Important Dates

**AUGUST**

- **Friday 19th**
  - 2.30pm Assembly led by Year 3/4M

- **Monday 22nd**
  - 10am Bus departs for Stage 3 NORPA show in Lismore

- **Tuesday 23rd**
  - 1.30pm Stage 1 Liturgy in classroom. Parents are most welcome.

- **Thursday 25th**
  - 12noon Mass — Years 5 & 6

- **Friday 26th**
  - Book Week visitor, Kim Tofts; see timetable over the page;
  - 2.30pm Assembly lead by Year 6T

- **Tuesday 30th**
  - 6pm Confirmation

**SEPTEMBER**

- **Friday 2nd**
  - From 7am Father’s Day Breakfast;
  - 9am Liturgy in the hall;
  - Father’s Day Stall

First Eucharist—14th August 2016


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What does receiving the First Eucharist mean to the students? Let’s ask them...

“**It means getting closer to God**” - Eva M.

“**Jesus is now always in my body and in my heart**” - Paige.

“**It is special to have Jesus a part of me**” - Lachlan.

“**Getting more faith and more into God and Jesus**” - Kobe.

“**Getting closer to Jesus**” - Kara.
Message from Mr Hunter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Parents and staff are both vital and critical to the wellbeing and development of our children and we must always work together to make the most of children’s learning and to nurture their talents. This is especially refreshing given that the workload of school staff is often criticised by the media and perceptions of a ‘9 to 3’ day are still present. In comparison, our staff spend the ‘9 to 3’ part of the day with the children, facilitating their learning. Countless hours aside from this time are then spent each day assessing the student’s work, planning lessons, preparing resources, meeting with support teachers to discuss children’s needs, professional development to continually improve the quality of their teaching, regular meetings with parents to discuss children’s progress, staff meetings, staff briefing meetings, presenting parent evenings, Parent/Teacher meetings, organising excursion opportunities, carnivals and much, much more while, at the same time, juggling their own family lives and finding time for reflection and self-renewal.

My appreciation and thanks go to you, as parents, for your valuable role as the primary educators of your child and to the staff, a dedicated team of professionals who give so generously of their self, skills and time. Improving the learning outcomes for all children at St Brigid’s is our core business. The children are our first priority. This is a great Catholic school and over the past 102 years, has helped produce not just well educated young adults, but compassionate people who, because of their faith, confidently embrace a future with hope and joy. I hope that you are as proud to be a part of this community as I am.

THANK YOU: I extend a sincere vote of thanks to the support that I have received from the school community following my appointment to the full time position of principal of St Brigid’s commencing next year. I was overwhelmed and blown away by the personal messages, texts, emails and well wishes by so many staff, parents, students and parishioners. As I said to the interview panel, this is a great community and everyone wants to do their best to ensure that the students receive every opportunity to enhance their learning. This was evident in our recent School Review and Improvement process and I wanted to continue to work with all key stakeholders to make our wonderful school even better.

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CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES: Please pray for the children in our school and parish who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. It is an exciting and challenging time for families to participate actively with their children on this journey of faith; to foster their growing sense of God and to ensure their initiation, begun in Baptism is continued through Confirmation. For our school and parish it is a joy to support these children and families through prayer. The children will be confirmed by Bishop Geoffrey Jarrett on Tuesday 30th August at 6pm in Our Lady of Sorrows Church.

NAPLAN RESULTS: Today all children in Years 3 and 5 were given their NAPLAN results to take home. Our school staff will be analysing these results to highlight the positive gains and to also work on areas that need further development.

BOOK WEEK: As a part of our Book Week celebration for this year, we will be hosting Kim Toft, author and illustrator. Kim has been to our school previously and it is great to welcome her back. Kim is the author and illustrator of several books that introduce children to the wonders of the fragile ocean ecosystem. She has won many national and international awards for her books, which have given so much delight to so many people of all ages. Kim will be conducting three sessions for the students. Parents and friends are most welcome to come along and hear and see Kim in action. Times are as follows:- 9am to 10am – Stage 2, 10am to 11am – Stage 3 and 12noon to 1pm – Stage 1/ES1.

Please note we will not have a Book Fair or Book Week dress-up this year.

