DIARY DATES TO REMEMBER

**Week 2**

- **Sunday 2nd February** 10:00am Family Mass
- **Monday 3rd - Wednesday 5th** 3 Way Learning Conference
- **Wednesday 5th February** 11:30am Whole School Mass
- **Friday 7th February** Year 7 Retreat

**Christmas Mass Times**

- **Tuesday December 24 – Christmas Eve Family Mass**
  7pm in the SAMMAT
  *(Children may come dressed in appropriate Christmas costumes)*

- **Tuesday December 24 – Christmas Eve Carols**
  At Ss Peter and Paul Catholic Church
  11:30pm followed by Midnight Mass

- **Wednesday December 25 – Christmas Day Mass**
  At Ss Peter and Pauls Catholic Church
  8am & 10am

On behalf of the staff, our Leadership Team thanks our school community for their ongoing support during 2013.

*We continue to value the enormous trust you place in us as we work together to enable each child to display their love of life and love of learning.*

*We wish our students and their families every blessing during the Christmas Season.*

May the peace of Christ be abundant in your homes during 2014.

**ADMINISTRATIVE DIMENSION**

**Farewell:** The end of another year enables us to farewell families and staff who are concluding their time with us at St Brigid’s Catholic School. In particular, we thank the following staff for their commitment to our school community and wish them every success in their future endeavours:

- We have appreciated the efforts of Mrs Janine Dare in working with our Junior Primary Team. Janine’s extensive experience with children in the early years has been greatly valued. We have also appreciated her role as the staff representative on the School Board where her passion for our school was constantly witnessed.

- Sarah Kostiwi has displayed a high level of care to the children in her class over the past year at our school. Her strong personal commitment to learning ensured that her students were always at the heart of her work at St Brigid’s. Her leadership in the production of our Fortnightly News will be sorely missed.

- Tracey Bolger stepped into our school late last year and assumed a classroom role in our Junior Primary Team. Her desire to improve the learning opportunities for her students and her commitment to working collaboratively with staff has been appreciated.

- Heather Malone has played a significant role in our Education Support Team and achieved a great level of success with a number of students, particularly with our intervention program Multi-lit.

- Nerida May generously immersed herself in the life of our school and quickly gained the trust of the children and staff she worked with as an Education Support Officer. Her patience, persistence and gentle manner have been valued.

- Donna Reithmuller has been granted leave by our School Board to spend 12 months teaching at her children’s school in the Barossa Valley. Donna has played a significant role in 2013 as our Literacy Coach and the data from recent testing indicates that staff have responded positively to her guidance and support. Her commitment to raising the intellectual capacity of our school will be missed but we look forward to her return to St Brigid’s in 2015.

- May God Bless all of our Year 7 graduates as they progress onto the next stage of their schooling. Likewise, we thank the families that are concluding their association with St Brigid’s. May the spirit of Brigid surround you and enable you to continue to live life in all its fullness.
ADMINISTRATIVE DIMENSION cont.

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Resource Fee $345
Catholic Diocesan Fee $48

Please note all fees are to be finalised by FRIDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 2014.

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

Uniform Shop: We ask all existing families to take note of the Uniform Shop Opening times as we come to the end of term and for the commencement of 2014. The Uniform Shop will be open on the week before school goes back and subsequent dates and times. Please see the opening times further in the newsletter.

School Online Canteen: The school will be proceeding with the online ordering system next year. (Please see attached brochure)


- Register
- Receive a confirmation email and log in to website
- Select St Brigid’s Catholic School and enter your child’s name
- Add credit to your account

Then…

- Select your child
- Select your date
- Add meal items to the order
- Confirm order

LEARNING DIMENSION

As we come to the end of another academic year one of the pleasurable aspects of our roles is to read student reports. In doing so we are able to see the transformation and growth that has taken place over the course of the year. For many, success has come easily while for others it required a little more effort. For our younger students the growth is often dramatic and more obvious in the ability to read or understand a new number concept. We see the ability to get along with others and develop important social skills. For older students, learning is more about consolidation of concepts as well as gaining new understandings. It is also a time to reflect on their year and consider “Did I do the best I could? How can I make 2014 an even better year?” Whatever their response, we believe that most students can be proud of their efforts and what they have achieved.

We have also been enormously proud of the efforts of staff to continually seek improvement in their practice as educators. With additional Federal Government funding in 2013 we have been fortunate to have established Literacy & Numeracy Coaches. The effort of Donna Reithmuller and Julie Hancock has been extensive and staff are to be acknowledged for their desire to establish more consistent planning expectations, achieve moderation of student assessment tasks across learning teams, promote clearer learning intentions and assessment criteria for students and seek improvement of their classroom practice including the introduction of iPads. This has occurred amongst the expected demands of supporting the spiritual, social, emotional and physical requirements of our young people.

