DIARY DATES TO REMEMBER

Week 4

Monday 20th May 7:00pm Board Meeting
Tuesday 21st May 9:15am “Biggest Morning Tea”
Wednesday 22nd May 11:30am Year 1/2DN Liturgy
7:00pm ICT Committee Meeting
7:30pm Parent Ipad Session
Friday 24th May 9:15am Community Prayer 6/7V

Week 5

Monday 27th May 3:30pm Sacramental Meeting
Wednesday 29th May 11:30am Year 2/3BT Liturgy
Thursday 30th May 7:00pm Sacramental Meeting
Friday 31st May 9:15am Year 1/2DN Assembly
6:30pm School Disco

LEADERSHIP NEWS

ADMINISTRATION DIMENSION

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:


Volume Purchasing Program (VPP): We thank families for their patience in accessing the VPP. After determining the level of school interest we have established a key staff member, Mrs Franca Hall to maintain our VPP. Franca is focusing on ensuring Round 1 & 2 Apps have been successfully distributed to the families that have placed an order. We expect that when we introduce Round 3 Franca will be in a position to respond promptly to your orders. Please access Franca (fhall@stbrigids.catholic.edu.au) if you have any queries about the VPP.

Trading Cards: The cyclic trends that often flow through a school currently have the ‘Football Trading Cards’ as the latest craze! Staff are willing to support students having an interest in this hobby as long as the following guidelines are maintained:

- Children from Year 3 – 7 can trade (Junior students don’t know the ‘value’ of their cards and could potentially lose out in the transaction)
- Trading to occur in the courtyard at recess and Library at lunchtime
- Parents will have discussed with their child the manner in which they trade their cards – fair and honest dealings.
- Cards are not to be seen in the classroom during learning time
- Students are responsible for the security of their cards

Instead of having a blanket ban, I affirm the decision made by staff to enable our students to self-regulate their behaviour when involved in Trading Cards. Should issues start to arise which impact negatively upon student learning we will re-evaluate the position taken.

Uniform: We would like to clarify the issue of the colour of tights worn as part of the girls’ winter uniform.

The uniform policy is that the colour of tights to be worn is Ink Navy. About two years ago there was an apparent shortage of supply of these coloured tights and so to assist parents we allowed black tights to be worn. In recent weeks leading up to the winter uniform period there has been some confusion for parents about whether students can wear the black tights.

Upon researching current availability we are pleased to inform parents that the correct opaque Ink Navy tights (not sheer) are available from the various local department stores. Kmart, Big W and other major stores have them in stock. They are also available from the Trinity College Uniform shop. We ask that students now wear the correct colour tights as part of the winter uniform.

Boys Shirts: A reminder that boys’ shirts must be the Sky Blue colour. No other variations are allowed. Please ensure your child is wearing the correct colour shirt.

Sports Shoes: For safety reasons we insist that sports shoes must be the sneaker type shoe that has suitable grip and support of the foot for sporting activity. Please do not send your child to school with a ‘skate’ type shoe that has a flat sole as these are particularly dangerous during wet weather. The volley style shoe is also unsuitable for the same reasons mentioned above.

We have been asking families to support us with consistency of colour of shoes and shoelaces.

Shoes need to be predominantly white, black or grey. Please, no Fluro colours.

Shoe laces need to match accordingly; black, grey or white. No Fluro Coloured Laces.

This is about maintaining a level of uniform that everyone can achieve and that we do not create competition among students to see who has the most expensive or noticeable sports shoe.

Parents will be asked to replace inappropriate footwear.

We thank families for their ongoing support in ensuring that the correct uniform is worn across the school.
LEADERSHIP NEWS  cont.

ADMINISTRATION DIMENSION cont.

Volunteer Badges: We continue to express our gratitude to the many families who volunteer at our school. Our regulars may have noticed a change in the badges we provide to our volunteers. We have been advised that our badges are not to contain photographs and as such we have made the necessary modifications. Your commitment to supporting our child protection processes are first class – well done!

Camp Policy Review: Next Wednesday 22nd May at 8.15am we are holding our first review meeting surrounding our Camp/Excursion Policy. If you would like to contribute to this process please email principal@stbrigids.catholic.edu.au so that we can ensure the room is adequate for the numbers attending and that we can arrange to send you a copy of the policy to be reviewed.

LEARNING DIMENSION

Digital Technologies: The draft Australian curriculum on ICT and digital technologies offers a scope and sequence about the ‘what’ and the ‘how’ this curriculum is delivered. The ‘what’ is quite straightforward but it is the ‘how’ which we need to place our focus on and give greater importance to. For how we deliver this curriculum will be the difference between seeing the technology used as the end point or rather the tool to explore and open up a whole new world of learning for our students.

In the ‘how’ students become project managers of their learning, they collaborate and make substantive decisions and self-regulate their learning. They are innovative and problem solvers, doing new things, repurposing tools or ideas for real audiences, real situations with real actions. They create knowledge based products.

Notice how in this description of ‘how’ there is no mention of ICT or technology. The how then, is teaching skills for learning that can be transferred to all learning environments where technology is only the tool.

What are some of our challenges? We need to ensure schools are not at the mercy of the ‘commercial curriculum’. That is acquiring equipment because the commercial imperative tries to convince us we need it. 21st century skills are more than just about employability.

The work place has evolved where we need skills to get on with others, have capabilities of collaboration, innovation, problem solving, self-regulating and skills in communication. Together we hope to prepare our children to be ready for these challenges.

