Important Dates

DECEMBER

WEDNESDAY 2nd
Yr 5 Leadership letters due to Mr Freebody
FRIDAY 4th
12 noon Kinder Assembly and Presentation of the Roger O’Sullivan Award
2.10pm L.A.P. Volunteers’ Afternoon Tea
MONDAY 7th
Principal Appraisal Day
TUESDAY 8th
Y5 St Mary’s College Day;
Y1 and Band perform at Aged Care Centre near Hospital in morning
WEDNESDAY 9th
2pm Year 5 Leadership Speeches Hall;
Reports Home
THURSDAY 10th
9.15am End of Year School Mass & Awards.
Guest Speaker: Mr Kevin Hogan;
6pm Pastoral Council Meeting
FRIDAY 11th
Swimming Carnival
MONDAY 14th
Cinema Visit K-6 11:30am
TUESDAY 15th
6pm Year 6 Graduation & Liturgy starting at church
Whole school to the movies
THURSDAY 17th
Christmas Pageant & Forum Sausage Sizzle
FRIDAY 18th
Last day of 2015 school year 2016

Students return Thursday 28th Jan-

Congratualtions to our Choir and Band who performed for our community members at the Senior Citizen’s Centre yesterday. Well done to Mr Hills, Mrs Denton and Mrs Walters for all the preparation needed.

PLEASE CHECK THESE DATES WITH YOUR CALENDAR

FOCUS THIS WEEK:
Tolerance– Be comfortable with yourself and then you can be at peace with others.

BELIEVE ACHIEVE SUCCEED
Dear Parents/Carers,
With less than three weeks left in our school year, it is now time to ensure our dates over the next three weeks are set in our calendars and preparations are made for, not only our special events this month, but for 2016. Thank you to parents and community members who can help over the next fortnight with the Swimming Carnival and the Pageant BBQ. We are really proud of our students on all their successes this year, some of which will be presented in our Year Book coming out very soon. Thank you to families who have finalised payments and a friendly reminder that my principal’s appraisal survey closes this Thursday. Happy Advent!

### Teaching and Learning:

**CLASSES AND STAFFING UPDATE**
An outline of next year’s classes with teachers will be provided in next week’s newsletter. Some of our part-time teaching positions are currently being finalised.

**AMAZING QUICKSMART**
Congratulations to Mrs Newton and the Stage 3 students who have received some of the best growth in our whole diocese in Quicksmart this year. Your hard work and dedication has paid off. Thank you to parents who have supported the students with their homework in 2015.

**SPORTING UPDATE**
Well done to the students who played in the softball games against Kyogle Public School last week. Our T20 Cricket competition kicked off at school yesterday for the next two weeks at lunchtimes. Thank you to Mr Tickle and staff who have supported these sporting opportunities for primary students.

**YEAR 5 LEADERSHIP SPEECHES**
Last week a note went home for students and parents about our leadership speeches coming up next week. To accommodate a special request from St Mary’s College at Casino, our speeches will now be held on **Wednesday 9th December, at 2pm**.

**REPORTS HOME**
Semester Two reports will be sent home next **Wednesday 8th December**. Please organise a time to meet with your child’s teacher afterwards if you wish to discuss any elements of your child’s progress or future learning goals or behaviour.

**SCHOOL LIBRARY**
The library is now closed to borrowing. All borrowed library books and classroom readers must be returned by the end of next week, **Friday, 11th December**. An invoice will be sent home to pay for replacement books if not returned.

### Parents and Families:

**ROAD SAFETY FOR THE HOLIDAYS- For Parents**
Check that your child:
- Is protected by the most suitable restraint for their height and weight.
- Is buckled up on even the shortest trip, whether awake or asleep
- Gets in and out of the cars through the safety door - ie the rear door on the footpath side.

**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT COSTUMES**
Each class teacher has decided on a costume for their class for the Christmas Pageant. Please see an update below:

- **Kinder**: See note home in Clown Folder
- **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**: Red, white or green t-shirt, black shorts
- **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 by school.

**LAP VOLUNTEERS AFTERNOON TEA**
To say thank you to our Learning Assistance Program (LAP) volunteers for this year, an afternoon tea is set for this Friday at 2:10pm. Please come to the office at 2pm if you are one of our guests. Thank you so much for your support of our students in 2015.

**SIGNING OUT AND SIGNING IN STUDENTS FOR OFF-SITE SCHOOL EVENTS e.g. swimming**
A friendly reminder to let your child’s teacher or the coordinating teacher know if you are picking up your child early or dropping them off late (preferably before the event). For safety reasons, we cannot leave a student in another parent’s care e.g. pool on Friday afternoon, unless all parties including teachers are informed prior to an event. If teaching staff are not informed directly (either in person, letter or phone call), a student will go home as normal.

