Important Dates

February
- Wednesday 24th-Friday 26th:
  Mr Hunter away at CSO Principals Gathering
- Thursday 25th:
  Richmond Zone Winter Sports Trials; 12noon Mass - Stage 2 attending
- Friday 26th:
  10.30am Year 1/2H Assembly; Swimming for sport

March
- Mon 7th - 11th: Catholic Schools Week
- Friday 11th:
  9.30am Suara Indonesian Dance Group performance-whole school
- Tuesday 15th:
  6pm Parent School Forum AGM
- Fri 18th:
  Swimming for sport last day
- Wednesday 23rd:
  Northern Star Kindy supplement out
- Tuesday 29th March:
  PUPIL FREE DAY.

May
- Wednesday 25th:
  School Photos

Richmond Zone Swimming

On Friday 19th February 31 students from St Brigid's Primary School attended the Richmond Zone Swimming Carnival. Thank you to those parents who transported students to and from the venue and assisted with time keeping on the day. All students who attended the carnival displayed tremendous determination, sportsmanship and behaviour and are to be commended for their efforts in the pool.

Make Jesus Real

Share a smile with others. It makes a difference and builds a positive community

BELIEVE ACHIEVE SUCCEED
Message from Mr Hunter

Never doubt that a small group of committed people can change the world: indeed it is the only thing that ever has.
-Margaret Mead

Dear Parents and Carers,

This year, St Brigid’s Primary School celebrates its 102nd year of providing quality Catholic education to the students of Kyogle. Our school was staffed by the Sisters of Mercy and many of us and our parents retain wonderful memories of service provided by these exceptional women.

Catholic Education emphasises that “parents are the first educators” of their children. Especially in the primary years and those important years prior to schooling, you, as parents have a major influence on your child’s emotional, social, physical, spiritual and intellectual development. That is why we see it as important that we work in partnership.

To help teachers teach children better, there are a few “basics” that will ensure a happy student does well at school:

- Start each day smoothly and peacefully with kind words, smiles and a hug. A child leaving a happy home is in a happy state of mind – the best pre-condition for his/her learning.
- Ensure time is allocated every day after school to spend with your children, hearing about their day, listening to what they are saying and paying them your full attention with no interruptions.
- Send your children to school with a nutritious breakfast inside them – one that includes protein, fruit and good carbohydrates. Pack nutritious, healthy and tasty food in their lunch so they can eat it all.
- Make sure they get plenty of sleep every night so their brains and bodies can grow.
- Please ensure that they don’t miss any school time – be here by 8.50a.m., do not leave until 3:15p.m. Keep holidays out of school time.
- Use non-aggressive conflict resolution strategies so your children learn by example how to deal effectively with their anger and frustration with others. Help them learn to share and to take their turn.
- Place a high value on good manners and respect for others and their property.
- Model and teach time management and organisational skills. Use calendars and planners for school and family life.
- Show your love of learning by going with them to the library, to concerts and art galleries. Find out the names of plants and birds that visit your backyard and go for walks together. Fill your home with music and books.
- Talk with respect about teachers. Deal with issues in private, not in front of your child.
- Encourage them to take responsibility for their own actions and learning.
- Let your children know every day how much you love and value them.
- Help your child develop a relationship with God through daily prayer.

All or many of these suggestions are time consuming but what better way to spend your time than investing it in your own children. The ultimate goal is that parents and teachers will walk hand in hand in the same direction to provide the best conditions possible for the education of the young people in our care.

PRINCIPAL’S CONFERENCE: This week I will be attending a conference in Yamba (Wed, Thurs and Fri) where I will be joining Principals and Senior Members of the Catholic Schools Office in professional learning. Fr Aloysious Mowe SJ will be facilitating sessions on our new guiding document “Catholic Education in the Diocese of Lismore – Foundational Values for Catholic Identity and Mission” to ensure it is understood and permeates all aspects of Catholic school life. From this, our school leadership team will be introducing all staff to this new document in the lead up to our staff retreat on Tuesday 29th March.

Have a wonderful week,

Tony Hunter

Principal
Curriculum

What is Spelling?
Spelling is the organised use of graphics to represent the spoken word in written form. Spelling requires the skills of segmenting and blending. Correct spelling is important because of the connection between spelling and meaning therefore spelling is integral to reading, writing and communicating to others. Proficiency involves applying strategies and knowledge rather than rote learning. In 2016, spelling will be a whole school focus with teaching staff being involved in further training.

Some strategies which good spellers use:
- Look for patterns
- Use syllables
- Try several ways to write a word
- Write sounds in words
- Use knowledge of spelling rules
- Read and write for enjoyment
- Articulate and pronounce words correctly
- Self edit
- Consult with peers and teacher
- Look for words in the classroom
- Use a dictionary
- Use a computer spell check
- Apply known knowledge to new words
- Take risks.

