**TERM 1 Week 1**

**1st February 2017**

**IMPORTANT DATES**

**FEBRUARY**

**Thursday 2nd:** We welcome the 2017 Kindergarten students to St Brigid’s.

**Friday 3rd: 2.50pm:** Whole School Awards, MJRR & Examen Assembly.

**TERM 1 CALENDAR**

**IS ENCLOSED**

**WITH THIS**

**NEWSLETTER**

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**Mercy Sacred Space**

**Before**

**During**

**After**

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**Make Jesus Real**

MJR is centred on the belief that we are the image of Jesus to all those around us. We are His representatives and our actions should reflect His values.

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**BELIEVE ACHIEVE SUCCEED**
Dear Parents and Carers of St Brigid’s Catholic Primary School,

Welcome to St Brigid’s Catholic Primary School for the commencement of the 2017! Our school motto is “Strong In Faith” and together as a community we endeavour to work together as a faith community to put this motto into action.

I ask that everyone continues to pray for our Parish Priest, Fr Erick who underwent a kidney transplant in early January. Fr Erick is recovering well and the medical team are very pleased with his progress. Fr Erick will continue to stay in Brisbane for the next couple of weeks whilst he undertakes a successful recovery from his operation. Fr Erick is very appreciative of the support and prayers he has received from the Our Lady of Sorrows Parish and St Brigid’s School Community. We very much look forward to seeing a fit and healthy Fr Erick back within our Parish School community in the very near future. During Fr Erick’s absence we have been very fortunate to have Bishop Geoff Jarrett in our midst to celebrate mass. Bishop Geoff celebrated mass for all staff last Friday the 27th of January and once again we were very fortunate to have the Bishop lead our whole school mass to celebrate the Feast of St Brigid today.

We will induct our Year 6 students as leaders on Thursday 16th February at 9:30am at our opening school mass when our leaders of the school will be presented with their badges. We are still awaiting confirmation of this mass time and will confirm as soon as we hear from the Cathedral.

We welcome new members of staff to our school this year. Mrs Erin Anderson has been appointed as the Stage 3 teacher. Mr Dane Walker is our new Indigenous Education Worker and will be working in our school each Thursday and Friday. Mrs Jessica Rixon is our new Speech Pathologist and she will be working in our school every second Monday commencing on the 13th February. We also welcome India Ogun and Paivi Saul who are in their 3rd year of their Occupational Therapy degrees at Southern Cross University. This is a continuation of the program started last year in partnership with the University Centre for Rural Health in Lismore. India and Paivi will be with us for the first 6 weeks of Term 1 each Monday and Tuesday. I welcome these people to St Brigid’s and the skills and qualities that they will all bring to our school community.

Thanks to our wonderful Parent Forum, our Reflective Garden Area has almost reached completion over the holiday break. All the ground works, cementing and paving have been completed. The area looks fantastic and we would like to send a big thank you to Mark and Griffen Graeme for their efforts in very hot and trying conditions. We still have some landscaping and gardening to do to finish the project but it sure has enhanced the area. The gates attached to the wall are the internal gates from the old Convent which led into the chapel where the Sisters of Mercy would have gathered to pray and celebrate mass each day. This area will be a very valuable resource to the current and future students of our school.

I encourage parents to become involved in school activities this year. We have a very active Parent Forum who are always looking for more team members. An opportunity to join one of the many teams will be available as we head up to the AGM of the Parent Forum to be held in March. Though small in numbers at times, the Parent Forum achieve much for the school. Please refer to the Term Calendar for the upcoming meetings.

Thursday 2nd February will see our new Kindergarten students commencing their school journey. We welcome our new families and look forward to working closely with you as, in partnership, we ensure that your child receives the best possible education in the Catholic tradition.

TIME CHANGES: As posted last week, we have decided made changes to the lunch and recess times here at St Brigid’s. Morning tea will now be taken from 10:45am to 11:05am and our lunch will be taken from 12:50pm to 1:40pm. The change of times allows us to be more compliant with our times and the way in which we deliver the curriculum to our students. The former bell times did not allow us to be aligned with Diocesan and State priorities. It is important that the students have fruit to be eaten at fruit break which is taken around 10am. We have been very impressed with the way in which the students have aligned to these changes in the first few days of the term.

