Important Dates

May

Thursday 5th
Zone Cross Country;
12noon Stage 3 attending Mass

Friday 6th
10.15am Mother’s Day Liturgy & morning tea;
12noon Mother’s Day stall in library with gifts for sale from $2-$5 each.

Tuesday 10th
6pm Parent School Forum meeting in the school library

Tuesday 24th
6pm First Reconciliation in the Church

Wednesday 25th
School photo day from 9am

Sunday 29th
4pm Parish Family Mass followed by Pizza/Pasta

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Term 2 ends on Friday 1st July

Mother’s Day

We were busy making placemats for our Mother’s Day Liturgy and High Tea which will be this Friday at 10.15am in the hall. We hope to see as many mums and grandmothers as possible.

SHARING YOUR GIFTS & TALENTS

Your gifts and talents are a gift from God.
What you do with them is your gift back to God.
**Message from Mr Hunter**

* Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church.
* Bless these women, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers.
  * Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.
  * Grant that we, their sons and daughters,
  * May honour them always with a spirit of profound respect.
  * Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Dear Parents and Carers,

On the wall of the museum at the Dachau concentration camp is a large and moving photograph of a mother and her little girl standing in a line of people on their way to the gas chamber. The child, who is walking in front of her mother, does not know where she is going. The mother, who walks behind, does know but is helpless to stop the tragedy. In her helplessness, she performs the only act of love left to her. She places her hands over her child’s eyes to lessen the impact of the horror that is to come.

Probably nothing could be more removed from the expectations that a mother would have for her newborn child than the fate of the mother and her girl portrayed in the photograph. However, motherhood has never been a place of perfection where childbirth is the beginning of everyone living happily ever after. This certainly was not the case for Mary after the birth of Jesus. We can only imagine that, initially it must have been very exciting for Mary. The angel Gabriel appears to her and announces that she is to have a son who will be the long awaited Messiah. What a privilege! What an honour! Surely, with the Son of God as her offspring, her life would be joyous, peaceful, secure, successful and totally rewarding. But we all know that that is not the way it played out. The ultimate experience somewhat mirrored the Dachau concentration camp photo: Mary beneath the cross, a witness to the humiliating execution of her Son.

Motherhood, no matter what time in history, has never been an easy vocation though the attempts have been made to make it appear so. In their book, “The Mommy Myth”, Susan Douglas and Meredith Nichols react strongly to the pressures that the media place on mothers:- “From the moment we get up to the moment we collapse into bed at night, the media are out there, calling at us, yelling, ‘Hey you! Yes, you! Are you really raising your children correctly? Are you a sensitive mother? Is your child eating enough? Too Much? Is your child normal? Are you familiar with 15 ways to stress-proof your child? Or boost your child’s brainpower in just 25 minutes? Or better behaviour in just 21 days or overnight discipline makeover? Mothers are subjected to an onslaught of beauty imagery, romantic fantasies, self-righteous preaching, psychological warnings and totally unrealistic advice about how to be the most perfect and revered mother in the whole neighbourhood, even the whole country!”

So what can we do about all that? Well, if we were to regard mothering at its best, to be the creation of an expansive circle of love that meets others where they are and then provides the space that allows them to grow into their fullness, then maybe we could all step in and take a share in the mothering role. Mothering is something we can all do if we view the essence of mothering as loving and caring for others. What a great gift to give our mother: to share the love role she strives to maintain and to provide space for mum to live her own life.

**HAPPY MOTHERS’ DAY TO ALL OUR ST BRIGID’S MUMS AND GRANDMOTHERS!**

Have a terrific week,

Tony

Tony Hunter
Principal

**STAFFING** Yesterday, we welcomed a new staff member, Miss Arminel Nagas, to our team. Arminel is taking on the role as our Indigenous Education Worker and will be at our school from Monday to Thursday. We welcome Arminel to the St Brigid’s School community.
NAPLAN TESTING
Our Year 3 and Year 5 students will be participating in the NAPLAN testing next week. The tests will be administered as follows:

**Tuesday, 10th May**
9.30am: Language Conventions (punctuation, grammar, spelling), Writing

**Wednesday, 11th May**
9.10am: Reading

**Thursday, 12th May**
9.10am: Numeracy

Students will require two HB or 2HB pencils, (not pacers), and eraser and a pencil sharpener. Please ensure that they don’t have a late night but go to bed at normal time. It is also important that they eat breakfast before coming to school. Please make sure that they are NOT LATE for school. Other than that, treat the day as a normal school day.

2016 ICAS
Thank you to the students who have nominated to undertake the following assessments:

- Spelling: 15th June
- English: 2nd August
- Mathematics: 16th August

BISHOP SATTERTHWAITE FUNERAL
Yesterday our 4 School Leaders and myself attended the funeral of the late Bishop Satterthwaite, the 4th Bishop of the Diocese of Lismore. Following the requiem mass, Jessica, Chelbie, Henry and Cooper then joined with students from other schools in our Diocese to form a Guard of Honour as the cortege left the grounds of St Carthage’s Cathedral.

WORK EXPERIENCE
This week we have been fortunate to have Miss Shay-Lee Spargo working in our school as a part of her Work Experience commitments through Kyogle High School. Shay-Lee has been working with staff and students in a variety of classes and we hope that you have benefitted from the experience just as we have benefitted from having you working with us.

MOTHER’S DAY LITURGY and HIGH TEA
We would like to invite all mothers to our special liturgy and morning tea to be held on **Friday, 6th May** commencing at 10:15am. Please arrive by 10.10am.

Mothers will be seated at tables to be served morning tea. On arrival look for your personalised place mat which will be on your youngest child’s class table. We would love to see you attend. This is a special way for our school community to pay tribute and honour all the special ladies in our lives.

PARENT SCHOOL FORUM
The next PSF meeting will be on **Tuesday, 10th May, 6pm** in the library. Team leaders will be notified this week. Currently, we are looking for a team leader for the Fundraising Group. If interested or would like to discuss this further with Mr Hunter, please contact the school.

WAS IT YOU?
There has been a direct deposit into the school bank account for fees on 28/04/2016, with no name or account number given. If you believe it is your payment, please contact Di Welsh, with the amount of the deposit and the bank deposit receipt number.

ZONE CROSS COUNTRY
Tomorrow, **5th May** we will be sending a team to the Zone Cross Country at Hepburn Park, Goonellabah. Cost is $13 per student which MUST be paid before the event.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS—Wednesday 25th May
Read the instructions carefully on the order form. Please contact the office for a family photo order form if required. All orders with payment must be returned by **24th May**.

BOOKCLUB
Due back to the school office by 11am Friday, 6th May.

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 forms are available from the school office at any time.

Second-hand uniforms available for gold coin donation.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to -

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- **Austin C**
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SCHOOL CANTEEN
Monday 9th May: Tara Price.
Please sign in at the office before going to Canteen.
If for any reason you cannot attend on your rostered day, please swap with someone.
THANK YOU

COMMUNITY NEWS
WOODLAWN
OPEN NIGHT
Tonight, 4th May from 6.30pm.
Please contact the college for further information on 66262600.

Kyogle Soccer
Junior games kicked off last weekend.
We still have room for a few more players in our 6s, 8s and Girls 10s teams.
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

Youth Week
Free Lego competition at Kyogle Library on Thursday, 19th May from 4pm-5pm for kids 10-18 years.
To book please phone 66321134.
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6pm: Saturday Vigil Mass
Please note from 21st May the Vigil Mass will be at 5pm.
9am: Sunday Mass
HALL HIRE: Please contact the Parish office on 66321074 to hire the hall.

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