Important Dates

FEBRUARY
9th: Parent Information Sessions
10th: 2.45pm Weekly Awards & MJRR Assembly
13th: 5.30pm Stage 3 Sydney/Canberra parents’ meeting
15th: Zone Swimming Carnival
16th: 9.30am Opening School Mass followed by morning tea
17th: 2.45pm Weekly Awards & MJRR Assembly
21st: 6pm Parent Forum meeting
22nd: 7pm Ordination of Bishop Gregory Homing in Lismore Cathedral
23rd: 12.30pm Stage 2 Prayer Celebration;
5pm Kinder/Year 1 Buddy BBQ;
Zone Winter Sports trials
24th: 2.45pm Weekly Awards & MJRR Assembly
26th: 9am Parish Family Mass

Kindergarten 2017

Kinder students have been very positive about settling in to their new learning environment. Year 5 have been great buddies!
Dear Parents and Carers,

No doubt, everyone is feeling the onset of the very hot weather at the moment. The staff at school always monitor the heat and remind children to keep hydrated throughout the day. Last Thursday we stayed indoors for lunch due to the extreme heat and we will continue to monitor the temperature to determine whether it is too hot to be outside. The children certainly enjoy the comfort in their air conditioned classrooms and library and we are extremely fortunate to have such good air conditioning. There are so many schools that do not have this comfort in their classrooms to enable learning to take place in a very comfortable environment.

Please feel free to pop in to say hello at any time, and know that my door is always open to families. Our parents’ support is valued and appreciated. Join in where you can! Communication is the key. If you have any concerns about school life, it is important to deal with them as soon as possible so that your concern does not become a big problem. You can email me at: ahunter@lism.catholic.edu.au if that is easier. Make an appointment to discuss any issue or concern with myself or our Assistant Principal, Mrs Condon. Always approach the class teacher first if it is a concern relating to a class issue or academic progress. Teachers can often correct relatively quickly what might appear at first to be a big issue. We have a tremendous staff here at St Brigid’s and with a wonderful parent body working with the school we can accomplish much.

Our Parent Forum committees will be meeting in the near future and these meetings are a great way to support your school and to get to know other parents.

Every blessing for the week ahead.

Tony Hunter
Principal

OPENING SCHOOL MASS: Congratulations to our School Captains and House Captains from Year 6 for 2017:-

School Captains: Eva Hardwick, Hannah O’Reilly, Zac Cuneen and Oliver Rixon

Sport House Leaders: Cohilan (Gold) – Chloe Hyde and James Crane
                     Sutton (Red) – Chelsea Copeland and Aiden Hardy
                     Doyle (Blue) – Gabrielle Davis and Archie Clark

All our Year 6 leaders will be inducted at our Opening School Mass to be held next Thursday, 16th February at 9.30am in the Church. We would like to see many parents and family members present at this mass. Following mass all parents and friends are invited to join us for a quick “cuppa” in the Parish Meeting Room which is beside the church.

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING: Please join us tomorrow 9th February, for this important event where your child's teachers will outline key learning goals, expectations and class procedures for 2017. We will also be outlining our new Behaviour Management Program during the evening also. Your attendance at these meetings is a very positive step towards building a strong working relationship with your child’s teacher this year. The PBS Information and Class Information Sessions will be held at the following times:-

5:00 – 5:15 PBS (Kinder & 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 and 3)            7:00 – 7:30 Stage 3 (Years 5/6)

Please do not use these times for a parent/teacher interview about your child. If you need to discuss any matters, then you should organise another time to meet with your child’s teacher. We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible at these gatherings.

SCHOOL PHOTOS: A date to put into the diary is 24th May from 9am when we will be having school photos taken.
**ST BRIGID’S FEAST DAY:** We celebrated this special day on February 1st. Our school is named in honour of St Brigid, because she lived and worked in a rural Irish community, similar to Kyogle, hundreds of years ago. When St Brigid’s School opened in 1914, most of our farmers milked cows and many farming children attended our school. St Brigid came from a dairy farm and was a hard worker. She was compassionate and generous and always looked out for the needs of others. As she grew up, her love for God also grew. St Brigid founded Kildare Monastery and is often depicted holding a church in her hand because of her work in spreading the Gospel and setting up her religious order. She is also the Patroness of Ireland.

