LEADERSHIP NEWS

RELIGIOUS DIMENSION

Shrove Tuesday: On Tuesday March 4 the Parent Teams and Playgroup Parents will prepare and cook pancakes for all the students to acknowledge Shrove Tuesday. Shrove Tuesday is the day before Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent in our Catholic Church and a reminder that we are entering a season of penance. Traditionally viewed as a day of repentance, Shrove Tuesday has become the last day for celebration and feasting before the period of fasting required during the Lenten Season.

If your child has any food allergies it is suggested that you supply your child with a pancake from home and inform your child's class teacher.

Do you have lead lighting skills?
If so, please contact Andrea White at andreawhite@stbrigids.catholic.edu.au. We have a lead light St Brigid’s Cross which needs fixing, so if you can help we would really appreciate hearing from you. It was purchased in Ireland but didn’t quite make the flight home in one piece!

Holy Week: We would like to provide our school community with prior warning about our Holy week celebrations. They will be held on Tuesday March 4 – Friday 11th April at 9.15am. The venue will either be a combination of SAMMAT or Quadrangle. More details will follow in future editions of the Brigitiser.

LEARNING DIMENSION

Acting Deputy Principal: I wish to inform our school community that Jhovana Fenu has been appointed Acting Deputy Principal at St Brigid’s Catholic School for Term One Wk 10/11 and Term Two.

Jhovana has recently completed the Leadership Discernment Program and draws on experiences from her post graduate study and work at Fullarton House with Mark LeMessurier. I express my thanks to Amelia Noble who will take on a full time load for the duration of Gennaro’s leave in Yr 3/4 C.

Finally, we wish Gennaro a fruitful and productive leave and look forward to hearing tales of his journey in Term 3!

Inclusive Education News: I hope your child/ren have settled well to the challenges of a new school year and enjoyed the process of the recent three way learning conferences. For some children the prospect of facing another year can be daunting, however, we strive as a staff to meet the needs of individual students in a happy and safe environment.

SPELD (The Specific Learning Difficulties Association of South Australia) is one support agency that greatly assists people with learning difficulties. They offer workshops for families (many are free) and free online phonics books (these can also be printed off or placed straight onto an ipad). SPELD also provide a number of resources and information for supporting your child. Much of the information is useful to any families who are helping a child with reading and writing at home.

The links to SPELD are:


Colleen Stevens
Inclusive Education Coordinator
LEADERSHIP NEWS cont.

LEARNING DIMENSION cont.

Three Year Focus: We remind our families that our school focus for the next three years revolves around the following mantra:

Inspired by love: Everything we do is focussed on the unconditional love of our God and our commitment to love others as we wished to be loved.

Creative: Learners who are creative harness their imagination and natural curiosity to inquire about the world around them.

A creative learner takes risks, engages in higher order thinking to explore possibilities and innovate.

Collaborative: Learners who build relationships, actively participate and collaborate, have an understanding that they are harnessing the power of collective thought to achieve higher outcomes.

A collaborative learner values others and their diverse perspectives.

Connected: Learners who care for self, care for others and care for their environment live out the teachings of Jesus in our Catholic community and have a positive self concept.

A connected learner is involved in real life learning opportunities which ensure an understanding of their place in a global context. They are optimistic and make a positive difference in the lives of others.

Learners: Learners know how they best learn, have a literacy of learning, can self-manage and identify their own learning goals and reflect on their progress.

A learner has ownership over their learning. They persist and display a passion for learning, whereby they develop core competencies and conceptual understandings.

Parent iPad Session: On Tuesday 18th March we will be hosting an Information Session for families who are new to the 1 to 1 Digital Devices program at St Brigid’s Catholic School. The evening agenda is:

7pm Meet in the Chapel - Welcome and introductions
7.10pm A Digital Classroom – Why?
7.30pm A Digital Classroom – How?
7.45pm A Digital Classroom – Parent Involvement / Responsible Digital Citizenship / Volume Purchasing program (VPP)
8pm Conclude with Q & A

Please indicate your attendance on the reply slip below. It is expected that all families whose children bring an iPad to school would be involved in this information session.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DIMENSION

Enrolments: We remind families who have younger siblings that we are currently interviewing for 2015 enrolments at St Brigid’s Catholic School. Likewise, we encourage enrolments beyond 2015 to make contact with Mrs Andrea Mackereth as this will assist with our School Board planning for the next 3 years.

