LEADERSHIP NEWS

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LEARNING DIMENSION

The Arts: Once again we congratulate our Festival Choir for their preparation for the Catholic Schools Music Festival next week. Under the guidance of Mrs Megan Isaacson, these children have been preparing since February this year. This is a Gala event for Catholic Education SA where we celebrate the highest quality music performances across 65 Catholic primary and secondary schools. The event held each year at the Adelaide Festival Theatre showcases some of the states brightest young talent, many of whom have gone on to make successful careers in music. Tickets are available at BASS and we encourage you to support our students. Our children will be performing on Monday 22nd September. Mr Mannella who is Chairperson of the organising committee will be absent from school in the last week of term due to commitments with the Festival. Mrs Fenu will be supporting the Leadership Team in his absence.

ADMINISTRATIVE DIMENSION

Sun Smart Policy: We remind families that our Sun Smart Policy is now dictated by the daily UV (Ultra Violet) reading. As a Sun Smart School; children, staff and visitors to our school must wear hats or use an umbrella when the UV reading is higher than 3. This week children will be reminded about their responsibility to bring their hat to school and to wear it during recess and lunchbreaks. From the start of Term 4, any child playing without a hat would indicate that they are choosing not to ‘Care For Self’, and as such, will be issued with a Reflection Room slip. Please ensure your child’s hat is labelled. (We encourage you to get their name embroidered on their hat from Impress, located across the road in the bulky goods shopping centre).

2015 Planning & 2015 Class Placement letters: Over the last week correspondence has been sent home with students regarding these matters. Could you please ensure that this information is returned by FRIDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER to ensure that your responses can be considered for 2015 planning and class structures.

COMMUNITY DIMENSION

Parent Teams: Our Parent Teams continue to work hard to provide opportunities for all our children and over the last term have managed to raise significant funds. The money raised from the Quiz Night and Father’s Day raffle will allow us to purchase six aluminium bench and back rest seats for the oval as well as two table and chair settings for the court yard. We thank all our families who have supported the Parent Teams effort for the benefit of our children.

Our Parent Teams are affiliated with the larger Federation of Catholic School Parent Communities. This organisation is a voice for all parents in Catholic schools providing advocacy for policy change, government funding as well as providing grants to local schools to run parent education workshops in various fields. The next presentation by the Federation of Catholic School Parent Communities and Australian Parents Council will be a Keynote and Workshop presentation by David Price OBE

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This will be a great opportunity to become informed about the Re-Imagining project and how it will influence our work here at St. Brigid’s. Details on how to register for this event can be found in the flyer attached in this newsletter.

Casual Clothes Day: Last day of term, Friday 26th September. Our Year 7 Leaders have organised a casual clothes day to raise funds for Catholic Charities. Gold coin donation. Please ensure clothing is appropriate for school - no inappropriate slogans, shoulders covered, hat must be worn at recess and lunch.
RELIGIOUS DIMENSION

Father’s Day: It was wonderful to see so many Dads and Grandads attend our whole school Father’s Day Liturgy. Thankyou so much for your attendance and participation. A huge thankyou to the Parent Teams for providing the Father’s Day stall. The children had a wonderful time shopping for their Dads and hopefully all Dads enjoyed their specially chosen gift.

Grandparents Day Liturgy: On Wednesday October 22 we will gather as a whole school in the SAMMAT to give thanks for our Grandparents. You are all invited to join us in celebrating the Liturgy at 11.40am followed by classroom visits. The students are extremely excited about showing their Grandparents all their wonderful classroom work. Prior to the Liturgy you are invited to join the staff for morning tea in the SAMMAT at 11am. An attendance slip can be found later in the newsletter and it would be appreciated if you could complete and return to your child’s class teacher by Friday October 17. We look forward to seeing as many Grandparents as possible attend.

Sacramental Program: Enrolment forms are now available from St Peter and Paul’s weekend Masses and St Brigid Catholic School Front Office for those wanting their children to participate in the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Eucharist within the Gawler Catholic Parish.

Children must be 7 years or older and be Baptised in the Catholic Faith.

An information night for Parents will be held in the chapel at St Brigid’s Catholic School on Wednesday 19th November at 7.00pm. Any queries please contact Andrea White 85222099 or Father Germano on 8522 1089.

