WE ARE DEEPLY SADDENED TO INFORM OUR SCHOOL FAMILY

Lauren Michels passed away after a recent illness. Lauren was a much loved teacher at our school in 2009-2010. Her energy, love of children and dedication to the environment were trademarks which endeared her to her colleagues and our children. We extend our condolences to Lauren’s husband Adrian and to their families as together we grieve the loss of a beautiful soul. May Lauren rest in peace.

ST BRIGID’S CELEBRATION DAY: On Friday 29th August our school community will celebrate the start of spring (1st September). In Ireland this falls on the 1st February and is the Feast Day of St Brigid. To highlight this tradition our Parent Team will be offering a $4 Hot Spud lunch (Toppings: spaghetti bolognese/ coleslaw/ grated cheese/ham/sour cream/butter). This has been initiated and co-ordinated by our Student Justice Leaders now known as ‘Leaders Brig’d.’

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COMMUNITY DIMENSION

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

An order form will be sent home with your children this week. All orders need to be received by the 22nd August. NO LATE ORDERS ACCEPTED. Funds raised will be donated to Catholic Charities. Our Parent Team are seeking volunteers to assist with cooking the spuds in the ovens in the Community Centre and serving the orders at 1pm. Please indicate on the reply slip if you are able to offer your support for this cause.

Social Justice Sunday: We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on 28th September. This year’s Social Justice Statement is titled: ‘A Crown for Australia: Striving for the best in our sporting nation’. The Statement celebrates the place of sport in our national life, especially the way in which it brings individuals and communities together and contributes to our health and wellbeing. At the same time, the Statement challenges us to look at sport’s darker side – the potential for violence, abuse and corruption that blemishes its image and disillusion those who love it most. For further details about the Social Justice Statement, contact the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council on (02) 8306 3499 or visit their website (http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au).

Reflections of The Biannual PRIMA Conference attended by Andrea White: I was fortunate, along with Megan Issacson to attend the Primary Religious Identity & Mission Association biannual conference on Monday and Tuesday of this week. It was an uplifting and inspiring conference which focused on The Arts. Keynote presenter Anne Frawley-Mangan invited us to experience scripture through drama, together with co-presenters, Michael Mangnan, Andrew Chinn and John Burland who engaged all participants through their musical talents. The opportunity to learn from these wonderful speakers has inspired me to enliven our school community within the Religious Dimension.

RelAT: Next week the year 4 students will take part in the Religious Literacy Assessment (RelAT) practise test. RelAT has been implemented by Catholic Education SA under the direction of Archbishop Wilson and is an assessment tool which assesses students Religious Education knowledge learnt from Reception through to year 4. The "real" test will be administered later in September.

Assumption Mass: The whole school will gather to celebrate mass for The Assumption on Friday August 15 at 11.40am in the SAMMAT. Please note change of time from 9.15 to 11.40am. You are all welcome to join in the celebration. The feast of the Assumption is a Holy Day of Obligation and celebrates Mary’s Assumption into heaven.

Mark LeMessurier’s Parent Workshop: It’s not too late to register for Mark’s parent workshop which will be held next Wednesday (August 13) in the Chapel from 9-11am. Don’t miss this opportunity to learn from an amazing practitioner who is extremely passionate about the success of all children.

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COMMUNITY DIMENSION

LEADERSHIP NEWS  cont.

COMMUNITY DIMENSION

Quiz Night: We remind families and friends that our inaugural Quiz Night will be held on Saturday 23rd August. Our Parent Team have arranged a sensational evening with an incredible array of magnificent prizes. There is still time to book a table of 10 brainiacs! This is a ‘fun’ raising event to enable staff and families to gather together and enjoy the hilarity and challenges associated with a diverse range of questions and activities to stretch your thinking and creativity! Look forward to seeing you on the 23rd!

Our Parent Team are seeking support from parents who may be available on Friday 22nd August between 2pm – 4pm to set up the SAMMAT and prepare ‘basket’ prizes. Please complete the reply slip or contact Jasmine, jzawitkowski@stbrigidss.catholic.edu.au to confirm your ability to assist with these tasks. Every little bit helps!

Parent Team Funds: We are fortunate that our Parent Team continue to nurture the community dimension of our school through a range of events during the course of the year. At times, these activities raise money which is entered in our Parent Team budget line. The Parent Team make recommendations to the School Board as to how they would like to see these funds distributed to assist with capital projects at St Brigid’s. Over the last few years our Parent Team have been instrumental in purchasing two external communication signs, middle primary playground, audio equipment for the SAMMAT, kitchen resources in the SAMMAT, Junior Primary Creative Play resources and Sport Equipment. Existing funds are earmarked to replace the aluminium seating on our oval.

Our Parent Team seek your feedback about future capital items that you would like to see them provide for our children. Please complete the reply slip below or email your suggestions to Jasmine, jzawitkowski@stbrigidss.catholic.edu.au who will ensure they are passed on to our Parent Team.

