Important Dates

May

Thursday 12th
9:15am-10:20am NAPLAN Numeracy;
12noon Mass—Stage 1;
6pm-6.45pm First Reconciliation parents meeting in the library.

Friday 13th
10.30am Whole School Pentecost Liturgy in the church;
NAPLAN catch up day.

Friday 20th
School photo orders need to be by TODAY

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

Friday 1st July
Last day of Term 2

Mother’s Day

Thanks to everyone who supported the Mother’s Day stall last week. We sold $590.30 worth of gifts.

The key to your happiness

Life can give you hundreds of worries and problems
BUT always remember that God will give you thousands of reasons to be happy.
Message from Mr Hunter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Community is central to St Brigid’s, to Catholic schools in general and to Catholicism. In his ministry, Jesus developed a close community of disciples and this sense of community flowed into the early Christian church. These early groups of Christians were referred to as Christian Communities. Jesus said, ‘where two or three are gathered in my name, I am with them” (Matt 18:20).

The notion of a Catholic school community has its roots in the teaching of social justice, particularly in the principles of the Common Good and Solidarity. These principles are clearly and simply articulated in the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference paper, Common Wealth for the Common Good (1992) and essentially tell us that, for the health of any society or community “its members must work together for the common good” and share their resources, influence and abilities for the benefit of all towards a more just society.

St Brigid’s has operated the model of Parish School Forum, as is the practice in Catholic schools of the Lismore Diocese, for many years. At times the Forum team has overseen far more Parent Teams than recommended. Times have changed and parents are busier and less able to give the time they once did, however we are still able to maintain 10 Parent Teams to make up the Forum. Many of you find a way to make a contribution and I know that you do it to be involved in your child’s schooling and to teach your children the importance of being an active community member. There are also great rewards in the work itself.

Research has shown that parental engagement in their child’s school has a positive impact on many indicators of student achievement, including:

- enrolment in higher level programs and advanced classes,
- a greater likelihood of commencing postsecondary education,
- more regular school attendance,
- better social skills,
- improved behaviour,
- better adaptation to school,
- greater engagement in school work
- a stronger belief in the importance of education
- visible witness to students that school and home are working together.

Last night the Forum Team discussed the committees that are currently active in the school and the many ways that parents get involved at St Brigid’s in amongst busy, dynamic lives. Congratulations to the new look Executive of our School Forum who were elected last night:

- **Chairperson** – Cassie Pickering; **Secretary** – Emma Rixon; **Treasurer** – Fiona Pratt.

Our current Forum Teams and their leaders are as follows:-

- **Yearbook** – Cassie Pickering; **Community** – vacant (nominations welcome); **Grounds** – Kerrie Moore;
- **Library** – Fiona Pratt; **Canteen/Uniform** – Mandy Boocock;
- **Parent Assembly/Class Parents** – Leanne Copeland; **IT/Publicity** – Leanne Love; **Sport** – Annette Smith;
- **Reading** – Emma Rixon; **Fundraising** – vacant (nominations welcome).

All Team Leaders are in need of assistance and support in order to fulfil their roles as respective leaders. If you would like to become a team member of one or more of the teams then I urge you to please contact the Leaders to offer your help. In order for our community to thrive it is essential that we all contribute. Any time or resources you are able to provide are greatly appreciated; they help our children and enrich our community.

We are currently looking for a person or even better a group of people to head up the Fundraising Team. Our school depends greatly on extra funds raised to be able to purchase resources and equipment that will help our students learning. Please come and have a talk with me about leading the Fundraising Team and Fun Fair, our school students certainly need this team in operation. All levels of involvement and skill will be gratefully appreciated; this is not a professional event, rather it is an expression and celebration of our community and the school’s mission and values.

If you put your name forward and have not heard from a coordinator as yet please let me know and I will get you connected. Thanks to all of you who nominated and to all who are helping to build community at St Brigid’s by reaching out to others. The next meeting of our Parish School Forum will be on **Tuesday 31st of May** commencing at 6pm in the Library.

Cheers and have a wonderful week,
Tony Hunter—PRINCIPAL
PEER to PEER: Recently, some teaching staff members attended a professional workshop on developing best practice within the classroom. The aim of Peer to Peer is to develop a strong working relationship whereby teachers can nominate an area in which they would like to strengthen, teach with this focus in mind and seek quality feedback from a trained teacher within our school who has sat in on the lesson. This approach develops strong professional growth and promotes improvement in student outcomes.

