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This occurs within a learning environment which values relationships based on mutual respect and care. Students are aware of the ‘Step’ approach that we adopt in relation to reinforcing good choices and the consequences that are implemented for breaches which prevent learning from occurring. If children are unable to refocus their attention on learning after a warning from the teacher, isolation in the classroom then removal to a buddy class, they will be required to attend our Reflection Room which is staffed by a member of the Leadership Team.

Likewise, unacceptable behaviour during play time will result in children attending the Reflection Room during their lunch break. Any attendance by a student to our Reflection Room will be communicated to families via their child’s Class Diary/Communication Book. We seek your support of reinforcing the required positive behaviour with your child and signing the behaviour document to indicate your knowledge of the incident.

Repeated poor behaviour choices will result in school and home meeting regularly to utilise all available resources to establish strategies to support the child to make the necessary changes and enable our staff to successfully address the child’s learning needs.

Ultimately, it is the strong collaboration between home and school which makes the learning experience a positive journey for each student at St Brigid’s. A core component of this is the capacity of each child to make choices which promote success for each class member. Your unconditional support of these structures are paramount in sustaining and building the learning culture at our school.

COMMUNITY DIMENSION

Student Disco: The Parent Teams are organising a student disco on Friday May 31 (evening). Please keep an eye out for further information.

Parent Teams: The next Parent Team Meeting will be on Wednesday May 15 at 9.15am. Terri Judd from The Parents and Friends Federation (Catholic Education) will also attend this meeting to talk about how the Federation can support us and the role of the Federation. An invitation is extended to anyone who would like to be involved in the Parent Teams. Remember, without the Parent Teams events such as the Mother’s Day Stall and Student Discos would not exist. For more information about becoming involved in the Parent Teams please contact Andrea White andreawhite@stbrigids.catholic.edu.au

Parent Garden Team: We seek interested parents to join our Parent Garden Team. This dedicated team enjoy contributing to the design and construction of gardening and environmental projects at our school. If you share a passion for the outdoors and would like to assist us in making our school environment more aesthetically pleasing please complete the reply slip in our Brigitiser.
LEADERSHIP NEWS cont.

LEARNING DIMENSION

“Turning the page on reading”
On Monday our staff were led through an in depth look at the new English learning area of the Australian curriculum. In future issues of our newsletter we will provide further insights into how we can all support children in developing good literacy skills. In this issue we will focus on Reading.
The teaching of reading is not only dedicated to helping beginners and non-readers how to decode but embrace the vital capacities to analyse and comprehend text. We need to continue to emphasise higher-level skills that respond to a need to prepare all students to compete in a world where knowledge is expanding and information is available in multiple formats everywhere and anytime. Twenty-first century learners must not only know how to scan and skim billions of bytes but they also must know how to negotiate complex, difficult text while also learning to understand and appreciate demanding and rich literature.

How do we get children to this point?

First they must read. At some time every day students must be able to choose what they read, read something they understand, write something personally meaningful, talk to their class mates about their reading and writing and hear a fluent adult reader read aloud.

Build stamina and trust. We need to create a reading culture in which students aren’t afraid of challenging texts and surround them with the support and scaffolding they need to get there.

Provide real-world reasons for reading and writing. Make reading relevant to their real life experience so they can make purposeful connections.

Choose good reading material, including known excellent works and continue to re-read. We know that many young people will replay a favourite video over and over. Encourage the re-reading of favourite stories or books so that each time they learn something new about the text that they missed before. We need to continue to encourage our children to keep turning the pages of texts, whatever format they come in.

RELIGIOUS DIMENSION

Family Mass: This Sunday May 5 is our next Family Mass at Ss Peter and Pauls Catholic Church. Mass begins at 10am and you are all welcome to join us for this Liturgical Celebration. If you would like your child/children to be involved in future Family Masses please email Andrea White andreawhite@stbrigids.catholic.edu.au indicating your interest.

Last Sunday we thanked Fr Brian for his work at the Parish and the School over the past 4 months. Fr Brian returns to Xavier College as School Chaplain and we welcome Fr Germano back this Sunday from his 6 months leave overseas.

