Important Dates

JUNE

Tuesday - Thursday (28th-30th June)
Parent/Teacher interviews

Thursday 30th June
10.30am Assembly — Year 3/4M;
12noon Parish Mass — Stage 2
Last day of Term 2 for students

~~HAPPY HOLIDAYS~~

JULY

Friday 1st:
Pupil Free Day— Staff Development day

TERM 3

Monday 18th:
Pupil Free Day— Staff Development day

Tuesday 19th:
Students commence Term 3

Saturday 23rd:
6pm Parish Christmas in July

BELIEVE ACHIEVE SUCCEED
Dear Parents and Carers,

This one is doing the rounds at the moment and I think it speaks volumes about what we are trying to teach our children.

**Why Sports?**

One of my friends asked “Why do you pay so much money for your kids to do all their sports?” Well I have a confession to make; I don’t pay for my kids to do sports. Personally, I couldn’t care less about what sport they do.

So, if I am not paying for sports what am I paying for?

I pay for those moments when my kids become so tired they want to quit but don’t.

I pay for those days when my kids come home from school and are “too tired” to go to their training but they go anyway.

I pay for my kids to learn to be disciplined, focused and dedicated. I pay for my kids to learn to take care of their body and equipment.

I pay for my kids to learn to work with others and to be good teammates, gracious in defeat and humble in success.

I pay for my kids to learn to deal with disappointment, when they don’t get that placing or title they’d hoped for, but still they go back week after week giving it their best shot.

I pay for my kids to learn to make and accomplish goals. I pay for my kids to respect, not only themselves, but other athletes, officials and coaches.

I pay for my kids to learn that it takes hours and hours, years and years of hard work and practice to create a champion and that success does not happen overnight.

I pay for my kids to be proud of small achievements, and to work towards long term goals. I pay for the opportunity my kids have and will have to make life-long friendships, create lifelong memories, to be as proud of their achievements as I am. I pay so that my kids can be out on the field or in the gym instead of in front of a screen...

I could go on but, to be short, I don’t pay for sports; I pay for the opportunities that sports provides my kids with to develop attributes that will serve them well throughout their lives and give them the opportunity to bless the lives of others. From what I have seen so far I think it is a great investment!”

**STAFF CATHOLIC WORLDVIEW PROFESSIONAL LEARNING DAY:** This Friday, all staff are involved in a Professional Development Day on Catholic Worldview. The follow extract from the Bishops of NSW gives a good understanding of what a Catholic Worldview is and how it relates to our Catholic Schools.

At the heart of the Bishops’ directions is a faith view of the world, which animates and sustains them. Another way of describing this faith view is to call it a Catholic worldview. Catholicism is a comprehensive way of life that should animate every aspect of a parish school's activities and curriculum. Catholic Christianity has always fostered the belief that all human reality and, indeed, the whole material cosmos have been touched, blessed, and changed by the ‘Word becoming flesh’ (John 1:14).

A worldview influences how we look at everything in life, and how we think and act in particular circumstances. Each person has a worldview, even if they are not aware of it or cannot articulate it. A worldview helps a person answer life questions such as:

- Who am I called to be as a human person?
- Does human life have a purpose?
- How should I relate to others?
- How do I know what is true? Is there a truth beyond what can be seen, smelt and touched?
- What happens after death?
- What is important to me?

We live in a pluralist society and people have many different worldviews or ways in which they make sense of their lives. Increasing numbers of people today see life in purely secular terms. Catholic education is not immune from the influences of secular atheism, consumerism and relativism. Secularity is an approach to life which is concerned with this world and its affairs but not necessarily in an antireligious way. Secularism is an atheistic or agnostic ideology that rules out religious beliefs and values and explains everything exclusively in ‘this-world’ terms. In contrast a religious worldview explains and interprets life by recognising a presence and power that is ‘higher’ and/or ‘deeper’ than this world.
The Catholic Worldview is such a religious interpretation of life given to us by Divine Revelation and which can only be understood by faith. Therefore, we ask for the gift of faith to be deepened in our lives so that we may have the capacity to accept God’s Truths and know Him more lovingly through Jesus Christ who reveals His desire for us. The Church is the recipient of this Revelation which she passes on in an accurate and authentic way through Scripture and Tradition. The Catholic Worldview is the unique comprehensive understanding of the universe, revealed to us by our Redeemer, Jesus Christ, in the Gospels.

This Catholic Worldview has been guarded, developed and handed on by the Church throughout the ages. The Catholic Worldview provides insights into the meaning of life and how to live it as Catholics. Saint Pope John Paul II described the Catholic Worldview as a way of understanding reality in the light of “the total truth about God, man and the world”. The Catholic Worldview guides us in becoming who God called us to be, namely, fully human. It enables us as Christians to have a map of how we are to transform our lives and that of the wider culture in which we are immersed. The Catholic Worldview must underpin and be expressed in the complete life of a Catholic parish school.

Peace and best wishes for a great week.

Tony
Tony Hunter

**Curriculum**

**SCHOOL REVIEW AND IMPROVEMENT (SRI) PANEL**
Following two days of working in our school last week and taking the opportunity to speak with all staff, our student leaders and members of our Parent Forum, the SRI Panel were well and truly impressed with the drive, commitment and passion of all members of the school community. The staff were able to take the opportunity to present to the panel the plan for the next 5 years in the following areas:-
Catholic Vision and Identity, Learning and Teaching, Leadership and Organisation and Community and Relationships. The panel were very affirming in their comments and made some valuable recommendations to our Strategic Management Plan. We will continue to work on the plan taking into account the recommendations and then present our finished document to the school community later this year. Thanks to everyone who has contributed to the SRI process thus far. It certainly has been a team effort.

**KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS**
Just a reminder that if you have a child ready to start school next year or know of someone who has, we are seeking all enrolment applications to be in to the office by this Friday, July 1.

**END OF TERM TWO**
This Thursday will mark the end of Term Two for students as Friday is a Professional Development Day for staff. Students will resume for the start of Term Three on Tuesday 19th July. We hope you enjoy the break if you are able to take some time from work and we all look forward with continuing your children’s learning journey in Term Three.

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY to -**
Charlize T, Narnie H,
Max C, Lilly H,
Zali E, Seth M,
Billy C, James C,
Elyja A, Jed M,
and Chloe H.

**Catholic Identity**

**GOOD LUCK:** Our school community would like to wish all the best to Miss Laura Hughes and Mr Brendan Tickle for their World Youth Day pilgrimage next term. Laura and Brendan will join with the Diocesan group which leaves on Tuesday, 19th July.

**BLUE DAY:** Thank you so much to everyone for their support and assistance with our “Blue Day” last Wednesday. To the people who served the hot dogs and to those who sent in treats to sell at recess, a big thanks is extended to you all. Our pre-school visitors were warmly welcomed into our school and were well looked after by all students as they took part in the tabloid sports afternoon. Well done to our senior students who led the afternoon activities so well for all. It was a lovely day in which the spirit and commitment of the St Brigid’s community was well and truly on display. Well done to all.

**Community**

**THANK YOU** to Col Moore for fixing the Bug Books & Readers shelving in the photocopier room. We really appreciate your time and effort. These books are now more accessible for everyone.
SCHOOL CANTEEN
Tuesday 19th July: Shonel Powell
For security reasons, 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 somebody.
THANK YOU

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