LEADERSHIP NEWS

LEARNING DIMENSION

In Week 10 you will be issued with your child’s Semester One Report. We acknowledge the efforts of staff to provide you with a detailed document which enables you to celebrate the successes of your son or daughter and to identify ongoing areas of challenge. Early next term you will be provided with the opportunity to meet with your child’s teacher to discuss their Report and to reassess learning goals for the remainder of 2013. We trust that families avail themselves of the accessible nature of our staff at St Brigid’s. They are a dedicated and committed team of teachers and are always willing to meet with families at mutually convenient times to discuss any aspect of their students’ progress. Attempting to meet teachers at 8:55am for a detailed conversation impacts on the learning of the whole class and we ask that you refrain from putting the teachers in the awkward situation of having to cut short your conversation at this time of day.

ADMINISTRATION DIMENSION

Earlier in the week we sent you a detailed letter concerning the funding arrangements for education in our State. It is obvious that we have grave concerns about the viability of Catholic Schools into the future if we do not receive an equitable contribution from the State Government.

From the NCEC Catholic Schools 2012 report the data indicates that South Australia receives $1,981 from the State government for each student and the national average is $2253. On these numbers we are just over $270 per student below the national average. The implications for St Brigid’s Catholic School = $118,800. This would provide us with the capacity to go close to delivering a balanced budget for 2013 and to continue to provide the necessary resources for a 21st Century learning community. We urge you to take the time to send the letter to our local M.P.

St Brigid’s Nature Trail Creations

The Rock Stream

The Brigid Well

The Lizard Hotel
ADMINISTRATION DIMENSION cont.

Evacuation Drill: Next Wednesday staff and students will undertake our first off site whole school evacuation. This is an important part of our total Work Health Safety plan that ensures the safety of our school community in case of an emergency emanating from the nearby petrol station. In case of such an incident, the students and staff will move, after direction from emergency services, in an orderly manner to the Gawler South oval. Please be assured that all appropriate safety concerns have been considered as part of this exercise. Should you find yourself on the school site either as a visitor or volunteer you will be required to abide by any directions given to you by fire wardens.

Behaviour Education: It is pleasing to see so many of our students encouraging each other to make positive behaviour choices and taking pride in their learning. We continue to work with you, the parents to support all our students to follow our principles of Respect, Care for Self, Others and the Environment. On the last point, a focus for our religious learning is St. Brigid’s deep love and care for the environment. If you have been in the school of late you will have noticed the red and yellow bins; the red being for general waste and the yellow for recycling. It is a pity that the poor choices of a few using the recycling bins for general waste render the recycling materials to the general waste. Please encourage your children to utilise these bins appropriately.

RELIGIOUS DIMENSION

Staff Retreat: Last Friday our pupil free day allowed us to gather for the Staff Retreat. The theme for the day was “Brigid of the Land” focusing on St Brigid and her love for the land. We began the day in the chapel learning and sharing Brigid’s deep story, praying, reflecting and acknowledging the great work Brigid achieved and the wonderful person she was. After morning tea the staff participated in the “Amazing Grace”, not to be confused with the Amazing Race! They gathered in to their house teams: Green, Brigid Woman of the Land. Red, Brigid, Friend of the Poor. Blue, Brigid Woman of Peace and Yellow, Brigid of Contemplation. Each team was allocated $50 with the task of finding a symbol or symbols which represented their particular house team. But……along the way there were challenges! Clues were left at Vadoulis Garden Centre, Hudsons Coffee Shop, St Vinnies Shop and Cheap as Chips. The task also including video evidence which was used to present to each group on their return. After an hour and a half of St Brigid’s staff roaming the streets of Gawler, looking for bargains and the ultimate symbol (we have a very competitive staff) they returned and placed their symbol/s within their team’s garden bed and presented their “Amazing Grace”. If you haven’t seen the garden beds please come and take a look. Lunch was shared in the sunshine then the afternoon activities began. Staff chose an area to work in and: roses were pruned, the Brigid Well and the rock stream begun, the Lizard Hotel was cleaned up, the environmental science gardens had lots of love and tender care given and most of all the land which our school is built upon was truly cared for by all the staff. Friday was an amazing experience for us all. We truly felt the presence of St Brigid and are grateful for the beautiful weather and day that her true spirit was lived and felt. Once again we are grateful to our families for supporting our student free day so that staff can experience these encounters.

