Welcome back to the final term for 2013!

In particular, it is terrific to see Mrs Amelia Noble return safely after a term long service leave break. We also welcome Tully (Yr 1/2DN) and her family to St Brigid’s and trust that she will enjoy her time at our school.

The Christmas decorations in the local shops are an indication that the end of the year is looming. Our classes are preparing for a range of activities such as camps and excursions over the next few weeks and teachers turn their attention to reports and structures for 2014. Please keep an eye on our web page for calendar events and updates during Term 4.

ADMINISTRATIVE DIMENSION

2014 Enrolments: As our class structures continue to be fine-tuned for 2014 we seek support from families in advising us if they have siblings wishing to enrol at St Brigid’s. Likewise, if families are not intending to return in 2014 we ask that you please notify us of your intentions as soon as possible.

LEARNING DIMENSION

Indigenous Education: On Wednesday the Year 1 - 7 children had the privilege of listening to Aboriginal performer and teacher Jonathan Lindsay-Tjapaltjarri Herraman. Jonathan’s family mix includes Indigenous/Indonesian-Islander/Anglo-Australian; He spent the first period of his life raised by his birth mother, a health and social worker, on urban and remote communities in Australia and overseas. Now based in Alice Springs, Jonathan currently works for Red Dust Role Models as a Male Health Program Manager and as a consultant for his own business, Fire & Water Consultancies, journeying with Aboriginal males (youth & adults) and their families to support them to overcome a broad range of issues he similarly faced growing up - in order to live healthy, informed and culturally authentic lives. Jonathan worked for the Northern Territory Department of Education and Training (DET) as a Senior Teacher and Education Advisor responsible for NT schools in the area of Health, Drug Education & Wellbeing – policy and curriculum development and the implementation of effective teaching and learning strategies for teachers and student alike. Jonathan used his personal life history to make real and tangible the choices young people can make to ensure a positive future.

A fluent Pintupi-Luritja speaking man from the NT community of Walungurru (Kintore), Jonathan demonstrated to the children his ability to ‘code-switch’ between his authentic Indigenous identity and the multiple worlds of mainstream Australian culture.

Jonathan then provided staff with a very informative and inspiring presentation after school. Jonathan’s presentation was made possible through the Federal Government’s Close the Gap Funding. We invite you to ask your children about their observations of the session with Jonathan.
LEARNING DIMENSION cont.

Learner Competencies: While we maintain a rigorous focus on the core curriculum learning areas, it is evident from global research how critical it is that teachers and families develop the broader capabilities of each child. During the course of Term 4 we will be focussing on further supporting our children to sustain and build the following TERRIFIC qualities:

- Thoughtful
- Enthusiastic
- Responsible
- Respectful
- Inclusive
- Friendly
- Inquisitive
- Capable

Each child has been issued with a passport which requires them to consistently demonstrate these qualities so that each component can be co-signed by their class teacher. Once a child has successfully displayed all of the 8 features their passport will be placed into a class draw where they have the chance to receive a book and certificate. We are grateful to our local Gawler Kiwani group for facilitating this program and for the support of the Gianitto Family Hotels for sponsoring the awards. We encourage families to focus on these 8 capabilities during the term and to reinforce the characteristics with their children.

During the course of the term we will be seeking feedback from our families about the identified capabilities and those which we are aiming to address during 2014. It will provide fruitful discussion about the qualities and dispositions which we desire our young people to possess and utilise effectively in their learning and life.

Dyslexia: In our newsletter we have placed advertising for a number of workshops for families and students who display dyslexic learning behaviour. Our staff worked with Neil early in the year and still adopt many of his practices in their classroom practice. You are encouraged to attend if you wish to obtain and develop strategies to assist your dyslexic learning style. There is even a session being hosted at our school!

COMMUNITY DIMENSION

Cabaret: Our School Cabaret is fast approaching! Please consider booking a table. Tickets are $55 and are available to purchase from the Front Office. For further information please see the advertisement in this week’s newsletter.

Open Day: On Sunday November 17th from 2pm - 4pm we will be holding an Open Day showcasing our school’s facilities and learning programs. We are grateful for the generous support of our staff in hosting this afternoon for families wishing to learn more about becoming a part of our St Brigid’s School Family. Over the next fortnight teachers will be looking for student volunteers to participate in this event and permission notes will be distributed accordingly.

Parent Workshop: Our final workshop with Terri Judd will be held next Friday 25th October at 1:30pm. This workshop will focus on supporting parents with students transitioning from Primary to Secondary school. Bookings for this session can be made at the Front Office.

SCHOOL FEES

The School Fee Statements were distributed this week with the eldest child in your family. Would you please ensure all fees are paid by 29TH NOVEMBER or by the agreed arrangement made between the school and you. Any questions should be directed to Jayne Clarke. Thank you.

