#### Important Dates

**JULY**
- **Thursday 28th**
  - 8.45am Bus leaves for Zone Athletics at Riverview Park, Lismore
- **Friday 29th**
  - 9am Book Club orders due;
  - 2.30pm Assembly led by Year 5B
- **Sunday 31st**
  - 9am Parish Family Mass-presentation of Eucharist candidates;
  - Sunday 31st July—Friday 5th August Mercy art works in Hall

**AUGUST**
- **Tuesday 2nd**
  - ICAS English Assessment
- **Wednesday 3rd**
  - 6pm Meeting for parents of Confirmation candidates
- **Sunday 14th**
  - 9am First Eucharist
- **Tuesday 30th**
  - 6pm Confirmation

#### Andrew Chinn Concert & Grandparents Day

Last Friday we were entertained by Australian liturgical singer/song writer Andrew Chinn. It was a very interactive afternoon with so many of our students having the opportunity to perform with Andrew.

Yesterday we celebrated Grandparents Day, honouring these beloved members of our families. We read our cards to them and shared afternoon tea.

#### Make Jesus Real

Do you ever thank your umpire or coaches after you’ve played a game?

Many people in our community give up their own time to help or serve others.
St Brigid’s acknowledges the traditional owners of country throughout Australia and their continuing connection to land, sea and community.
We pay our respect to them and their cultures, and to the elders both past and present.
We commit to actively work for justice and peace.

Message from Mr Hunter

A Prayer for Grandparents

God, our heavenly Father, we ask your blessings on our grandparents.
They are valued links between the past and the present. They are treasured gifts and strong models.
May their wisdom guide us.
May their lived example challenge us.
May their witness to their faith strengthen us.
May they always be surrounded by the love, respect and support of their families.
Lord, bless and empower our grandparents. Keep them in your love.
Give them your joy and peace each day, so that they may forever follow your son Jesus.

Dear Parents and Carers,
What a wonderful expression of love, care and kindness we had at school yesterday as we welcomed so many grandparents and grand friends to our special celebration of Sts Joachim and Ann, the grandparents of Jesus. The children were so excited to welcome their special family members into their classrooms and share with them their learning. I was in Stage 2 and we had a great discussion on the language of measurement now and from the times our grandparents went to school. Language may be different, however the concept remains the same.

There certainly were a couple of inner family secrets disclosed at our liturgy which no doubt brought a smile and a tear from all who were there. Our grandparents are special people in our family and we thank God for the gift of grandparents both past and present.

LITERACY AND NUMERACY BLOCKS: At our school we have our designated times for Literacy and Numeracy. We have put into place two hour Literacy blocks daily to ensure our children cover all aspects of learning in reading and writing. The Literacy Block is the first 2 hours of each day taking us up to the lunch bell at 11am. We are required to put in place 75 minute numeracy blocks daily to ensure students cover all areas and skills associated with mathematics. We teach mathematics in a range of approaches to accommodate for the diversity of student learning styles and abilities. The Numeracy Block commences after lunch from 11:50am. These are the key learning times for our students and this is an area that we want to really respect and value for all learning. Following on from our School Review and Improvement process we highlighted the necessity to make this time sacred and to make them interruption free zones.

To respect these key learning blocks there are some timetabled activities we can change immediately and other areas are going to need further discussion and planning. Therefore, our weekly assembly has been moved to 2:30pm on a Friday.

This will commence from this week with 5B leading our assembly.

Assemblies for the remainder of the Term are:-

Week 6 (26th Aug) – 6T  Week 7 (2nd Sept) - None  Week 8 (9th Sept) – 1/2CI
Week 9 (16th Sept) – Kinder  Week 10 (23rd Sept) – 1/2H

Please note these down in your calendars.

I ask all parents and carers as much as it is possible that when you need to take your child out of the school for special appointments that they are made outside of the Literacy/Numeracy Block times. We all value these key learning times and want to ensure that children’s learning is at the top of all of our decisions.

God bless and have a wonderful week,

Tony
Tony Hunter
Principal
**Community**

**SCHOOL PHOTOS:** If you wish to order a group photo—School Leaders, Sport Leaders, SRC, Mini Vinnies or/and Choir—please call to the office to order and pay for same. Cost is $16 each or 2 for $30. All orders must be received at school by Friday 5th August. To order on-line go to www.theschoolphotographer.com.au and use the access code: S604OVT345.

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- Newsletter
- School Facebook page
- Stage Facebook pages
- Teacher email
- Text messaging for absences

As you can see there are a number of ways to make contact with your child’s teacher or the school. There are also many and varied ways where you can keep abreast of all the happenings at the school and I encourage all families to ‘check in’ regularly to make sure you are aware of all the great things happening at our school.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY to**

Logan R  
Georgia K  
Jessica F

**Catholic Identity**

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Open MONDAYS  
2:30pm—3:15pm (after Canteen)

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SCHOOL CANTEEN
Monday 1st August: Shonel Powell and Leanne Love
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If for any reason you cannot attend on your rostered day, please swap with someone.
THANK YOU

COMMUNITY NEWS
CIRCUS EXPRESS
Circus classes are held at the Kyogle Showground on-
Mondays—
3pm-4pm—Kindergym/circus
4pm-5.30pm—Primary age.
Thursdays—
Teens/Adults—5.30pm-7pm.
Enquires phone Genevieve on 6689 7531

KYOGLE FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES
• Start Together Babies Group
For all families from pregnancy to babies 12months of age.
Tuesday’s 12.30pm-2.30pm at 8 Geneva Street, Kyogle, phone 66321044 or email admin@kyoglefamilysupportservices.org

• 1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching
FREE Parent Course
Learn to manage difficult behaviour in children 2-12 years old with a 3 session parents/carers program at 8 Geneva Street, Kyogle on Thursdays—11th/18th/25th August from 10am to 12.30pm.
To register or for more information contact Kyogle Family Support Services on 6632 1044.

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