Important Dates

**OCTOBER**

**Intensive Swimming Program**
for Kinders, Year 1 & Year 2
this week & next week, every day (10 days in total)

**THURSDAY 29th**
Stage 3 Mass 12pm

**FRIDAY 30th**
Socktober-Crazy Sock Day

**NOVEMBER**

**SATURDAY 7th**
Parish Twilight Dinner and Cinema Under the Stars!

**MONDAY 9th**
Choir to sing for Senior Citizens

**TUESDAY 17th**
Forum meeting

**DECEMBER**

**THURSDAY 10th 9.15am**
End of School Mass & Awards

**FRIDAY 11th**
Swimming Carnival

**TUESDAY 15th**
Year 6 Graduation & Liturgy

**THURSDAY 17th**
Christmas Concert

**FRIDAY 18th**
Last day of 2015 school year

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YEAR 5

Year 5 have been learning gymnastics over the past two weeks in sport time with gymnastics coaches. They have been learning the basic gymnastic positions including how to land safely. Last week they were able to have a go at some floor work and also on the trampoline using the gymnastics positions that they have learnt over the last two weeks. Thanks Krystal and Lauren!

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FOCUS THIS WEEK:
Create WIN WIN situations with your friends. How can we help each other?
Dear Parents/Carers,

What a fantastic weekend our 13 families had on the weekend at Tylagum Ridge Retreat. I urge all families to consider joining us next year—Fun, Faith and Family. It is that time of year when end of year preparations are starting to be made, student reports are beginning to be written and plans for 2016 are being constructed. Thank you to those parents who have contacted myself or teachers if they have needed to discuss any of our three pillars: Faith, Wellbeing or Learning. What great swimming is happening in K-2.

### Teaching and Learning:

**INTENSIVE SWIMMING**

Thanks to all K-2 parents for their support of the Intensive Swimming program—particularly our volunteers.

**NUDE FOOD DAY IS COMING**

On Thursday 12th November St Brigid's Primary School will be celebrating National Nude Food Day. Our students will be joining other students around the world in bringing healthy, wrapper free lunches to school. Nude Food Day is a chance for our students to realise what they can do for their health and the health of the planet. An event like this can give all of us at St Brigid's a taste of the benefits, ease and fun involved in packing a healthy, wrapper free lunch! More information at: http://www.nudefoodday.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/NFD-POSTER_A3.pdf

**GYMNASTICS**

A big shout out to the North Coast Gymnastics crew who are supporting us with our Stage 2 and 3 students at the moment. The sessions on Friday are energetic and highly skilled.

**CHOIR**

Our next choir performance will be on Monday 9th November for the Senior Citizens. A separate note will come home about the performance.

**SCHOOL REVIEW AND IMPROVEMENT**

Our focus in our School Review and Improvement has been on Community and Partnerships this term. A survey to collect valuable feedback is currently being created so we can constantly focus on Building Brigid’s.

### Faith and Wellbeing

**CINEMA UNDER THE STARS & TWILIGHT DINNER—7th November**

Please return envelopes with raffle tickets and money by Friday, 30th October. Return any unsold tickets. Raffle prizes are—clock made & donated by John Adams, $50 voucher for EB Games or Toy Shop, Dinner voucher from The Sugar Bowl, a wallet donated by Scarborough Shoes, a calf donated by Tom Llewellyn. The movie is called “Home”, a fun family movie. Cost for movie & sausage sizzle is $5 child, $10 family.

**MEN’S GROUP**

Are you a man in our community that is looking to connect with some other dad’s and engage in some meaningful conversation about issues facing men, develop or begin a journey with Christ or just simply make some new friends? Then consider coming along to our Men Alive group. We meet once a month on the first Tuesday in the Parish Shed, share a meal and have some great conversations.

To find out more contact Mr Freebody at the school.

**SISTERHOOD**

Don’t forget we have a Sisterhood group that meets every second Thursday morning at the Presbytery, the next meeting is on Thursday 5th November at 9am. We will also be having an information session on Thursday 5th November at 3.30pm in the school hall for any other women that may be interested in joining a group. If you would like more information or you would like to be part of a group and need a later time due to work please contact one of our mums Catherine Rixon on 0488030200 or Karen Freebody at kfreebody@lism.catholic.edu.au so we can look at ways of accommodating all people wanting to be part of these women’s groups.

