Important Dates

**NOVEMBER**

**TUESDAY 24TH**
6pm Parish School Forum
Meeting in library

**FRIDAY 27th**
9.10am Assembly—Year 3

**MONDAY 30th**
11am—Choir/Band perform to the Senior Citizens

**DECEMBER**

**FRIDAY 4th**
9.10am Kinder Assembly and Presentation of the Roger O'Sullivan Award
2.10pm Volunteers' Afternoon Tea;
Altar servers Celebration

**THURSDAY 10th**
9.15am End of School Mass & Awards. Guest Speaker: Mr Kevin Hogan

**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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Y6 Excursion Highlights

Shahinah: My favourite experiences in Canberra were bike riding and Questacon. Questacon was loads of fun because there were so many awesome activities and the gravity slide was exhilarating! In Sydney, my favourite place was the Homebush Aquatic Centre, which was fun because we got to swim in the pool, go down the slide and swirl in the whirlpool. Overall, I had the best week and enjoyed the excursion so much!

Caitlin McCloy: My favourite place on the Canberra/Sydney Excursion was the War Memorial. Even though it was sad remembering all those Australians who have fallen, I learnt so much about our past wars and tragedies around the world.

Lechlan Reeves: Some of the memories from the Canberra/Sydney Excursion were the Museum because I learnt more about Australian History. I found the War Memorial and Memorial Parade Walk extremely interesting and of course I enjoyed the Royal Australian Mint because of all the money. I also really enjoyed the 6.7m gravity slide at Questacon, which was a massive drop.

Isaak Ross: The thing I liked most about the Canberra/Sydney Excursion was Homebush Aquatic Centre. I liked this place so much because we got to go down a big green slide and travel around the whirlpool.

Elliott Thompson: There were so many places that I enjoyed on the excursion. I liked the Art Gallery, it was very funny. I liked the Zoo, it was cool to feed the animals; I liked the Botanical Gardens because I kept getting wet from the sprinkler.

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**FOCUS THIS WEEK:**

Being a WEST person—Welcome, Encourage, Say Sorry & Thank you.

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BELIEVE ACHIEVE SUCCEED
CONGRATULATIONS!

St Brigid’s and Our Lady of Sorrow’s Parish has been announced as the **winners of the 2015 Roger O’Sullivan award by the CCSP from schools across NSW and ACT.** This award comes with a grant of money for the future and rewards a parish school for the measures and initiatives they have put in place to build partnerships in their community. We would like to thank the PSF, Father Erick, the Pastoral Council and the whole parish school community for their support in Building Brigid’s this year. In addition to presenting at the CCSO State Conference and receiving a grant, we will be showcased on the CCSP website. We are looking forward to continuing our hard work and building even stronger partnerships in 2016 and beyond. Well done everyone!

See the website: http://www.ccsp.catholic.edu.au/2015-roger-osullivan-award

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**Teaching and Learning:**

**What Do Good Spellers Do?**

Staff have begun the process of developing a whole school approach to spelling. Teachers have had these discussions in their Professional Learning Teams and last week an education consultant from CSO delivered a workshop on this topic. Spellers use a variety of strategies to assist as they communicate the written word eg. Knowledge of sounds, blends, word families; stretching out words, decoding words; knowledge of prefixes, suffixes, root words; having a good visual memory, checking if words look write, fun rhymes to remember tricky words; using a dictionary, spell check; interest in vocabulary, reading, building up sight words……….. And so on. Spellers also take risks and have a go!

As children learn differently, we will be organising spelling strategies into a working tool box - a box where children will be reminded of various strategies which will help them with spelling. Our work in this area is to support students so they can achieve better outcomes.

**WEST PUBLISHING– WRITING SUCCESS**

**What is it?**

As part of our focus on improving our Writing and Spelling in our Annual Plan for 2016, Mr Free body has created **WEST PUBLISHING** operating out of his office. This initiative aims to reward hard work and excellent writing with a SPECIAL PUBLISHING of their work by the Principal.

**How does it happen?**

When the students complete their writing, they can ask or be nominated by their teacher to seek special publishing by Mr Freebody. When they come to Mr Freebody, he examines the work like a good publisher and chooses to publish or reject. If published, Mr Freebody will not only create a special poster or book from it, it will be placed on our website for viewing. If the writing is rejected (like a normal publishing company), then explicit feedback will be given to the child and resubmission can be done. **KEEP UP THE GREAT WRITING EVERYONE!**

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**Parents and Families:**

**Parish Family Mass:** We came together last Sunday to celebrate our final Parish Family Mass as a community for this year - a Mass where the children take a more active role. We can be justly proud of the way the children showed reverence, sang in the choir, led the drum music and delivered the prayers both from the lectern and the pews. Congratulations to everyone who has helped in any way and supported this new initiative this year. A special thank you to Fr Erick for providing an additional Mass for families. It has been a wonderful success and we hope to continue this in 2016.

