IMPORTANT DATES

NOVEMBER
Thursday 24th
12noon  Mass—Stage 3;
1.30pm-3pm  2017 Kinder last Transition Day

Friday 25th
9am-3pm  St Mary’s College Transition Day for Yr 6 students;
Kinder - Yr 6 Swimming for Sport

Wednesday 30th
1.15pm  Whole School Advent Liturgy

DECEMBER
Friday 2nd  Forum Street Stall
Tuesday 6th  Being a SMCC student for a day (Year 5)
Monday 12th
6pm  Year 6 Graduation

Tuesday 13th  9.30am
End of Year Mass

Wednesday 14th
Christmas Concert & Forum BBQ

Thursday 15th
Swimming Carnival

Friday 16th  Last day for students

BELIEVE ACHIEVE SUCCEED

Fairy Mount Festival 2016
The ‘Blue School’
Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Friends,

Mercy is a spring that will never run dry, no matter how many people draw from it. Every time someone is in need, he or she can approach it, because the mercy of God never ends (Pope Francis)

Last weekend was the Feast of Christ the King and with it came the closure of the liturgical year. This also means that the Jubilee Year of Mercy has come to an end. So many of Australia’s Catholic school communities took up the challenge to find new ways of opening doors for students, parents, staff and the broader community throughout the Year of Mercy. We enjoyed special assemblies, Masses and liturgies. We made sure that our doors were open to all those in need. We were able to spot and think about how we address the needs of some communities that are not as fortunate as us. All our actions provided us with a reminder of Pope Francis’ words – “A little bit of mercy makes the world less cold and more just.”

I would like to thank Mrs Condon and Mrs Jansen who were the driving force behind the St Brigid’s efforts and who came up with the many creative ideas to keep this theme going for the year. Thank you also to the staff who were instrumental in teaching the principles of mercy to our students. And thank you to our students, who reached out to others with real acts of kindness and mercy. With the end of the Church year, we now move into the season of Advent this weekend, a season of waiting and anticipation. Shopping centres are decorated with an array of bright lights, cheery Christmas music, and the tension of finding a carpark and invariably overtired, distressed children and parents. The finding of Santa can bring a smile or a tear to a little person. However the church offers a different sense of preparation and anticipation. Our liturgies are focused on Christ being born for all mankind.

The invitation to continue acts of mercy and compassion are still before us, even though the Year of Mercy has drawn to a close. We have focused on the importance of giving, in the lead up to Christmas with the St Vincent de Paul collection which we will hand over at the end of the year. I hope all our families experience joy, life and peace as we await the coming of the baby Jesus at Christmas.

Condolences: Our prayers and thoughts are with Mrs Jansen and her family on the recent passing of Mrs Jansen’s mum, Monica Marsh last weekend. Her funeral will be held at Our Lady of Sorrows Church this Friday commencing at 11am. Some staff members will be attending along with our student leaders as representatives of our school community. All staff and students will form a Guard of Honour as the cortege leaves the church for the cemetery.

Fairymount Festival Parade: It was a terrific turn out of staff and students on Saturday as we took part in the Fairymount Festival. The float was a sea of blue and to be honest was the pick of the floats in the parade and I am not being biased, just being honest. A huge vote of thanks is extended to Mrs Burrows and Mrs Jansen who took on the role of our Fairymount Festival Co-ordinators for our school and they have done a wonderful job in ensuring that our school was well and truly visible and audible in the parade. We are very grateful to Bordin Bros for the loan of the truck and for throwing in Hayden Lyons as our driver. Thanks also to Peter Clarke for lending us the hay and to Peter Fowler who delivered and returned the hay bales.

Staffing for 2017: I will be in a position to announce in next week’s newsletter the class groups and staffing appointments for 2017.

Year 5 Leadership Speeches: Our current group of Year 5 students are busy preparing their Leadership Speeches which will be delivered on Thursday, December 8, commencing at 2:15pm. All are invited to come, listen and support our young leaders.

Year 6 Graduation and Dinner: This year’s students in Year 6 are a wonderful group and it will indeed be sad to see them leave St Brigid’s. Their Graduation Liturgy will be held at Our Lady of Sorrows Church at 6pm on Monday 12th December. This promises to be a very special occasion. This will be followed by dinner at the Parish Hall where families, students and staff can relax and celebrate the end of an era for these children.