Tony
Tony Hunter
Principal
ENGLISH AND MATHS TIMES: Our Mission Statement says that we will provide “quality teaching and learning in a safe, challenging and engaging learning environment”. We want all students to have maximum access to high level instruction and in order for this to happen we have quarantined our English and Maths blocks so that the students are not interrupted or taken out of the room during these times. The English Block takes place from 9am to 10:45am and the Maths Block takes place from 11:05am to 12:20pm. This occurs from Monday to Friday. All classes will have their assigned teachers in the room at these times along with the Teacher Assistants to help all children. We ask that you respect this time for your children and ensure that all appointments that need to be made in school time are made outside of the English and Maths Block times.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT: Our school will be implementing a new Behaviour Management Program this year called Positive Behaviour Support (PBS). This has been implemented in many schools both in Australia and overseas to set the platform for successful learning for all students. We will be having information sessions next Thursday in conjunction with our Parent Information Sessions and I strongly encourage you to come along and hear how this way of managing behaviour will benefit our school.

PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS: As a way of meeting with your child’s class teacher and to gain wider exposure on the journey for this year, I invite all parents to attend our Information Sessions which will be held next Thursday the 9th of February. The PBS Information and Class Information Sessions will be held at the following times:-

- 5:00 – 6:15 PBS (K & Stage 1)
- 5:15 – 5:45 Kindergarten
- 5:45 – 6:15 Stage 1 (Years 1/2)
- 6:15 – 6:45 Stage 2 (Years 3/4)
- 6:45 – 7:00 PBS (Stage 2/3)
- 7:00 – 7:30 Stage 3 (Years 5/6).

CONGRATULATIONS OLIVER: The whole school community extends congratulations to Oliver Rixon who was named the Junior Sportsperson of the Year at the Kyogle Australia Day Awards last Thursday. This is worthy recognition of Oliver’s commitment to sport and the way in which he participates. Top work Oliver!!!!

TERM CALENDAR: Please find accompanying this newsletter a Term 1 calendar which outlines all the important dates for this term. Please place it in a prominent position and refer to it and add to it as the term progresses.

FAMILY INFORMATION: It is extremely important to keep your information (address, contact phone numbers etc.) up to date with the school. Please email or phone Di in the school office (8.30am-3.30pm) with any changes.

The staff of St Brigid’s would like to congratulate all students for returning to school wearing the correct school uniform. We would like to offer a big thank you to our parents and guardians for supporting our school in this area. The wearing of our school uniform encourages pride and confidence in your child as an individual and identifies them as a member of the St Brigid Primary School community. The way in which the uniform is worn says a great deal about who we are as a community and how we value our school to which we belong. If at any stage you are unsure of the correct uniform please contact the school office, as we are only too happy to assist you in this area. A reminder that all uniform items are available for purchase from our Uniform shop each Monday from 2pm. Please note the new time.

ANDREW HILLS RESIGNATION: During the holiday period, Andrew Hills indicated that he will no longer be available to give private music tuition to his students at St Brigid’s. We thank Andrew for his many years of providing this service in our school. We will not be advertising for a replacement private music tutor.

FACEBOOK PAGES: These pages have been a wonderful resource in communicating information to our school community over the past and we will continue to do so this year as well. Until we have our Parent Information sessions we will continue to use the current pages that are set up. New pages will be set up when class parents are advised from the Information Evening. A reminder that these pages are to be used for the distribution of information – they are not to be used to give opinions on school matters.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS: Please note the Uniform Shop will be open from 2pm—3.10pm on Mondays only. Sale price for the old style Sports Shirts at $10 each. We are still waiting on some sizes for the new sports shirts.

CANTEEN NEWS: Please find enclosed a copy of the Canteen Roster. If your name is not on the list and you would like to volunteer, please arrive on any canteen day by 10am. The more helpers the better. Thanks to Suzie Smith for continuing as our Canteen and Uniform Shop Co-ordinator.

STUDENT BANKING: Included with this newsletter is a Parent Pack which includes information about this year’s program and how to get your child started with school banking. This year our Student Banking is on Wednesdays, so please have your child bring to the office their deposit book by Tuesday at 3pm. There are new prizes this year for students who regularly bank. See the poster in the school foyer. For all enquiries, please contact Fiona Pratt on 0428 211 622. Thanks to Fiona for being the student banking co-ordinator again this year.

Whole School Awards, MJRR and Examen Assembly at 2.50pm on Friday 4th February in Assembly Area.

UNIFORM SHOP
Open MONDAYS
2pm – 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
This week — Eva B.
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SCHOOL CANTEEN
6th February Suzie Smith and Annette Smith.
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 someone or phone Suzie.
THANK YOU

COMMUNITY NEWS
Kyogle Soccer Season 2017
Calling all soccer players young and old our season is about to start
Senior training commences on Tuesday the 31st January at 6pm
Junior training will start on Thursday the 16th March
Players should register online using the “My Football Club” Website
Working bee on Sunday 19th February from 8.00 am to 11.00 am please bring a whipper snipper or brush cutter
Any questions can be directed to kyoglefc@ffnc.net.au or to Glenn Rose on 0418 264 968.

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HALL HIRE
Please contact the Parish office on 66321074 regarding hiring of the hall.

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