DIARY DATES TO REMEMBER

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<td>Friday 6th December</td>
<td>9:15am Community Prayer REC HL</td>
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<td>10am Meet the Teacher</td>
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<td>Tuesday 10th December</td>
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<td>10:30am Volunteer Morning Tea</td>
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LEADERSHIP NEWS

LEARNING DIMENSION

Re-Imagining Childhood: Over the coming months you will begin to hear more about a conversation about Early Learning in South Australia. Catholic Education SA, together with the State Government and the Education Department along with other key stakeholders, has been exploring early learning and the importance this has on the future development of children. Leading this conversation has been Adelaide Thinker in Residence 2012–2013 Professor Rinaldi.

Rinaldi is a world leader in education for children in the early years. She has been the President of Reggio Children, the municipal infant toddler and preschool system of Reggio Emilia in Italy. Professor Rinaldi worked side-by-side with Loris Malaguzzi, the founder of the Reggio Emilia Approach, from 1970 until his death in 1994. Carla is also a Professor in the Faculty of Education at the University of Modena and Reggio

Her recently released report “Re Imagining Childhood – the inspiration of Reggio Emilia education principles in South Australia,” provides us with many provocations about how we approach the education of young people as well as how we consider the place of the child in society. The report provides some very provocative reading and can be accessed at http://www.thinkers.sa.gov.au/rialdilipbook/

Over the coming newsletters we will provide you some insights into how this thinking will influence the learning at St. Brigid’s.

Congratulations: At our Community Prayer last Friday we were able to recognise many children for their excellent behaviour at recent school events. In particular, we acknowledged our Yr 7 and Yr 4/5 children for their outstanding behaviour on their camps. Likewise, we celebrated the fair play and determination of the children who attended the Netball Carnival. Recently, at our Open Day, many families visiting our school spoke extremely positively about the students who took tours or who demonstrated learning activities in their classrooms. We have an extraordinary number of students who self manage and represent our school with terrific pride. Well done!

As a school community we also congratulate almost fifty former St Brigid’s Catholic School students who were presented at the Xavier College Presentation Evening this week. As a Primary School it is satisfying to witness our old scholars being recognised for their faith, educational and community success. A super effort, you are terrific role models and a credit to yourselves and your families.

Bushfire Plan: Unfortunately, this week we were faced with the first opportunity to implement our Bushfire Plan as a consequence of the fire at Roseworthy. The requirements of the plan resulted in all school buses being grounded. Subsequently, children were monitored by staff and contact made with families to arrange alternative transport arrangements. Whilst we understand the inconvenience of such action, ultimately, there is a responsibility to the wellbeing of our children. We were pleased with the children’s mature response to the action undertaken and the composure displayed by staff in facing this process for the first time. It is our prayer that it is the last time, however, we understand that in our region we are more prone to these type of incidents and thank our families and staff for their support.
RELIGIOUS DIMENSION

Advent: This Sunday the Season of Advent begins in our Church. Advent marks the beginning of our Church year. Advent is a Season of waiting and expectation. We know Christ is already with us but in this season we focus our thoughts and reflections on what it means to wait for someone and to make ourselves ready.

Advent reflection
Reader 1: Are you ready and willing?
Reader 2: Ready and willing to do what?
Reader 1 To be a kingdom person.
Reader 2: A kingdom person? What's that?
Reader 1 Don’t you know about the kingdom and about God’s Dream?
Reader 2: God had a dream? How do YOU know what God dreams about?
Reader 1: ‘Cos God sent us a message.
Reader 2: What, an email? You’ve got mail from God?
Reader 1: Sort of – a personal email actually. Name of Jesus.
Reader 2: What’s this all got to do with me?
Reader 1: Well it’s Advent and I want to know if you’re ready- if you’re awake!
Reader 2: Of course I’m awake! I’m talking to you aren’t I? Or is this all a dream?
Reader 1: Could be! This is Advent, a time when we think a little more seriously about our dreams and about God’s dreams for us. Advent is a bit like an alarm clock!
Reader 2: You’re dreaming mate!! An alarm clock?
Reader1: Advent is a wakeup call, a time to take some quiet time to think about what’s really important to us.

