Important Dates

**OCTOBER**
*Thursday 27th: 9.30am-11am*
Kinder Orientation;
1.30pm Stage 1 Prayer Celebration in the classroom followed by a cuppa. All welcome.
*Sunday 30th: 9am Parish Family Mass. Please bring a plate for morning tea.*
*Monday 31st: 12noon-1.30pm*
Kinder Orientation

**NOVEMBER**
*Wednesday 2nd: 1.30pm Stage 3 Prayer Celebration in the hall. All welcome.*
*Monday 7th — Wednesday 9th: Year 4 & 5 Camp*

**DECEMBER**
*Friday 2nd: Forum Street Stall*
**Monday 12th: Yr 6 Graduation**
*Tuesday 13th: End of Year Mass*
*Wednesday 14th: Christmas Concert & Forum BBQ,*
*Thursday 15th: Swimming Carnival*

Painting poetry: Interpreting a poem using visual representation encourages students to think critically about the poem’s meaning and the tools that the poet uses to convey that meaning. Year 5 have enjoyed analysing *My Country* by Dorothea Mackellar.

**Make Jesus Real**

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BELIEVE ACHIEVE SUCCEED
Dear Parents and Carers,

This Friday is the day traditionally set aside as World Teachers’ Day but here at St Brigid’s, I would like to acknowledge it as World Staff Day to include all the wonderful people on staff. You only have to look at our grounds to see what a great job our groundsman, Denis does, and we know how Mrs Welsh goes out of her way to accommodate every wish asked of her. All of our Teacher Assistants are extraordinary in the way they work with our students to cater for their needs.

Every day, teachers are making a difference educating and inspiring young people across our country. This Friday is an opportunity to acknowledge them and say thanks for the significant contributions they make in our classrooms and communities.

The old adage of “Go to work at 9 and home by 3 with ten weeks holiday a year” is so untrue and outdated. Just ask the spouse/partner of any teacher!!!! Most teachers would work a ten hour day at least, whether it be at school or home, and much of the holiday periods are spent on preparation for the coming year/term, or planning or reports.

To do this with passion and enthusiasm requires something called a “vocation” where teaching is regarded as special work dealing with the young minds of our future—it is not just a job. Although we have lost Robin Williams, that phrase from the movie “Dead Poets’ Society” will never die: “Oh Captain, my captain” will forever echo in the minds of educators around the world. Some of us have memories of teachers that make us shudder! Most of us however, had one or two guiding lights, piercing through the maelstrom of character-forming primary years.

For me, it was Mrs Robinson, my Year 3 teacher, who made every lesson interesting and enjoyable and exciting. I will never forget her, as she lead me through the delights of reading or the excitement of solving a problem in maths. No day was ever boring as she varied the timetable. On hot days, we did more hands on work, on rainy days it was reading or art work. She told us about her life in a way to entice us to share our life with hers. Everyone was treated with dignity and respect. She never yelled. She was truly an inspirational teacher.

In classrooms across Australia, there are students who feel the way I did. They are sitting at their desks, on task, because their leader is inspiring them. They know what they are talking about, and they inspire the students to co-operate because they are well liked, and above all else, they have an interest in their students’ success. John Hattie, director of Melbourne Educational Research Institute at the University of Melbourne, recently stated on an ABC documentary that the single biggest determinant of student success is not the size of the class, or the student’s postcode. What really matters is the interaction with teachers.

Our staff here at St Brigid’s have a fantastic working relationship with each other, sharing the load and adding their talents and skills to the collective total of those available to our students. The staff, without exception, embrace new programs and processes, adventures and new ideas. They are a real TEAM in action. The staff frequently offer the comment of how lucky we are to have the students we have, who on the whole, are a delight to work with.

So, this Friday, it would be lovely for you to send a flower out of the garden, or a note to the inspirational teacher of your child or have your child do a special certificate or make a card. Our staff are a wonderful group of people and we are so fortunate to have such a team in our school.

CONGRATULATIONS: It is with great pleasure that on behalf of Fr Erick, I announce that Mrs. Condon has been appointed as Assistant Principal and Mrs Walters has been appointed as our Leader of Pedagogy from 2017. This is great recognition of Mrs Condon’s and Mrs. Walters’ skills as educational leaders in our Catholic education system. Please join me in congratulating Jan and Vanessa on their appointments.

God bless and have a wonderful week,

Tony

Tony Hunter
Principal
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Thank you

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Contact Butch Rogers 66321603 a/h to RSVP.
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New members most welcome.
For more information phone Annette Smith on 0412116820 or Email the club on kascsecgmail.com.

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All enquiries phone 1300881971 or email parentcarer@autismspectrum.org.au

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