Important Dates

March

Monday 7th - 11th
Catholic Schools Week

Friday 11th:
Suara Indonesian Dance Group
performance-whole school 9.30am

Tuesday 15th:
Parent School Forum AGM 6pm

Thursday 17th
St Patrick’s & St Brigid’s Day

Friday 18th:
Swimming for sport - last day
Diocesan Winter Sports Trials

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 KINDERGARTEN

Kindergarten’s T Party

Kindergarten had lots of fun celebrating the letter T.

We are also learning to blend our sounds so we can write words.
We can now write at, mat, sat, is, it, sit and more.

In Kindergarten, we are very clever because we can now write all our numerals.
We try hard and always have a BIG go.

The happiest people do not have the best of everything but they make the best of everything they have.
Be happy!
Message from Mr Hunter

Dear Parents and Carers,

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.’ This aligns with the Church’s mission to support refugees and asylum seekers at this time in our world where vast numbers of people are fleeing war and poverty. 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.

Catholic Schools Week is also about forging and strengthening relationships between everyone who has a stake in our schools – students, staff, families, clergy, parishioners and members of the wider community – by showcasing our activities and actions.

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 Catholic Schools Week here at St Brigid’s with a mass on Thursday 10th March at 9:30am. All are invited to join in for morning tea in the school hall following mass.

Please take the opportunity to have a look at our display in the window of the old IGA building in the main street of town. The staff have done a wonderful job showcasing the great work of our students.

Our school has a supportive and talented community of teachers, parents, carers, Parish School Forum, clergy, support staff and parishioners who work together to give our students the best education possible.

Another CSW highlight will be the performance of the Suara Indonesian Dance Group in the school hall on Friday commencing at 9:30am. All parents and friends are warmly invited to come along and watch this show with students and staff.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support so far this term and I look forward to celebrating Catholic Schools Week with you during this week.

OUR CONDOLENCES: We extend our sympathy and prayers to Miss Laura Hughes and her family on the passing of Laura’s grandmother in Leeton early Monday morning. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon her and may she rest in peace. Amen.

PARISH SCHOOL FORUM AGM: Next Tuesday the 15th of March we will be holding the AGM of our School Forum. This meeting is an open invitation to all members of our school community to come along and hear about the many teams that all combine to support the students of our school. Groups involved in our school are – Library, Reading Bug Team, Grounds Team, Fundraising Team, IT/Publicity Team, Sport Team, Community Events, Yearbook Team, Canteen/Uniform, Parent Assembly/Class Parents/ Pastoral Care Team. If you would like to nominate to join a team please let Di in the office know or pick up a nomination form from the office. Looking forward to seeing as many as possible at our AGM. Drinks and nibbles will be provided.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK OPEN CLASSROOMS: This morning it was great to see so many parents coming in for our open classrooms. The students got a real buzz with having so many mums, dads and grandparents sharing in their learning.

Have a wonderful Catholic Schools Week,

Tony Hunter
Principal
### Curriculum

**SUARA INDOONESIAN DANCE GROUP—FRIDAY 11TH MARCH**

If you haven’t already returned your permission note & $6 per child please do so by tomorrow. If you don’t pay you won’t be able to be involved in this wonderful workshop at school.

**SCIENCE and TECHNOLOGY**

Science learning is all around us. Children are naturally curious and love to experiment and have fun. For that reason, please find below a link to a great Science and Technology Education blog, created by Simon Crook, a science and technology educator for over 20 years and who worked in our diocese in 2015. Crooked Science 4 Parents: [http://crookedscience4parents.com/](http://crookedscience4parents.com/)

**I.C.A.S. for SCHOOLS**

Permission forms are now available at the school office for Digital Technologies (Computer Studies), Science, Writing, Spelling, English and Mathematics competitions. Forms with entry fees are due by Tuesday, 22nd March.