Feedback re Stationery packs 2014: We received 6 replies to the request from United Office Choice for feedback about the process for the supply and delivery of stationery packs. The most common concerns were the late delivery of items, communication was poor and no order details to follow up concerns. One respondent was extremely complimentary of their experience with United Office Choice. It is our intention to meet with management from United Office Choice to discuss these matters and to seek School Board direction for 2015 and beyond. Many thanks to those that have provided feedback so that we can ensure we provide the best options for our school families.

Car Parking: Last week we were fortunate to have the Gawler Council and SAPOL located on Para Road providing feedback to families about their responsibilities during the afternoon pick up. Any cars entering our ‘slip lane’ must continue to move forward towards the top orange cone to collect their children. If you are at the end of the lane and have your vehicle protruding into the main traffic YOU ARE LIABLE FOR A $86 EXPiation FEE FOR BLOCKING TRAFFIC. It is expected that if the ‘slip lane’ is already congested you would continue to move in an easterly direction and use the slip lane on the southern side of Para Road in the bulky goods zone and proceed back around the round-a-bout to re-enter the ‘slip zone’ to collect your child.
LEADERSHIP NEWS cont.

ADMINISTRATIVE DIMENSION cont.

This morning as I attempted to use the drop off to avoid my children being late to school I was further delayed waiting in line as cars waited unable to move due to 2 cars parked near the drop off zone sign. Both cars had no driver or for that matter anyone nearby. I managed to move my car out of the line hoping to be able to stop along side the pathway between the 2 car parks only to find 3 cars also parked with no drivers nearby. I had to double park to let XXXX out of the car but didn’t allow any of my younger children to follow. At this stage the line of cars had banked up to the entrance of the car park.

I found a parking spot and walked my other XX children to their classes who were now late. I have used the drop off on many occasions and often see people either chatting to others while their car is in the line hence holding up others or have also come across parked cars. When I have approached a driver who had returned about not being allowed to park there I was spoken to rudely with the following comment “what are you the car park police?” and then they took off.

This morning I felt frustrated and as we were running late I did not stop to take all the number plates down. After leaving the school grounds at 9:20 I came across yet another car parked in the drop off zone a little past the sign. This time I took the number plate down. It was a XXXX Holden XXXXX number plate: XXXXX.

Conversations with families over the last few weeks indicate that this is not a single incident. It has become a matter which requires urgent attention from all of our families who use the morning ‘Kiss & Drop’ zone in our car park. A key competency we are reinforcing with our students is ‘self management’. It is crucial that our families model this competency by following the agreed protocols in relation to parking around our school site. Your children’s lives depend on it!

COMMUNITY DIMENSION

Working Bee: On Saturday 15th March we invite families to join us for our Term One Working Bee. This is a great opportunity to meet other families and contribute to your child’s school in a practical manner. The jobs we have to undertake include:

- Erection of a compound chainmesh fence near the cricket oval
- General gardening/weeding/rubbish removal – a skip will be available to assist with dumping
- Biodiversity Trail – establish trail/creek bed/bridge
- Brigid Well Reflection Area – Finish concreting and rendering of well/paving of prayer space
- Establishing Kiss & Drop Zone – pave edge of footpath/remove bottlebrush trees/erect signage

Families attending will be required to sign in on the morning in the quadrangle for a WHS briefing and to be allocated a role for the morning. Your generous support of this activity would be appreciated. Please complete the reply slip, found later in the Brigitsiser indicating your attendance.

This year we are reviving a former process that aims to keep our school community informed of the issues being addressed by our School Board and Parent Team at St Brigid’s Catholic School. Feedback from our parents has highlighted the importance of maintaining communication across the wide range of school structures, and as such, each month we will provide you with a summary in our ‘School Board Shorts’ and ‘Parent Briefs’ section of the Brigitsiser.

SCHOOL BOARD / PARENT TEAM NEWS

- Review of Parent Satisfaction Survey
- Uniform Shop Structure 2014 – 2018
- Confirmation of Student Free Days 2014
- School Board members to contact new families to St Brigid’s to obtain feedback on Transition Program and initial experience of our school. In Term 2 – 4 random families will be contacted across Yr 1 – Yr 7 to discuss aspects of school life at St Brigid’s.

