Important Dates

**OCTOBER**
- **TUESDAY 13th**
  - 6pm Parish School Forum Meeting
- **FRIDAY 16th**
  - 9.10am Assembly-SRC
- **SUNDAY 18th**
  - 9am First Eucharist
- **SUNDAY 25th**
  - 4pm Parish Family Mass

**NOVEMBER**
- **SATURDAY 7th**
  - Parish Twilight Dinner and Cinema Under the Stars!
- **MONDAY 9th**
  - Choir to sing for Senior Citz.
- **TUESDAY 17th**
  - Forum meeting

**DECEMBER**
- **THURSDAY 10th**
  - End of School Mass & Awards
- **FRIDAY 11th**
  - Swimming Carnival
- **TUESDAY 15th**
  - Year 6 Graduation & Liturgy
- **THURSDAY 17th**
  - Christmas Concert
- **FRIDAY 18th**
  - Last day of school

**EUCARIST RETREAT - YEAR 3**

Last Wednesday, our Year 3 students participated in their First Eucharist Retreat Day in preparation for their First Eucharist this Sunday. We are looking forward to celebrating with them on the weekend.

“Do This in Memory of Me”

**FOCUS THIS WEEK:**

Respecting our environment gifted to us and encouraging others to do the same.

**BELIEVE ACHIEVE SUCCEED**
Dear Parents/Carers,

All students had a smooth start to Term 4 with a wide array of learning experiences completed. Well done to the Year 3 students on their retreat last week and for all students with the cricket clinics. Thank you again to all parents and community members for volunteering in our school through the Learning Assistance Program, Bug books, Canteen, Uniform, PSF and other programs. What a big difference you are making.

**Teaching and Learning:**

**ST BRIGID’S GOAL: READING OUT ALOUD TWICE A DAY**
Our school staff are currently working hard on planning for student learning improvements. One of these areas is in how we are reading as a community. We ask all families to reserve at least 15 minutes each day to the enjoyment of reading. Reading out loud is even better as it allows you to support each other. One of our goals as a school is for every student to read out loud to two different adults each day (at home or school). That equals 730 times a year and will make a definite impact on their learning. Reading can be done together straight after dinner or just before bed.

“The more you read the more things you know.
The more that you learn the more places you’ll go.”
- Dr. Seuss

**PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION**
Over the next few weeks, students from St Brigid will be involved in a school public speaking competition to showcase their speaking and listening skills. More information will be sent home in a separate letter shortly. We thank you in advance for supporting your child with their speaking and listening skills.

**KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION BEGINS**
This Thursday, students enrolled for next year and interested pre-schoolers are beginning their Building Brigid’s orientation program. This is a playdate with Mr Freebody and goes from 9am – 11am.

**Parents and Families:**

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

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

If you haven’t already done so, we ask that you join the program and have IGA contributions going to St Brigid’s School. THANK YOU.

**PARENT ASSEMBLY**
Two events are coming up to support our parents at St Brigid’s. The **Resilience Doughnut** presentation is being held this Thursday night at St Josepsh’s, Coraki and next Monday night at St Carthage’s Lismore.

Secondly, our **Northern Family Retreat** at Tyalgum Ridge Retreat is coming up next weekend on the 23rd to 25th October. Although Session 1 begins on the Saturday morning (24th), all families booked in are encouraged to arrive on Friday night for a games night.

**FIRST EUCHARIST**
One of our special events in our calendar is coming up this Sunday with our First Eucharist for Year 3 students at our 9am Mass. Year 3 families are asked to be seated by 8:50am. Thank you to Year 2 families for their support in providing a plate of food for morning tea. The morning tea afterwards will be held in the Parish Hall.