Likewise, our Administration Team have commenced using a new management system from CESA during 2013, had to contend with increasing accountability requirements from system and government departments as well as refining and improving our school based processes to ensure efficiencies amidst tight budgetary constraints. Our Education Support Staff are committed to our students through a variety of services at our school and often go unnoticed for the diverse tasks they undertake to ensure every child is supported at our school. It was a highlight this week that one of our Junior primary children, when buying a present for his teacher, asked his mum if they could buy a box of chocolates for Mr Payne (Our Groundsman) because he constantly gets my rubber ball off the roof!

We are blessed with the staff at St Brigid’s Catholic School and are grateful for the tremendous support and encouragement they receive from our school families. We look forward to further strengthening these relationships in 2014.
St Brigid’s would like to congratulate the Suridge family on the birth of Fletcher Michael Suridge.

Born 23rd of November
Weighing 3.7kg
Length 52cm

School Holiday Opening Hours

Thursday 23rd January 2014
9:00am - 12:00pm & 1:00pm - 3:30pm

Friday 24th January 2014
9:00am - 12:00pm

First day back Tuesday 28th January
8:30am -10:00am & 2:30pm - 4:30pm

St Brigid’s Uniform Shop

2014 Student Details Summary completed
New Medical Forms completed
St Brigid’s School Bag purchased
(No other styles of bag may be used in 2014)
Uniform ready (correct attire and size)
Please note that boys are not permitted to wear cargo pants.
My child’s appearance complies with the schools Uniform Policy.
(correct hair colour and piercing accessories)
Images are available on our web page

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 Flower Gallery
Gods 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 Crowes
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 Mattio – 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 Pigmarkers
The Bake & Brew Shop
Thirsty Camel Bottle Shop
Vadulious
Westpac
Xavier College

TELEPHONE 08 8522 2842 or 08 8522 2189 / ABSENTEE LINE (before 9am) 08 8522 2099
FACSIMILE 08 8523 1699 / EMAIL info@stbrigidscatholic.edu.au / WEB www.stbrigidscatholic.edu.au
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@stbrigidscatholic.edu.au

St Brigid's Playgroup

What a great year we have had at Playgroup this year. It was filled with lots of fun, laughter and creativity. Thank you to the parents for their support and for bringing their children along and making Playgroup such a joy to be part of. On behalf of the Playgroup families: a big thank you to Paul Bennett, Gennaro Mannella & Andrea White for their ongoing support. I would like to wish the following children who are off to school or Preschool all the best for the future. May God watch over them, as they start their educational journey.

Michael, Tate, Imika, Archie, Millie, Lucy, Oliver, Quinn, Isabelle & Will

I would like to wish all the St Brigid's families a Blessed Christmas and safe and prosperous New Year.

Franca Hall

Playgroup Coordinator
CONGRATULATIONS!
your school canteen is now online

Parent Information Sheet
Our Online Canteen is an online ordering system which is an easy and convenient way to order school meals, uniforms and pay for school events online.

How to get started:
- Visit the site www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au
- Sign up by filling in a registration form
- Enter your contact details, user name and password
- Receive a confirmation email
- Log in to the website
- Select your school and enter your children's names
- Add credit to your account and order meals for your children

Ordering is as easy as 1-2-3-4:
1. Select your child
2. Select your date
3. Add meal items to order
4. Confirm the order

Download a FREE mobile app

www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au

Login
Password

info@ouronlinecanteen.com.au - Phone 1300 484 888
ABN 32 142 542 014

Sign up and order to go in the draw to win $$$ and prizes. Drawn every week

Why has your school gone online?
Your school has chosen to use Our Online Canteen system in order to save you and your canteen time and money. It also provides an easy and convenient way of ordering your kids meals and uniforms.

Is the website safe and secure to use and add credit?
- Yes, Our Online Canteen has an SSL certificate and it is used for any financial transaction conducted through the website

How can I add credit?
- There are three ways to add credit to your account: PayPal, Credit Card and Direct Deposit
- If you experience any issues adding credit please contact us directly

What do I do if I need help?
- You can call our amazing team on 1300 484 888 from 7.30 am or email us at info@ouronlinecanteen.com.au

Benefits to parents
- Save time and money
- Easy to use
- Exclusive discounts and prizes
- Full Customer Support

How do you save money?
- By ordering online from your canteen
- Having access to exclusive discounts from local businesses

Download a FREE mobile app

Businesses wanted
Advertise with us and support your school

On behalf of your school
THANK YOU for your support.

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