MITIOG: Our MITIOG Program has created many meaningful and educational discussions with our students. The Being Sexual Strand has been taught and in this week’s newsletter the overview for each year level (Excluding Year 7, please see the Year 7 teachers if you wish to sight the overview) has been included. If there are any questions in regards to the outline or what has been taught please make a time to speak to your child’s class teacher.

Education in human sexuality is a vital component of education within the Catholic faith, as through this education, students explore our Christian vocation to love which leads us into a responsible and fulfilled Christian life. When such education is undertaken in the formal context of schooling, it requires a high level of partnership between parents and teachers. This partnership is fundamental to the Made in the Image of God program. (MITIOG letter of mandate).
**Week 10** | **Week 1** | **Week 2**
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Monday 22\(^\text{nd}\) September - Volunteer Required | Monday 13\(^\text{th}\) October - Volunteer Required | Monday 20\(^\text{th}\) October - Volunteer Required
Tuesday 23\(^\text{rd}\) September - Megan Nagai | Tuesday 14\(^\text{th}\) October - Volunteer Required | Tuesday 21\(^\text{st}\) October - Terri Banner
Wednesday 24\(^\text{th}\) September - Canteen Closed | Wednesday 15\(^\text{th}\) October - Canteen Closed | Wednesday 22\(^\text{nd}\) October - Canteen Closed
Thursday 25\(^\text{th}\) September - Charmaine Dos Santos | Thursday 16\(^\text{th}\) October - Volunteer Required | Thursday 23\(^\text{rd}\) October - Charmaine Dos Santos
Friday 26\(^\text{th}\) September - Volunteer Required | Friday 17\(^\text{th}\) October - Lani Childs | Friday 24\(^\text{th}\) October - Volunteer Required

**The Canteen is urgently in need of more Volunteers.**

If you have a current Catholic Police Clearance and are able to help out please contact Kathy on 8522 2801 or at koreilly@stbrigids.catholic.edu.au

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**Uniform Shop News**

“Special Make” summer dresses required for 2015 must be ordered by end of Week 1, Term 4. All standard size summer dresses must be ordered by the end of Week 3, Term 4. Delivery of dresses ordered after these deadlines will not be guaranteed.

Orders for other items is advised, with the following deadlines: Boys grey shorts and short sleeved shirts by the end of Week 7, Term 4. Boys and girls sport shorts and tops by the end of Week 5, Term 4.

Whilst the Uniform Shop tries to keep a supply of these items on hand at all times, at busy times of the year, stock can run out. Please pre-order to save disappointment and inconvenience.

Thank you
Uniform Shop Team
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**Grandparents Day Liturgy**

Child’s Name ………………………………………………………………………………… Class ……………

Number of Grandparents attending ………..
Open Door Christian Bookshop

Volunteer staff make the Open Door Christian Bookshop a possibility in Gawler and we need more volunteers to maintain our service.

Experience is not necessary.
You will be given training and will not be working alone.

Can you spare 4 hours a fortnight? If yes, we would love to hear from you.

The bookshop is in the Gawler Arcade, open Monday - Friday and Saturday morning.
Phone 8522 1677.

HELP ST BRIGID’S WIN THIS FABULOUS PRIZE

WHERE: Shop at Big W Gawler to earn “Big W dollars”

HOW: Place your dollars in the St Brigid’s box
(The box with the most dollars wins this fabulous prize)

WHEN: Monday 25th August - Friday 26th September

ST. JOSEPH’S OLD SCHOLARS DINNER
WEDNESDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2014.

Adelaide Royal Coach - 24 Dequetteville Terrace, Kent Town.
6.30p.m. for a 7.00p.m. START.

Sensational SMORGASBORD at $37 per head.

Guest Speaker: JENNY BRINKWORTH - Director of Catholic Communications and Editor of THE SOUTHERN CROSS.

Door Prizes.

Invitation for ALL former students/teachers (male and female) from ANY Josephite Schools/Colleges, here or Interstate, to attend.