**After Mass: time to meet, greet, play and eat………**

**TIME TO BUILD COMMUNITY!**

**PSF MEETING AND DINNER**

Our last meeting for the year will be held this evening at 6pm in the Library.

We are looking forward to our PSF dinner at the Sugarbowl this Friday, 27th November from 6pm. See facebook event for more information.
SCHOOL BUS OPAL CARD SYSTEM
With reference to the Opal Card information brochure sent home recently, the Dept of Transport has advised that the Northern Rivers area has not been upgraded to these cards. Do not go online to get student Opal Cards until further notice. If you are changing bus, address, or your child will be in Year 3 in 2016, you will need to get the standard blue form from the school office.

YEAR 6 SOCIAL JUSTICE VISIT TO SENIOR CITIZEN'S CENTRE
Tomorrow afternoon between 2pm and 3pm, Year 6 students will be walking to the Kyogle Senior Citizen’s Centre with Miss Hughes and Mrs Saini (Counsellor) to complete invaluable community service, sing Christmas carols and meet residents at the centre. This comes under the PDHPE and Religion curriculum and helps us to show the face of Jesus. We thank Mrs Saini for organising this event.

PARKING
Parking in the drop-off zone attracts hefty fines - The council has reminded us that if you park and leave your car or if you park out of the allocated hours, the ranger will fine you so please ensure you park in an area where you are permitted or wait in your car in our 5 minute zone.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS
Each student is asked to bring in a non-perishable food item to place in their class hamper box. These hamper boxes will be handed over to St Vincent De Paul at the end of the year. The hampers are distributed by St Vincent De Paul Society to families in need in our town. Thank you for supporting us and helping care for our Kyogle community.

NEW TECHNOLOGY IN OUR SCHOOL
Over the next few weeks, we will be receiving new laptops for use in the classrooms by students and teachers.

ALTAR SERVERS CELEBRATION—THANK YOU!
Next Friday 4th December, students who have regularly given up their time this year to be an altar server at Masses are invited to celebrate with their parish. A permission letter will be sent home this week.

UNIFORM SHOP
Open MONDAYS 2:30pm—3:15pm (after Canteen)
All enquiries about uniforms to:
SUZIE SMITH
Phone 6632 2958 or 0422 415 520

FRIDAY ASSEMBLY
Year 3 are hosting our assembly on Friday at 9:10am.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Oliver M.
Lachlan B.
Daniel R.
Henry M.

FRIDAY SWIMMING FOR SPORT
Just a reminder that if you do not hold a Season Pass for the pool, every child must pay $2.60 to enter the pool on Fridays.

STAGE 3 SOFTBALL ON THURSDAY
This Thursday, Stage 3 students will be competing against Kyogle Public School on our bottom oval in our last sporting challenge for the year. Stage 3 girls will play between 12:40 and 1:40pm and Stage 3 boys between 2:10 pm and 3:10pm. Students will receive an information note if they are participating.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT COSTUMES
Each class teacher has decided on a costume for their class for the Christmas Pageant. Please see an update below:
Kinder: To be provided
Year 1: White T-shirt, sports shorts and red tinsel
Year 2: Sports shorts and Christmas shirt (Christmas hair bands/headbands are fine too), joggers
Year 3: To be provided
Year 4: Sports shorts and Christmas shirt (Christmas hair bands/headbands are fine too), joggers
Year 5: Singlet or flannelette shirt, shorts and thongs
Year 6: To be provided

CHRISTMAS PARISH SCHOOL FORUM DINNER - 27TH NOV 6PM—SUGARBOWL
THANK YOU TO OUR MEMBERS ON SCHOOL FORUM FOR THEIR WORK AND SUPPORT THIS YEAR. WE APPRECIATE THE TIME AND EFFORT YOU GIVE TO THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY.

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.

PRINCIPAL APPRAISAL LINKS
A reminder that links have been emailed to parents in our school for Mr Freebody’s appraisal. The survey is due by next Thursday 3rd December.

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PRAYERS REQUESTED
Mrs Welsh is having a medical procedure today. We request our families to pray for her at this time.

WHAT IS IT LIKE TO BE AN SMCC STUDENT FOR A DAY?
CALLING ALL CASINO AND SURROUNDING AREA YEAR 9 STUDENTS
SPEND A DAY AS A YEAR 7 STUDENT AT SMCC, CASINO!

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If for any reason you cannot attend on your rostered day, please swap days with someone on the roster.
THANK YOU

COMMUNITY NEWS

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5pm: Saturday Vigil Mass / 9am: Sunday Mass
Parish Family Mass: 4pm on the
4th Sunday of the Month
ALTAR SERVERS:
Sat 28th Nov:
Sun 29th Nov:
HALL HIRE
Please contact the Parish office on 66321074 regarding hiring of the hall.

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