LEADERSHIP TEAM REFLECTIONS

Each fortnight our Leadership Team will share our thoughts with you in relation to the religious, academic, administrative and community elements of our school.

WELCOME

Welcome back to the 2013 school year. We hope you all had a wonderful and holy Christmas celebrating the birth of Jesus with your family and friends. Once again we commence a school year grateful that our state is not being ravaged by natural disasters affecting other regions of Australia. Our thoughts and prayers are with school communities affected by the recent fires and floods.

We welcome the following children and their families to our school and encourage them to maximize the opportunities that they will access at St Brigid’s over the coming years:

**Reception**
Joseph, Jordan, Mackenzie, Holly, Cooper, Blake D, Jayana, Brayden, Cade, Oliver, Jack, Hannah H, Hayley, Hollie, Ryan, Jacob, Eva, Sophia, Dannielle, Hannah M, Benjamin, Lleyton, Maddison, Chace, Jhye, Blake P, Cristian, Callan, Scarlett, Memphis, Tahlia, Kasia, Mitchell and Savanna

**Year One**
Jonathan, Cohen and Bailey

**Year Two**
Kade and Brooklyn

**Year Three**
Owen and William

**Year Four**
Ayden, Taya, Kian, Mia, Komay, Imogen and Rodney

**Year Five**
Laura, Alyssa, Jackson and Alex

**Year Six**
Liam

**Year Seven**
Amber

On behalf of our school community we welcome the following staff members to St Brigid’s Catholic School:

- Ms Sarah Kostiw (Yr 1/2)
- Mrs Jane Taylor (Yr 2/3)
- Mrs Jasmine Zawitkowski (Reception/Front Office)

We also welcome back Ms Melanie Smallcombe, Mrs Anthea Lipp, Mrs Sharon Roeburn and Mrs Jane Lokan to our school.

We look forward to these educators making a significant contribution to the learning and faith dimension of our school. Please take the time to introduce yourself and make them feel welcome to St Brigid’s.

Diary Dates

**Week 1**
Friday 1st February
11:30am St Brigid’s Day Mass in SAMMAT

Sunday 3rd February
10.00am Family Mass at Sts Peter and Paul

**Week 2**
Wednesday 6th February
6:30—7:25pm Parent Information Session
7:30—9:00pm Online Smarts Workshop

Friday 8th February
Year 7 Retreat

**Week 3**
Tuesday 12th February—Shrove Tuesday
9:15am—Parent Team Garden Meeting

Wednesday 13th February—Ash Wednesday
11:30am R–2 Liturgy in Community Centre
11:30am 3—7 Mass—SAMMAT

Friday 15th February
9:15am 3/4F Assembly

**Week 4**
Monday 18th February
7:00pm School Board Meeting
7:00pm Sacramental Family Workshop

Wednesday 20th February
9:15am Parent Team Meeting
11:30am 4/5 J Mass

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Paul Bennett

Deputy Principal
Gennaro Mannella

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RELIGIOUS DIMENSION

St. Brigid Prayer

Brigid,
You were a woman of peace.
You brought harmony where there was conflict.
You brought light to the darkness.
You brought hope to the downcast.
May the mantle of your peace cover those who are troubled and anxious,
and may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts and in our world.
Inspire us to act justly and to reverence all God has made.
Brigid you were a voice for the wounded and the weary.
Strengthen what is weak within us.
Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens.
May we grow each day into greater wholeness in mind, body and spirit?
Amen

On Friday February 1 we celebrate the feast day of St Brigid of Ireland. St Brigid, our school’s patron was caring, hospitable and dedicated to the work of God. We will be gathering as a whole school at 11.30am on Friday in the SAMMAT to celebrate the feast of St Brigid and also celebrate the beginning of the year. You are all most welcome to join the students and staff in this Eucharist celebrated by Fr Brian Ahern.

Family Mass

Sunday Feb 3 will be the first Family Mass at the parish of Sts Peter and Paul. The invitation is open to all the school community to attend. Mass begins at 10am and is followed by a cuppa at the Parish House. It would be great to see as many of the students and their families attend. Family Masses are celebrated on the first Sunday of each month, except during school holidays.

Sacramental Program

Just a reminder to all parents with students enrolled in this year’s sacramental preparation, there is a family meeting at St Joseph Hall (opposite Sts Peter and Paul Church) on Monday February 18 at 7pm.