What can you do to prepare for the birth of Jesus?

Family Mass: This Sunday is the final family mass for the year at Ss Peter and Paul Catholic Church. All families are invited to join in celebrating the first Sunday of Advent at 10am. We hope to see you there.

Children’s Christmas Eve Mass: The Children's Christmas Eve Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday December 24 at 7pm in the SAMMAT. Children are invited to dress up in Nativity dress up eg shepherds, angels, wise men, Mary, Joseph. Thank you to those parents who have emailed Andrea White indicating your child’s interest to be involved. Please email Andrea (andreawhite@stbrigids.catholic.edu.au) if your child would like to assist in reading or processions.

Giving Tree: The Giving Tree is now set up in the front office. Your generous donations of non-perishable foods and gifts for children, adults or families can be placed under the Giving Tree at any time between now and the end of the year. The gifts will be distributed to needy families in Gawler through St Vincent De Paul.

Graduation Liturgy: The year 7 students will celebrate the end of their primary schooling on Tuesday December 9 in the SAMMAT. Their Liturgy will begin at 6pm.

End of Year Mass: The students and Staff will celebrate the end of 2013 school year on Wednesday December 10 at 11.30am in the SAMMAT. You are most welcome to join us celebrate the Eucharist together and give thanks for all our achievements in 2013.

Philippines Gold Coin Donation: Thank you to everyone who brought in their gold coins on Wednesday to help raise funds for the people of the Philippines who are trying to rebuild their lives after the devastating typhoon which hit some villages so long ago. We raised $236.55.

ADMINISTRATIVE DIMENSION

2014 School Fees: At the November Board Meeting School Fees were ratified for 2014. Each family should have received a letter informing them of the 2014 Fee Schedule and also a form which is to be returned to the school indicating how fees will be paid. Please note all fees are to be finalised by FRIDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 2014.

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Resource Fee $345
Catholic Diocesan Fee $48

Student Stationery Orders: Each student returning to St Brigid's in 2014 would have a received a Stationery List. If your child has not, can you please contact the Front Office. Orders need to be received by Office Choice by Friday 6th December 2013.

School Card 2014: School Card Applications must be made every year. Information will be distributed to parents as soon as it is available.
ADMINISTRATIVE DIMENSION cont.

Change to Bus Schedule 2014
We have been notified that Gawler & District College will be finishing at 2.15pm on a Thursday as of 2014. Consequently, the yellow school buses will not be operational for our students on a Thursday. We are appreciative that Mr Karl Barber, Business Manager at Xavier College, is seeking a solution that may benefit both schools. Mr Barber has negotiated a potential bus route (below) which we may be entitled to access depending on availability of seats.

Proposed Thursday PM bus route

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<td>Left onto Jack Cooper Drive</td>
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<td>Right Angle Vale Road</td>
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<td>Through to Angle Vale</td>
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<td>Left Gawler Road to Virginia Township</td>
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<td>Left Old Port Wakefield Road to Bus Stop</td>
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<td>Right Old Port Wakefield Road</td>
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<td>Left then Right across Angle Vale Road into Old Port Wakefield Road</td>
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Please indicate on the reply slip below if you would like to access a seat on this bus run.

Name: ____________________________
Contact No: ______________________

I / we would like our child  to access a seat on the Thursday private coach during 2014

Parent signature: ____________________________
2013 Yearbook: Just a reminder that Yearbook orders need to be received by Wednesday 4th December. Order forms are available from the Front Office. If you would like a form emailed please email Jasmine at jzawitkowski@stbrigids.catholic.edu.au

Volunteer Morning Tea: St Brigid’s staff would like to thank their Volunteers for all their assistance this year by hosting a morning tea prior to the End Of Year Mass to commence at 10:30am. For catering purposes would you please email Jasmine on jzawitkowski@stbrigids.catholic.edu.au. (We need to tell Mr Probets how many cupcakes to make)

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CABARET/DINNER DANCE 2013

St Brigid’s would like to thank the following businesses for their generous donations.

