**NEWS FROM 3/4P**

It's full steam ahead as we head towards the end of the first semester! The enthusiasm for learning has continued to grow with students across the stage enjoying the use of computers and technology as part of many lessons. Laptops have allowed students to explore and research information to be included as part of their persuasive writing pieces. The positive classroom relationships developed over Term 1 has allowed for effective group learning.

In Mathematics for example, students have been able to work together to explore and understand new concepts presented in class. Students are highly engaged, work in groups to build from each others knowledge, and are also accountable for their own learning and achievements.
Message from Mr Hunter

St Brigid’s acknowledges the traditional owners of country throughout Australia and their continuing connection to land, sea and community.

We pay our respect to them and their cultures, and to the elders both past and present. We commit to actively work for justice and peace.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Do less, not more, for your kids

Part of our educational philosophy here at St Brigid’s is to develop independence in learning and self-responsibility in behaviour and yet we often find ourselves doing things for children to speed up the process of getting the job done.

Michael Grose, the founder of “Parenting Ideas” tells us that the basic task of parenting is to do yourself out of a job. In the educational sense this is the same for teachers. We want children to develop into intrinsically motivated learners who are equipped with the skills to learn what they not only need to know but also what they want to know. In one of the Parenting Ideas articles a couple of tips are offered for developing independence but the one that resonates with me as a parent is: Never be more worried about a child’s job than they are, otherwise it becomes your job not theirs.

Those of us with adolescent children and even children as young adults will probably have a good understanding of worrying about children getting the job done. I can hear myself saying things like ‘how many times have I asked you to do that,’ only to be told to ‘chillax.’ So, once the blood pressure returns to normal, and I am in a more responsive and reflective frame of mind, I realise the wisdom of my child’s response. I should ‘chillax.’ I should let my child discover what it means to be the independent person they so want to be, especially as a young teenager. I find myself stressing over things that will not affect me. The non-completion of some tasks will only become a problem for my child, not me. How often though, do we find ourselves doing those jobs for our children? How often do we end up doing more, so that things are done as we want them to be done and our children don’t suffer any logical consequence for not completing a task that they were asked to do? How often are we putting extra pressure on ourselves while our children are perfecting the art of ‘chillaxing’?

In education, as in parenting we tread a fine line in deciding where to step in and where to let things run their course in the search for meaningful learning experiences. There is no easy answer because what we do as parents and teachers is not an exact science but rather a journey of continual learning where failures are accepted as a step towards discovery, successes are celebrated and children are loved for who they are.

PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS: As part of our commitment to the partnership between home and school we provide a number of formal opportunities for communication about your child’s progress. To this end our Parent-Teacher Interviews will be held on Tuesday 28th, Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th June. Our online booking system is now open and allows you the opportunity to book the times that suit you best. For parents that do not have internet access you may send a note to school with the approximate times you require, or phone the school on 6632 1988. Interviews are strictly 15 mins and spaces are limited. If you require more time, please contact your child’s class teacher directly to make alternative arrangements.

To book online please follow the following steps:

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au
Enter the code yua5y
Enter your details
Select the teachers you wish to see. All teaching staff are available for interviews
Select the appointment times that suit you best
When you click FINISH, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically. If you do not receive your email immediately – Check your junk mail folder AND make sure you have spelled your email address correctly.

You may change your bookings, any time prior to the closing date Thursday 30th June, by re-visiting the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address, you used when you made your original booking. Parents wishing to change their interview times after the closing date, should contact the school directly on 6632 1988.

God bless and have a wonderful week,

Tony

Tony Hunter
Principal
**INDONESIAN LANGUAGE LEARNING**

Students in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 all learn Indonesian with Mrs Morabito and at our whole school assembly on Friday, Year Five shared their language skills with the whole school and visitors. It was great to hear them speak Indonesian with confidence and great articulation. Well done Year 5. You are achieving success with your Indonesian learning. Bagus!

