DIARY DATES TO REMEMBER

Week 6

Monday 3rd June
3:30pm Sacramental Meeting

Tuesday 4th June
8:30am Parent Garden Team
1:30pm Parent Workshop
7:00pm Parent Workshop

Wednesday 5th June
11:30am 1/2K & 2K Liturgy

Thursday 6th June
8:30am Parent Garden Team
1:30pm Parent Workshop
7:00pm Parent Workshop

Friday 7th June
7:00pm Sacramental Meeting
STUDENT FREE DAY

Week 7

Monday 10th June
PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Wednesday 12th June
9:15am Parent Team Meeting
11:30am 1N Liturgy
1:40pm Whole School Evacuation Drill

Thursday 13th June
7:00pm Sacramental Meeting

Friday 14th June
9:00am Reception Transition
9:15am Year 6/7WL Assembly
Year 6/7 Soccer Carnival

Please note that children using this facility must be supervised by a parent or other adult. Library staff or teachers are unavailable for supervision. In addition, due to staff meeting being held in the Resource Centre on Tuesday afternoons, Homework Club will not be available. We respectfully remind parents that Homework Club is not an after school care alternative. If you are unable to collect your child by 3.40 you must make other care arrangements for your child as staff are unavailable to supervise children after this time.

However, in case of emergency, we will ensure that a child is supervised if a parent has not collected them or is running late. A courtesy call to the office in these cases is appreciated.

Uniform:

Community Feedback:

Over the last year we have received regular feedback from families about the ‘loss’ of school hats despite them being labelled. One solution that we are considering implementing is to have students hats embroidered with their name on the side of the hat. The positives of this suggestion:

1. ALL hats will be labelled and can be returned to students if found
2. Staff are able to strengthen relationships with children by using their Christian names when speaking to them on yard duties
3. Students wearing the wrong hat will be identified immediately

It is anticipated that the cost of an embroidered name hat will be approximately $17.

HEAD LICE & SCHOOL SORES

Several cases of head lice and school sores have been reported to the Office. Information on these illnesses is available from the office.
LEADERSHIP NEWS  cont.

School Hats cont: Staff have recently raised the issue of the relevance of students wearing hats during terms 2 and 3. Recent statements by the Cancer Council SA are requesting SunSmart schools to “relax their sun protection once UV levels fall below three and to enjoy the sun over winter, until the end of August when UV levels rise again.” They are suggesting that sunscreen and hat are not required during this time. Once further consultation is carried out with students and parents the final decision will be made in the coming weeks. Further information can be obtained from the Cancer Council web site. They provide a ‘RISKS AND BENEFITS OF SUN EXPOSURE POSITION STATEMENT’


We ask families to inform us of your support for the change or maintain the status quo by emailing ‘YES or NO TO CHANGE IN HAT POLICY’ to info@stbrigids.catholic.edu.au  If you don’t have email access please send a signed statement through your child’s diary.

Boys School Shirts: Likewise, we seek feedback from our families who have boys at our school. We are eager to move towards a flat hemmed short sleeved shirt (Similar to Xavier College style) which will enable our young men to wear their shirts untucked. Please note: It is expected that during Term 2 & 3 if boys wear a long sleeve shirt it will be required to be tucked in.

Can you please indicate on the reply slip if you support these suggestions so that our School Board can make a decision at our June meeting. If there is majority support, it is envisaged that we would implement these modifications from the commencement of Term 3.

Uniform Compliance: We are pleased to see the majority of students wearing the correct uniform and wearing it with pride. Wearing the correct uniform means that you are happy and willing to identify with this ‘club’ we call St. Brigid’s Catholic School. It seems that some students are continuing to flout the uniform expectations and pushing the boundaries, a trend that we see in a few of our older students. We direct you to the uniform policy on the new St. Brigid’s web site to confirm what is required. If your child questions the validity of our uniform expectations, perhaps ask the question, “Would your footy club or netball club let you play if you turned up in the wrong outfit?” The challenge is when the few spoil it for the many.

LEARNING DIMENSION

Reading Support

Across all of our classes, students are being taught the CAFE concepts to support their reading development. CAFÉ is an anagram for:

C – comprehension: children understand the ‘meaning’ of what they are reading and can make sense of the ‘story’.
A – accuracy: students can ‘read’ the words in the text. It is expected that their vocabulary will expand as they are exposed to and read a range of books
F - fluency: children can read accurately, with expression and understand what they are reading
E - expand vocabulary: students know, find and use interesting words

Please use these core words when you are reading with your child so that they are able to develop their understanding of how they read. This ‘meta cognition’, thinking about how they think, is an important element of their progress as an effective reader. If you require any suggestions for developing these concepts please take time to chat with your child’s class teacher who would be willing to assist you.

RELIGIOUS DIMENSION

Family Mass: You are all invited to join in with the Parish Community this Sunday for the monthly Family Mass which begins at 10am. Family Mass is a great way for the children to be involved in the Eucharist. It would be wonderful to see many of our St Brigid’s families at mass on Sunday.

