### Important Dates

#### AUGUST

- **Tuesday 11th**
  - ICAS Maths Skills
- **Monday 17th**
  - **PUPIL FREE DAY**
- **Tuesday 18th**
  - CANTEEN today
- **Thursday 22nd**
  - Han our Indonesian teacher arriving for 2 days.
- **Sunday 23rd**
  - Parish Family Mass 4pm
- **Monday 24th** – **Friday 28th**
  - BOOK WEEK—2015 theme is “Books Light Up Our World”
- **Tuesday 25th**
  - Year 4 visit to Kyogle Preschool (am)
  - 6pm Parish School Forum meeting
- **Wednesday 26th**
  - **BOOK FAIR**;
  - School Social;
  - Years 4/5 camp meeting
- **Sunday 30th**
  - 9am Confirmation

#### SEPTEMBER

- **Friday 4th**
  - FATHER’S DAY BREAKFAST, MEN’S PRESENTATION AND LITURGY
- **Saturday 5th**
  - Kyogle Billycart Bonanza
- **Sunday 6th**
  - FATHER’S DAY
- **Monday 7th** – **Wednesday 9th**
  - Year 4/5 Excursion to Lennox Head
- **Friday 11th**
  - **FUN FESTIVAL** 5pm-9pm
- **Monday 14th**
  - Cyberbullying Evening—Brett Lee

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### YEAR 1

#### OUR FAVOURITE AUTHOR

During this term, Year 1 has been studying Mem Fox, one of our favourite Australian authors. The students have delighted in discovering the techniques she uses to engage us in her stories. Her special spell utilises rhyme and repetition and these techniques keep us, the audience, interested and itching to join in the familiarity of the text.

We wrote a sequel to one of her well known books, WHERE IS GREEN SHEEP? Our book title is ‘We Found Green Sheep’ and some of the pages can be seen below.

![Image of a green sheep](image_url)

**Where is the green sheep?**

![Image of children's drawing](image_url)

**We found the green sheep!**
MESSAGES FROM MR FREEBODY

Dear Parents/Carers,
The next few weeks of term are going to be very busy and rewarding for our school community. I urge everyone to please look over their calendars and participate in as many events as possible that are focused on both students (e.g. book fair, social, cyberbullying) and family members (e.g. family mass, Father’s day, Fun festival). I am so excited to catch up with everyone over the next few weeks. Well done to our Diocesan athletics students and it is great to see our Choir up and running. Have an awesome week!

Teaching and Learning:

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT TEAM
Last week was our first meeting with teachers, support staff and parents to begin to analyse our Semester One survey results and make recommendations. This team will support our School Review and Improvement (SRI) process we will be undertaking over the next 6 months.

HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY CURRICULUM
As of 2016, our schools will be replacing the Human Society and Its Environment syllabus with both the History and Geography curriculums. This is an exciting time as each of these subject areas will be in line with high schools and more contemporary learning skills are emphasised. Next Monday, our teachers will be learning about these vital documents and focusing on planning the implementation for next year. We thank you for making alternate arrangements for your child.

CHOIR
Congratulations to our choir that began their 2015 journey with their first session today. We are looking forward to upcoming performances.

INDONESIAN VISIT
As part of our focus on learning the Indonesian language at our school, an Indonesian teacher, Ketut Sri Handayani (Han) is working with our classes to teach lessons in Indonesian language and culture. He will be here next Thursday and Friday 20th and 21st August. We are all excited about him being here and please welcome him to our community if you see Han around.

Parents and Families:

PARENT ASSEMBLY
Thank you so much to our parents on the Parent Assembly who have been active in providing so many rich and empowering opportunities for our parents. You are really inspiring and I encourage all our families to come along to the many events on offer in the near future.

ASSUMPTION DAY – THIS SATURDAY
A very special day in our year is August 15 which celebrates the assumption of Mary into heaven to be with Jesus. There will be a special mass on Friday at 12pm in the church to celebrate. We also encourage our families to celebrate on Saturday as well with mass services.

TERM DATES 2016
Term 1 Wednesday 27 January to Friday 8 April
Wednesday 27 January is a School Administration Day in all schools and not counted as a Professional Day
Holy Week Good Friday 25 March – Easter Monday 28 March.
Term 2 Tuesday 26 April to Friday 1 July
Term 3 Monday 18 July to Friday 23 September
Term 4 Monday 10 October to Tuesday 20 December.