**UNEXPLAINED ABSENTEE LETTERS**

These were sent home on Monday, 7th March asking for an explanation of your child’s absence from school on particular days. Although you may have contacted the school by phone, email or Skoolbag regarding absences at the time, I ask that you send the completed note back to Mrs Welsh in the office. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

**ST PATRICK’S & ST BRIGID’S DAY—17th March**

Next Thursday, you are invited to Mass at 9.30am to celebrate St Patrick’s feast day and St Brigid, our patron saint. The children will be dressed in school uniform, but are able to wear touches of green eg socks, ribbons, shamrock badge.

St Brigid grew up on a dairy farm. Her patronages include cattle, dairy and poultry farmers. Our school is named after St Brigid because of our rural heritage.

### Catholic Identity

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK**

Celebrate Mass with us tomorrow, Thursday 10th March, 9.30am, as we acknowledge and give thanks for the great work which is done in Catholic education, especially at St Brigid’s for the dedication and care the staff exhibit in assisting the students to learn and grow. Join us afterwards for morning tea in the hall. All welcome.

**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.

### Community

**MY FIRST YEAR**

The Northern Star is once again planning its annual kindergarten lift out supplement to be published Wednesday, March 23, 2016. The supplement will be entitled ‘My First Year’ and it will feature kindergarten class photographs from the public, private and independent schools across the Northern Rivers region. In previous years the kindergarten supplement has been well received by families, producing a special quality memento of students’ first year at school. Make sure you buy a copy!

**ST BRIGID’S CROSS COUNTRY/ADIDAS FUN RUN**

We’re excited to be getting involved with a healthy school fundraiser this year! On Friday 1st April we will be holding the St Brigid’s Cross Country in conjunction with the Adidas School Fun-Run. We hope that you’ll support our school and students in raising funds towards purchasing educational resources. For additional information please refer to the parent letter and sponsorship booklet that was sent home on Monday 29th February.

**MJRR (Making Jesus Real Radio)**

MJRR is our school radio which promotes Making Jesus Real in our community. If you are collecting your child/children on Friday afternoon, why not join us in the undercover area at 3.05pm to hear of the great work our students are doing each week.

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**NO ASSEMBLY THIS FRIDAY**

**THE INDOONESIAN DANCE GROUP WILL BE VISITING.**

**UNIFORM SHOP**

Open MONDAYS

2:30pm—3:15pm (after Canteen)

All enquiries about uniforms to:

SUZIE SMITH

Phone 6632 2958

or 0422 415 520

Uniform order sheets are available from the school office at any time.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY to -**

Leeroy Delaney

Jacob Rixon

Ayla Law
SCHOOL CANTEEN
14th March: Leanne Copeland & 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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

KYOGLE LIBRARY 
Lego Club
On every 2nd Thursday from 4pm-5pm starting Thursday, 10th March. Lego Club is FREE for all 5-12 year olds. Phone 66321134 to register.

Kyogle Soccer – Season 2016
Soccer players aged 5-11 years, our season is about to start. Junior training will start the week commencing 15th March. Players should register online using the “My Football Club” Website. Any questions can be directed to kyoglefc@ffnc.net.au or to Glenn Rose on 0418 264 968.

AUTISM SUPPORT GROUP
For parents/carers of children & adults on the autism spectrum, a meeting on 14/03/2016 from 10.30am-12.30pm at the Kyogle Library. Tea/coffee supplied for a relaxed and welcoming environment. Please phone Raeanne on 0404240263 or email activeforautism@gmail.com

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.
A dinner at the Casino RSM on Saturday 11th June. Tickets are $45 per person & can be purchased from the RSM by Friday 20th May. On Sunday 12th June a family day is planned at the park on the South side of Casino. The day will be BYO.
For further information please email Cinnamon at cinnamonclark@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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All Smallgoods made in-store
Proprietor—Brett Stuart
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**PHONE: 6632 1600
or JOB on 0428 664 459**
 Also supplying from our yard at
20 ANDREW STREET
Garden Soil—Top Soil—T Tree Mulch Sands—Metal Dust Gravel & Road bases.
Delivery available or pick up from yard

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STUDENT NEWS

+ Our Lady of Sorrows +
Catholic Church Kyogle
6pm: Saturday Vigil Mass
9am: Sunday Mass
HALL HIRE
Please contact the Parish office on 66321074 regarding hiring of the hall.

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