Staff Retreat: On Friday June 7 the staff will gather together for prayer and reflection. The focus for our staff retreat is developing our deep knowledge of St Brigid in particular St Brigid of the Land. It will be a wonderful opportunity for the staff to reflect on the attributes and wonders of St Brigid.

Feast of Corpus Christi: This Sunday we celebrate the feast of Corpus Christi. Corpus Christi is a feast day commemorating the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. The Blood of Christ allows us to highlight the self

Building Your Child’s Resilience - facilitated by Terri Judd: Terri Judd will be facilitating a parent workshop offered by Catholic Education on Tuesday June 4. The workshops will be held in the Chapel at 1.30 till 3pm and repeated at 7:00pm till 9:00pm. If you have not informed the office that you will be attending the workshops and you would like to attend it’s not too late. Please email info@stbrigids.catholic.edu.au confirming your attendance.

Student Disco: A huge thank you to Jayne Polito, Ange Hutchins, all volunteers and the Parent Teams for their involvement in organising the student disco on Friday. The disco begins at 6.30 and concludes at 8.30. Students will need to present their ticket at the door and parents are asked to collect their child/children at 8.30. Thank you also to Sarah Hall who has kindly volunteered to be the DJ for the evening.
**Recent Events:** We have recently appointed Performing Arts Leaders to help promote the Arts in our school. They are as follows: Renae, Connor, Katie and Maddi. Congratulations and I am looking forward to working with you all this year.

The Festival Choir recently attended a sleepover at the school. We spent several hours rehearsing the concert material before relaxing together, a great time was had by all. I was so impressed by the fabulous behaviour and teamwork exhibited by the Choir.

Thanks go to Dee McFaul and Melissa Crockett for helping out with supervision.

The Catholic Schools Music Festival takes place at the Festival Theatre in the final week of Term 3. Keep watch on the Performing Arts News for more details closer to the date.

**In the Classroom:** We are working very hard on our School Concert with the theme ‘Solid Rock’. We have decided not to stage a musical this time around and the format will be similar to the Advent Carols evening. Notes will be coming home shortly to explain briefly what your child’s class will be staging and seeking parent helpers. If you are able to help out with costumes and props please either let myself, or your child’s class teacher know via the slip provided.

**Instrumental News:** It is with regret that we say goodbye to Max Ziliotto our Drum Teacher as he prepares for his final University exams. We are currently looking for both a Drum Teacher and Vocal Teacher, I will keep you posted.

Currently students are learning from our Instrumental teachers: Alan Dean (Guitar), Dee McFaul (Piano and Recorder), Katherine Trevilyan (Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone and Recorder) and Siobhan Mannella (Violin) Information is available from the front office should you be interested in your child learning a musical instrument.

**Coming Events:**

- **School Concert**
  - Friday Week 4, Term 3

- **Catholic Schools Music Festival**
  - Week 10, Term 3

- **Incursion: Sean Dewar**
  - Mon. Week 10, Term 3

Kind Regards and God Bless,

Megan Isaacson
Music Teacher/Coordinator

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**Performing Arts News**

On behalf of the playgroup families I would like to thank everyone who supported, in one way or another “Biggest Morning Tea” last week. I’m very proud to say together we raised $456.35. The funds raised from Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea help Cancer Council to continue their work in cancer research, prevention, education and support services. If you know someone with cancer, have cancer or want to cut down the risk of getting cancer, please call 13 11 20 to speak with an experienced cancer nurse for information and support.

Regards
Franca Hall, Playgroup Coordinator

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**Childhood Cancer Association:** Paul Bennett has been invited to join a number of leaders from schools in the archdiocese to ride from Morgan to Port Pirie in the first few days of the school holiday – Tour De Diocese! (More like ‘Leaders in Lycra’!).

The aim is to raise funds for the Childhood Cancer Association in recognition of the children and families in our schools who have battled this insidious disease and continue to inspire us to live life in all its fullness.

If you feel like contributing to the cause it will be greatly appreciated. Please access the link below should you wish to make a donation.

http://give.everydayhero.com/au/pb-1

Every dollar helps so thanks for your anticipated generosity!

Last term our Student Leaders raised $418 For the Childhood Cancer Association by coordinating the Sausage Sizzle and Student Disco. A terrific effort!
**St Brigid's Canteen Volunteer Roster**

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**St Brigid's Uniform Shop**

**2013 TRADING TIMES**

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**New and Secondhand Uniforms for sale.**

Order forms are available from the Front Office.

**National Reconciliation Week**

Class 4/5J were inspired by Lance ‘Buddy’ Franklin and Cyril Rioli’s Indigenous Round football boots and designed their own boots for our favourite Indigenous AFL players.

**St Brigid's Uniform Shop**

**Ph: 8522 2099**

**Watch this space….**

**Book your babysitters….**

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

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

**Cabaret**