- Erection of School Communication Signs
- Shrove Tuesday arrangements
- Social Calendar / Events 2014
COMMUNITY DIMENSION

Absentees: If you know that your child is going to be absent please feel welcome to use the school email address: info@stbrigids.catholic.edu.au. Your other option is to leave a verbal message on our absentee line 8522 2099.

Open Day: Please find later in the Brigitiser an invitation to our Open Day on Sunday 23rd March. Please feel free to pass this onto any family or friends that may be interested in attending.

Sports Day: Below you will find the draft Sports Day Program.
As usual the Parent Teams will require your assistance to operate and serve at the different stalls on the day. For new families this includes such stalls as BBQ, ice cream stall, drinks etc. The Teams are asking that parents offer to volunteer 1 hour of their day to support the catering efforts for the day. The draft Sports Day time table will allow you to avoid volunteering at a time when your child is competing. Parent Teams will collate the volunteers and hand out a time table on the day, as well as handing out a roster for all families and being displayed in the courtyard leading up to the event. Please complete the attached form and return to your child’s teacher as soon as you can.

Programs such as these are vital in order for the day to be a success.

Sports Day Program

Junior Years (Reception – Year 2)
Primary Years (Year 3 & Year 4)
Middle Years (Year 5 – Year 7)

8:50 – March On
Students congregate on the oval in their designated areas.

9:20 – Opening Prayer and Sports Day Welcome

9:30 – Health Hustle

9:40 - 11:00 Session 1
Junior Years – Track and Field
Primary Years – Sprints
Middle Years – Team Games

11:00 – 11:30 Break

11:30 – 12:50 Session 2
Junior years – Team Games
Primary Years – Track and Field
Middle Years – Sprints

12:50 – 1:00 Lunch Eating Time

1:00 – 1:30 Lunch

1:30 – 2:30 Session 3
Junior Years – Sprints
Primary Years – Team Games
Middle Years – Track and Field

2:30 – 3:00 4-7 Relays

Please return to your child’s teacher (Choose one hour time slot that suits.)

SPORTS DAY VOLUNTEER ROSTER

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With thanks

Gennaro Mannella
Deputy Principal

Paul Bennett
Principal
Gennaro Mannella
Deputy Principal
Andrea White
Assistant Principal

OPEN DAY
Sun 23rd March 2pm - 4pm
Week 6 | Week 7 | Week 8
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Monday 3rd March - Melissa Anderson | Monday 10th March - Public Holiday | Monday 17th March - Volunteer Required
Tuesday 4th March - Terri Banner | Tuesday 11th March - Tina Ridenti | Tuesday 18th March - Melissa Anderson
Wednesday 5th March - Canteen Closed | Wednesday 12th March - Canteen Closed | Wednesday 19th March - Canteen Closed
Thursday 6th March - Sam Prentice | Thursday 13th March - Leanne Cotter | Thursday 20th March - Leanne Cotter
Friday 7th March - Charmaine Dos Santos | Friday 14th March - Helen Agius | Friday 21st March - Lisa Hryhorec

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 tnedwards@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 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.

THE SOUTH Gawler Football Club Inc.

“Deed 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
The Principal, Staff and School Board cordially invite ____________________________________________ to attend our St Brigid’s Catholic School

**OPEN DAY**
**SUN 23RD MARCH 2PM - 4PM**

Our Open Day allows you to....

- witness our school facilities and programs
- chat with our students and teachers
- ask questions about our learning program
- experience the strong sense of community
- learn about our Pastoral Care structures
- embrace the spirit of Brigid’s hospitality by enjoying a cuppa and afternoon tea.

Any further enquiries please contact the Enrolment Officer- 85 222099.

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**Working Bee - Saturday 15th March**

I ____________________________________________ am able to assist with the school’s working bee.

(Parent’s name)

________________________________________

(Child’s name) _______________________

(Child’s class)
St Brigid's Catholic School Canteen
~ General Information ~

1. The Canteen is open from 8.30am until approximately 1.30p.m. However, it is CLOSED ON WEDNESDAYS for lunch orders but is open at recess for ice-creams, Slushy's and drinks ONLY.

