IMPORTANT DATES

DECEMBER

Thursday 1st
12noon Fr is unable to say Mass.
Friday 2nd  Forum Street Stall;
11.50am Assembly led by Yr 3/4M
Tuesday 6th Being a SMCC student for a day (Year 5) at Casino
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
School Movie Day;
Last day for students
Monday 19th-Tuesday 20th
Staff Development Days

JANUARY 2017

Monday 30/01/2017
School year begins for students

NEWS FROM 3/4P

3/4P are heading towards the end of the year with energy and enthusiasm!

ICT has been incorporated into many lessons and learning activities, promoting computer skills, responsible use and student engagement.

Students have also built a great respect and awareness of other cultures through HSIE and English units.

Well done to class 3/4P on a fun and productive year of learning!

MAKE JESUS REAL

BELIEVE ACHIEVE SUCCEED
Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Friends,

With the calendar year about to flick over to December, plans have been made for our school in 2017. I am very excited about what lays ahead for our students and their learning and to have the calibre and quality of all staff in our school is an absolute bonus for our “little school community”. Following advertising and interviews, on behalf of Fr Erick and myself, I would like to announce the staff for our school in 2017.

Parish Priest: Fr Erick Quinteros
Principal: Mr Tony Hunter
Assistant Principal/Instructional Leader/Leader of Catechesis: Mrs Jan Condon
Leader of School Evangelisation: Miss Laura Hughes
Leader of Pedagogy: Mrs Vanessa Walters
Leader of Curriculum/Additional Needs Teacher: Miss Kelli-Ann Bugden
Sport Co-ordinator: Mr Brendan Tickle
Pastoral Care/Stage 3 Literary Support/Reading Recovery/Indonesian: Mrs Loretta Morabito
School Admin Officer: Mrs Di Welsh
Teacher Assistants: Mrs Jean Newton, Mrs Paula O’Reilly, Mrs Cinnamon Burrows, Mrs Stephanie Barsby
Indigenous Education Worker: Mr Dane Walker (2 days per week)
Student Support Worker: Mrs Bettina Ryan (2 days per week)
School Counsellor: Mrs Wendy Saini (1 day per week)
School Speech Therapist: Mrs Jessica Rixon (1 day per fortnight)
Grounds and Maintenance: Mr Denis Newton
Cleaners: Mr Jason Clark, Mrs Sandra Ibbertson.

Kindergarten: Mrs Vicki Jansen
Stage 1 (Years 1/2): Miss Laura Hughes and Mrs Vanessa Walters (M,T) and Mrs Kristie Irvine (W,T,F)
Stage 2 (Years 3/4): Miss Kelli-Ann Bugden and Miss Laura Macdonald
Stage 3 (Years 5/6): Mr Brendan Tickle

As mentioned in an earlier newsletter our staffing had been supplemented this year by the Catholic Schools Office to allow us to run with 7 class groups and we were very appreciative of this. With our enrolment figures sitting where they are we have been cut back to the regular Diocesan Staffing formula and so therefore we have had to forego a class group and in 2017 we will be running with 6 class groupings – Kindergarten, 2 x Stage 1 classes, 2 x Stage 2 classes and a Stage 3 class. Unfortunately after a year here at St Brigid’s we say goodbye to Mr Dino Parente and thank him for the gifts and qualities he has brought to our school and community as a whole.

We welcome Mr Dane Walker as our Indigenous Education Worker. Dane is a very proud member of the Bundjalung tribe and has had many years experience working as an IEW in schools here in our Diocese and in Queensland.

We welcome Mrs Jessica Rixon onto our staff as our resident Speech Therapist one day per fortnight. Jessica will be able to run speech assessments and co-ordinate and assist staff in implementing specific recommendations for students undergoing speech therapy.

We will continue to have the support of the University Centre for Rural Health (UCRH) in placing student Occupational Therapists into our school for 2 days per week next year. We started this arrangement with the UCRH in August of this year and we are all very pleased that this is going to extend into 2017. This program has been a significant support to the children in our school who require extra OT assistance to enable them to access the curriculum.

