DIARY DATES TO REMEMBER

**Week 10**

- **Tuesday 2nd July**
  - 9:30am Parent Team Meeting
  - 7:00pm Confirmation at Sts. Peter & Paul

- **Wednesday 3rd July**
  - 11:30am Year 3NM Liturgy

- **Thursday 4th July**
  - Year 4 – 7 Netball Carnival

- **Friday 5th July**
  - 9:15am Year 4/5J Community Prayer
  - **LAST DAY OF TERM**
  - 2:15pm Dismissal

**Term 3 Week 1**

- **Monday 22nd July**
  - STUDENT FREE DAY

- **Tuesday 23rd July**
  - Reception’s “Possum Magic” Excursion

- **Wednesday 24th July**
  - Term 3 Receptions commence
  - 11:30am Whole School Liturgy

- **Friday 26th July**
  - 9:15am Year 6/7R Assembly

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**LEADERSHIP NEWS**

**ADMINISTRATION DIMENSION**

**CAR PARK Important notice:** We ask parents to please take note of the parking restriction placed in front of the bins in the main car park. An injury to a person exiting their vehicle last week has brought to light the need to ask parents to refrain from parking in this area. Temporary bunting will be in place until appropriate line marking is completed.

**Vandalism:** In recent weeks we have had significant damage to toilet infrastructure which bears directly to money that could be spent on student resources. We have had several soap dispensers repeatedly ripped off the walls across all senior toilets, we have had toilet locks deliberately broken on multiple occasions, and we have had cans and other blockage pushed down toilet bowls. If you calculate the cost of getting plumbers in to unblock drains and the repair and replacement of soap dispensers and locks, this has added up to a significant cost to the school. These are costs that come directly out of school fees.

The majority of our students do the right thing and we praise their action when they report issues to us. Please affirm your children that doing this is a positive action. Damage of this kind reflects on each of us and we all need to use these facilities. We acknowledge complaints from parents about lack of soap and broken locks. I hope this information advises parents with what we are addressing and always try to maintain high standards of facilities.

**Survey Results:** Over the last few weeks we asked families to respond to surveys regarding aspect of the school Uniform and Hat policy. The first survey asked for responses to students not having to wear a hat during the Winter months, that is in Terms 2 and 3. The results for this survey overwhelmingly support the idea. The Cancer Council has provided recommendations for such a change to our Sun Smart Policy and with approval of the School Board we shall put this in place beginning next term. However in moving forward with this proposal we will put the following conditions in place;

- If a student wishes to wear the hat they still can
- At the beginning and end of the winter period we shall monitor the intensity of the UV ray reading as reported in the media each day. Should the reading be in the **high or extreme range** in the first and last 3 weeks of the season, a hat will be required to be worn by students.
- Students who are susceptible to sun damage will be encouraged to continue wearing their school hat.

The second survey was in regard to having

a) Hats embroidered with the student’s first name on the side and

b) Whether parents approved of the idea of having a straight hem line shirt for boys

Of the 50 replies 37 agreed with both, 8 disagreed with the name on the hat and 5 disagreed with the change to the shirt policy. These concerns were around cost and safety. To allay these concerns, shirts will only be required to be changed as new ones are needed. The issue of child safety with names on hats when a child’s is on excursion will be minimised through the ratio of adult to children supervision. Children will be reminded of the need for safety and stranger danger in these situations. Currently we have stocks of the plain hats. Embroidered hats will only be available through ordering.

**Student Absentees/ Late Arrivals:** Just a reminder that all absences need to be phoned in by 9am on the day of your child/ren’s absence. The absentee number is 8522 2099. It is important that you contact the office each day if your child will be absent for an extended duration of time. Student’s arriving late need to report to the office and sign in. It is important that these procedures are adhered to so that accurate student records can be maintained by the school. Please be aware that regular late arrival or early pick-up will add up to a significant amount of learning time lost for your child.

**Lost Property:** Bins will be cleared next Friday 5th July unlabelled items will be donated to the Uniform Shop.
LEADERSHIP NEWS  cont.

ADMINISTRATION DIMENSION cont.

School Fees: Please finalise any overdue accounts before Wednesday 3rd July. Also note Year 7 camp invoices have been distributed and should be paid in full before camp in Term 3. If you are paying your fees by direct debit your instalments may not cover this additional invoice. Any questions regarding payment of fees should be directed to Jayne Clarke.