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**FRIDAY ASSEMBLY**

**KINDER ASSEMBLY** - **12 noon**

**Roger O’Sullivan Award Presentation**

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Emerson H. & Tyler R.

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**UNIFORM SHOP**

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2:30pm—3:15pm (after Canteen)

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Suzie Smith

Phone 6632 2958 or 0422 415 520
Anxiety – Perfectionism and the Fear of Failure.
As our children grow up there is an increasing amount of pressure and stress which can make everyday life a bit tricky. A growing trend in today’s society is the need to be perfect. Perfectionists will set themselves standards for life that are so high that they are nearly impossible to meet and believe that making a mistake or failing is the end of the world. To cope with these feelings perfectionists will spend exhausting amounts of time and energy trying to get things just right, or they will refuse to try new things, or they will procrastinate and give up to avoid the humiliation of failure.

How to help your child cope with Perfectionism and the Fear of Failure:
Encourage realistic thinking by using positive realistic statements when you or a family member makes a mistake.

‘Whoops! All I can do is my best.’
‘Oh well. Nobody is perfect’
‘Whoops! What can I learn from this mistake?’

Try to help your child look at the big picture when they are worried about small details.
Does it really matter?
What is the worst that could happen?
If the worst does happen, could you survive?

If your child suffers from procrastination try to help them make a realistic schedule and reward them when they follow it because behaviour change is hard work!

Lastly, when you make a mistake have a little laugh at yourself and keep on trying. Remember you are their biggest role model. Happy Parenting and Good Luck!

Elizabeth Davy (Student Support Worker)

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS
Each student has been asked to bring in a non-perishable food item to place in their class hamper box. These hamper boxes will be handed over to a St Vincent De Paul representative at the end of the year. The hampers are distributed by St Vincent De Paul Society to needy families in our town.

PARISH SCHOOL FORUM DINNER
Thank you to all parents and parish representatives who came along to our Parish School Forum dinner last Friday night. In addition to members of our 2015 forum, interested parents were invited to come along to share a relaxing evening. We thank all our members of the forum for their contributions in 2015, especially to Leanne Copeland and Mandy Boocock who have stepped back from their duties in 2015. Their years of commitment, experience and dedication to St Brigid’s are greatly appreciated.

2015 YEAR BOOK
A huge thank you to Melissa O’Reilly for her amazing work and sleepless night preparing our yearbook again this year. What a fine example of commitment to our school. All families will receive one copy of the Year Book at the end of this term. If you want to order extra copies please phone the school office BY THIS THURSDAY to place an order for an extra copy - Cost is $30.

ADVENT - Year C
The new Church liturgical year began last Sunday with the 1st Sunday of Advent. This is a time of preparation before Christmas. The colour for the season of Advent is purple. Let us pray and share good deeds with each other in readiness for the birthday of Christ - Our King of Love and Peace! May love and peace fill your hearts and homes this Advent.

SPORTING SUCCESS
What a great afternoon!

KINDERGARTEN ASSEMBLY + ROGER O’SULLIVAN PRESENTATION– FRIDAY 12pm HALL
This Friday, we invite all parents and community members to join us at our Kindergarten assembly at the special time of 12pm. This is to accommodate for our special guests from the Council of Catholic School Parents who will present our school community with the 2015 Roger O’Sullivan Award. Morning tea will be available beforehand in the Hall. Please be seated by 11:55pm.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION AND LITURGY
This will be held on Tuesday the 15th December beginning with our liturgy at 6pm in the church followed by supper in the Hall.

CINEMA VISIT– LET’S CELEBRATE 2015
Our cinema visit in Week 11 on Monday 14th December is booked and ready for us to enjoy - we do need to still keep on track with our home reading and behaviour needs to follow school expectations. The majority of all our students follow both these expectations all the time! Congratulations children!

All students will walk down with their class teacher at 11:05am after a revised morning tea. We are lucky to have a special pre-screening of the new PIXAR movie “The Good Dinosaur”. This is a PG rated film so we need your support for the students to watch it. An opt-out note will be sent home allowing you to opt out of the movie. The children MUST wear their school hat for the walk and may take a water bottle. Costs will be covered by the school as our way of saying THANK YOU for all the children’s efforts and successes throughout the year!

Students who have continued to be sent to training due to repeated inappropriate behaviour will be informed if their place is in jeopardy.
**SCHOOL CANTEEN**

**Monday 7th December:** Fiona Pratt

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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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

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