Shrove Tuesday/Ash Wednesday

Lent is fast approaching. A time where we will prepare for the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus. To prepare for the season of Lent the parent teams will be providing all students with a pancake on Tuesday February 12 (Shrove Tuesday). I would like to thank the parent teams for volunteering their time to prepare, cook and serve the pancakes. If you are able to help in any way please email andreawhite@stbrigids.catholic.edu.au Your presence will be truly grateful. We would also like to thank Michael Dunkeld and Café Primo Munno Para for donating the pancake mix. If your child has any allergies and will not be able to eat the pancakes provided we invite you to send your child with their own pancake made at home. Please inform your class teacher of any allergies or dietary needs.

The year 3-7 students will participate in the Ash Wednesday mass on February 13 at 11.30am in the SAMMAT. The R-2 students will participate in the Ash Wednesday Liturgy on February 13 at 11.30am in the Community Centre. You are more than welcome to join one of the prayer services.
Leadership Reflections Continued.

LEARNING DIMENSION

Student Personal Responsibility:
As a Leadership Team we each have a responsibility for student wellbeing and behaviour support. In 2011 we introduced the three fundamental expectations (Care for Self, Care for Others & Care for our Environment) and four behaviour requirements (Try your Best, Quiet Listening, Gentle Actions & Friendly Words):

We seek your ongoing support in reinforcing these core principles with your children.

ADMINISTRATIVE DIMENSION

Annual General Meeting: All families are invited to attend our Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 12th March at 7pm. The AGM component will last for approximately 25 minutes. During this time we will hold elections for our School Board (4 available positions - two year term) and we urge you to consider nominating a member of our school community who can represent the views of our parent body in a constructive and enthusiastic manner. Please consider how you can play a significant role in supporting the decision making at St Brigid’s Catholic School. Nomination Forms are located in this week’s edition of the Brigitizer.

During the second half of the evening we will be participating in a Parent iPad Training Session.

COMMUNITY DIMENSION

Parent Teams: A reminder to parents and friends of St. Brigid’s that our first Parent Team meeting is scheduled for 20th February at 9.15am in the Community Centre. For existing families you will recall that we changed the way our Parents and Friends organisation is structured to be more inclusive of a wider group of parents while encouraging a larger participation across the school.

For our new families, what this means is that while part of the group’s focus is about fund raising, the critical direction is to enable participation in other activities that can support the school. For example Working Bees, morning teas for new parents, pastoral care support for families in need –eg illness, Gardens and Grounds improvements, supporting learning in classrooms and assisting families with children with Inclusive Education requirements.

Parent Information Evening: We look forward to meeting families on Wednesday 8th February between 6.00pm – 7.25pm for our Parent Information Evening. It is a valuable opportunity to meet with your child’s class teacher and to commence the process of building a solid relationship between home and school. Children that attend the evening will be supervised by our Leadership Team in the SAMMAT with low level activities. The evening schedule is structured so that Teachers from Reception to Year 7 will run two sessions to ensure families with multiple children have the opportunity to access their child’s class:

VENUE: MacKillop Arts Theatre
6.00pm Drinks & nibbles
6.20pm Staff Introductions
6.30pm Rotation One
7.00pm Rotation Two
7.30pm- 9.00pm Online – Smarts Workshop—Creating Responsible Digital Citizens
(MacKillop Arts Theatre Stage)
(If is expected that if your child is participating in the 1 to 1 Digital Devices Program you will attend this workshop. The Acceptable Use Policy will be distributed at this session. Children will not be able to use their iPad until the Acceptable Use Policy is signed)
Leadership Reflections Continued.

2013 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Included with this week’s edition of the Brigitizer is a copy of our Term One Calendar. We encourage you to put the relevant dates onto your calendar at home/work.

THANKYOU

At the end of last year we received a card from a parent of a Year 7 child acknowledging all the work done by the school in helping that student successfully make the transition from Primary to Secondary school. As parents we have only the best aspirations for our children and we know that the road can be as smooth as sealed highway or at times can be more like the corrugated bush track. Whatever the journey you have with your child, we can only hope to be there to support you and your child to find the best in them, it is indeed a collaborative effort between home and school. We leave you with the quote written in the card;

The task of the excellent teacher is to stimulate “apparently ordinary” people to unusual effort. The tough problem is not in identifying winners: it is in making winners out of ordinary people.

(K. Patricia Cross)

UNIFORM

As we begin another year we wish to clarify for parents the uniform expectations in order to support you in our quest to maintain the high standard we see at the beginning of the year. To clarify any confusion that some students may attempt to insist that it is ‘Ok to wear’ we provide the following;

The School Uniform Policy states that as a general rule summer uniform is worn in terms 1 and 4 and winter uniform in terms 2 and 3. However, students must be dressed according to the weather and their needs, and if we get unseasonally cool weather during summer months, a student is permitted to wear winter uniform providing that whatever uniform is worn, it is worn correctly.

