Important Dates

**March**
- Thursday 31st
  10.30am Year 3/4P Assembly

**April**
- Friday 1st
  St Brigid’s School Cross Country
- Monday 8th
  Last day of Term 1 for students
- Monday 25th
  ANZAC Day March: Assemble at 10:15am
- Tuesday 26th
  Pupil Free Day
- Wednesday 27th
  First day of Term 2 for students

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- Friday 16th December
  Students last school day of 2016
- 19th/20th December
  Staff Development Days

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Our Holy Week Liturgy

The story of Holy Week was alive in our hearts last week when the students re-enacted the Last Supper and reflected in story and prayer on the events of Good Friday. The students showed respect and commitment and we were proud of their involvement on the day.

BELIEVE ACHIEVE SUCCEED
Message from Mr Hunter

Dear Parents,

At our Easter liturgy last Thursday we were reminded by the students of the significant events of the Easter season - Holy Thursday when Jesus, the master, became the servant and washed the feet of his disciples, thus modelling for us servant leadership; Good Friday when Jesus was crucified on the Cross, Easter Saturday when Jesus lay in the tomb and Easter Sunday when his followers found the tomb empty because of the Resurrection.

The events of Holy Week remind us of our calling to be active Christians in the way we lead our own lives. If we are harbouring hurt within us, Jesus’ actions can encourage us towards forgiveness and away from grudges and bitterness. We have all experienced hurt through the actions or words of another and this hurt might have carried for years and deprived ourselves of the opportunity to embrace peace, hope, gratitude and joy by being unforgiving.

Forgiveness is a decision to let go of resentment and thoughts of revenge. In place of anger, confusion, maybe anxiety or even depression, we can move away from our role as victim and relieve the power that the offending person or situation has on our life. As we let go of hurt and resentment and don’t allow them to refine our lives, we open ourselves to compassion and understanding.

Many thanks to Mrs Jansen and our students who led us in very moving and powerful, prayerful re-enactments of the events of Holy Week last Thursday. All who experienced this would no doubt have been reminded of the true meaning of a risen Lord at this time of the year.

OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS are extended to Vanessa, Clare (Yr 6) and Ellie (Yr 5) Mudge on the recent passing of their father and grandfather. May he rest in peace.

INSIGHT SRC SURVEYS: Many thanks to all parents who have returned their surveys thus far. We currently have a return rate of 32% and are looking for a 90% + return rate. If we achieve this rate all students will receive an ice block to finish the term next week. Together we can do it!!

STAFF RETREAT: Yesterday our whole school staff took part in our annual Staff Retreat. This was an opportune time for all staff to take the time to reflect and pray on what it really means to be an integral member of a Catholic School community. We are so fortunate here at St Brigid’s to have a staff that are 110% committed to delivering a quality Catholic education embedded within our Catholic environment.

Have a wonderful week,

Tony

Tony Hunter
Principal
**Community**

**STAGE FACEBOOK PAGES**
At the meeting last week with the Class Parent Co-ordinators, it was agreed to set a Facebook Page for all Stages – ES, St 1, St 2 and St 3. There will not be individual class Facebook pages. Trudy Ribton-Turner and Tilly Beetge are co-ordinating these. As per our Diocesan Policy for Digital Technologies and Social Media (2015) Facebook and other social media are able to be used by schools for information dissemination and gathering provided alternative mechanisms are also available to provide this same service to parents and/or students.

Each Stage has their own page along with the person responsible for maintaining the page. Please find below the addresses and page administrators—

**Stage 3** (Leanne Copeland and Tilly Beetge)
[https://www.facebook.com/groups/1044933012253229/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/1044933012253229/)
Parents to search “St Brigids Yr 5/6 stage 3”

**Stage 2** (Tilly Beetge and Trudy Ribton-Turner)
[https://www.facebook.com/groups/683494791773489/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/683494791773489/)
Parents to search “St Brigids 3/4”

**Stage 1** (Tilly Beetge and Trudy Ribton-Turner)
[https://www.facebook.com/groups/1658568764376151/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/1658568764376151/)
Parents to search “St Brigids 1/2”

**Early Stage 1** (Mel Gordon and Emma Rixon)
[https://www.facebook.com/groups/1459329274390167/?ref=ts&fref=ts](https://www.facebook.com/groups/1459329274390167/?ref=ts&fref=ts)
Parents to search “St Brigids 2016 kinder parent group”.

**SINGING & MUSIC LESSONS**
Starting in Term 2 Cynthia Denton is available on Thursday afternoons at school for singing or ukulele lessons at $25 per student or $18 per student in a group of 2 students. Forms are available from the school office or email: cynthia.melody@gmail.com or phone 0437280735.

**ANZAC DAY CEREMONY on Monday 25th April**
5.20am: Dawn Service at the Cenotaph; 10.15am: Assemble for March (near Pool); 10.30am: March through centre of town 11.00am: Service in Memorial Hall followed by Wreath Laying at Cenotaph. Correct school uniform must be worn.

**ASSEMBLY**
**Year 3/4P**
**Thursday 31/03/16**
**10.30am**
*Please join us!*

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

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

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY to -**
*Gregor A*
*Felix P*
*Xavier B*
*Chloe D*
*Jarrah L*

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**Catholic Identity**

**EASTER SUNDAY**

The  **Resurrection**: At Easter we celebrate Jesus rising to new life – “Jesus is alive”.

**Mini Vinnies**
Today we had a large number of primary students attend the Mini Vinnies Presentation by our guest speaker, Melissa Bordin. They learnt more about the ‘what’ and ‘why’ these groups exist in schools. The main focus centres around social justice issues, increasing awareness and helping in the community and beyond.

**Curriculum**

**MATHEMATICS—Tip for Parents**

Point out the maths in everyday life. Include your child in activities involving maths such as using money, cooking and travelling. Take every opportunity to be involved in their learning and education. Many more helpful ideas and activities for everyday maths can be found following the link below.

http://www.familymathstoolkit.org.uk/

**SPELLING**

In 2016, spelling is one of our main focus areas in English and we are developing a whole school approach. Below is a link which highlights how you can support your child at home with their spelling. This site gives ideas about using everyday opportunities to draw attention to words, talking to your child about how you spell, what you do when you don’t know how to spell a word and discussing the meaning of unknown words before attempting to spell them.

Take some time to have a look through the suggestions on the link to further support your child with spelling.


SCHOOL CANTEEN

4th April: Linda Naofal & Leanne Love. 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

COMMUNITY NEWS

KYOGLE VACATION CARE
BOOK NOW for the April school holidays by phone 6621 7397 or email rkkassist@nrcg.org.au

NEW TRICKS HOBBY & VOLUNTEER EXPO
Kyogle Memorial Hall Wed 6th April. Doors open 8am, everyone welcome. Entry $10 includes Devonshire tea and access to over twenty workshops including yoga, crafts, wellbeing, cooking, leather & wood work & much more. Transport available. Phone 6632 2194.

Young at Heart, Australia’s Seniors Film Festival. Recognising the best Australian short films starring actors 55 or older. Screening 10.30 and 12.30, Wed 6 April at KMI Shop.

KYOGLE SWIM CLUB
Our Presentation and Annual General Meeting will be held at Catholic Parish Hall on Friday 8th April at 6pm. Some hot food will be provided but kindly ask if everyone could bring a plate of food to share.

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