Important Dates

**March**

- **Thursday 3rd**: 12noon Mass — Stage 1
- **Friday 4th**: Swimming for Sport
- **Monday 7th - 11th**: Catholic Schools Week
- **Tuesday 8th**: Incitare Retreat
- **Friday 11th**: 9.30am Suara Indonesian Dance Group performance - whole school
- **Tuesday 15th**: 6pm Parent School Forum AGM
- **Friday 18th**: Swimming for sport - last day
- **Sunday 20th**: Parish Family Mass 5pm Palm Sunday & BBQ to follow.
- **Wednesday 23rd**: Northern Star Kindy supplement out
- **Tuesday 29th March**: PUPIL FREE DAY

News from Year 3/4P

Year 3/4P have made a terrific start to the school year. We have established expectations of behaviour and effort in the classroom and it is encouraging to see students taking responsibility for their own learning.

Our literacy focus on “fairy tales” is progressing well. Students are enjoying the range of challenging activities. English this term has also focused on handwriting and spelling - with a greater focus on reading and independent writing to follow.

Mathematics lessons in 3/4P are fun! Incorporating a range of games and activities as part of learning, motivates students to try their best and do great work. Homework tasks are in full swing with activity books due at the end of each week.

Group work is promoted in the class and it is great to observe students working well together. Collaborative learning also takes place across Stage 2 - with combined class learning activities with Year 3/4M each week.

Positive Attitude

You make the world a positive place by making yourself a positive person.
Message from Mr Hunter

REFLECTION
Teach your children to use what talents they have; the woods would be silent if no bird sang except those that sing best.
Anonymous

Dear Parents and Carers,
Situated around the coastline of Australia, there are about 172 lighthouses of various shapes and sizes. Generally lighthouses were designed and built to help those who put to sea to avoid rocks, shoals and treacherous channels and so return safely to shore. There is something comforting about a lighthouse and its beam that flashes out into the darkness and gives a sense of security to those who are passing far out on the waters. Such an image might have evoked this spiritual verse:

“Brightly beams our Father’s love
From his lighthouse ever more,
But to us he gives the keeping
Of the lights along the shore.”
P. Bliss

So how are we going with the keeping of our light? We all search for meaning, purpose, fulfilment and happiness. We all want our light to be worthwhile, we want to feel wanted and appreciated. We long for genuine relationships, to love and be loved.

Lighthouses, over time, have undergone many changes. Gone are the families who lived nearby and tended them daily, even hourly. Most lighthouses are automatically controlled and are solar powered or mains powered. However the purpose remains unchanged – to be a guiding light for those in the darkness. Likewise, each of us in our lifetime, has gone through many changes to our appearance, financial circumstance, our occupation and many other externals.

As a parish school, we have to be visible in the light that we beam across the Kyogle district. Do we show compassion and care towards others? Are we always respectful and show manners and courtesy? Do we help the aged and infirm, whether it be by a smile, a helpful act, or a visit, or financially? Do we follow the rules of the school, of the road, of society, all of which are made for the good of all? Do we live up to our obligations and the promises we made? Are we careful of the language we use whether it be in the home or in public? Do we go out of our way in this busy world to do some volunteer work? Are we the best people that we can be?

Maybe we are in need of a “Lighthouse Lent” between now and Easter, during which time we can do something special to let our light shine further and brighter.

What will you do this week?

PARENT FORUM AGM: All members of our community are invited to the AGM of St Brigid’s School Parent Forum to be held on Tuesday 15th March commencing at 6pm in our library. The Forum is an ideal way to be involved in our learning community. There are many teams that combine to ensure that the facilities and resources here at St Brigid’s are kept up to date to enhance the learning opportunities of our students. Each team has a lead co-ordinator and they do a fantastic job within their sub group. Groups involved include – Library Team, Reading Bug Team, Grounds Team, Fundraising Team, IT/Publicity Team, Sport Team, Community Events Team, Yearbook Team, Canteen/Uniform Team, Parent Assembly/Class Parents/Pastoral Care Team.

If you would like to be on a specific team and can’t make the meeting, we will have nomination forms going home with next week’s newsletter. I think there is something about many hands……..

SCHOOL FEES: Term 1 fees are due at the end of March unless you have made special arrangements with myself. For those families who pay by regular direct debit are reminded that 2016 fees should be paid in full by the end of this school year.

If you are experiencing difficulties in meeting this commitment please make an appointment to meet with myself as soon as possible.

Have a wonderful week,

Tony Hunter
Principal
HAPPY BIRTHDAY to - Harrison Price

ASSEMBLY
Friday 4th at 10.30am
led by Year 6T
Please join us!

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Catholic Identity

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2016
7th - 11th March

Our school will be joining with all Catholic Schools in NSW and ACT next week in our celebration of Catholic Schools Week.
We invite you to take part in acknowledging the work of St Brigid’s School in the Kyogle community. Check out our shop window display in the old IGA building during the week.

Our school is proud of the wonderful learning and teaching that takes place in our classrooms every day, as well as the contribution our school makes to the Kyogle community. It is for this reason that I would like to extend an invitation to you and your family to join with us as we participate with members of our school, parish and wider community in the spirit of this celebration. Please note the activities for Catholic Schools Week below.

Tuesday 8th - four Yr6 students will be attending the Incitare Retreat
Wednesday 9th - come and have a look at our open classrooms where our contemporary learning will be on show.
Kinder: 9am English
Yr1/2: 9.30 Mathematics
3/4M: 10am English
5B: 10.30 English
6T: 12noon Mathematics
Yr3: 12noon Indonesian
3/4P: 12.30 Mathematics

Thursday 10th - 9.30am Whole School Mass followed by morning tea in the hall.

Friday 11th - 9.30am All parents are invited to the exciting Indonesian Dance Performance.

We hope you can celebrate with us during Catholic Schools Week.

INCITARE RETREAT
Congratulations to Henry McErlean, Chelbie Pickering, Larni Ingram and Jessica Farragher who will be representing St Brigid’s at the Incitare Retreat next week, 8th March. Students will depart St Brigid’s at 8am and return approximately 3.40pm.

PARISH FAMILY MASS
Our first Family Mass will be held on the 20th March, 5pm to celebrate Palm Sunday. Children are welcome to process into the church at the start of Mass, carrying palms which will be supplied. BBQ to follow.
SCHOOL CANTEEN
7th March: Fiona Pratt & Shonel Powell.
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
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!

+ Our Lady of Sorrows +
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6pm: Saturday Vigil Mass
9am: Sunday Mass

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