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St Brigid’s Catholic School acknowledges the Kuarna people as the traditional owners of the land upon which our school is situated.

DIARY DATES TO REMEMBER

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LEADERSHIP NEWS

RELIGIOUS DIMENSION

Year 7 Retreat: Congratulations to all the Year 7 students on their wonderful participation in last week’s Retreat. The day gave all of us the opportunity to get to know each other better; it gave time for reflection and contemplation. The students also celebrated the Eucharist together on Wednesday. It was a wonderful way to conclude the Retreat and begin the new year as the senior students at St Brigid’s.

Last Friday, 7th February, the Year 7’s went to Faith Lutheran College for the day. We had much fun participating in activities, eg we had a reflection prayer, then we had to choose a bear card that represented our feelings, we had a lot of time to listen to reflective music and concentrate on our feelings, we watched a film about Kaurna land, watched a play by Mrs Malone and Mr Bennett, made St Brigid Crosses, presented our symbols that represented ourselves, styled our yarning circles with stones, we also had discussions on our yarning circles about our goals in life, then a special moment for us all was when we opened our letters from our parents that they wrote for us, then Mrs White read us a story, then the day came to an end and we had to get back on the bus and come back to school.

Written by Tom Madigan and Belinda Silvy (Year 7T on behalf of all year 7’s).

St Brigid Parent Immersion Workshop: Robynne and Andrea facilitated the first St Brigid Parent Immersion Workshop on Wednesday morning. Thankyou to the parents who attended and eagerly participated. Our hope for these sessions is to share Brigid’s deep stories and provide a valuable insight to how this knowledge is implemented throughout the school.

Family Mass: All families are invited to attend the next Family Mass which will be on Sunday March 2 at 10am at Sts Peter & Paul Catholic Church. If your child/children would like to participate in the mass either reading or taking part in the processions, please email Andrea White andreawhite@stbrigids.catholic.edu.au indicating their willingness to participate.

LEARNING DIMENSION

3 Way Learning Conference: Feedback in relation to the 3 Way Learning Conferences has been very positive. It has been very affirming to hear our young people articulate their learning goals and identify what they need to do to attain these. Our staff are undertaking action research around the benefits of these processes and will be reviewing the progress of children in their classrooms. The collaboration between home and school will be crucial in supporting our children to achieve their goals.

Student House Leaders: Today at our assembly we acknowledged the Year 7 children who have been selected by their peers as our House Captains and Vice Captains.

Congratulations to:

Brigid House
Jacob (Captain)  
Emma (Captain)  
Tyler (Vice Captain)  
Keely (Vice Captain)

MacKillop House
Harrison (Captain)  
Louise (Captain)  
Christopher (Vice Captain)  
Katie (Vice Captain)

Paul House
Jack (Captain)  
Dominque (Captain)  
Thomas (Vice Captain)  
Natalie (Vice Captain)

Peter House
Jaden (Captain)  
Caitlin (Captain)  
Alec (Vice Captain)  
Alannah (Vice Captain)

We look forward to these students representing their teams with great enthusiasm and pride. Their commitment to uphold the spirit of fair play and inclusion will be greatly valued.
ADMINISTRATIVE DIMENSION

DUTY OF CARE

Yard Duty Supervision: We remind families that staff commence their morning duty at 8.30am. We are concerned that some families are dropping off their children just after 8am. There is no supervision and you are jeopardising your child’s safety. Out of School Care facilities are available at the Gawler & District College (OSCAR’s) and you are encouraged to access this service if early arrivals are your anticipated routine. Children who arrive just prior to 8.30am are expected to wait quietly adjacent the Chapel (In view of the Front Office). Your support of these structures are appreciated to ensure the wellbeing of your child.

Student Information Data: Another significant area of concern surrounds families not returning their Student Information Data sheets. These are critical in the event of an emergency and must be continually updated to cater for changing mobile numbers/email addresses/ student medical requirements. Families will be deemed negligent if they highlight a particular health matter and do not provide the necessary medication/s. We have made contact with a number of families and seek their prompt response to returning this vital information.