School bags (maroon with school logo) are compulsory for ALL students regardless of year level. We understand that some families are awaiting an order to come through.

Cargo shorts are NOT acceptable.

Boys shirts: We are slowly changing over to boys shirts with flat hems so that they may be worn untucked. At present there are only a few of these available and all existing stock must be sold before the new style can be purchased. As a general rule all shirts must be tucked in except when actively playing outside.

Sports shoes: Please note the change in this policy in relation to colour. Sports shoes must be white, black, navy or combinations thereof. White is preferred. Soles should be white for protection of the SAMMAT floor. High cut boot style/ basketball boots are not part of the accepted uniform. No fluro or other coloured laces (black, white, grey), no skate shoes/ boots, no light up shoes and no high profile designs or branded merchandise (e.g. Barbie, Ben 10, spiderman etc). The aim of this part of the policy is to support families from the pressure of providing the latest and greatest items for their children. We would encourage that specialised training or competition shoes be left for the sports for which they are intended.

Socks. All socks must completely cover the ankle bone at all times - boys and girls, sport and formal day wear. The school policy clearly states “ankle” socks therefore knee-hi’s are not part of the uniform. Girls wear plain white at all times, boys wear grey with formal uniform and white with sports uniform. Note: girls must not wear frilly, laced or other patterned socks even if they are completely white. No brand names, stripes or patterns are to be visible on sports socks.

School shoes. School shoes must be black. Black low sole boots can only be worn with long pants for boys. Brown sandals may be worn with the summer formal day uniform only and if students wish to take up this option, socks may be omitted.

Dresses. The length of girls' dresses is a delicate problem. Ideally the hems should be no shorter than mid-knee, but a hem line can be a little bit higher as long as modesty is not an issue.

Hats. Hats must be worn at all times when outside. Many students have a habit of defacing the hats by deliberately removing the tie. This damages the hat and can be cause for a uniform infringement notice to be issued. Any graffiti of hats will require a new one to be provided. All hats are to have names clearly marked on the inside of the hat.

Jumpers. Knitted jumpers must only be worn with the formal day uniform and rugby tops must only be worn with sports uniform.

Extras: Hair accessories must only be in school colours (black, navy and maroon) as sold through the uniform shop. All other colours - including house colours - are not part of the uniform. All clips and ties must be flat and must not have hard attachments such as balls and baubles. The only headbands permitted are soft bands identical to those sold in the uniform shop. Hard Alice bands (non-flexible) or metal bands must not be worn. Alice head bands and scrunchies in the summer dress uniform are also permitted.
Leadership Reflections Continued.

Hair styles must comply with the school uniform policy and students must not have bizarre styles or unnatural colours. This includes streaks and highlights and clip in coloured hair strips and extensions. Coloured and glittery hair sprays etc. must not be used. Long hair for both girls and boys must be tied away off the face.

Jewellery. The only jewellery permitted is a wrist watch, a religious medallion/cross (small) on a chain around the neck and worn inside the uniform and one plain stud or plain sleeper in the lobe of each ear if a student has pierced ears. The only style of stud that is acceptable is the one used when the piercing is done, no other styles are allowed. No wrist or ankle bangles or bracelets, rings or any other jewellery not mentioned above is to be worn as it is not part of the Uniform Policy.

If students wish to wear sunglasses they must be plain black, wrap around style and fully comply with Australian Standards.

Nail polish and make up of any type must not be worn. This includes body glitter, face paint, coloured zinc or other coloured sun screen and temporary tattoos/transfers.

In our desire to maintain the best possible standards of uniform across the school we ask parents to inform their child’s teacher of the reason why their child may not be wearing the correct uniform. If no reason is provided, a uniform note will be given. Parents will be contacted and asked to come and replace the uniform infringement.

If you are having difficulty in providing the correct uniform we ask that you come and speak to a member of the Leadership Team. We appreciate the support parents give in ensuring that their child(ren) are wearing the correct uniform.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROTOCOLS

For new families we provide the following important reminders;

- Please remember to sign students in and out if arriving late or leaving before the end of the day for appointments.
- Please inform the Office of any absentees before 9am on the absentee number 85222099.
- Ensure that all medical information is up to date and any medication provided is in the original container.

