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- The Common Good – doing what is best for everyone

- Dignity of the Human Person – allowing people to be who they are

- Solidarity – everyone is equal

- Preferential Options For the Poor – allowing the poor to have their own opinion

We also learnt how world resourcing is unjust around the world. The richest group of people receive 87% of the world’s resources, the second richest group receive 6%, the middle richest group receive 4%, the second poorest receive 2% and the poorest group of people receive 1%. Generally in Australia people receive 87% of the world’s resources.

The day was very interesting and educational and we had lots of fun and enjoyed meeting other students from other Catholic Schools. We look forward to sharing our thoughts and ideas with the school community in the future.

(Written by Stephanie Damiani & Erin Symes on behalf of the group).

Family Mass: You are all invited to attend Sts Peter & Paul Parish Community at the next Family Mass on Sunday August 3 at 10am. Please email Andrea White (andreawhite@stbrigids.catholic.edu.au) if your child would like to participate in the Mass.

Father’s Day Liturgy: You are invited to join with our whole school as we gather on Friday September 5 at 9.15 to celebrate Father’s Day. During the Liturgy we would like to pay tribute to your dad’s and invite you to email a photo of your child/children with their dad to Jasmine (JZawitkowski@stbrigids.catholic.edu.au) by Friday August 22. The children always love to see themselves on the big screen with their dad!

Just Leadership Day: At the end of last term 11 of our 5/6 students attended the Caritas Just Leadership Day. The day focused on Social Justice and how we can be Just Leaders. It was a privilege watching our students interact with the four other schools who attended the day. Below is a summary of what our students gained from this day:

Our day focussed around the six Catholic Social Teaching Principals which are:

1. Preferential Options For the Poor – allowing the poor to have their own opinion
2. Subsidiarity and Participation – allowing everyone to make their own decisions and participate in their own community development
3. Stewardship of Creation – caring for the environment, self and others
4. The Common Good – doing what is best for everyone
5. Dignity of the Human Person – allowing people to be who they are
6. Solidarity – everyone is equal

School Fees: Statements have been distributed this week to the eldest child in your family, please check their bags. If paying fees by the term fees are due by FRIDAY 1st AUGUST. Please remember all fees are to be paid in full by 28th November this also applies if paying fees by instalments by direct debit, BPay or another method. If you have any concerns regarding payment of fees please contact Jayne Clarke or a member of Leadership. Thank you.
LEADERSHIP NEWS cont.

LEARNING DIMENSION

Staff PD Day: We are grateful for the support of our school community in enabling our staff to participate in a professional development day earlier in the week. Staff were able to extend their ICT skills by increasing their understanding of an Australian Government initiative entitled ‘Scootle’. Likewise, we were supported with our Religious Education programming by a consultant from CESA who enabled staff to deepen their skills and knowledge about assessment and reporting in RE.

During the course of the day staff were able to view the following YouTube clip which reinforces the core elements of our Learning Logo: Creative, Collaborative, Connected Learners. We invite you to view the following link: https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=x78iKhInsc

“There is no system in the world or any school in the country that is better than its teachers. Teachers are the lifeblood of the success of schools.” Ken Robinson

ADMINISTRATIVE DIMENSION

Investigation of Early Learning Centre/OSHC/Vacation Care Services: We appreciated the positive number of replies to our recent online survey in relation to St Brigid’s Catholic School investigating the viability of providing these services for our school community. This data will be viewed by our School Board at our July meeting and a decision made in relation to how we will proceed with this project. Whilst it appears that there is a positive desire to see these facilities located on our school site, the School Board needs to discern the financial implications and the regulatory requirements to offer high quality services. We will keep you informed of the process as it evolves over the coming months.

Staffing: We welcome Mr Gennaro Mannella back from his study and long service leave. We suggest you give yourself a large block of time if you chat with Gennaro about his break! We extend our thanks to Ms Jhovana Fenu for undertaking the Deputy Principal role in Gennaro’s absence and recognise her growth in her first leadership role in Catholic Education.

Afternoon Interruptions from Parents: Whilst we understand the random events which may impact upon family life, there has been an emerging trend of families ringing our Front Office late in the day expecting us to pass on messages to children re pick up arrangements. Considering the busyness of the Front Office at this time of the day, we seek your support in ensuring your children are aware of where they will be collected at the beginning of the day.