Enrolments: 2015 enrolments are filling quickly as the new Common Starting Age process becomes more familiar to families. If your child turns 5 before the 1st May they may be enrolled at school. It is critical that siblings are enrolled early. Please contact Andrea Mackereth should you require an application form. Thank you for your anticipated response.

Uniform: We thank families for supporting the school in ensuring the correct uniform is being worn. The correct uniform plays a very important part of a child’s identity and belonging to our school community. It is disappointing to see so early in the year, some students who are choosing to flout the uniform expectations which have been clearly defined in the school uniform policy. This policy is available on the school website with visuals to remove any doubt about the required articles. The following uniform issues have arisen;

- Incorrect school bag – only St. Brigid’s Catholic School bags are permitted. This includes all Year 7s.
- Cargo pants/shorts – plain standard shorts are expected
- The wearing of jewellery other than a religious medal or cross. We are seeing multiple ear rings being worn on the one ear, heavy silver/black chord chains and a few instances of make-up being worn

We urge parents to ensure that their child complies with these expectations. If you have a valid reason for not having the correct uniform item – eg Uniform shop stock unavailable, items in the wash etc, then please send a note to school in your child’s diary/communication book. A note will go home informing parents of a uniform violation unless we are informed of the reason. Persistent wearing of incorrect uniform or flouting of these expectations will incur a Reflection Room penalty for the child.

COMMUNITY DIMENSION

School Communication Signs: It is fantastic to witness the installation of the communication signs adjacent the school car park and SAMMAT building. Feedback from members of our community has identified the desire to utilise these style of signs to increase communication across our school. We look forward to them becoming a useful structure to keep our school family informed of school events and celebrations. A huge thank you to our Parent Teams for driving the fundraising for these signs and to Alex, John and Steve for installing them on a 42 degree day!

Shrove Tuesday: Lent is fast approaching. A time where we will prepare for the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus. To prepare for the season of Lent the parent and playgroup teams will be providing all students with a pancake on Tuesday March 4 (Shrove Tuesday). I would like to thank the parent and playgroup teams for volunteering their time to prepare, cook and serve the pancakes. If your child has any allergies and will not be able to eat the pancakes provided we invite you to send your child with their own pancake made up being worn

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HELP! If you have any unwanted Lego, Match box cars, Large Jig saw puzzles, or blocks this is an opportunity to clean out those long forgotten toy boxes. We are hoping to provide activities for our students during break times that will keep them engaged and involved in a variety of activities. Naturally the above mentioned items are geared towards younger students. We would also welcome items such as large chess board games, interactive creative items that would suit older students. Alternatively, if you are a cleared volunteer and have a special talent you would like to share with students at lunch times (Tom boy stich, knitting, or any other creative pursuit) it would be great to hear from you. Please direct any of these items to the front office or a member of the Leadership Team.

HEALTH AND WELL BEING

We wish to make a clarification regarding our policy relating to food allergies.

At St. Brigid’s we are committed to ensure the health and safety of all students and adults who work or visit the school. For some children, their allergy to certain foods can be life threatening.

We currently have students who have a severe allergy to nuts. In the past the school has been advised to avoid blanket nut free policies as a way of managing these health needs because of the possibility of creating a false sense of security for children concerned. However, in these cases we work very closely with a child’s parents and those of children in a class or cohort to work towards minimising this risk. For these families we appreciate the commitment you have been asked to make to ensure the health and wellbeing of children concerned.

Paul Bennett
Principal

Gennaro Mannella
Deputy Principal

Andrea White
Assistant Principal RIM
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

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South Gawler Football Club Inc.
"Proud of the past, confident of the future"

THE SOUTH GAWLER FOOTBALL CLUB
Is looking for boys and girls to play football in season 2014.
We require players for our under 9, 11 and 13 teams.
If you are between the age of 7 and 12, we have the team for you.
South Gawler is a family club with a rich history.
All coaches and managers are police checked.
We abide by the strict ruling of the Barossa Light and Gawler League.
Under 9s and 11s play in Friday nights under modified rules.
Under 13s play on Saturday mornings.
If you would like to join in on this seasons fun or would like more
information please call Steve Nicolai on 0418 856 953.
Email steve.nicolai@internode.on.net

“2014 The year of the Lions”

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Trinity College Interschool Gymkhana

St Brigid’s Catholic School is entering a team in the Trinity College Interschool Gymkhana on Friday 28th February. It is being coordinated by one of our parents, Mrs Lindy Menadue.