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**MESSAGES FROM MR FREEBODY**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:**
Liana Moore
Tyrell Delaney
Cooper Mulcahy
Harley Moore
Billy Rixon
Brodi Gordon
Sienna Ingram
Ruhara Mapabandara

**UNIFORM SHOP**
Open MONDAY 2:30—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.

**ASSEMBLY NOTICE**

**WEEK 2**
16-10-2015
Hosted by Student Representative Council
**CINEMA UNDER THE STARS AND TWILIGHT DINNER—NOVEMBER 7th.**  
The parish has organised an evening of family fun and celebration on Saturday evening of November 7. Following mass, adults will have a sit-down buffet dinner in the carpark whilst the children will be treated to a Cinema Under the Stars. The movie is “Home” and there is a sausage sizzle with drink, zooper dooper & popcorn. To help cover the cost, $5 child or $10 family. Last Wednesday every family was given a flyer, 3 raffle tickets ($2 each or 3 for $5). Please send back the raffle tickets, money & RSVP slip in the envelope provided. For our raffle, the prizes will be drawn on the night including a hand made clock, a wallet, $50 toy or EB games voucher, a pet CALF (yes a live calf) and a Sugarbowl Café voucher.

**CHESS CLUB AND GAMES CLUB**  
Thank you to our wonderful staff who work closely with students at break times to provide our games in our chess club and games club. We have some amazing chess players at St Brigid’s. Well done!

**CHOIR UPDATE**  
How beautiful it is to hear the choir each Tuesday after lunch practising their tunes for the end of year. Well done boys and girls!

**NEW STUDENT**  
We welcome Bella Harris in Kindergarten to St Brigid’s together with their family. Bella’s mum Sophie has just begun as the new Centre Coordinator at Creating Footprints.

**EXCELLENT MATHS!**  
Congratulations to Saxon in Year 5 for his amazing 3 digit Multiplication this week.

**DRUMBEAT TERM 4**  
Notes are coming home with some students today about the Drumbeat program this term. Please discuss with your child if your child is chosen.

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**2016 KINDER ORIENTATION DATES**
- Thursday 15th October 2015 from 9am to 11am (students only);
- Monday 19th October 2015 from 9am to 11am (students in Kinder room) and Parent Information Session 1 from 9.15am to 11am on “Preparing My Child for School” followed by morning tea in the hall;
- Friday 30th October 2015 from 9am to 1.50pm (students only);
- Thursday 5th November 2015 from 9am to 3pm (students) and Parent Information Session 2 from 9am to 10am on “Our Catholic Identity” followed by morning tea in the hall.

**CRICKET CLINICS**  
Last Friday, all students from K-6 participated in a cricket clinic under the Sporting Schools program. This follows on from our Milo cricket day last term. Well done to all students.

**EXURO FOR YEAR 5**  
Today 4 students from Year 5 attended our Student Proclaim Exuro Retreat Day in Tullera. We hope they had a brilliant day.

**PERMANENT TEACHING POSITION**  
Congratulations to Mrs Jan Condon who was successful in securing a permanent teaching position at St Brigid’s for 2016 and beyond.

**INTENSIVE SWIMMING PROGRAM**  
This runs each day for K-2 students in Weeks 4 and 5.
**SCHOOL CANTEEN**

**Monday 19th Oct:** 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 else.

THANK YOU

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Kyogle Junior Touch Football**

Still need more players, girls & boys aged from 8 years to 12 years

New Park Grounds on Wednesdays from 4.45pm.

Contact Jade 0434 419 289.

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**Eden Creek/Fairymount Preschool**

You and your child are invited to an Orientation morning on Thursday 5/11/2015 from 9.30am-11am. This is a time for you and your child/ren to get to know the preschool & staff, other children & their families and enjoy some play & activities.

Please bring a piece of fruit/veggie for your child to eat at fruit break.

For all enquiries please contact Fairymount Preschool on 6632 1790, the preferred day for phone calls is Monday or after 3pm other days. Thank you for your consideration.

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**Free Breast Screening**

The van will be in Kyogle from mid-October to mid-November and will be located outside the Kyogle Memorial Hall in Stratheden Street. This is a free service to all women from 40-74 years of age.

To make an appointment please phone 13 20 50.