CONGRATULATIONS

St Brigid’s would like to congratulate:

Dale and Natalie on being selected for the SAPSASA Tennis squad.

Congratulations to the O’Sullivan family on the birth of Jett Indie O’Sullivan. 7 pounds 9 ounces
WITH JUST UNDER 4 WEEKS UNTIL
2013 ST BRIGID’S CABARET/DINNER DANCE
Sat 9\textsuperscript{th} November, 2013 7pm.

DON’T MISS OUT!!
BOOK AND PAY FOR YOUR TICKETS BY MONDAY 28\textsuperscript{TH} OCTOBER.

DON’T FORGET your Dancing Shoes, BYO Drinks and GLASSWARE.
Get your Christmas Wish List Together.
Excellent Prizes to be won in our Silent Auction Including:-
- Accommodation Packages
- Signed Crows Football
- Michael Clarke Spartan Cricket Set
- Gym Membership
- Side of Pork
- Wine
& MUCH MORE........

Thank you to the School Community and Local Businesses who have so far donated fantastic prizes for the Auction, Silent Auction & Door Prizes….

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Do you have a business that’s new, upcoming or well known?
We are in need of donations of any goods or services to enable a successful auction on the night.
For more details please contact Sam Prentice 0417 829 823 or Jenni Redden 0408 476 154.
St Brigid's Canteen Volunteer Roster

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**ST Brigid’s CABART Dinner Dance**

Date: 9<sup>th</sup> November 2013  
Time: 7pm to midnight  
Location: SAMMAT Building  
Theme: Black & White  
Dress: After 5  
Featuring: All Soul’d Out — 10 piece band with a passion for soul, jazz, rock and blues  
Drinks: BYO drinks and glasses  
Meals: Pre dinner nibbles — spit roast/salad and dessert — vegetarian option to be pre ordered upon ticket purchase  
Tickets: $55 p/h

Tickets are available NOW and can be purchased through Sam Prentice (0417 829 823), Jenni Redden (0408 476 154), St Brigid's Front Office. Funds raised will be used to purchase communication school signage and new aluminium seats for the oval.

**Sacramental Program 2013 / 2014**

*Dear Families,*

Enrolment forms are now available from the Front Office for those wanting their children to participate in the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Eucharist, at Sts Peter and Paul Parish, Gawler.

*Children must be aged 7 years or older and be Baptised in the Catholic Faith.*

An information night for Parents will be held in the chapel at St Brigid’s Catholic School on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November at 7:00pm.

Any queries please contact Robynne Malone on 8522 2842 or Father Germano on 8522 1089.

Robynne Malone  
School Chaplain

**OPEN DAY**  
17<sup>th</sup> Nov 2pm - 4pm

**TELEPHONE 08 8522 2842 or 08 8522 2189 / ABSENTEE LINE (before 9am) 08 8522 2099  
FACSIMILE 08 8523 1699 / EMAIL info@stbrigidstcatholic.edu.au / WEB www.stbrigidstcatholic.edu.au**
The Day for Daniel is a National Day of Action to raise awareness of child safety, protection and harm prevention.

It is about educating children and adults about keeping kids safe through child safety and protection initiatives. It aims to help empower our children to ‘Recognise, React and Report’ if they feel something is not right.

Wear Red and Educate is the theme of for Day for Daniel as we strive to have schools, kindergartens, businesses and communities across Australia take action and conduct child safety activities in their local communities to help in ‘Keeping Kids Safe’.

The objectives of Day for Daniel are:

- To raise awareness about child safety and protection and to promote a safer community for children.
- To educate children regarding their personal safety and empower them to ‘Recognise, React and Report’.
- To educate and equip individuals and communities with knowledge and skills to understand child safety and protection requirements and empower them to take action.

On Tuesday 29th October we will be acknowledging this day at St. Brigid’s. On this day we are inviting students to wear a red t-shirt in recognition of this important issue. All classes will be participating in lessons around the issue of child safety during Week 3.
Dear Colleagues,

**Catholic School Parents Australia**

We are writing to advise of an historic development that will provide a *distinct* Catholic school parent voice at the national level.

Over the past two years, Catholic school parent bodies in New South Wales, Queensland and Victoria have argued that a new national parent body is now required to work with the National Catholic Education Commission and the Catholic Education directorates across Australia to bring a distinct Catholic school parent perspective to future negotiations between the sector and the Federal government, and to the development of policy within Catholic education in Australia.

Encouraged by the Bishops Commission for Catholic Education, the SA Federation and our counterparts in Western Australia and Tasmania met with the proponents of the new body to discuss the rationale for its formation, its intended scope of operations and governance arrangements. Following deep discernment, the Federation Council agreed on a majority vote to join the new body as a founding member (August 2013).

The decision-making process, and the decision to join, has great significance for our Federation as we are a long standing affiliate of the Australian Parent Council (APC), the national federation of organisations representing parents of students attending both Catholic and Independents schools.

