Important Dates

JULY

Tuesday 21st July
6pm Parish School Forum meeting

Thursday 23rd
12noon Mass—Stage 2

Friday 24th
Book Club orders due; 9.10am Assembly—Year 4

Sunday 26th
3.30pm First Reconciliation; 4pm Family Mass

Tuesday 28th
ICAS English Skills; 5.30pm Meeting for parents of Confirmation candidates

Wednesday 29th
2.15pm NED Show, no cost to families

Thursday 30th
12noon Mass for Kinder, Yrs 1 & 2

Friday 31st
Lismore Gala Day - Netball/Football teams. We need parents drivers please; 9.15am Assembly—Year 6

AUGUST

5th August
Dental Van for Kindergarten

NAIDOC Celebrations

Last Wednesday we celebrated NAIDOC day at St Brigid’s with our families and special guests. We thank ex-NRL Rugby League players Nathan Merritt and Dean Widders for helping throughout the day, together with the crew from the Dolphin Dreaming crew from Byron Bay. Local Aboriginal families, elders and committee members, led by Mrs Hazel Davis did a wonderful job.

FOCUS THIS WEEK:

Respect each other and celebrate our differences. Jesus welcomes all people with open hands

BELIEVE ACHIEVE SUCCEED
MESSAGES FROM MR FREEBODY

Dear Parents/Carers,

A fantastic start to Term 3 last week with students and staff focused on their learning across all Key Learning Areas. A HUGE thank you to all families and community members for your support and contribution to NAIDOC day and the Zone Athletics Carnival last week. We are looking forward to our Reconciliation and Family Mass on Sunday with our families. Please see the last page of our newsletter for fantastic opportunities. Have a great week!

**Teaching and Learning:**

**NEW CURRICULUM DOCUMENTS**

The staff are excited about the upcoming introduction of the new Geography K-6 Syllabus and the History K-6 Syllabus. These documents will be presented at the pupil free day where staff will become familiar with these syllabus documents. We will examine the essential knowledge, understanding, skills, values and attitudes essential for all students in all learning areas to succeed in and beyond their schooling. Pupil free day - August 17th

**NED SHOW**

The NED Show is coming to school next Wednesday, 29th July at 2:15pm. This is a free performance on anti-bullying strategies and goal setting. NED stands for—Never give up, Encourage others and Do your best. NED yo-yos will be available for purchase in the week following. A note about this will be going home today. ALL FAMILIES WELCOME.

**TEACHER ASSISTANT WORKSHOP**

Our TA’s are attending a workshop today on the new Mathematics curriculum. This will give them a deeper understanding of the content and assist them as they work with many of the students in our school.

**LEARNING GOALS**

Staff and students are writing their learning goals for Term 3 at the moment. Over the next few weeks, please speak to your children about their goals at home, particularly in English and Mathematics.

**DENTAL VAN**

The van will now be visiting on Wednesday, 5th August, for students in Kindergarten. Please return permission slips before this date.

**Parents and Families:**

**RECONCILIATION AND FAMILY MASS**

This Sunday, 26th July, the Catholic students in Year 3 will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the church at 3.30pm. This will be followed by the Parish Family Mass in the church at 4pm. We invite all families to this special occasion. If attending, please bring something to share for our pot-luck dinner in the hall afterwards.

**SEASONS**

A seasons for growth parents program will be running this term to support parents with change. Please contact Di by Friday 31st July at the office if you are interested in joining this program.

**UNIFORMS**

Please ensure students are wearing correct uniform. In particular, sports shoes need to be predominantly white with white laces.

**ASSEMBLIES**

Parents please note that School Assemblies will now be held at 9.10am on Friday morning. Many parents have commented that this would be more suitable because they can drop their children at the start of day and stay on for the half hour assembly. Teachers on various stages will also utilise the start of assembly time to finish their Professional Learning Team meetings. These meetings ensure the teachers are addressing teaching strategies, the online Mathematics Course and assessment planning.

**IGA SUPPORT**

Thank you to IGA who provide us with monthly financial donations from their Community Benefits Program. This assists with the many costs of running the school.

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**ASSEMBLY NOTICE**

This Friday’s assembly is hosted by YEAR 4. A REMINDER IT BEGINS AT 9:10am followed by Morning Tea with Y4.

**UNIFORM SHOP**

Open MONDAYS 2:30pm—3:15pm (after Canteen)  
All enquiries about uniforms to: SUZIE SMITH  
Phone 6632 2958 or 0422 415 520  
Please note we do not sell girls tights or the navy tracksuit pants. These items are available from stores such as Target, Big W, or Kmart. Some sizes in the Uniform Shop are not available at the moment. The Uniform Team will be placing an order with suppliers soon, so we ask for your patience please.

**CLASS MASS THIS WEEK**

Thursday 12pm  
STAGE 2 Year 3 and 4
THE SACRAMENT OF BEING SORRY AND SEEKING FORGIVENESS—RECONCILIATION
This week our Year 3 students are celebrating one of the most important sacraments in the Catholic Church. The sacrament of reconciliation (or confession). Reconciliation is such a special sacrament because:
• It reminds us that we are not perfect;
• It teaches us to accept our imperfections and the imperfections of those around us;
• It teaches us to take responsibility for the times when our words or actions hurt ourselves and others;
• We learn to seek forgiveness and forgive others; and
• Finally it encourages us to make a meaningful effort to change our behaviour.