God bless and have a wonderful week,

Tony

Tony Hunter
Principal
Friday Assembly has been postponed. 3/4M will lead assembly on Friday, 2nd December, 11.50am. All Welcome.

Happy Birthday to: James T. Oliver M. Lachlan B. Daniel R. Henry M.

Catholic Identity

Advent: This Sunday marks the beginning of Advent, a time of preparation for Christmas and the birth of Christ. During this time we will use the symbol of the Advent Wreath, and light the candles as we count down to Christmas. You are welcome to join us in the hall for an Advent Liturgy on Wednesday, 30th November at 1.15pm.

Stage 2 Mercy Works: The Stage 2 students have happily designed Christmas cards and donated them to the St Vincent De Paul Shop. From here they will be given out to families and individuals to foster love and concern during the Christmas season.

St Vincent De Paul Hampers: This week we are encouraging classes to fill their Christmas boxes with cans. Thank you for your generosity. Please bring in bottles next week.

Community

Polding Cricket: The fundraising raffle for Cooper Mulcahy was won by Sam Walters. Thanks to everyone who supported the fundraiser for Cooper. We wish him all the best this week.

Catering for Christmas Pageant: A note regarding catering for the BBQ at the Christmas Pageant will be sent home tomorrow.

Library News: The school library will be closed for borrowing from Friday, 2nd December for stocktaking. All library books and home readers MUST be returned by this date. If not returned by this date a notice will be sent home asking you to pay for a replacement of lost/unreturned books.

Year Book Orders: The yellow note is due back on Thursday, 1st December. No late orders will be taken.

Raffle Books & Money: The Forum Raffle will be drawn at the Christmas Pageant on Wednesday, 14th December. Please return all raffle books and money to the school office by Tuesday, 13th December (including unsold books).

Kyogle High School Notice - Change of date for BBQ & Information Night for Year 7, 2017. It is now on Wednesday 30/11/2016 from 5.30pm. Please check the flyer sent home last Friday.

Uniform Shop
Open Mondays
2:30pm—3:15pm (after Canteen)
All enquiries about uniforms to: Suzie Smith
Phone 6632 2958 or 0422 415 520
Uniform order sheets are available from the school office at any time.

Mathematics: Look into our classrooms and you will see a high level of engagement during Mathematics sessions. There is an expectation that students are active learners, willing to have a go and to take risks. Some of our greatest learning takes place when we struggle, persevere and take on challenges just beyond our capabilities. We refer to this as being down in the ‘learning pit’. When we succeed we take great pride in our efforts and achievements.

Reports: These are being written at the moment and will be issued on Monday, 12th December.

World Map: With the introduction of the new Geography Curriculum this semester, we have purchased a large outdoor map to assist with the student’s understanding of people and places in the world. Classes have already been sighted taking advantage of this outdoor classroom and the map has been a great tool to assist in learning. Students also have access to this space over lunch and play breaks, so those who are interested can continue to gain knowledge about places in the world.

“OH THE PLACES WE WILL GO” - DR Suess

Weekly Spelling

Grapheme: th, thr

Rule: For words that end in -y, change the -y to -i before adding -er or -est.

Eg. busy - busier
COMMUNITY NEWS

LITTLE ATHLETICS-KYOGLE
A FREE Coaching course for parents to become better placed to assist children to perform basic athletic skills. The course is 6.5 hours in duration and covers all event groups on the Little Athletics track & field program. Sunday, 27/11/2016 at 10am at the Little Athletics Fields. For further info or to book your place please phone Emma 0422399841 or email kyoglela@gmail.com

KYOGLE VACATION CARE
Is now taking booking for the January 2017 school holidays. Phone 6621 7397 or 0447 211 835 or email rrkassist@nrcg.org.au

KYOGLE LIBRARY
Free LEGO Club for 5-12 year olds in November & December. Come along & let your imagination run wild! Children have the opportunity to get creative & build to a theme. Lego Club will be on Thursdays 24/11/2016, 08/12/2016 & 22/12/2016 from 4pm-5pm. Please contact Kyogle Library for bookings & further details by phoning 6632 1134.

SCHOOL CANTEEN
28th Nov.: Suzie Smith & Tara Price
For security reasons, 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 somebody or phone Suzie.

THANK YOU