Damaged Vehicle: Last week one of our parent’s cars sustained some damage whilst parked in our car park. We ask that if you do accidentally cause damage to a vehicle on our school grounds that you leave your details at the scene or with our Office Staff. This is a courtesy we teach our children “own your behaviour”. Furthermore it is a legal obligation.

LEARNING DIMENSION

Professional Learning: In our ongoing dialogue with families about our Reggio Emilia inspired journey as a school, we provide you with the following information.

This week a number of staff, including our School Leadership Team, attended a conference and seminars to learn and hear about the Catholic Education SA initiative of Re-Imagining Childhood (0-18 years). This directive has been led by Professor Carla Rinaldi from Reggio Emilia, Italy. Professor Rinaldi, a previous Thinker in Residence in SA, has led this drive in our sector and DECD to rethink our approach to working with young people. There are many schools across Australia and the world that have been ‘Reggio Inspired’ to bring about a real and positive shift in the way we ‘imagine’ and teach our children.

The following theme underpinned the professional learning:

- What kind of school,
- What kind of educator
- What kind of me
- For what image of the child?

While it may seem obvious, we must look at every child as a capable learner who is intelligent, including children with special rights (needs).

We have been challenged to consider the role of our children as researchers and how we can best fulfil our roles as researchers. Are we an enabler, a questioner, a listener? Do we engage, reflect, respond, deliberate, participate, dialogue, discern in the way we work with our children? Do we instill passion and empathy? Do we motivate, and perhaps most important of all, how do we provoke our students to challenge their ideas about the world around them?

The key to re-imagining childhood is to begin by understanding the competency of the child as a learner and as researcher! To be human is to be a researcher and it is through researching and discovering this understanding of their world that a child develops their identity and empathy with others.

To be a Reggio inspired school is to ask ourselves, who am I, what am I doing here, where am I going? It is time to wake up the world through our children by helping children to maintain an open mind, as it is from infancy. Where we acknowledge them as genuine citizens of the world, of the universe – where they create a connection through genuine understanding and empathy with their world. We are appreciative of our staff examining these principles and considering what is required to ensure our practices are reflected in our work with our children.

ADMINISTRATIVE DIMENSION

Uniform: We wish to thank families for continuing to support our Uniform Policy by ensuring their children wear the correct uniform on the days stipulated. From time to time we have issues with inappropriate or ‘non –uniform’ items of jewellery. These are clearly outlined in the policy which is available on the school website. Some of these items can go unnoticed until we do spot checks or we have a special occasion such as School Photo Day. We can appreciate the frustration parents may feel if their child has not been ‘picked up’ on the wearing of say incorrect ear rings over a long period and then gets spoken to about incorrect uniform. To avoid this situation arising we ask that all students adhere to our Uniform Policy as stated. To assist with clarification there are photographs on our web page highlighting correct uniform items. Choosing to go against the Uniform Policy will result in the relevant consequence being initiated.
**Drakes Community Dollars:** Do you shop at Drakes supermarket? If so you can help a great cause with their Community Dollars Program. Every time you shop at a Drakes supermarket and scan a “Drakes Community Dollars” key ring DAGBAGS (Dyslexia Action Group Barossa and Gawler Surrounds) receive a donation. DAGBAGS were instrumental in assisting us achieve our Dyslexia Aware Quality Mark and work with families and schools to provide resources and support to help all children be the best they can be. If you are interested you can collect a specially made key ring from the front office or email me to organise for one to be sent home with your child.

Also, take note of the information in this newsletter about the upcoming movie night hosted by DAGBAGS. Hope to see you there!

Colleen Stevens
Inclusive Education Coordinator

**“ENVIROWEEK” August 24-30, 2014**

Our Environmental Action Team Assembly is to promote ‘WASTE WARRIORS’ and our Challenge is to create a WASTE-LESS St. Brigid’s with your help.

STAY TUNED!

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**Science Alive! 2014 This weekend!**

*Science Alive!* is one of Australia’s premier science and technology Expos with over 50 science-related organizations offering hands-on fun for all ages. Dazzling science, animal and magic shows will have children entranced and it will be the event they never want to leave.

**When:** Saturday, August 9 2014 till Sunday, August 10 2014. 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

**Where:** Goyder Pavilion Adelaide Showground, Goodwood Road, Wayville, SA, 5034

**Theme:** Archaeology and antiquity, Human body and movement, Energy and transport, Environment and nature, Health and medical, Space and astronomy, Innovation and technology

**Cost:** Free for all U/18; $15 for adults, $10 concession. Other: Wheelchair access

The ninth edition of Science Alive! will without a doubt be the biggest and best ever!

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**“YELLOW SCHOOL BUS” SERVICE NOT AVAILABLE**

Friday 8th August, Monday 8th & Tuesday 9th September

Due to Gawler & District College Pupil Free Days the “Yellow School Bus” Service will NOT be available. Alternative transport shall have to be arranged.