Catholic Identity

CATHOLIC PARENT ASSEMBLY
The Parent Assembly offers support for parents in meeting the challenges of raising their children. It provides parents with opportunities to improve their understanding of child development and parenting skills through seminars, workshops and guest speakers. The Parent Assembly supports parents to fulfil their faith and educational responsibilities through faith enrichment programs, e.g. family retreats, sisterhood, conversations about Catholics.

Opportunities are provided for parents to join the Parent Assembly team. If you are interested or need further information please contact Leanne Copeland 66335233, Catherine Rixon 66671078, Trudy Ribton-Turner 66323145 or Stephanie Barsby 66323615.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK
From 6-12 March, our school will join with more than 620 Catholic schools across NSW and the ACT to celebrate the annual Catholic Schools Week (CSW). We are immensely proud of our Catholic heritage, and are committed to celebrating and showcasing the achievements of students here at St Brigid’s.

This year’s theme is ‘I belong. You belong. We belong.’ The 2016 CSW theme ties with the Church’s celebration of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, which recognises our Catholic faith values of forgiveness, compassion, strength, aid and love.

Our school is proud of the wonderful teaching and learning that takes place in our classrooms everyday, as well as the contribution our schools have made to Australian communities, in particular the more vulnerable and disadvantaged members of our wider community.

It is for this reason that I would like to extend an invitation to you and your family to join us to participate with members of our parish and wider community in the spirit of this celebration. We will be celebrating CSW here at St Brigid’s with a mass on Thursday 10th March at 9:30am.

We will outline in next week’s newsletter the other activities that we will be having to acknowledge Catholic Schools Week 2016.

Community

LOST/FOUND
A new looking St Brigid’s School skort and blouse (looks new) was found in the Kyogle Memorial Hall recently. Please contact Mrs Welsh in the school office to claim if it belongs to you.

ASSEMBLY
Friday 26th February
10.30am
Year 1/2H
Please join us!

UNIFORM SHOP
Open MONDAYS
2:30pm—3:15pm (after Canteen)
All enquiries about uniforms to:
SUZIE SMITH
Phone 6632 2958
or 0422 415 520
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY to -
Eva Barsby
Ben Sudiro
Archie Clark
Charlotte Brooks
Jeff Tsoi
Darrell Sudders

SMS MESSAGE FOR ABSENCES
If your child is absent for any reason (including School Business such as Zone Swimming Carnival etc,) one parent/carer will receive an SMS to explain the absence. Please note that whatever you text back will appear in the official roll on Schoolworx.

ZONE SWIMMING RESULTS
Congratulations to all of our team who represented St Brigid’s at the Zone Swimming Carnival last week. A big thank you to Brendan Tickle, Elke Jansen & parents who drove the children to and from the Alstonville pool.

Results were:-
Henry McErlean 1st Snr boys breaststroke, Amaria Royal 3rd Jnr girls breaststroke, Kailei Royal 3rd Jnr 200m IM, James Taylor 3rd butterfly, Jnr Girls Relay 2nd. Well done!

CATHOLIC PARENT ASSEMBLY

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY to -

UNIFORM SHOP

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Community
SCHOOL CANTEEN
Mon 29th February: Tara Price & Linda Naofal
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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

KYOGLE LIBRARY
New in 2016 at Kyogle Library—Lego Club
On every 2nd Thursday from 4pm-5pm starting Thursday, 10th March.
Come along and let your imagination run wild! Children will have the opportunity to get creative and build to a theme.
Lego Club is FREE for all 5-12 year olds. Phone 66321134 to register your interest for Lego Club.

GRADUATING CLASS OF 1986
ST. MARY’S HIGH SCHOOL CASINO
30 YEAR REUNION
Organisers are looking to find classmates from the graduating class of 1986 at St Mary’s High School in Casino to join them for a Class Reunion on the June long weekend, 11th and 12th June 2016.
To mark 30 years since the class was last together there will be a dinner at the Casino RSM on the Saturday night. Tickets are $45 per person and will include complimentary drinks on arrival, a buffet dinner with dessert and entertainment from a live band! Tickets can be purchased directly from the RSM by Friday 20th May. Please bring your partner if you wish.
On the Sunday a family day is planned at the park on the South side of Casino. The day will be BYO with family fun activities being organised. If you were in the class, or you know someone who was, please ask them to get in touch. Like the page on Facebook or email Cinnamon at cinnamonclark@gmail.com.
We would love to have as many past students come along as possible for what will be a great weekend!

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