### ASSEMBLY NOTICE

On Friday 30th October at 9.10am 
YEAR 3 will host the Assembly

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

(27th Oct-2nd Nov) 
Shakinah D and Tom R

### UNIFORM SHOP

Open MONDAYS 
2:30pm—3:15pm (after Canteen) 
All enquiries about uniforms to: SUZIE SMITH
Phone 6632 2958 or 0422 415 520
CRAZY SOCK DAY – Friday 30th October
Don’t forget our Crazy Sock day this Friday to raise funds for Catholic Missions with a focus this year on trying to raise funds to install water filters and pumps in communities throughout Madagascar.

Your child is encouraged to wear crazy socks, including wearing socks in creative ways (perhaps as ribbons in hair!) & donate a gold coin.
The S.R.C will be running a disco where your child can dance in their socks in the library & for a gold coin donation your child can attend. There will be fun games such as Sock 10 pin bowling, Sock in the bucket game & lots more.
Thank you for supporting the SRC & Catholic Missions.

PARENT ASSEMBLY FAMILY RETREAT
Wow! What a fab weekend put on by the Catholic Schools Parent Assembly. Thank you so much to all the families that attended the Parent Assembly family faith retreat over the weekend at Tyalgum Ridge Retreat. What a wonderful opportunity to come together as a community, meet new friends, build on existing relationships with family and friends and deepen our faith. Perhaps some of you are not aware what the Catholic Schools Parent Assembly does. They connect you to resources to help you and your family. Providing information nights like Cyber Safety, Resilience Doughnut, Fed Up (Food talk by Sue Dengate) to name but a few. They also contribute books on a variety of topics for all the parents to borrow (which are available within our school library). And one of the major things they offer us each year is an opportunity to participate in the Catholic schools retreat. The only cost to you is the activities (just $20 for the whole family) all the food and accommodation is provided. It is a time to reconnect with your family (most of us are busy running around all the time, so it gives us time to unwind and enjoy time with one another). You also get the chance to catch up with other families from other Catholic Schools within the Diocese. This year we had 13 families from our school attend. Thank you to these families for coming along and joining in the fun. I encourage more families to consider joining us next year. I think someone see the word Faith Retreat and think straight away everyone is standing around holding hands singing “Kumbaya” which is simply not the case.
The weekend is certainly about Family and friends within the Catholic Faith based community. A community in which we choose for our children to attend school. (And no, not everyone that attends is Catholic, nor do you need to be a regular church goer) and yes, coming along with an open mind certainly helps. A shout out to Mr Freebody and Scott Gordon who helped with the Men Alive session on the Sunday.

CENTENARY PAVERS
We invite parents/relatives who have a history with the school to consider purchasing a paver for the school prayer garden (yet to be established). The pavers cost $40 each and will be inscribed with your family name. At this stage we do not have enough pavers sold to begin construction of this outdoor prayer space.

EQUESTRIAN CHALLENGE

Six of our students attended this event in Grafton over the weekend—Abi M, Zoe O, Hannah O, Chelsea C, Liana M and Jai O. Jai was Reserve Champion Rider, the Relay team came 1st and the Penning team came 2nd. Congratulations to all of the children and their families attending the Challenge.

2016 KINDER ORIENTATION DATES
♦ 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.

BUILDING RESILIENT YOUNG PEOPLE
Thanks to all those parents and staff who travelled to Our Lady Help of Christians at South Lismore last Monday night to participate in the Building Resilient Young People presentation. The presentation was run by Zelinda Brown who is an experienced Primary and Secondary teacher and currently works at Trinity Catholic College in Lismore. Zelinda gave us some great information to help us as parents build resilience in ourselves and in our children. Resilience is the ability to bounce back after challenging and difficult events or circumstances. We have some excellent resources in our parent library which is located in the school library including the resilience doughnut book and DVD.

MEDICAL INFORMATION
If you are aware of any changes in your child’s medical information e.g. anaphylaxis or asthma, can you please let the school know as soon as possible. A diagnosis from a specialist is needed for the school to create a emergency action plan.

ALL SAINTS’ DAY
This Sunday 1st November marks All Saints Day to remember and honour all the saints, particularly those who do not have their own special feast day. This is a good time to reflect on our patron saint, St Brigid, as well as the saint you chose at Confirmation time. Can you remember why you chose a particular saint for your Confirmation?
SCHOOL CANTEEN
Monday 2nd Nov.: Annette Smith.

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.

THANK YOU

COMMUNITY NEWS
KYOGLE LIBRARY
FREE Spooky Halloween fancy dress Pizza & Pages + a creepy craft to make n’ take home.
10 + year-olds ON Thursday, 29th October 2015 at Kyogle library from 4.00 – 5.00pm
Optional: Halloween fancy dress. FREE spooky prize give-aways for everyone!!!
Further Info: Contact Kyogle Library Staff at Stratheden Street or Ph. 6632 1134
No rsvp: just drop in !!!

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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