COMMUNITY DIMENSION

Brigid’s Blokes: (Dads & Kids Roller skating afternoon). We remind families that the Gawler Recreation Centre has been booked by St Brigid’s Catholic School on Sunday 24th August 1pm – 3pm. We invite our Dads to attend with their kids and take some time to enjoy the company of other fathers from our school. Tickets can be purchased via Jasmine in the Front Office (Booking slip located in this week’s edition of the Brightiser)

Quiz Night: The schools quiz night is being held on Saturday 23rd August at 7pm. Please see the advertisement later in the newsletter for further information.

Brigid’s Bargains: Many thanks to our parents who have volunteered their time to assist with the operation of our second hand uniform shop. Feedback from our community has been extremely positive and they are very grateful for the opportunity to purchase high quality low cost garments.

School Photo Day: We remind families that our School Photo Day will be held on Wednesday 30th July. Children need to wear their full winter uniform including jumper. We reinforce the expectation that jewellery, hair and makeup must be compliant of our school uniform expectations. Students not complying may be removed from class photographs.

From the desk of our travelling Deputy ..........

It is good to be back at school after such a long period away. My nine week overseas travel was a mix of fantastic learning opportunities as well as some time to re energise the body as well as the spirit. I travelled with my wife Anne, who also undertook the learning program with me.

As part of this Renewal Leave we began with a 12 day study tour in Reggio Emilia Italy where we explored the learning approach to infant learning centres and preschools that originated in the town of Reggio Emilia. Some 60 years ago as a response to the community’s need to educate their children after the Second World War, the community’s women undertook a plan to provide an education for their children. In 1950 Psychologist and educator Loris Malaguzzi became the protagonist in establishing this now highly recognised approach to teaching and learning of young children. It is a program that has continued to evolve around the world including Australia, where ‘Reggio Inspired’ programs have been adopted. This experience will strongly support the Reggio Inspired program undertaken at St. Brigid’s.

In addition to this, I explored schools in the UK with a particular interest in how those schools run their inclusive education programs for adaptive and special needs children. One of these was St. Bernard’s Catholic School in Bolton England. I also spent a significant amount of time in Boston in the US where I visited Orchard Gardens K- 8 Public Pilot School. This is an ‘Arts Turnaround’ school where significant investment has been made both in facilities and curriculum and where the introduction of Arts programs have had a dramatic effect on student success. It was a perfect example of what can be achieved if we are prepared to ‘think outside the box’.

The other major part of my Renewal program was to spend time in Ireland exploring St. Brigid spirituality. It was a wonderfully moving experience to walk in the ancient footsteps of someone so revered.

I look forward to sharing these experiences with staff and students alike and happy to chat with anyone wanting further information about the trip.

In all we returned feeling blessed that we live in such a truly lucky country where in spite of some of the rhetoric we are a generous and welcoming people.

It’s good to be home!
### St Brigid's Canteen Volunteer Roster

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**Recess Winter Warmers**

- Warm Milo $1.50
- Milo and 5 mini choc-chip muffins $ 2.00

Order to be placed before 9:30am and collected at Recess.

**ICE CREAMS:**
- **LIMITED SELECTION:**
  - **SELL FOR COST:**
  - Cornetto, Almond Magnum, Pine lime Splice, Cyclone

Prices available from Canteen.

**POPCORN AND ICE CREAMS AVAILABLE UNTIL SOLD OUT!**

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**FASFE OF ASIA**

**CUISINE BOX**
We (Parent & child's name) __________________________________________ would like to attend Brigid's Blokes roller skating adventure on Sunday 24th August. 
Cost $7 per person. 
Enclosed is a payment of ____________________
Child's Class: ___________________

St Brigid’s Quiz Night.

Put your knowledge to the test!!
Join us for the inaugural St Brigid’s Quiz Night!!

Saturday, 23rd August 2014 at 7pm.
BYO Drinks and Nibbles.
Come along as a single, couple, triple or a whole team (no more than 10 people per team please)
$10.00 per ticket
Tickets can be purchased from either the front office, Sam Prentice (0417 829 823) or Jayne Polito (0457 414 092)

*This is an 18 years or over event.