Bookings (name/s and phone number/s) by Thursday 2nd October
with Josie (8295 3667) or Margaret (8264 0780).
The Federation of Catholic School Parent Communities and Australian Parents Council Presents: Keynote and Workshop with David Price OBE

Re-imagining an education worth having.
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A presentation and workshop for parents/carers, students and educators

David's talk will challenge us to re-think the way we interact, teach, and use social, formal and informal learning to engage children and young people in an education worth having. We will explore the opportunities our 'connected' and 'open' world offers to best prepare children and young people for a future where we cannot predict what jobs will exist. The much talked about 21st century skills require us to re-think the way we interact, teach, and use social, formal and informal learning.

The workshop will explore:

- Our image of the child or young person as a learner?
- What young people consider is an education worth having?
- What learning looks like in schools today and how might it look in the future?
- How do we challenge attitudes, beliefs and behaviours that inhibit effective partnerships between parents and teachers and young people in learning and schooling?
- Ways and strategies of connecting to achieve the best outcomes for children and young people.

Details:
When: Monday 3rd November 2014
Time: 5.30pm to 8.30pm (light supper included)
Where: Catholic Education Conference Centre, 116 George Street, Thebarton SA

Parents/carers & students Free Educators, school & sector leaders: $50


For more information call: The Federation of Catholic School Parent Communities on telephone on (08) 8301 6685
Rotary

ROTARY CLUB OF GAWLER

YOUTH ART EXHIBITION

GAWLER VILLAGE FAIR
PIONEER PARK, GAWLER
SATURDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 2014
Open to all youth aged 5yrs to 18yrs

PRIZES:
President’s Choice...................... $50

Each Age Section (5-9yrs, 10-14yrs & 15-18yrs)
First Prize......................... $50
Second Prize........................ $25
Third Prize........................ $10

Free entry!

ENTRIES CLOSE 5PM FRIDAY 24TH OCTOBER 2014
Due to space restrictions a limited number of entries will be accepted, so please submit your entry form early!

Entry forms available from:
- The Rotary Club of Gawler, PO Box 584, Gawler SA 5118
- Your School Reception Desk
- Country Office National Gawler / Gawler Library / Kornacraft
- jacqui.atyeo886@schools.sa.edu.au  phone: 0408891255
- davomo@bigpond.com  phone: 0417827350
Gawler Public Library & Friends of Gawler Library present

Greg Holfeld Graffix!

Friday 3 October 2014
TWO FREE SESSIONS ONLY

Workshop

Evanston Gardens Branch Library
65 Angle Vale Road, Evanston Gardens
11 am - 12 noon
Ages 11-14 years

Meet the Author

Gawler Public Library
Reading Room
91 Murray Street, Gawler
1.30 pm - 2.30 pm
Ages 7-10 years

Internationally acclaimed animator and graphic illustrator, presents fun-filled, entertaining sessions to develop great graphic art skills.

Bookings Essential
Ph: 8522 9213 or visit
http://gawler.evanced.info/eventcalendar.asp

Gawler PUBLIC LIBRARY
WHAT IS GARAGE SALE TRAIL?

Garage Sale Trail is about re-using great stuff, reducing waste to landfill, meeting the neighbours, stimulating local economies, and providing an awesome platform for fundraising. All with the support of participating local councils.

7000+ GARAGE SALES
300,000+ PEOPLE
100+ COUNCIL AREAS PARTICIPATING

Last year, national participation grew almost three-fold, there were 7000+ registered garage sales on the one day, involving more than 300,000 buyers and sellers in 100 council areas.

WHAT’S IN IT FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS?

Make money for your cause, raise awareness and really connect with your community. Any type of community or charity group can get involved - social welfare groups, charities, sports clubs, community support groups or other not for profits.

MAKE MONEY
ENGAGE COMMUNITY
PROMOTE YOUR CAUSE
HAVE FUN!

Whatever your reason, this is a ready made opportunity to raise some dough - sell old stuff, sell new stuff, sell anything... and it’s FREE TO PARTICIPATE!

HOW DO I GET INVOLVED?

Register online at garagesaletrail.com.au
Registrations open August 11. Give your sale a name and upload photos of items that you would like to sell. That puts your sale on the website for all to see.

You can host a sale yourself or with friends, or for maximum impact get other community and charity groups involved and plan an even bigger, more profitable day.

REGISTRATION OPENS AUG 11
AT GARAGESALETRAIL.COM.AU