Families need to understand that a staff member will not be present at the event.
If your child is interested in representing our school please return the reply slip found in the newsletter or contact Lindy on 0403325264 for further information.
This is a terrific opportunity for children with equestrian skills to experience this level of competition.
CENTRAL DISTRICT HARLEQUIN NETBALL CLUB

‘Achieve and enjoy’
Do you know a future Thunderbird?

If so, Central District Harlequin Netball Club is the place to be!

Central District Harlequin Netball Club is the northern pathway into the State’s elite netball competition. Our major sponsors are the Central District Football Club, and we are proud of being the only elite netball club to have a strong tie to an SANFL club. Harlequin is committed to providing players from the Northern Districts with an opportunity to play netball at the elite level. Harlequin is a family orientated club and welcomes new players, coaches and umpires. We pride ourselves on our Junior development programs.

Our training nights are Tuesdays at Argana Park, Elizabeth Downs and games are played on Saturday’s at Netball SA Stadium. All our coaches are accredited by Netball SA.

We are currently taking registration of interest for Juniors born (1999 & 2000), Sub-Juniors (b 2001 & 2002) and Primary aged players (b 2003 onwards). If your daughter would like to play please contact Karen Edwards on Jkedwards@bigpond.com for more information

Playing for Central District Harlequin does NOT mean that you have to leave your current club. In fact we would prefer you not to!!! This is a great opportunity to enhance your skills and develop as a player.

Gawler Eagles Soccer Club

Registration Day
Sunday 16th February 2014
10am to 12pm
Players for ages U6 to U13

Registration to be conducted at Karbeethan Reserve, Angle Vale Road, Evanston Gardens.
The Club is also continuing its successful Soccer Academy for Season 2014 for ages 3 to 12 The Gawler Soccer Club will also be focusing on our U11s to U13s with a specifically designed training program.

For further information on the registration day, Soccer Academy or Training Program, please contact Gerry McAvoy 0418 898 284 or email admin@gawlereagles.com

Gawler Hockey Club

RECRUITING NOW
Junior & Senior Players
No experience necessary

First Training and Come’n’try Evening:
Wed 5th March 2014 5pm onwards
at our home ground:
Karbeethan Reserve
Angle Vale Road, Evanston Gardens

For more info Please visit our website (Google Gawler Hockey Club) or contact Lisa Johnson 0419 110 725.

ST. JOSEPH’S OLD SCHOLARS ANNUAL MASS / AFTERNOON TEA.

SUNDAY 16 MARCH 2014 AT 2.00P.M.

Invitation to ALL former students/teachers (male and female) from ANY Josephite Schools/Colleges to join with us and Mary Mackillop College for MASS at 2.00P.M. in St. Joseph’s Convent Chapel, Kensington. Father Ian Mackintosh OMI will be our Celebrant. Devonshire Afternoon Tea will follow in BETHANY - adjacent to the Chapel ($5). Great opportunity for a REUNION - love to see YOU there. (Margaret Emery 82640780)

Would you like ‘The Brigitiser’ emailed to you?
Please send your details to Jasmine at jzawitkowski@stbrigids.catholic.edu.au and this will be organised for you.
TRINITY COLLEGE

TRINITY COLLEGE INTERSCHOOL GYMKHANA

Friday 28th February 2014

School Consent Form

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This form is to be filled out and returned to Rachele.Taylor@trinity.sa.edu.au to assist with information required for the organisation of the event before Saturday 22nd February 2014.

Thank you for your cooperation and look forward to sharing a fun filled day with your school student equestrians.