PARKING: Take note of the car parking map provided however in brief;

Pick up zone (Para road adjacent shopping centre) All drivers must remain with the vehicle and move along to the collection zone by the small gate. Please note that vehicles left unattended risk an infringement notice.

We also remind parents not to park along the Bulley Goods warehouse walls as this impedes delivery trucks entering and exiting. The management has been extremely generous with allowing us to use their space at other times so please respect their business needs by parking in appropriate areas.

Car park: In the mornings parents can drop off children in the ‘kiss and drop’ zone without having to park vehicles. However, in the afternoon, please do not line up in the drive through as this will create problems and traffic jams for buses that need to get in and out of the car park within a certain time. If you need to collect your child please park your car first.

School Fee Accounts

Annual and Semester School Fee Statements will be distributed this week. If you have not returned the 2013 Fee Payment Schedule distributed last year, would you do so as soon as possible. ALL school fees are to be paid in full by FRIDAY 29TH NOVEMBER. If you have any questions in regards to school fees please contact Jayne Clarke.

School Card Applications

Application forms are now available from the Front Office and need to be returned promptly so that they can be forwarded to the School Card Section for assessment. Applications for School Card are made on an annual basis and do not carry over from year to year. School Fee Accounts can only be adjusted when approval has been granted.

Direct Debit and BPay Payments

Please ensure if you are using either of these options that instalments are increased to cover School Fee increases in 2013; and also that fees will be paid in full by 29th November

Jayne Clarke
Business Manager
Junior Football Registration Day

Eldred Riggs Reserve
Dawson Road, Evanston

U9, U11, U13, U15, U17
Sunday 10th February 2013 10am to 12 noon

All Players New & Old Welcome!

2013 is going to be an exciting year for South Gawler Football Club. With our experienced coaches and a team of excellent support staff under their guidance. Come along and join the Lions!

Parents/caregivers wanting to assist in any way always welcome. We invite you to join our club and enjoy its success and friendship.

Club Playing Apparel & Merchandise available on the day.

Under 15 players please bring proof of age eg birth certificate / id card

Fees - U9,11,13,15,17 ½ - $75-00
EFTPOS FACILITY AVAILABLE
(DISCOUNT FOR FULL PAYMENT ON OR BEFORE REGISTRATION DAY)

Contacts:
Junior Football Director Russell Smith : 0438 011 955
sgfc@bigpond.com.au
U9-13 Football Manager Terry Patington : 0414 818 129

Are you interested in Learning a musical instrument??
- piano, guitar, drums ormaybe even flute, clarinet, saxophone or recorder!

Come along and meet the Teachers!

Try the instruments
Ask Questions

When: Wed. 6th Feb. (parent info night)
Where: @ St Brigid’s in The Music Room
Time: 6.30 – 8 pm

Love to see you there!

JUNIOR NETBALL & FOOTBALL REGISTRATION DAY

Sunday 10/2/13 –
Williamstown Oval 10am – 12noon
Sausage Sizzle available at 12 noon

Netball includes Net-Set-Go (6 - 8yo)

Netball Uniform fitting & orders will be taken on this day
Netball Junior Training & Trial Dates will be available at Registration Day

We are looking for Coaches, past/present or future Players and Umpires for the 2013 Season Contact Di 0408 805 903 or Cynthia 0431 432 262 for more information

Football includes Auskick (Term 2 details will follow)

Football training details will be available at Registration Day.
A discount of $5 per child offered to those that register and pay at Rego day ONLY. Club shirts available to order at discounted prices.

We welcome all present and future Players and Families wanting to become involved for season 2013. Contact Sam 0417 89 823 for more information.

TRIALS FOR CENTRAL DISTRICTS HArLEquin Netball Club

Trials for Central Districts Harlequin Netball Club, which plays in the Adelaide Metropolitan competition at Netball SA Stadium on Saturdays.

Will be held at Argana Park from 6:00—8:00pm.

Primary (11 and under) Sub Junior (13 and under)

Sunday 3rd February
Thursday 7th February
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Information Evening for parents: Dyslexia, what it is and how to help (free)
7 – 9pm, 13th March, 22nd May, 7th August, 6th November

What SPELD does (free)
7 – 9pm, 30th May, 2nd July, 22nd October

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7 – 8:30pm, 14th February, 23rd May, 14th August, 24th October

Teaching s child (4 -6 years) to read and write (free)
10 – 11:30am – 27th June

Software Sampler Sessions ($75 non members)
1:30 – 3:30pm, 22nd March, 24th May, 30th August, 25th October

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