To help with prize baskets we are asking each year level to donate items that fit the following categories:

**Reception: Cooking** e.g. non perishables, aprons, cookbooks, utensils

**Year 1 & Year 1/2: Kids** e.g. Toys, books, clothes,

**Year 3/4: Gardening** e.g. Implements, books, Gloves, seeds

**Year 5/6 Lady Pampering** e.g. hand cream, bath salts, chocolate, wine

**Year 7 Blokes World** e.g. Wine, Beer, after shave, sport, car

*Donations can be sent to the Front Office.*
IPAD PARENT SESSION – MAXIMISING THE CREATIVITY OF AN IPAD

Please return to Mr Brett Wood by Friday 1\textsuperscript{st} August

Name: _____________________________________________

Child’s Class/es: ___________________

Contact number: ____________________________________

I am eager to learn about the following:
___________________________________________________________________
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My preference for meeting Week 4 and Week 8:
O Tuesday 12\textsuperscript{th} August   O Thursday 14\textsuperscript{th} August
O Tuesday 9\textsuperscript{th} September O Thursday 11\textsuperscript{th} September

O 9am – 10am   O 2.00pm – 3.00pm   O 7.00pm – 8.00pm
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I am proficient at utilising an IPad and would be willing to be a ‘Trainer’   YES / NO

Parent signature: ________________________________________________
Mark Le Messurier – PARENT EDUCATION SEMINAR

Come for coffee with friends and Mark – ‘Bring along a question you’d like to ask and discuss!’

Wednesday August 13 (9 to 11am), St. Brigid’s Catholic School - Evanston

Mark Le Messurier is a teacher, counsellor and author. He regularly presents at conferences throughout Australasia and is a recipient of an Australian National Excellence in Teaching Award. Mark works in schools and in private practice in Adelaide with young people he affectionately calls ‘Tough Kids’. He is the architect of the ‘Mentoring Program’ now running in many Catholic and state schools throughout Australia to support vulnerable students. Mark’s latest book - his 9th - RAISING BEAUT KIDS follows hot on the heels of PARENTING TOUGH KIDS which became an international best seller. Mark's books will be available at the seminar for purchase, using cash or credit card.


St Brigid’s Catholic School is pleased to present a relaxed coffee morning with Mark Le Messurier. You are invited to come along and exchange ideas and questions you have around parenting, education and the happiness of your children. And, if you’re too shy to ask your question, don’t worry! Just pass it on to Andrea White, and she’ll ask it for you without mentioning your name! (andreawhite@stbrigids.catholic.edu.au)

You see, Beaut Kids just don’t happen! Kids look to parents to show good judgement, compassionate leadership with the ability to make the tough calls when needed – and that’s not easy.

So, if you ever catch yourself asking the 'big questions' below, this is a great opportunity to bounce them off Mark and a like-minded group;

- What kind of relationship do I want with my kids?
- What kind of relationship do I have with them?
- Am I living the dream, or do I need to make some changes? How?
- Does it matter that kids live between two parents and two houses?
- Does it matter that we parent so differently?
- Do I model the kinds of behaviours I want my kids to have? Or do I bite at them, and expect them to be patient, kind and obedient?
- Am I too lenient and too concerned about being seen as their friend?
- Am I giving the kids the right attention for the right reasons? Is there another way?
- Why do the kids fight so much? Is it normal? What can I do?
- How might I steer the behaviour of the kids (and my own behaviour) in more positive directions?
- I didn’t seem to be able to stop the toddler tantrums and they’re still happening. What can I do?
- How do I build a more resilient child?
- Is it anxiety I see in my child or their inability to process BIG feelings?
- I think my child has 'anxiety' and 'separation anxiety' issues – what should I be doing?
- My child doesn’t seem to engage in learning at school. What can I do? Should I be worried?

“Come on, take the challenge with me and let’s explore what you might do with the input of friends!”

Reserve your spot by returning the reply slip below. Unfortunately we had to cancel the previous scheduled workshop due to lack of numbers responding by the due date so please send in your reply slip by Friday 24 July. We can all learn so much from Mark and each other so bring a friend or two and be educated and reassured!

Mark LeMessurier Parent Workshop

Name:..............................................................

I will be attending the Mark LeMessurier Parent Workshop on Wednesday 13 August 2014 beginning at 9am.

My contact phone number is..........................................................

I am bringing a friend along Yes/No.

My child/children’s class teacher is..........................................................