TERM 2 Week 6

1st June 2016

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

In recent years, educational research has focused on the importance of engagement and high expectations in learning. Teaching and learning is not just about the content (the what) but more importantly about the processes (how we teach and learn). In 1/2C1 we strive to engage students and develop in them a life-long love of learning. We use various strategies to encourage engagement eg. stretch breaks between lessons, movement for sharing, various learning buddies, no hands up rule (all students need to be ready to contribute) timers to keep on track and complete tasks, name sticks to respond, thumbs up/down signals and traffic lights to encourage students to take responsibility for their own learning.

“If we teach today as we taught yesterday, we will rob students of tomorrow”.

(John Dewey)

Make Jesus Real

Our focus is learning! We expect every student to have a BIG go! We are responsible for our own learning and we must actively contribute to the learning space!

Learning = Thinking = New knowledge & skills.

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NEWS FROM 1/2CI

COMMUNITY NEWS

CAMP QUALITY CHARITY BOWLS DAY
Sunday 5th June
At Kyogle Bowling Club with all proceeds going to Camp Quality & Our House. $10 entry fee—includes eats after the game. Multi dress, Non bowlers welcome. Bowls supplied, Raffles, Fun Games—corner to corner. Names in by 9am, play at 10am. Phone 6632 1108.

KYOGLE AUTISM SUPPORT GROUP
Next meeting 17th June 10.30am to 12.30pm at the Kyogle Library. Morning tea supplied in a relaxed and welcoming environment.
This group is for any person who is caring for a child or adult on the Autism Spectrum.
Resources available on the day to borrow.

ANDREW ROGAN FENCING
For all your fencing needs.
Phone: 0427 115 003

ANDREW HILLS
Music Tutor
From Beginners to Advanced
Phone 6633 7280
Or Email andrewhills@y7mail.com
Lessons are held during school time every Tuesday
Individual lessons: $21 per lesson
Group of two: $16 per lesson
Group of three: $13 per lesson

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Excavator - Bobcat - Roller
Tipper Trucks & Dogs
House & Shed Sites, Drainage, Septic & Pit Foundations, Drive-ways, Trenches & Rubbish Removal
**PHONE: 6632 1600
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For all your counselling needs.
Phone 6632 1499

STUART BROS BUTCHERS
Quality Meats
All Smallgoods made in-store
Proprietor—Brett Stuart
Phone 6632 1020

McKID MEDICAL
Private General Practice
199 Summerland Way
KYOGLE 2474
Phone 6632 1253
Providing your family with personalised, professional quality health care

HALL HIRE
Please contact the Parish office on 66321074 regarding hiring of the hall.

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, BYO drinks.
Enjoy Christmas carols and lucky prizes.

SCHOOL CANTEEN
Monday 6th June: Raeanne Leanne Love
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
Dear Parents and Carers,

National Reconciliation Week
‘Our History, Our Story, Our Future’

As Australians, we are all here, woven into this country. As part of our reconciliation journey, there are truths to tell, stories to celebrate, and relationships to grow. Reconciliation is at the heart of our nation’s future.

It is impossible to turn one’s attention to celebrating and committing to national reconciliation without first turning our hearts to personal reconciliation and reconciliation with those around us. The long and difficult journey faced by our indigenous brothers and sisters is a constant reminder to the call to be at peace within ourselves and to bring peace into our relationships and our daily interactions. Education at St Brigid’s is first and foremost education in the peace, justice, compassion and love of Jesus. For Catholics, indeed for Christians, nothing comes before this.

A large part of learning about, and working towards reconciliation is learning about and respecting Australia’s First Peoples, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. We all need to be confident and recognise the value of speaking up and supporting others and through the promotion of justice we can bring this about.

Justice is being fair in everything you do. It means that everyone gets their fair share and that you stand up for your rights and the rights of others.

Signs of success:
· Finding out the truth for yourself, avoiding gossip and rumours.
· Owning up to your mistakes and accepting the consequences.
· Playing, speaking and sharing fairly.
· Standing up for what’s right for yourself and others.

In your family discussions this week perhaps you can reinforce this value and in particular help to strengthen the link between national reconciliation and personal/interpersonal reconciliation and the value of speaking up and supporting others.

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**Year 6 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEST** This year all students in Year 6 will be sitting in Year 6 Test on Wednesday 15th June. They will require a 2B lead pencil. The questions are drawn from the units of work they have studied during their Primary education. Some general knowledge questions may also be asked.

**HISTORY** This year for the first time, you will notice the inclusion of History on the primary school report. History is part of HIEE and has been the focus of study in all classes this semester.

In Year 6, students undertake historical inquiry and develop historical concepts eg Continuity and Change, Cause and Effect, Perspectives, Empathetic Understanding, Significance and Contestability.

Students also develop historical skills eg Comprehension: chronology, terms and concepts; Analysis and use of sources; Perspectives and interpretations; Empathetic understanding.

Research: Explanation and communication.

Next semester we will study Geography in our HIEE timetable and teachers will be in-serviced on this new curriculum document on the first day of Term 3 (pupil free day for students).

**ONE 21st CENTURY SKILL**: At a recent conference hosted by the Catholic Schools Office, we were reminded of the theory of needing only one skill in the 21st century to be successful. “We need to produce people who know how to act when they are faced with situations for which they were not specifically prepared.” (Papert, 1998)

The conference was about teacher quality and embedding formative assessment within professional learning communities and was led by internationally renowned educational theorist and researcher, Dr. Dylan Wiliam. He presented us with many challenges about the way we present learning and how we prepare our students for an unknown world.

He presented us with the fact that the skills we learn while at school will be no longer applicable by the time we get to the workplace as they will be obsolete, except for one skill. The one really competitive skill is the skill of being able to act. It is the skill of being able not to give the right answer to questions about what you were taught in school but to make the right response to situations that are outside the scope of what you were taught in school. This presents schools with quite a challenge as it means what has been happening in schools for decades.

Our learning program at St Brigid’s encapsulates this new way of life looking at learning where we are leading our students towards being life-long learners. Our innovative approach will enable our students to be successful well into the future as they continue to develop their love of learning and look for new ways to solve problems and respond to situations outside of their normal experience.

**PARENT FAMILY MASS**

We would like to thank the families and staff who attended the Parish Family Mass last Sunday afternoon. It was a beautiful celebration and we were able to sing songs/hymns that we have been practising at school. We appreciate the work that many do to organise this event. Well done.

**MINI VINNIES**

Our Mini Vinnies team is currently working on organising an event for the Winter Appeal. More news soon.

**2017 KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS**

We are now taking enrolments for the 2017 Kindergarten class. If you have a child ready for school or know of someone who has, please ensure that you pick up an enrolment pack from the front office. A major part of our enrolment process is the hosting of “Blue Day” which will take place on Wednesday June 22. More information will follow in upcoming newsletters.

An Information Evening for prospective parents of Kindergarten students will be held on Monday 26th June commencing at 6:30pm in the Kindergarten Room.

**PARENT LIBRARY**

We have a range of books on the topic of Parenting available from our library. Parents and carers are more than welcome to come in and browse our books and borrow. Borrowed items must be signed out, and signed in when returned.

We have a number of Parent Library Books still out on loan, including the “1-2-3-Magic” cd’s. Please return these to Jean in the library as soon as possible.

**BOXES**

The Year 1/2 classes are needing boxes to complete a History task next week. If you have some (eg cereal, muesli bar boxes or any size) please drop them off to the classroom or send in with your child. Many thanks.

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**FREE HEALTHY LIFESTYLE PROGRAM for kids 6.5 to 13 years**

Enrol now for Term 5 casino