**MINI VINNIES:** Interested children from the primary classes had the opportunity to speak with Mrs Condon this week about the role of Mini Vinnies in our school. Many students have signed on and I look forward to their support as we try to work for the needs of others in our school, our local community, within Australia and abroad.

**CHRISTMAS HAMPERS:** A huge thank you from our St. Vincent DePaul centre in Kyogle and our parishioners for your generosity in supplying Christmas hampers for those in need within our community. Our local families were very excited and appreciated these hampers.

**UNIFORM SHOP NEWS:** Please note the following uniform items are not in stock at the moment—
- Girls Blouse—sizes 10 & 12
- Boys Shirt—size 10
- Hat—size M/L
Please be patient as we wait for delivery from our suppliers. Check next week’s Newsletter if they are in stock.

**POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT—PBS**
At St Brigid’s we are Strong in Faith!

This week we have been focusing on our school SERS.

- S– SAFETY
- E– EFFORT
- R– RESPECT
- S– SELF– RESPONSIBILITY

**ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL:** Supervision begins in the morning at 8:30 a.m. Parents are asked not to allow children to arrive at school before then. On the very odd occasion when there is a need to drop off a few minutes early, children must sit and wait in the undercover area. This should not be before 8:15 a.m. Staff arrive at school early in order to prepare for the day and unless a teacher is on morning duty, staff are not required to supervise children until 8:30 a.m. There will be a teacher on duty from 8:30 a.m.

**DROP OFF AND PICK UP ZONES:** A gentle reminder to all parents and carers about the rules with the “No Parking” areas—you can stop in a No Parking zone for a maximum of 2 minutes to drop off or pick up passengers. You must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle at all times. Penalty exceeds $180 + 2 demerit points. I thank all parents who abide by these regulations. For the flow of traffic to be effective we ask that cars entering this zone move to the end, pick up or drop off and then exit this zone. Many thanks for your cooperation with this matter as we ensure that at all times the safety of our students depends on us.

**ATTENDANCE:** All children from six years of age and under the minimum school leaving age of 17 years are legally required to attend school. Children are expected to attend all school activities, on time. Regular attendance helps your child develop the skills needed to access the world of work and other opportunities helps your child to learn the importance of punctuality and routine ensures your child can make and keep friendships.

Holidays taken by students outside of school vacation periods will now be included as absences. Leave of 10 or more consecutive school days will require the completion of an Application for Leave Form. Parents and carers will need to contact Mr Hunter for this form. Failure to do this will result in your child(ren) being marked as an “Unapproved Attendance”. A small number of absences may be accepted. For example—
- if your child has to go to a special religious ceremony;
- is required to attend to a serious and/or urgent family situation (e.g. a funeral);
- is too sick to go to school or has an infectious illness;
- is participating in a non-school special event.

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**BUDDIES BBQ:** Kindergarten, Year 1, 5 and 6 families are invited to an afternoon of fun at our Buddies BBQ on the 23rd February. This is a great opportunity to meet new people and catch up with old friends. A note for catering purposes along with details will be sent home soon.

**Fr. ERICK:** Fr. Erick is recovering well and making very good progress. He was able to walk 5km yesterday. Fr. Erick thanks us for our prayers and concern during this time.
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School Canteen
13th Feb: Suzie Smith & Emma Rixon.
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

Kyogle Soccer Season
Junior training will start on 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.

Supported Parenting Playgroup
FREE every Friday from 9am-12noon at the Cawongla Playhouse, 5325 Kyogle Road, Cawongla NSW 2474.
Providing a structured & positive learning environment in which children can socialise, play & learn. It is a great way for parents to meet & share their experiences as well as gain family support with trained childhood & family workers. A nutritious morning tea is provided for the children.
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