at the ceremony in the Memorial Hall following the march. Student’s are to wear full school uniform, including hat. Please bring a drink bottle with you.

Parents and Families:

**PARENT ASSEMBLY SURVEYS**

A note was sent home last term asking parents about what kind of education programs or presentations they may like to see at St Brigid’s this year. Our parent assembly are working hard to find presenters that focus on the needs of our school community but they can’t do this without your feedback. We have sent this note home again today, could you please take the time to look at this and send it back by Thursday this week.

**PARENT PROCLAIM – change of date**

Last term we set down a catch up meeting for proclaim on Thursday 23rd April. This meeting is being postponed until later in the term and we will let you know the date and time when it has been decided. If you went to Parent Proclaim please let me know so that I have a list of those parents needing to attend this meeting.

**FAMILY MASS**

This Sunday 26th April at 5pm is the family mass. It has been wonderful to see so many of you coming along and joining in this event. It is a wonderful way to build community links between our school, parish and families. If you haven’t been to one then why not come along and see what it’s all about. Sausage sizzle dinner in the undercover area at school will follow straight afterwards.

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY to**

Lillie Hayes
Zachary Cuneen
Caitlin McCloy
TRIVIA NIGHT SATURDAY 9TH MAY – doors open 5.45pm first question asked at 6.30pm.
The trivia night is only a few weeks away. This will be the end of our Catholic Schools Week celebrations and is an ADULT only event. We are looking at a possible babysitting option at school on the evening to encourage as many parents as possible to attend. If this is something that you would be interested in please contact the school and let them know how many children you would need looking after and ages by Monday 27th April 2015. Tickets are $10 each with a maximum of 10 people to a table. It is BYO food and drinks and tickets will be available at the front office. We encourage you all to come along and bring some friends. Thank you to Stephanie Barsby who has been around to many of our local businesses to gather some prizes. If you are a business owner or work for a business that may be interested in supporting our event by donating a prize or a voucher then please contact either Stephanie or myself. All businesses supporting our event will be advertised in our school newsletter. Please encourage as many friends and parishioners as you can to come along and join in the fun.

NAPLAN 12th – 14th May
Naplan is only a couple of weeks away and our Yr 3 and 5 students and teachers have been preparing hard for this. Often students and parents feel anxious about these tests. Naplan is a great diagnostic tool for schools to use to gain an understanding of the areas in which our students are achieving well and those areas in which they may require some more attention. It is just one tool used by staff to address your child’s educational needs. On saying this, we do encourage our students participating in Naplan to make sure they are having a good breakfast each morning and are well rested.

CROSS COUNTRY
A big thank you to Mr Tickle and all the staff for organising and running a great cross country. All the students participated well and it was great to see those students who were waiting around cheering on the students in other grades. It was also great to see so many of our students turning up to the running club in preparation for this event. Approximately forty-five students selected for the zone cross country which is on Friday, 1st May.

Good luck to all those participating in this event.

SCHOOL SOCIAL
Well done to the year 6 students and families for organising a fun social. It was very overwhelming being surrounded by so many famous people. Thank you to all the families that support this event and help our students going away on camp. Looking forward to the next one.

CLASS PARENT MEETING
This meeting will be on Tuesday, 21st April at 6pm in the school library for all our class parent representatives. Please contact Mr Freebody at school if you are unable to attend.

MOTHER’S DAY STALL
The social committee are busy organising a mother’s day stall for the school so that students can buy their beautiful hard working mum a special gift. The stall will be run on Thursday 7th May 2015. Gifts will range in price from $2 - $5. The aim of this stall is to provide students with an opportunity to buy their mum a gift at a reasonable price and cover the costs of the items purchased. It also allows us funds to purchase gifts for the father’s day stall. If you can help with selling items at the stall please contact the school.

SISTERHOOD PRAYER GROUP
A sisterhood prayer group is running at the parish centre on Thursday mornings at 9.30am – 11.00am. This group is for our mum’s or other young women in our parish and is an opportunity to meet new people, share in prayer and scripture, support each other on our faith journey and just have a cuppa and some cake. For more information contact Catherine Rixon.

PENCIL CASES
As many of you are aware pencil cases tend to deplete themselves during the term. Can you check with your children if they need any items e.g. pencils, glue etc so that they can be ready and focused on their learning.

LITURGIES
Over the next couple of weeks we have some significant events happening that we will be celebrating through liturgy. We invite all our families to attend these events if possible as they are great way to participate in the faith life of our school. Please check newsletters for days and times for—

Resurrection Liturgy
ANZAC liturgy
Catholic Schools Week Mass
Mothers day liturgy.

EXCURSIONS / CAMPS
Year 4, 5 & 6 all have big camps coming up later in the year. It is important that we have exact numbers when organising these events so that we can budget accordingly. If you have not returned your notes or deposit for either of these excursions could you please do so by tomorrow or contact the school.

PARISH SCHOOL FORUM
The next forum meeting is on Tuesday, 28th April at 6pm in the school library.

CANTEEN NEWS
Next Monday only (27th April)
Toasted sandwiches @ $3 each
* Chicken & Cheese
* Chicken, Cheese and BBQ Sauce
* Corned Beef, Pickles and Cheese
* Spaghetti
SCHOOL CANTEEN
HELPERS NEEDED URGENTLY!!
Please contact Di in the school office if you can help.

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.

PARISH NEWS
Thank you again to all those children who volunteered to be altar servers at the church. It has been so nice to see many of them already participating in this role. New rosters are currently being made and we will let you know as soon as possible when your child is rostered on. Please remind them to sign on in the attendance book so they can be included in our end of year treat.

MASS TIME CHANGE
Saturday evening mass will change to 5pm from Saturday 2nd of May, due to daylight saving ending.

COMMUNITY NEWS
EMAIL ANY COMMUNITY NEWS to dwelsh@lism.catholic.edu.au

+ Our Lady of Sorrows + Catholic Church Kyogle
6pm: Saturday Vigil Mass
9am: Sunday Mass

HALL HIRE
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