ANZAC Day: Thank you to all the students, staff and families who were involved in the Gawler ANZAC Day Dawn Service last Thursday. It was great to see so many people attend the service and pay their respects to those who have fought in battles and to remember those who are currently protecting our country.

Please join us at the whole school ANZAC Day Liturgy on Friday May 3 at 9.15 in the SAMMAT. You are also invited to stay for morning tea at the conclusion of the service.

Mother’s Day: On Friday May 10 we will be celebrating Mother’s Day as a whole school in the SAMMAT at 9.15. An invitation is extended to all Mother’s, Grandmother’s and special people in our lives to attend the Mother’s Day Liturgy followed by morning tea. The student’s will also have the opportunity to go shopping for a mother’s day gift after the Liturgy. The Parent Teams are providing a Mother’s Day Stall once again. Gifts will range from $1 to $5. Students are invited to bring their spending money on the day to purchase a gift for their mum or special person. A huge thank you to the Parent Teams for providing the stall for the students.

School Fee Statements

Statements for term 2 were distributed this week to the eldest child in your family. Unless you have made payment arrangements, fees are to be paid in full by FRIDAY 10TH MAY 2013. If you have not received your statement please contact the office.

Any questions or concerns should be directed to Jayne Clarke.
**St Brigid's Canteen Volunteer Roster**

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**STUDENT DISCO FEVER**

@ St Brigid’s – SAMMATIC Building

**Friday 31st May 2013**

(Please keep this date free)

Further details to follow

Everything in the universe has rhythm.
Everything dances.
~ Maya Angelou ~

**LADIES NIGHT**

Stepping Stone Child Care and Early Learning Centre are having a fundraiser.

**When:** Friday 19th April  **Time:** 7.30pm  **Cost:** Gold Coin Donation

**Where:** 38-40 Para Road Evanston

A variety of about 20 different stalls.
Ladies come out and enjoy a great night!

**St Brigid's Uniform Shop**

NEW Opening Hours

**TUESDAY**  2:30pm - 4:30pm

**FRIDAY**  8:15am - 10:15am

**Sonya Ryan discusses cyber safety**

Nearly half of all Australian children use social media sites, however an astounding quarter of Australian children report they have been cyber bullied. In the wrong hands an instant chat tool or social networking site can become a targeted, painful weapon capable of damage at levels most don’t even know possible.

Are you aware of internet predators and the potential dangers children could face? Do you warn children about sharing information over the internet?

Speakers in Schools is inviting you to an exclusive seminar with Sonya Ryan from the Carly Ryan Foundation where she will educate parents, teachers and students about safe social networking, cyber bullying, protecting private information, online gaming, sharing information and Federal Law.

For the past five years, Sonya Ryan has dedicated herself to the promotion of internet safety through the Carly Ryan Foundation established in memory of her daughter Carly. Guests will also hear from Michael McGlashan, Telstra Area General Manager in Adelaide as he discusses Telstra’s support of the Carly Ryan Foundation as well as Telstra’s cyber safety position.

Canapés and light refreshments will be provided.
*If you wish to bring your child, please register both your name and theirs.*

**Monday 6th May**
5:30pm to 7:30pm Telstra Building
30 Pirie Street, Adelaide
Mother’s Day Liturgy

Friday 10th May 2013

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Students,

On Friday May 10th you are all invited to gather in the SAMMAT at 9.15am to celebrate Mother’s Day. As we gather to give thanks for all mothers and special people in our lives I ask for your assistance to help make the Liturgy extra special.

Last year students were invited to provide a photo of their mother or special person in their life which was included in the whole school Mother’s Day Liturgy. I am seeking all new families to St Brigid’s to please email their photo to www.stbrigids.catholic.edu.au by Monday 6th May. Due to time constraints we will use the photos from last year sent in by our existing families. This will ensure that all photos will be included in the Liturgy. If there is more than one child in your family one photo including all children would be ideal.

It would be fantastic if all new families could support this request as we all know how special the children feel when they see themselves on the big screen with their mum or special person. It would also be great to acknowledge all mums and special people within the St Brigid’s School Community.

In anticipation, I thank you for your support and hope to see you at the Liturgy on Friday 10th May at 9.15am.

Regards

Andrea White

Assistant Principal (RIM)