The APC was formed 51 years ago following the success of the parent led ‘Goulburn Closure’ (1962) which saw parents withdraw 2000 children from Catholic schools and present them for enrolment at government schools in protest at the total lack of funding support for children in non-government schools.

The SA Federation will continue to affiliate with the Australian Parents Council and work with its other members to shape APC’s future, just as we will work hard to support the emergence of Catholic School Parents Australia as a distinctive voice.

The new organisation will be launched in Sydney on 14th October and will hold its first Annual General Meeting on 15th October 2013.

We are delighted to advise here that the SA Federation’s nominees to CSPA will be Council member, Kylie Ind and our Executive Director Ann Bliss.

Other founding members are:
- Council of Catholic School Parents NSW (CCSP)
- Federation of Parents and Friends Association of Queensland
- Victorian Catholic Schools Parent Body
- Parents and Friends Federation of WA
- Tasmanian Catholic School Parents Council
- A new parent body being formed by the diocese of Canberra/Goulburn in the ACT.
The Federation of Catholic School Parent Communities (SA) is committed to extending its strong and influential work at the national level through membership of CSPA and APC to advocate for our goals of choice, quality, equity and parent voice in education.

We take the opportunity in this context to also advise that Federation President Caz Bosch was re-elected President of the Australian Parents Council last month, Treasurer Paul Della was re-elected APC Treasurer and Ann Bliss was re-appointed as a member of the APC National Executive.

We thank you in advance for your support in disseminating this information to families and school staff.

Yours sincerely

[Signature]

Caz Bosch
President
September 2013

[Signature]

Ann Bliss
Executive Director
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Dyslexia affects 10% of Australians. However 25% of school kids have "dyslexic style" learning needs and require various levels of support. Come along to one of the courses below and learn accepted practical strategies that will immediately improve the educational outcomes for these willing yet vulnerable learners.

Guaranteed to be a fun, informative and lively experience.
For more info go to www.dagbags.org.au

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2 exciting courses offered for all educators, allied health professionals and parents.

1. THE INTRODUCTORY COURSE - The First Steps
(Re run for those who missed out in March.)

WHEN: Saturday 19th October, 2013, 9am - 3.30pm. (Sign in 08:45-09:00am)
WHERE: Immanuel Lutheran School, 11 Lyndoch Road, Gawler East.
COST(GST inc) $50.00 per person (inc morning tea & lunch)

2. THE ADVANCED COURSE - The Next Step

WHEN: Thursday 24th October 2013, 9am - 3.30pm. (Sign in 08:45-09:00am)
WHERE: Hewett Community Centre, 28-30 Kingfisher Drive, Hewett.
COST(GST inc) $50.00 per person (inc morning tea & lunch)

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REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT
Registration form via website www.dagbags.org.au
PAYPAL available via website.
DIRECT DEPOSIT: Deposit payment to DAGBAGS-BSB:035075 Account Number:261256. Use surname or school as a reference please. Also Email completed registration form to kylie@dagbags.org.au detailing payment.
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ALL ENQUIRIES:
Kylie Fotheringham
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REGISTRATIONS:
Registration and payment due by the 18th of October.

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Getting it right for Dyslexia:
Getting it right for All.

Are you Dyslexic?
Think you maybe?
Do you have a dyslexic child?
Does dyslexia run in the family?

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DYSLEXIA – “The Out of the Box Thinkers”
STUDENT AND PARENT WORKSHOP

WHEN: Saturday 26th October, 2013 9am - 3.00pm.
WHERE: St Brigid’s Catholic School, Evanston.
COST: $10 per family or $20 per teacher
BYO lunch, shops close by!
Tea and Coffee supplied

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Neil MacKay Dyslexia COURSES & WORKSHOPS

Registration Form/Tax Invoice ABN: 83424805588
This document will become a tax invoice for GST purposes upon payment.
(A photocopy of the completed document should be kept and filed as the tax invoice before forwarding to DAGBAGS.)

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BE QUICK...WORKSHOPS FILLING FAST

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Saturday 19th October, 2013
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Number of attendees = __________
$50 per person – Includes morning tea and lunch

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Thursday 24th October, 2013
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9am—3.30pm.
Number of attendees = __________
$50 per person – Includes morning tea and lunch

Student and Parent Workshop. – “Dyslexia:The Out of the Box Thinkers”
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9am-3pm.
Number of attendees = __________
$20 per teacher or $10 per family - BYO lunch, shops close by!

TOTAL PAYMENT □ Paypal □ Cheque/Money Order □ Direct Deposit

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Please advise any special dietary requirements:

Individuals NAME or SCHOOL NUMBER ATTENDING
ADDRESS POST CODE
TELEPHONE EMAIL ADDRESS
Names of attendees:

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