Important Dates

**March**
- **Wednesday 23rd**
  Northern Star Kindy supplement out
- **Tuesday 29th**
  Staff Development - PUPIL FREE DAY
- **Wednesday 30th**
  Mini Vinnies Meeting/Guest Speaker
- **Thursday 31st**
  10.30am Year 3/4P Assembly

**April**
- **Friday 1st**
  St Brigid’s School Cross Country
- **Friday 8th**
  Last day of Term 1 for students
- **Tuesday 26th**
  Pupil Free Day
  **Wednesday 27th**
  First day of Term 2 for students

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- **Friday 16th December**
  Students last school day of 2016
- **19th/20th December**
  Staff Development Days

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**NEWS FROM YEAR 3/4M**

3/4M have made a fantastic start to the year. We have been working hard in all Key Learning Areas and learning lots!

Last week in HSIE we went for a walk as part of our History unit to identify buildings that have changed and buildings that have stayed the same.

In Mathematics we have been working on Area. We made square metres out of newspaper and used these square metres to find the area of the handball court. Some of us were quite surprised at the area of the handball court. It was more than we thought!

Keep up the great work 3/4M!

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**Make Jesus Real**

Positive thoughts produce positive results.
Winners & grinners say positive things to themselves and others so they can achieve their goals.
Remember to keep being winners & grinners over Easter and not a moaner & groaner.

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**BELIEVE ACHIEVE SUCCEED**
Message from Mr Hunter

We are still awaiting Easter! We are not yet standing in the full light but walking towards it full of trust.
(Pope Benedict)

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

Do you have “small people” in your household who are counting the sleeps till Easter, when rabbits and eggs undergo a remarkable change and assume the luscious texture and taste of chocolate? Of course you do, for Easter is a time of celebration.

We all know that rabbits and eggs, as such, do not turn into chocolate especially for Easter. However, increasingly the real meaning of Easter namely, Christ’s Resurrection is ignored. The resurrection of Jesus is central to Christian faith and indeed, to be a Christian it is essential to believe that God raised Jesus from the dead.

Holy Week for Christians is a time of special intensity. It is a week during which we do things that we don’t usually do and hear things we usually don’t hear. Holy Week has been held in great reverence since the very early years of the church and no other Christian observance has interested the world so much. The rituals of the church are complex and laden with meaning and proclaim to the world that Christ has died, Christ is risen, and Christ will come again. Palm Sunday commemorates Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem where He is proclaimed King, as many people of His time, were seeking a Messiah. We, like those who greeted Jesus, use palms to show our willingness to accept Jesus as our leader and to follow Him.

In the three days of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday, the Church gives us a dramatic, intense and richly symbolic expression of the very heart of Christian belief. Like everything that happened in Jesus life, there is something to be learned from this experience. Jesus’ belief in himself and the purpose of his life was being tested to the extreme. Even though things did not seem to be working out the way he might have expected, the events that followed were totally momentous: Jesus died, Jesus rose and Jesus, eventually, will come again.

Christians are to be strong in their love for one another and for all people. Holy Week is definitely a week with a difference and spiritually rewarding for Christians who, willingly, are part of its unfolding. It is important to look past the chocolates and at the real meaning of Easter. Try to take your family to one of the many Easter ceremonies this special weekend in Our Lady of Sorrows Church.

Have a safe & happy Easter,

Tony Hunter
Principal

Insight SRC Parent Surveys

This week we sent home surveys from Insight SRC to a random selection of parents. If you did receive one of the envelopes, I really encourage you to take the time to complete the survey. This year we will be taking part in a School Review and Improvement process and this survey will provide vital data in order for us as a staff to plan for future school effectiveness.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions about the survey. We are setting ourselves a target of 100% return rate with the survey and your valuable assistance in helping us achieve this goal will be fantastic.
## Catholic Identity

### Mini Vinnies

In Term 2, we will be starting a 2016 Mini Vinnies Group at school. What is it? This is a group of students and a teacher, who gather in some of the lunch breaks, to learn about social justice issues and plan responses. It is a positive way to make an impact and to show concern for others who need it in our community and beyond.

If your child is interested in being a member, we have a visiting speaker on **Wednesday 30th March**, who will ignite their interest and provide more information.

We encourage interested Primary students to attend.

### Parish Family Mass

Thank you to the families who attended our Palm Sunday Mass. It was wonderful to see the children there participating in the prayers and songs. It was also enjoyable to meet one another and share in the BBQ and games after Mass. Thank you to all who helped in any way. We do appreciate your talent and time.

### Community

#### St Brigid’s Primary School Cross Country/Adidas Fun Run

**Friday 1st April** is our Cross Country/Fun Run!

The event will commence at 9:30am at the Kyogle High School Oval. We look forward to seeing students get involved. All students will receive a free fruit juice icy pole after the event to help cool off.

If any parents would like to get involved please complete the attached information sheet and return it to Mr Tickle by Wednesday 30th March.

Money for the Fun Run is to be returned by **Wednesday 30th March** along with your sponsorship form and chosen prize.

#### Northern Star

The Northern Star approached St Brigid’s a few weeks ago appealing for articles for the Your Story section of the online edition about what is happening in this area!

Check out the stories at:


## Mathematics Tips for Parents

**Be positive** about maths. Don’t say things like "I can’t do maths" or "I hated maths at school"; your child might start to think like that themselves. Always foster a positive attitude.

## EASTER MASSES

- **Holy Thursday**: 7pm on 24th March
- **Good Friday**: 3pm on 25th March
- **Saturday Easter Vigil**: 7.30pm on 26th March
- **Easter Sunday**: 9am on 27th March

**PLEASE JOIN US!**

## 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.

## LOST PROPERTY

In our school’s Lost Property baskets we have 16 school jumpers, 4 school track pants, 1 girl’s dress & 1 sports shirt!! There are **no names** on these items, so they will be washed & placed in the 2nd hand Uniform Shop if not claimed this week.

Please ensure your children’s clothing & lunch boxes etc have their names written on them.
COMMUNITY NEWS

KYOGLE SOCCER 2016

Soccer players aged 5-11 years, our season is about to start.

Players should register online using the “My Football Club” Website.

Any questions can be directed to kyoglefc@ffnc.net.au or to Glenn Rose on 0418 264 968.

KYOGLE VACATION CARE

BOOK NOW for the April school holidays by phone 6621 7397 or email rrkassist@nrcg.org.au

KYOGLE SWIM CLUB

Our Presentation and Annual General Meeting will be held at Catholic Parish Hall on Friday 8th April at 6pm.

Some hot food will be provided but kindly ask if everyone could bring a plate of food to share.

SCHOOL CANTEEN

WEDNESDAY

30th March: Shonel Powell & Annette Smith.

Please sign in at the office before going to Canteen and sign out when you leave. If for any reason you cannot attend on your rostered day, please swap days with someone on the roster.

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