RECLUSIVE EDUCATION: Year 3 students are currently studying their unit on Reconciliation. This is part of the Religious Education curriculum which all children participate in whilst at a Catholic school. On Tuesday evening, 24th May, at 6pm, the Catholic students will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. All Year 3 students, along with other members of St Brigid’s School are welcome to attend this celebration.

MOTHER’S DAY LITURGY and MORNING TEA: What a fantastic morning. It was a wonderful celebration enjoyed by all. As the love of mothers filled the hall, the excitement started to build and our school community was full of smiles, laughter and love. The liturgy was a special occasion with some beautiful reflections and prayers for all our mums and mother figures. Many thanks to Mrs Jansen and staff for everything they did in putting our wonderful celebration together.

MOTHER’S DAY STALL: A very big thankyou to Mrs Barsby and the team of helpers, for organising such a wonderful Mother’s Day stall. It is amazing how quickly the gifts sold out. I hope all mums enjoyed their gifts on Mother’s Day.

INSIGHT SRC SURVEY RESULTS: This week we received the data back from our Insight SRC surveys that were conducted earlier this year. All staff, the students from Year 5 and 6 and a random selection of parents completed the survey. If you were one of the parents who completed this survey can I thank you for taking the time to do so. We had a greater response rate than last year and this is extremely positive. The results of the surveys showed improvement on last year’s results which is excellent. This affirms the work of all within our school community as we work together to ensure our students are provided with quality opportunities for their learning. There are obvious areas that we need to develop further and this gives further proof and direction when formulating our Strategic Management Plan which all staff are currently developing.

I will share the results of our surveys at our next Parent Forum meeting at the end of the month.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY
We would like to invite you to ‘Christmas in July’, a Parish School event to be held on Saturday 23rd July in the hall, following 5pm Mass. Please gather up some friends and come along. Cost - $15 per head. Dress - Wear Christmas colours. Enjoy Christmas carols and lucky prizes. BYO drinks.

NEW PARISH MASS TIME: As of 21st May, the Saturday Vigil Mass will change to 5pm during the cooler months.

MenALIVE 2016: This is a National Catholic Ministry annual gathering of men across Australia and New Zealand who seek to be encouraged by one another in their faith journey as real men of God. Since its beginnings in 2003, MenALIVE has run more than 300 events in dioceses throughout the two countries for more than 15,000 men. This year’s gathering will be held in Brisbane from 15th-17th July at St Leo’s Catholic college at the University of Queensland. For further information please do not hesitate to see Peter Kelly at the Parish Office or myself here at school. Let’s pray that we can have a representation from Kyogle at this event.

MINI VINNIES
Our student team will meet this Thursday, 12th May, between 11-11.30am, to discuss ways we can be active in our school community and beyond to assist those in need. Information will also be presented on the Winter Appeal.

SCHOOL CHOIR—Aged Care Visit
The school choir will be visiting the Aged Care Unit at the hospital tomorrow (Thursday 12th) to entertain the residents. Please ensure that your child has a hat and their drink bottle.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Kennelly family—Taryn & Marc, Hannah, Georgia in Year 1/2H, Lachie in Year 3/4P on the birth of their baby daughter & sister, Emily Joyce. We ask for God’s blessing for Emily and her family.

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 20th May.

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NO ASSEMBLY THIS FRIDAY.
WHOLE SCHOOL PENTECOST LITURGY IN THE CHURCH AT 10:30AM

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to -
Maggie P
Chelbie P
Abigail S
Jai O
Sam M

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SCHOOL CANTEEN
16th 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 days with someone on the roster.

THANK YOU

COMMUNITY NEWS
National Youth Week
Manga art themed “Pizza & Pages” event
Celebrating @ Kyogle Library on Wednesday, 25th May from 4pm-5pm for children from 10-18 years.
FREE pizza. Contact the library to book on 66321134.
Bring along your Manga or other artwork, show ‘n share your ideas & get cool drawing tips from others.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FAMILIES: The United Nations recognises 15th May as the International Day of Families. On this day we celebrate the family unit and the enormous potential within these small community groups to contribute to society and their potential to shape and develop the future.
“On this International Day of Families, let us strive to strengthen these small but critical units found in every society so that we may advance as one human family toward greater progress”. Ban Ki-moon

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