We are quite excited to be able to implement 2 new programs into our school that will be targeting literacy and numeracy especially into our Kindergarten to Year 2 students. With the support and assistance of the State Government, the Lismore Diocese and Monash University, we will be introducing the Extending Mathematical Understanding (EMU) program, which focuses on a whole school approach to maximising mathematics learning for all students. We will also be a Literacy/Numeracy Action Plan school which will once again target our whole school approaches to the teaching of Maths and English in our school. Mrs Condon has been appointed as our Instructional Leader to oversee both of these programs into our school with the support of all staff. These 2 new programs have been very instrumental in raising the literacy and numeracy levels of students in K to 6 in a large number of our Diocesan schools and we look forward to sharing the success with our students in 2017. There will be further information and workshops for parents given early next year.
Class Formation For 2017: In the school newsletter dated 2nd November, the opportunity was given for parents and carers to provide information that may be useful during the class placement process if they wish. This consultation process closed last Friday and I thank those parents who put their thoughts about their child’s learning style in writing to me. When planning classes, consideration is given to estimated enrolments, Kindergarten intakes, class numbers and gender balance. When allocating students to classes, teachers take into account friendship groups, special needs, learning styles and balance of class groupings. There is a lot of time, thought and professional discussion put into these placements. The children will have the opportunity to spend some time with their new teacher for 2017 on Tuesday 13th December. Under no circumstances will children be moved from one class to another unless it is proven that there has been an honest mistake.

God bless and have a wonderful week,

Tony

Catholic Identity

St VINCENT de PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL: This week our SRC students are collecting bottles for our SVDp Christmas Appeal. The students will be presenting our donations to the Kyogle St Vincent De Paul workers at our end of year mass on Tuesday, 13th December. Thank you for your generosity.

PRAYER CELEBRATION: Last week Stage 2 gathered for prayer, which celebrated their learning and prayer focus in their RE units of work this term. This was the final Prayer Celebration for the year. We thank parents and parishioners for attending and supporting the students in their prayer life.

Community

YEAR BOOK ORDERS: The yellow note is due back TOMORROW, 1st December. If all fees are paid in full you will receive the Year Book. No late orders will be taken. If you did not return the note your Year Book will be sent home with your child. Please make an appointment with Mr Hunter as soon as possible if you have an issue with paying your fee account.

PARENT FORUM STREET STALL: We strongly encourage as many parents and friends to support our Street Stall which will be conducted this Friday, 2nd December near the pharmacy. There is a flyer attached to the newsletter seeking support and donations. Thanks to Tilly Beetge for her organisation and co-ordination of this event which will benefit the students of our school.

NOTES DUE A.S.A.P.: Please ensure that you return notes for the Swimming Carnival, Forum BBQ, Year Book and any other functions that we have over the next few weeks.

A QUOTE FOR YOU: Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, for as long as ever you can.

Author Unknown

A Message from Cooper Mulcahy...

I would like to thank everyone who supported me in my trip to Sydney last week to play in the PSSA Cricket Carnival. I really enjoyed the experience and I met lots of new friends. Thanks to everyone who bought raffle tickets from me. Congratulations to Sam Walters who won the signed Brett Lee Sydney Sixers jersey. Your support was much appreciated.

Curriculum

Weekly Spelling Rule

Grapheme - air are

Rule - When a word ends in l, double the l before adding ed, ing or er.

Eg. shovel—shovelling

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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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to -

Ashton H.

and

Emmerson H.
SCHOOL CANTEEN
Monday 5th Dec.: Suzie Smith and Leanne Love
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 someone or phone Suzie.

THANK YOU

COMMUNITY NEWS
KYOGLE BOWLING CLUB
The club will be holding its annual Children’s Christmas Celebration on Friday, 2nd December. Children who dine in with their parents will be treated to a free dinner. Santa will make an appearance. All welcome.

KYOGLE SWIMMING CLUB
Friday Pointscores is open to any person who can swim 12.5m or more of any stroke. Training is available weekdays from 4pm. New members most welcome. For more information phone Annette Smith on 0412116820 or Email the club on kascsecgmail.com.

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