Important Dates

NOVEMBER

THURSDAY 19th
No midday Mass today

FRIDAY 20TH
9.10am Assembly—Year 2;
Swimming for sport

SATURDAY 21st
6:00am Year 6 return home

SUNDAY 22nd
5pm Parish Family Mass,
followed by Pot Luck dinner

FRIDAY 27th
9.10am Assembly—Year 3

DECEMBER

FRIDAY 4TH
Volunteers’ Afternoon Tea in hall
Altar servers Celebration

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

Year 4 and Kinder 2016 Buddy fun!

Over the last few weeks, we have got to know our buddies and have had a
great time playing with them and helping them with their learning.

FOCUS THIS WEEK:
Forgiveness: Happiness is encouraged by letting go of our hurt.
Dear Parents/Carers,

Good luck to our Year 6 students and adults attending their excursion this week. Updates will be posted on the school's Facebook page. With only a month left of the year, it is time to check your dates, celebrate success and prepare for Christmas with our Advent season. Over the next few weeks, I will be participating in a Principal appraisal. Letters will be sent home shortly requesting feedback in my first year at St Brigid’s. Thank you for taking the time to participate in this process. Have a fantastic week!

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**MESSAGES FROM MR FREEBODY**

**Teaching and Learning:**

**LITERACY AND NUMERACY FOCUS FOR 2016**
Over the next few weeks, we will be presenting to you our goals and directions for St Brigid’s based on our assessment data, surveys and other evidence. Firstly, we would like to present an overview of our focus in English and Mathematics for next year:

**ENGLISH:**
- Developing a whole school approach to the teaching and learning of English, in particular Spelling.

**MATHEMATICS**
- Establishing a whole school approach to Mathematics using professional development and peer support from the Leader of Pedagogy and learning leaders.

**NUDE FOOD DAY**
Thank you to all families for participating in our Nude Food Day last Thursday. The students were able to care for the environment and eating healthy at the same time.

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**Community and Partnerships**

**SNAP SERVICES IN KYOGLE**
Please see the next page with information about our local SNAP program as part of the Kyogle Family Services. We thank all our community organisations for their invaluable services in Kyogle.

**PARISH FAMILY MASS**
The last Parish Family Mass for the year will be on **Sunday, 22nd November at 5pm** (note the change to the new Daylight Saving time). Following Mass, all families/parishioners are invited to dinner in the Parish Meeting Room (car shed). It will be a Potluck Dinner so please bring a meal to share. Return the slip enclosed asap.

**UNIFORM**
A friendly reminder that our uniform policy states that sport shoes are predominantly white with a small amount of another colour e.g. lining or inner of the shoe. In consultation with the PSF earlier in the year, this change was made to support our families. If there is a rare problem with shoes, can you respectfully send a short note to your child’s class teacher to inform them. We appreciate your ongoing support of the school uniform.

**SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS/HELPERS**
To our wonderful helpers who give of their time and energy to assist the students at St Brigid’s, we say a huge thank you. We would like to invite you all to afternoon tea on **Friday 4th December at 2:10pm** in the school hall.

**ANXIETY WORKSHOP TONIGHT**
A number of parents are heading over to St Joseph’s Alstonville this evening with the Parent Assembly’s Anxiety workshop. We thank the Parent Assembly again for another opportunity to build stronger families.

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**FRIDAY ASSEMBLY**
Year 2 are hosting our assembly on Friday at 9:10am.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**
Garnett D
James T

**UNIFORM SHOP**
Open MONDAYS
2:30pm—3:15pm (after Canteen)
Contact: SUZIE SMITH
Phone 6632 2958
or 0422 415 520
BUILDING RESILIENCE (BEING POSITIVE)
WHAT IS RESILIENCE? – the ability to cope and show a positive, adaptive response when life becomes challenging. We all want our kids to be happy and healthy and to be able to cope with the stress and challenges of life. A new study has suggested that children are able to develop the skills they need to be resilient adults if they have a stable and committed relationship with at least one supportive adult. The research shows that the developing brain relies upon the interactions with this responsive adult to build key capabilities to respond to adversity and thrive. Fortunately resilience can be built; it’s not an innate trait or a resource that can be used up.

How to build a resilient child:
- Have a positive attitude yourself. Your attitude as a parent impacts on their ability to bounce back.
- Look for teachable moments. Use the problems your child may face as opportunities to learn how to face challenges.
- Make your child an active participant in the family so they can learn problem-solving and independence skills.
- Build kids coping skills. Teach your kids coping strategies like acceptance, taking a time-out or putting things in perspective. These will all help when things don’t go their way.

PARISH SCHOOL FORUM DINNER
Our last meeting of the year will be held at the Sugarbowl Café on Friday 27th at 6pm. Any parents interested in the PSF for 2016 are welcome to come along. Cost is $10 including nibbles. Please RSVP to Melissa Gordan by Thursday on 0400 362 322.

CAN YOU HELP????????
We need some superhero costumes for a special event coming to St Brigid’s in Week 11. We are after a costume for:
- Superman
- Wonder Woman
- Spiderman
- Batman
- Cat Woman
- The Hulk (mask and hands)
We need these costumes in a size to fit Year 6 children. If you can help by either loaning a costume or helping to make a costume, please contact Mrs Rose at school.

AQUATICS PROGRAM
Congratulations to our Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 students who completed their two week intensive swimming program recently. The progress made by students was fantastic and we thank all our instructors, parents and teachers who assisted at the pool.

REMEMBRANCE DAY
Last Wednesday, our Stage 2 and 3 students celebrated Remembrance Day at the Cenotaph. Well done to those students who wrote very moving pieces of writing as well.

PARISH FAMILY MASS
This Sunday is our last Parish Family Mass for the year with our service beginning at 5pm (change from 4pm) with a pot luck dinner afterwards. Thanks to students are singing from the choir, and doing their parts to the mass. We look forward to coming together again to celebrate as a community.

SCHOOL FEES
Thank you to families who have made arrangements and attended to their 2015 school fees. These fees help us maintain excellent resources in our school and build even better educational outcomes for the students.
SCHOOL CANTEEN
Monday 23rd November: 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

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