**ATHLETICS CARNIVAL:** On Friday, 17th June we will be holding our annual Athletics Carnival on the KHS oval. Canteen will be available, with the following items only - Pie $3, sausage roll $2, steak sandwich $4, sausage on bread $2, honey soy chips $1, bottled water $1, popper $1, bagged lollies $1, tea $1, coffee $3, cakes/slices from 50cents.
Families are asked to donate cakes/slices on the day.

**SCHOOL FEE REMINDERS:** Today your youngest child is bringing home outstanding fee accounts. Please pay your account by Friday 1st July, unless you have made other arrangements with the principal. Thank you to those families who have paid their fees.

**WANTED PLEASE:** Someone with a couple of spare hours to dismantle shelving here at school and re-assemble so that it is of greater value to storing our Home Readers. Please contact Mr Hunter if you are able to assist with this little project.

**2017 KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS:** 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. The Information Evening for prospective parents of Kindergarten students will be held on Monday 20th June commencing at 6:30pm in the Kindergarten Room.

**NO ASSEMBLY on Friday 17th June due to Athletics Carnival**

**Community**

**BLUE DAY:** Next Wednesday 22nd of June we will be hosting “Blue Day” here at school. All staff and students are invited to come to school in blue to celebrate that we are the “Blue” school here in Kyogle. An invitation has also been extended to all pre-school children and their parents/carers to come and visit our school from 1:30pm to 3:00pm and take part in our tabloid activities for the afternoon. We ask for a gold coin donation from each student which will be collected by our Minnie Vinnies Team.

As a special treat we will have a hot dog lunch and these will not be “blue”. All students are requested to order their hot dog prior to Wednesday. To order a hot dog for lunch please send in a lunch order bag (as per Monday canteen) with your child’s name and class on it by Tuesday 21st June. There is no cost involved in ordering a hot dog.

If your child has a food allergy which prevents them from eating hot dogs, could you please inform Mrs Welsh at your earliest convenience and a substitute can then be arranged.

We are seeking donations of “Blue Treats” which can be sold at the canteen for afternoon tea. If you are able to assist could you please send these in or drop them into the canteen on Wednesday.
All donations will be greatly appreciated and devoured!!

**PIE DRIVE:** Orders with payment are due this Friday, 17th June. The orders will be available for pick-up on Wednesday, 22nd June from 2.30pm-3.30pm. Please do a last minute push for orders from family, friends, neighbours and work colleagues. Thank you.

**SCHOOL REVIEW AND IMPROVEMENT (SRI) PANEL:** Next Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th, our school will be hosting our SRI panel. This panel from the Catholic Schools Office will be here to talk with staff, students and parents as a part of developing our Strategic Management Plan 2016-2020.

The panel will view our draft plan and give their commendations and recommendations before we finalise this important document which will shape the learning here at St Brigid’s School. I extend an invitation to all parents and carers to come along to our whole school assembly next Friday at 10:30am which will be hosted by Year 1/2CI and then to stay and enjoy morning tea with the panel.

**HOME READERS:** During a clean up last weekend, one of our families came across 12 Home Readers that had not been returned to school. We appreciate that they came back to school as there may have been easier options. This equates to around $120 worth of valuable resources. Now would be a wonderful time for all families to have a look around the house and in bedrooms to see if there are any more Home Readers that need to be returned to school. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

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**SCHOOL CANTEEN**
Monday 20th June: Leanne Copeland

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. THANK YOU

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**CONCERT**—Sunday 19th June
2.30pm in KMI Hall, Kyogle

$5 per person, $15 per family—ticket available at the door. Afternoon tea by donation.

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**HALL HIRE**

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

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**CHRISTMAS IN JULY**: a Parish School event to be held on Saturday 23rd July in the hall, following Mass. Please gather up some friends and come along. Cost - $15 per head. Dress - Wear Christmas colours. BYO drinks.