I ask you to read this story below and think about how you would react as a parent. Even if your child is not making this sacrament on Sunday, I encourage you all to take some time out this week with your families to stop and reflect on the times when you may have done something wrong and think about how you can make amends and ask for forgiveness.

Once, a boy stole some money from his father’s wallet, so that he could buy some chocolates which he loved eating. However after he bought them, he found he could not really enjoy them because he knew what he did was wrong. Over the next few days he was burdened with a heavy heart and was unhappy. He decided it was time to confess what he did to his father and that he would also make amends by offering to pay for the chocolates with his pocket money. He promised his father that he would never steal again and asked for an appropriate punishment. He expected his father to be angry but instead found him calm and even smiling. Because the son was totally honest with his confession combined with the promise of never to commit the sin again is the purest form of repentance. The confession restored his father’s faith in him and so hugged him with great affection. The son unburdened with a heavy heart was happy. He decided it was time to confess what he did to his father and that he would also make amends by offering to pay for the chocolates with his pocket money. He promised his father that he would never steal again and asked for an appropriate punishment. He expected his father to be angry but instead found him calm and even smiling. Because the son was totally honest with his confession combined with the promise of never to commit the sin again is the purest form of repentance. The confession restored his father’s faith in him and so hugged him with great affection. The son unburdened with a heavy heart was happy.

We invite all our families to come and support our children making First Reconciliation on Sunday 26th July at 3.30pm in the church. This will be followed by our family mass and then supper and presentation of certificates in the school hall.

We ask families attending to bring some food to share.
Don’t forget to join our St Brigid’s School and Parish Faith Group on Facebook to keep up to date on all our events.

SAVE THE DATE CYBERSAFETY PRESENTATION MONDAY 14th August 2015
We ask all our parents, especially those with children in Yr 3 – 6 to keep the evening of Monday 14th August free as we will be running a Cybersafety workshop for parents and their children on this evening. This will be presented by Mr Brett Lee who is an expert in the field. It will be a free presentation and babysitting will be provided for younger children. More information to come.

STUDENT BANKING
What an exciting Term 3 ahead. The Commonwealth Bank is running a competition with more prizes than ever before. All you have to do is make 3 or more deposits during Term 3, and you will automatically go into the draw! Some prizes include 25 mini ipads, 43 Beats By Dr Dre Solo2 (Headphones) and 68 X $30 Booktopia Gift Certificates. The school also goes into a draw to win $200 worth of books for our School library. So come on Kids, let’s get banking!!

School Banking is every Wednesday, please have your child hand their book to Di in the office by Wednesday morning at the latest. If you have any further enquiries, please contact Di in the school office or Fiona Pratt on 0428 2311 622. Thanks Fiona for your ongoing assistance with the student banking.

BABY CONGRATULATIONS
to Mia & Adam Simpson & family (Hailey in Year 5 & Aden in Year 1) on the birth of their baby boy Elijah Adam John Simpson.

MINNIE VINNIES WINTER APPEAL
Have you got old blankets laying around? Do you have coats and jumpers you no longer wear? We have the SOLUTION for you!! We are asking for your donations of blankets and warm clothing that you no longer need. We will donate them to the St Vincent de Paul Society’s Winter Appeal.Over the next 2 weeks, the Mini Vinnies team will be collecting donations. Each class will have a box in their room for donations to be placed. Each year St Vincent de Paul’s Winter appeal assists up to 1.3 million people in need.

GROUP PHOTO ORDERS
Altar Servers—Sports Captains—Minnie Vinnies
These photos are on display at the school office. If you wish to order a copy please see Di Welsh. Cost is $15 per copy, payable in advance.

THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS
Sincere condolences to Krystal-Lee Hyde & family (Chloe, Year 4 & Mikayla, Year 6) on the passing of their grandfather & great-grandfather, Mick Reed. May he rest in peace.

ZONE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL LAST FRIDAY
Well done to all students who attended the Zone Athletics Carnival last Friday. Thank you to all parents who supported the students on the day and a special congratulations to Tyler Moore (Year 3), Chelbie Pickering (Year 5) and Garnett Donnelly (Year 5) for being selected to represent our school at the Diocesan Carnival at Port Macquarie on 7th September.

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**SCHOOL CANTEEN**

Monday 27th July: Shonel Powell & Leanne Copeland

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.

**ATTENTION:**

New item on the Menu available now—Pork or Beef Sliders with basic salad (coleslaw, mayo, pickles, tomato, sauce) - $1.50 each. The buns are smaller than the usual buns, a good size for the little ones.

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**+ Our Lady of Sorrows +**

Catholic Church Kyogle  
5pm: Saturday Vigil Mass / 9am: Sunday Mass  
July Family Mass : 4pm 26th July  
4th Sunday of the Month

**ALTAR SERVERS:**

Sat 25th—O O’Reilly, A Clarke, L O’Reilly  
Sun 26th—Freebody family, Z Cuneen

**HALL HIRE**

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

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