"Leaders in Lycra" ride for the Childhood Cancer Association

Just a reminder to support Mr Bennett in this courageous feat! Donations can be made at the office or online at http://give.everydayhero.com/au/pb-1

On behalf of Jhovana and Frank we would like to announce the birth of Stella Fenu.
Weight: 6 pounds, 15 ounces Length: 50cm.
Our congratulations to the Fenu Family!
Youth Environmental Council of SA

More than 100 Primary and Secondary students from 26 schools throughout SA recently attended the Youth Environmental Council to learn, share and be inspired about sustainability.

Zachary a Year 7 student at our school was selected to represent the Northern Region alongside several other Northern schools in our hub. They were involved in a range of environmental, leadership and problem solving workshops about our environment.

Zachary found the experience lots of fun and came back to our school with lots of exciting ideas to share!

Well done Zach! A leader of the future!

Junior Environmental Youth Forum for Lower North/ Northern Hills Region

In Term One we were hosts to the first of our hubs environmental forums. It was a great day of sharing our environmental concerns for our community and to set the scene for achievable projects in our schools. We recently attended another forum at Birdwood Primary School it was lots of fun to plan our projects.

Help! Science recyclables needed!
Any cardboard boxes, egg cartons, plastic milk bottles, cups, jars etc.

St Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal

On the 5th of July 2013 (last day of term 2) you are invited to take part in the St Vincent de Paul winter appeal and wear casual clothes. If you would like to participate please bring a gold coin donation or you can donate a can of food which will be donated to St Vinnies. Normal school uniform to be worn otherwise. For further information please see Nicholas and Antoniette (6/7V) or contact Mrs White.

In anticipation we thank you for your support.
Antoniette and Nicholas

Woolworths Earn and Learn

Has ended for 2013 could you please return completed sticker booklets to the office NO LATER than Wednesday 19th June.

Sports News

Athletics Carnival

On Wednesday the 5th of June, 33 St Brigid’s students from years 4-7 attended the South Australian Catholic Primary Schools Athletics Carnival at SANTOS Stadium. St Brigid’s was competing against 8 other schools from around South Australia, some schools travelled from Berri, Clare and even Millicent to attend the Carnival. We had to arrive at School early Wednesday to make sure we caught the bus at 8:00am. It was a long day, but lots of fun. Students competed in field events such as high jump, long jump and shot put. The track events were 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m hurdles and the circular relay.

Lots of students received ribbons for achieving a place in their event – in total, we received 8 x fourth place ribbons, 8 x third place ribbons, 8 x second place ribbons and 7 x first place ribbons.

Kaitlin achieved individual success by receiving the OPEN Girls Age Champion (which means she was the best athlete in her age group). St Brigid’s Girls won the OPEN Age Group as well.

Overall, our girls placed 4th and our boys placed 7th. We had an excellent day and can’t wait to go again next year. Thank you to all of the parents who helped out on the day.

By Alex and Quin (4/5J)

Active After School Communities

Karate - Circus Skills
Dear Canteen Volunteers

I am currently doing rosters for next term. I will assume that if I do not hear from you that you are happy to continue volunteering.

Please remember to let me know if you are unable to help on your designated day.

Kathy O’Reilly

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**Job opportunity**

The Federation of Catholic School Parent Communities seeks an experienced Administrative Assistant to join its small but dynamic office team. Based at Thebarton, the position works three days a week for 15 hours a week during term time only.

**For more information go to our website** - [www.parentfederation.catholic.edu.au](http://www.parentfederation.catholic.edu.au) - or contact Executive Director, Ann Bliss at [ann.bliss@cesa.catholic.edu.au](mailto:ann.bliss@cesa.catholic.edu.au) or phone 8301 6685.

Applications close 21 June 2013.

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**St Brigid's Canteen Volunteer Roster**

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**Are you interested in …..**

**Help Wanted**

Are you keen to become involved

Contact Sam Prentice [samdon@live.com.au](mailto:samdon@live.com.au) or Jenni Redden [maccasrun@adelaide.on.net](mailto:maccasrun@adelaide.on.net)

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**CABARET**

Saturday 9th November

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