God bless and have a wonderful week,

Tony

Tony Hunter
Principal
HELP NEEDED PLEASE: This semester, the teachers will be studying an online Mathematics module on Place Value. There are resources which need to be made so the teachers can use these in the classroom as part of their study. If you have an hour to spare on Friday 19\textsuperscript{th} August to help make these resources, it would be greatly appreciated. We will meet in the library at 9am, share a cup of tea and have a chat! Thank you for your support!

BUG BOOKS: There are a large number of Bug Books missing from school. Please check at home for these and return to school as soon as possible—\textbf{no questions asked}!

YEAR 6 RE TEST: The raw data has been gathered by the CSO and sent to schools in the diocese. This year there has been an improvement in the results with students in Year 6 achieving 6 Distinctions and 9 Credits. Certificates have not yet arrived at the school. Congratulations Year 6.

NORPA PERFORMANCE: As part of the Year 5 and Year 6 English unit this term, the students will be travelling by bus to Lismore on Monday 22\textsuperscript{nd} August to participate in an interactive performance by NORPA actors on the theme - 'Journey to an unnamed World'. The students have been preparing for this event by studying the author Shaun Tan. Feedback to follow in next weeks newsletter.

GALA DAY NETBALL: The team enjoyed the day in Lismore last Friday. A big THANK YOU to the parents who provided transport to and from the venue. Sportsmanship was on show during games. Well done to all.

EXCURSIONS—Years 4/5 and 6: This is a reminder that these excursions must be paid in full by the end of this term, Friday, 23rd September. Please contact Di Welsh if you are unsure of the outstanding amount on your child/children’s excursion.

Catholic Identity

FIRST EUCHARIST: First Eucharist photos taken by Jim Hogan are available. If you send in a USB the photos can be downloaded for you. THANKS to Jim for being our photographer last Sunday.

PARISH SCHOOL MASS AND WORLD YOUTH DAY: On Sunday 28\textsuperscript{th} August, Laura Hughes and Brendan Tickle will speak to the parish congregation about their World Youth Day experiences at the end of the 9am Mass. The Confirmation candidates will also be presented at this Mass. Everyone welcome.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS YOUTH MINISTRY AUST: Many thanks to the students from St Mary’s College Casino who were our invited leaders at our Pre-Eucharist Reflection Day last week. They were positive faith role models, and engaged the Year 3 students in learning through small group work, games, presentations, prayer, creative responses and liturgy. Congratulations to four of our Year 6 students who also joined us to develop leadership skills for future Reflection Days.

FATHER’S DAY BREAKFAST: All families are invited to bring dad into school on Friday 2\textsuperscript{nd} September for a special "Father’s Day Breakfast". There will be freshly cooked egg and bacon rolls and sausage sandwiches for all the family as we pay tribute to the dads and special men of our school community. The breakfast will be available from 7am on the day and in order to plan for the morning, I ask that all families indicate on the sheet attached to the newsletter what time approximately that they will be there and how many attending. There will be no cost for the breakfast, just come along and enjoy each other’s company. The Father’s Day Liturgy will be in the hall at 9am. Don’t forget the Father’s Day stall with gifts from $2-$5

FOOTY COLOURS DAY: As a part of our “Father’s Day” celebrations on Friday 2\textsuperscript{nd} September all are invited to come to school dressed in their favourite team/sporting colours. All are asked to pay $2 which will be collected by our Mini Vinnies team and given to the Kyogle branch of St Vincent De Paul.
**SCHOOL CANTEEN**

Monday 22nd August: **Suzie Smith & Tara Price**

Please sign in at the office before going to Canteen.

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**KYOGLE FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES**

**Start Together Babies Group**

For all families from pregnancy to babies 12 months 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

A three-session program for parents and carers

at Kyogle Family Support Services Inc.

8 Geneva St, Kyogle (Grove House) on Thursday 11th, 18th & 25th August 2016 at 10.00am - 12.30pm.

To register or for more information contact Kyogle Family Support Services on 6632 1044.

**Fun with Food for Fussy Eaters**

(0-5 year old children)

Wednesday 17th August 10am - 2.30pm with registration at 9.45am at Kyogle Family Support. Tea, coffee & lunch provided. RSVP by Monday 15th August by phone 6620 6600 or email: lia.masman@northcott.com.au

Hurry—places are limited!

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