ASSEMBLY NOTICE
Friday 14/08/2015 at 9.10am
- Year 3. ALL WELCOME
Please note change of time.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Oscar K.
Hannah M.
Lachlan K.

UNIFORM SHOP
Open MONDAYS
2:30pm—3:15pm (after Canteen)
All enquiries about uniforms to:
SUZIE SMITH
Phone 6632 2958
or 0422 415 520
BOOK WEEK – “Books Light Up Our World”

In addition to our focus at school on various texts in book week, we are hosting a book fair and parade on the Wednesday – Please see below.

Book Fair- Our Book Fair is on Wednesday, 26th August with the theme “Books Light Up Our World”. The students are invited to dress up as their favourite book character. Normal school uniform can be placed in their school bags to change into, in case they get hot or uncomfortable. The children will get an opportunity to parade to the other grades.

Books will be available for families to purchase and/or donate to the school from 8.30am—6.30pm in the school library. The library receives a commission from book sales which is used to purchase new books for our children. Please support this event.

SCHOOL SOCIAL

The social is on Wednesday, 26th August in the Parish Hall from 6pm to 8pm. More information on this next week.

LITERACY AND NUMERACY WEEK

The students will be involved in a variety of activities to celebrate this week from August 31 – September 6. Schools across the nation get involved to promote these key learning areas.

DIOCESAN ATHLETICS

Last Friday the 7th, Chelbie Pickering, Tyler Moore and Garnett Donnelly travelled to Port Macquarie to compete in the Diocesan Athletics Carnival. Tyler made the final in the 8 years boys 100m sprint, Chelbie threw a personal best of 5.19m in Junior girls shot put and Garnett came 1st in the 100m, 200m, Long Jump and Shot Put in his respective Athletes with Disability (AWD) category.

He received a trophy on the day and will travel to Newcastle on the 4th September for Polding Athletics.

Congratulations students and thank you to Mr Tickle and parents for their support. When we believe, we can all achieve and succeed.

CANTEEN NEWS ‘Eat Fresh & Win’

This competition is on at the school canteen. Each time a student buys fresh fruit and/or vegetables they receive a sticker to place on an entry card. On returning the entry card with 2 stickers attached they receive a pencil. The entry forms will be collected by Suzie until the end of September when the competition closes.

Students, come to the canteen and see the variety of fresh fruit and veg Suzie will have for sale. GOOD LUCK!

HEAD LICE

Doesn’t take long for head lice to make an unwelcome appearance at school each term. There have been a few cases reported. Please be vigilant and check your child/children’s hair regularly. Once the hair has been treated correctly your child may return to school.

REMINDER - Staff availability on Monday mornings

All members of staff are not available on Monday mornings from 8.30am until 8.55am due to staff prayer and organisational meeting (except for the teacher on morning duty in the playground during this time).

STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

We are very fortunate in our school to receive continuous, invaluable professional development on a wide variety of teaching and learning areas. Research supports this in revealing that the quality of the teaching and school leadership has the greatest impact on learning at school. Well done to staff for leading others in how to constantly improve their professional practice.

YEAR 4 LEADERSHIP WITH PRESCHOOLERS

As part of our ‘Building Brigid’s’ early learning and transition program at our school, our Year 4 students will be travelling to our main preschools in town this term to teach and to share their learning with the preschool children. Well done on your fantastic leadership, community service and for showing the face of Jesus. Look at our visit to Fairy Mount last Thursday.
**SCHOOL CANTEEN**
Tuesday 18th August: Shonel Powell
WE NEED MORE HELPERS PLEASE!
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 BILLYCART BONANZA**
Sunday 6th September
It’s time to get your billycarts ready to race. Trophy & prize money for school entries -
Novelty for 5-18 year olds
Traditional for 5-7 year olds
Traditional for 8-11 year olds
Traditional for 12-18 year olds.
Entry fee is $20 per race.
Prize money: Best Novelty cart $500;
Traditional races 1st $150 & 2nd $75.
Registration starts at 7.15am & closes at 9am on the day.

Are you travelling to Rome in the near future?
*Domus Australia* was established by the Catholic Church as an authentic Italian guest house in central Rome. It is within walking distance from major tourist site. Call to the office to collect further information if your travels are taking you to Rome.

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