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**St Brigid’s Canteen Volunteer Roster**

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We (Parent & child’s name) ___________________________________ would like to
attend Brigid’s Blokes roller skating adventure on Sunday 24th August from 1pm - 3pm.
Cost $7 per person.
Enclosed is a payment of ____________________
Child’s Class: ___________________

St Brigid’s Quiz Night.
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.*

Quiz Night Set Up
I _______________________________________ am able to assist with Quiz Night
(Parent’s Name)
set up.
Contact Number: _____________________________

Attention: Parent Teams
Future Capital Items
Suggested capital purchases:

______________________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________
Are you tired of seeing Paul Bennett’s smug, self-satisfied face looking down condescendingly at you every time you enter the school?

Beat him in the St Brigid’s Quiz Night and you can watch him cry like a baby!

ST BRIGID’S QUIZ NIGHT

Sat 23rd August in the SAMMAT—BYO drinks and nibbles
$10 per person — no more than 10 per table
Tickets on sale in the office.

SHOW THE STAFF THEY’RE NOT AS SMART AS THEY THINK THEY ARE!
"It busts any preconceptions about limits on what people with dyslexia can achieve."

The New York Times

DYSLEXIA ACTION GROUP BAROSSA GAWLER & SURROUNDS

MOVIE SCREENING

Gawler Cinemas - 11 Murray st, Gawler Monday, 11th August, 2014 6:30PM

Join DAGBAGS for complimentary pizzas and a glass of wine or soft drink and watch a screening of
The Big Picture: Rethinking Dyslexia

THE MYTHS,
THE STIGMAS,
THE TRUTHS,
REVEALED.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Dr Bartek Rajkowski
Internationally acclaimed 'Reading Doctor' Program

Dr Sandra Marshall
Chairperson, DAGBAGS

Janice McPhail
North Adelaide Medicare Local Literacy Consultant

PRE PURCHASE TICKETS

$22 Adult $12 Child

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM

GAWLER, IMMANUEL & ST BRIGID'S PRIMARY SCHOOLS
LEON'S CAFÉ AT THE HEWETT CENTRE AND GAWLER CINEMAS

OR CONTACT Sue Teusner • Mob: 0414991963 • Email: sue.teusner@sa.gov.au
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Dr Andrew Tai
Paediatric Respiratory Physician
Women's & Children's Hospital

Dr Tiffany Hughes
Consultant Allergist & Immunologist
Flinders Medical Centre

Ms Alina Anaya
Paediatric Clinical Practice Consultant
Northern Adelaide Local Health Network

Join us

Thursday, 4th September 2014
Elizabeth GP Plus, 16 Playford Blvd
5:30pm - 7:00pm

Free registration
Includes an Aquadome pass + a spacer
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We have the energy

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Asthma Foundation SA
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 to11am), 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.

To hear about RAISING BEAUT KIDS, listen to the radio interview with Debra Tribe on ABC

Mark Le Messurier - YouTube Channel- www.youtube.com/channel/UCOZkkrMU4LdXZc2uT7WY-Uw

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..........................................................
National Literacy and Numeracy Week
August 25th - 31st 2014

About the week
National Literacy and Numeracy Week aims to raise community awareness of the importance of literacy and numeracy skills for all Australian students. Throughout this week we recognise and celebrate the achievements of parents, teachers, principals, and members of the wider community who are making a difference to the development of literacy and numeracy skills in our students.

Engaging in your children’s education
Parents can have a big impact on their children’s education. Over 40 years of research tells us that how well children do at school has a lot to do with what happens at home. Parents are the first and most important influence on a child’s attitudes and values toward school and learning. By creating a home environment that encourages a continuous love of learning from an early age, you can help your child to achieve positive outcomes throughout their schooling and beyond.
Being excited about National Literacy and Numeracy Week and engaging with your child as they take part in the week’s activities is one way to foster this love of learning.

How you can get involved
Through National Literacy and Numeracy Week parents can join with their children, other students, schools and teachers to participate in the fun literacy and numeracy activities.
St Brigid’s
Great Book Swap

Swap a book and raise funds for indigenous literacy!

NLNW is proudly supporting the Indigenous Literacy Foundation (ILF). The ILF works to raise literacy levels in remote communities across Australia. In very remote locations across WA, SA and NT between 40-60 per cent of Indigenous children are not achieving the minimum standards in reading at a Year 3 level.

Books, especially those appropriate for kids, are rare in these communities. Without books, children can’t develop the basic literacy skills most of us take for granted, skills that we build upon as we learn to read and write, and that prepare us for success at school.

To support this cause, St Brigid’s is holding The Great Book Swap to raise money to help buy books for these children.

The Great Book Swap challenge is a fundraising event for schools where students make a gold coin donation and swap books with one another.

On Monday August 25th we invite students to bring a book (or two) to school and we will set up a trading table in the library. Students will be invited to visit the library after lunch with their gold coin donation to choose a pre-loved book to swap. We invite students to stick the following label inside their book to share their others.

Great Book Swap
This is one of my favourite books because

________________________________________
________________________________________
________________________________________
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www.indigenousliteracyfoundation.org.au