Literacy/ Numeracy Blocks: Families would be aware that this year we have received funding to enable our school to access a Literacy (Mrs Donna Reithmuller) & Numeracy (Mrs Julie Hancock) Coach. Julie and Donna work closely with all of our teaching staff to review and plan for engaging and stimulating lessons which require explicit teaching of concepts and opportunities for children to apply these in meaningful ways. At our Staff Professional Development session on Tuesday we were privileged to witness the creative and practical steps being taken by staff to promote growth in our students reading abilities and skills. Staff are focusing on the following features: Comprehension – Accuracy – Fluency – Expand Vocabulary. This CAFÉ approach underpins our whole school approach to reading. We continue to be impressed with the commitment of staff to make a positive difference to their students development and thank them for the time they dedicate beyond the classroom to enable these improvements to occur.

One practical way that you can assist with our commitment to these learning blocks is to avoid making appointments for your child before noon and ensuring your child is punctual to school. 10 – 15 minutes late a day is almost an hour a week or 2 days of learning across the term! Every little bit helps in giving our young people every chance to be successful learners.

RELIGIOUS DIMENSION

Pentecost Sunday (this Sunday): This week we celebrate the coming of the Spirit of God! It is the Holy Spirit who refreshes and renews our world by calling us to live as children of God. So, it’s at Pentecost that our real mission begins. We remember our baptism into Christ – a commitment that calls us to live more truthfully so that the world may experience new life!

As we call on the ‘fire of God’s love’, we remember the tongues of fire that settled on each of the disciples to bless them with courage and strength at the first Pentecost.

We pray that our own hearts will catch fire and be renewed from this day forward …

Mother’s Day Liturgy and Stall

Before I was a Mum………..

I never held a sleeping baby just because I didn’t want to put them down.

I never felt my heart break into a million pieces when I couldn’t stop the hurt.

I never knew that something so small could affect my life so much.

I never knew I could love someone so much.

I never knew I would love being a Mum.

A huge thank you to everyone who attended the Mother’s Day Liturgy last Friday. It was so wonderful to see so many mums, grandmothers and special people on the stage for their special blessing. It is always so nice for the children to see their mums on stage and in the PowerPoint.

The students also enjoyed shopping and buying a special gift at the Mother’s Day Stall. The parent teams out did themselves once again. We are extremely lucky to have such a dedicated group of parents who give their time so willingly. Thank you to each one of them.
COMMUNITY DIMENSION

Parent Teams: The Parent Teams met on Wednesday morning and welcomed Terri Judd from the Federation of Catholic School Parent Communities (SA). Terri spoke about how the federation supports all Catholic Schools and in particular how they can support us at St Brigid’s Catholic School. The federation is the voice for all parents and part of their role is to negotiate with the government in regards to funding our schools. They also facilitate parent workshops, information sessions and much more. If you would like more information regarding the federation there are brochures available at the front office. Terri will present “Building Your Child’s Resilience” on Tuesday June 4 at 1.30pm till 3pm then repeated at 7pm (if significant numbers reply). Please email the front office if you have not booked yourself for this workshop.

Parent Workshops: Wednesday evening over 30 parents were entertained by Mark LeMessurier as he presented the second of our Parent Workshops “Real Ideas to Build Better Behaviours in Kids”. Mark is an amazing facilitator who has a great deal of knowledge to share. Thankyou to those parents who attended and for the positive feedback. The last workshop presented by Mark will be on Wednesday August 14 9.30am till 11am. If you have not booked into this workshop please do so by emailing the front office asap.

Keeping Safe
Child Protection Curriculum

The Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum forms part of the Made in the Image of God Program for SA Catholic schools and SACSA Health Education curriculum. The program specifically aims to help students recognise abuse and develop ways of protecting themselves from abuse with a wider focus on rights, responsibilities, relationships and ethical behaviour.

The Relationships Focus area will be taught during Term Two with specific topics for each year level to cover. These topics include:

- Early Years (R – 2) - 1. Trust and networks
- Primary Years (3 – 5) – 1. Understanding rights and responsibilities
  2. Trust and networks
  3. Developing personal identity
  4. Power in relationships
- Middle Years (6 - 7) – 1. Rights and responsibilities in relationships
  2. Power in relationships
  3. Bullying as an abuse of power

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to discuss aspects of the program with your child’s teacher or myself.

Regards,
Stella Harms
Child Protection Curriculum Team Coordinator

SAPSASA News

Congratulations to Kaitlin (6/7T), Tara (6/7R), Claudia (6/7V), Jazmin (6/7T) and Liam (6/7T) on making the Gawler and Districts SAPSASA netball and football squads.

They will be playing a week long carnival in Adelaide from May 20 - 24.

We wish them the best of luck.

A case of Chicken Pox has been reported to the office.
Chicken Pox information is available from the office.
### St Brigid's Canteen Volunteer Roster

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### Student Disco Fever

@ St Brigid’s – SAMMAT Building

**Friday 31st May 2013**  
**Time:** 6:30pm - 8:30pm  
**Cost:** $5 (includes entry fee, drink and chips)

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

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### St Brigid's Uniform Shop

**NEW Opening Hours**

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

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

### Willaston Netball Club Quiz Night

**SATURDAY: 18th May 2013**  
**Where:** Willaston Football Club  
**Tickets:** $10 per person  
**7.00pm for a 7.30pm start**

For further details please call Corinna Hermann on 0419 833 395 or Jayne Polito on 0457 414 092

Silent Auction / Raffle / Door Prizes  
BYO Nibbles

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### Our school is participating in the Woolworths Earn and Learn rewards program. We would like everyone to keep collecting Earn and Learn points at Woolworths so that we can receive some great resources like maths and science equipment, art and craft materials, books, puzzles, sports gear and lots more.

The program continues until Sunday 9th June. All you need to do is place the stickers into the school’s collection box which is in the office area.

**Thank You!**

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### CABARET

Watch this space….

Book your babysitters….

Put **November 9** in your diary!!!

St Brigid’s Catholic School  
Parent Team presents the Biannual Cabaret.