24/7Fitness Plus  
Angela & Wayne Butcher  
Cafe Farina  
Crazy Monkeys Playhouse  
Dowden Personal Fitness Centre  
Event Cupcake  
Gawler & Barossa Jockey Club  
Gawler Hill Wines  
Helium House  
Hon John Dawkins mlc  
Jewellery Journey  
K Brereton Jewellers  
Langmeil Estate  
Lyndoch Bakery  
Mensland  
Peter Lehmann Wines  
Potger & Richardson Chemmart  
Rockford Wines  
Serafino Wine  
She’s Apples  
Stella Giannito  
Te aro Estate  
The Lolly Shop Gawler  
This Little Piggy  
Virgara Wines  
What Pete Shot  

Adelaide Crows  
Aura Homewares  
Cafe Sia  
Crestline Meats  
Dreamland Gawler  
Ezy Video  
Gawler Car & Pet Wash  
Giannitto Family Hotels  
Hahndorf Farm Barn  
Hemera Estate Wines  
Java Hut  
Jorge Centenera  
KFC Jodie Chammen  
Leading Edge Telecom  
Mauve & Dave Rutley  
Micks Motorcycles Gawler  
PJ O’ Briens Irish Pub  
Premium Vehicle Sales – Robbie Zeuner  
Rosa Matteo – Chef &Ch7 Presenter  
Serenity Beauty  
Sport Power Gawler  
Sunrise Bakery  
Terry White Chemist  
The Puppet Workshop  
Travel Planner Gawler  
Vine Inn Nuriootpa  
Whistler Wines  

Adelaide Festival Theatre  
Brayden Wauchope Golf  
Conversations Café  
Domino’s Gawler  
Elders Real Estate Gawler  
Fig 22  
Gawler Cinemas  
Goddard’s Fine Meats  
Heart ‘n’ Soul Hair & Beauty  
HG Humphreys Electrical  
Jessica Blown  
Jo Vink  
Landmark Redden  
Lou Miranda Estate  
Melissa Close  
Nerissa Nesci – Tuppaware  
Plasma Art by David Wynes  
Pure Platinum  
Schild Estate Wines  
Shall We Dance  
St Brigid’s Catholic School  
T & D Pigmarketers  
The Bake & Brew Shop  
Thirsty Camel Bottle Shop  
Vadulious  
Westpac  
Xavier College
The Canteen URGENTLY requires volunteers. If you hold a current Police Clearance and would like to offer assistance please contact Kathy on 0412 510 818 or at koreilly@stbrigids.catholic.edu.au

Chicken Pox
A case of chicken pox has been reported.
Medical information can be obtained from the Front Office

MADD NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS to everyone who participated in St. Brigid’s Got Talent. I am very proud of the students and impressed at the variety and calibre of performance. The winners were as follows:
1st Will Evans (by one point!!), 2nd Harlem Shake, 3rd The Demons.
I will be presenting some Certificates at the next assembly, for those students who have shown Excellence and/or Potential in the area of the Performing Arts.
If you are going into Year 7 and are interested in applying for the position of music leader please write me a letter of application about your skills in the Performing Arts and what you would achieve if you were given an opportunity.

Applications for Music Leader close on Friday of Week 8
Mrs. Isaacson
Do you have a child in year 4, 5 or 6?

In 2001 (over 12 years ago) the Government introduced the ‘Child Tax Offset’ and surprisingly many Australians did not know about it and have NOT claimed any benefits.

HAVE YOU MISSED OUT ON THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS?

If your child was born between 1 July 2001 and 30 June 2004 you may be eligible to receive up to $12,500 of entitlements.

The government has now put a deadline on this entitlement so please email childoffset@twelve.com.au to receive more information.

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