Parent Workshop: The parent workshop facilitated by Terri Judd “from Primary to Secondary supporting Parents in this Transition” which was scheduled for Wednesday August 28 at 7pm has been postponed. A future date will be printed in the newsletter at a later date.

RELIGIOUS DIMENSION

In Memory: With the death of another Australian soldier in Afghanistan this week, we keep in our thoughts too those members of our school family who are currently deployed. Our best wishes go out to the mothers and fathers of our children who commit themselves to this very important role.

Australian St Brigid's Day Celebrations: On Friday August 30 we will be celebrating the feast of St Brigid. St Brigid’s feast day is February 1 but as this is during our summer months we like to celebrate at the beginning of our Spring season. The day will begin with a whole school liturgy in honour of St Brigid and also all Dads. The Father's Day/St Brigid's Day liturgy will begin at 9.15 in the SAMMAT, which you are all invited to attend. At 10am there will be a morning tea to celebrate Father's Day. During this time the students will return to their classroom.

Parents are then invited to attend the afternoon festivities at 12.45. The students, in their Circle Time Groups will host a “stall” with the intention of raising funds for their house team garden. Students will be able to wear their sports uniform with a coloured t-shirt, representing their sports team.

The stalls will conclude at 2.30pm and after the students have packed away they will return to their class for a 3.10pm dismissal.

Please keep an eye on the newsletter for further information.

Father’s Day Stall: The students will be invited to purchase a gift for their dad or significant male in their lives at the Father’s Day Stall on Wednesday August 28. More information will be distributed by the Parent Teams next term.

Father’s Day Liturgy: All students are invited to bring a photo of themselves with their dad or significant male to be included in the Father’s Day Liturgy. Could you please email photos to Jasmine in the front office at JZawitkowski@stbrigids.catholic.edu.au by Friday August 9.

Family Mass: There will be no Family Mass on Sunday July 7 due to the sacrament of First Eucharist being celebrated that day. The next Family Mass will be on Sunday August 4 which you are all invited to attend.

Vinnies Winter Appeal: Just a reminder that students are invited to wear casual clothes next Friday July 5 and bring either a can of non-perishable food or a gold coin donation which will be donated to St Vincent DePaul Gawler. In anticipation, thank you for your generosity.

Sacramental Candidates: Our prayers are with the Sacramental Candidates who will receive the sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday evening and then receive the Eucharist for the first time on Sunday July 7. Congratulations to each one of you.

On behalf of the St Brigid’s staff we would like to wish everyone a safe and relaxing July School Holiday Break.

Our Sacramental Candidates

Georgia, Isabella, Jazmin, Michael, Isaak, Liam, Erin, Vienna, Kaylin, Anton, Emily, Bree, Zoe and Liam.
WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN

Thank You!

We would like to thank all the St Brigid’s Families and Friends for their generous sticker donations. We are currently collating the sheets and can’t wait to purchase new Literacy and Numeracy items for the children.

St Brigid’s Staff would like to offer their congratulations to Kaitlin on receiving ‘OPEN Girls Age Champion’ at the recent South Australian Catholic Primary Schools Athletics Carnival.

Our congratulations also go out to the ‘Open Girls Team’ who won their age division.

The Resource Centre will provide lunchtime activities, competitions and story-time, highlighting the Children’s Book Council shortlisted titles and the Book Week theme … ‘Read across the universe’.

You are invited to attend

St Brigid’s Annual Book Week Parade on Friday, 23 August, starting at 9:15am to be held in the SAMMAT.

It is a fun day and we encourage a simple dress-up to bring our book characters to life... making St Brigid’s Book Week Parade a great success and a keep-sake memory for all those who attend!

Only 57 sleeps!

Gawler YAC

July 2013 - School Holiday Programs

Full details of each of the programs are available at www.gawler.sa.gov.au/youthac
### St Brigid's Canteen Volunteer Roster

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**CAFE SPECIAL**

*Hot Milo and Go Cookie*

$2

For Recess Orders Only

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** Cabaret  **

Saturday 9th November

**Help Wanted**

Are you interested in ….

- Table Decorations
- Auction Items
- Poster/ Ticket Design

Are you keen to become involved

Contact Sam Prentice
samdon@live.com.au

Or Jenni Redden
maccasrun@adelaide.on.net

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**St Brigid’s Uniform Shop**

**Opening Hours**

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

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