2. The preferred method of ordering is via www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au website. Sign up, add your child and add credit. No need for lunch bags, finding money or worrying about change etc.

3. Alternatively lunch bags are available from the canteen servrey before school commences, with the student/parent responsible for writing out the day's order – 10 for 40cents, or can be purchased from any supermarket. Orders written on envelopes are not acceptable because of time constraints on canteen staff. PLEASE include your child's name and class room number and please avoid using sticky tape or staples to seal the bag, or gel/fluro type pens as they are difficult to read.

4. Place bags into the lunch boxes located in every class room and avoid dropping them onto the canteen counter. The required change will be taped to the outside of the bag. Small children need to be told to watch out for change before putting their used lunch bag into the rubbish.

5. Fruit Slushy (100% apple juice concentrate) and iceblocks/creams cannot be ordered on the lunch bags, however, frozen juice cup during terms 1 and 4 or Hot Milo during Terms 2 & 3) may be.

6. Your child will always be fed if packed lunches or lunch orders are left at home or lost. The child will have the choice of a cheese or vegemite sandwich. Should the child refuse a sandwich, the parent will be telephoned. A note will be sent home via the class teacher of any payment owed. This service is provided ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT PAYMENT WILL BE RECEIVED ON THE NEXT SCHOOL DAY. Chasing money is both time consuming and embarrassing.

7. If lunch is left at home – I am quite happy for you to ring me (Kathy – Canteen direct No. 85 222801) and place the order over the phone. – again, on the above understanding re payment.

8. The Canteen is managed by Kathy and a small group of dedicated volunteers. We are urgently in need of volunteers who will need to follow the school's policy of applying for a police check (Please speak to Canteen or Front Office staff). This is a great opportunity for you to meet people in our school community (and wider Parish), get to know your child's teachers and class mates. Volunteers are required from 9.00am until approximately 2.00p.m., however, 45 minutes in the morning will assist us in making muffins etc. We are a very friendly, cheerful group and would make you feel really welcome. Please pop in to have a chat or look around. Whatever time you could give - fortnightly, once a term or even just once a year would be appreciated. Bottomless tea/coffee and lunch is provided for all volunteers.

9. Any nutritional information is available – please pop in and ask.

10. If your child has any health issues I should be aware of, the Administration staff will alert canteen staff.

Finally, if you have any questions or concerns about the Canteen please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards
Kathy O'Reilly.

Please Note:
⊙ Strictly Cash : No I.O.U.'s
⊙ Food from home will not be heated in the canteen
⊙ Plastic Spoons = 5 cents
### Canteen Menu
#### Effective from February 2014

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| Extra toned       | 30c  |
| Extra Cheese/Roast/Chive/Carrot/Cucumber | +40c each |
| Extra Tomato/Chive   | 50c each |
| Sauce/Mayo/Tomato/S繼er | 30c each |

#### WRAPS
- Sweet Chilli Tender Chicken (Lettuce/Tomato/Mayo) | $5.00
- Pain Cru Arch, Roast Chicken (Lettuce/Tomato/Mayo) | $5.00
- Salad Wrap plus add either Ham, Chicken Cheese | $5.00

#### SALAD BOX
- Salads Box | $6.00

#### WEEKLY SPECIALS
- **THURSDAY** - Aussie Hot Spud (Bun & Cheese) | $4.00
- **FRIDAY** - Hamburger/Cheseburger | $5.40

#### GREEN DRINKS
- Mineral Water | $2.00
- Up & On - Chocto Vanilla Smoothie | $2.40
- Hot Milo | $1.80

#### RECESS SNACKS
- Fruit Strips/ Mar 80c | Chips/ Veggie Chips | $1.30 
| Jummies | $1.00 |
| Hat Party | $1.30 |
| Noodle Snacks 60c | Jelly Frozen Jelly | $30c 
| Popcorn 50c | Hash Browns | $1.00 |
| Mini Muffins 30c | Nice’n J opaque Ice | $60c |
| Large Muffins 60c | L O L Carbonated Fruit Juice | $2.50 |

Canteen Direct Line: 8522 2801

**Lunch orders must be received by the canteen by 9.15AM**

**Late orders cannot be guaranteed.**