LEADERSHIP NEWS

Thursday November 13th 2014 / Issue 19

DIARY DATES TO REMEMBER

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RELIGIOUS DIMENSION

Sacramental Parent Meeting: Just a reminder that parents who have completed the paperwork for their child to participate in the 2015 Sacramental Program are asked to attend the parent information evening next Wednesday 19th November at 7pm in the Chapel. It is a requirement that parents attend.

The Month of November: Thankyou to our Defence students, Mrs Lynn Furst and families who planned, participated and attended the whole school Remembrance Day Liturgy on Tuesday. It was a wonderful tribute to all those who have and are serving for our country. Included in this edition are photos of the beautiful art work which decorates the boundary fence along Para Road "In November We Remember". A big thankyou to Mrs Noble/ Mrs Fenu students.

Advent: Next week we begin the liturgical season of Advent which is the time for preparing for the birth of our saviour Jesus Christ. Even though the official Advent season in our church doesn’t begin until November 30 we will begin next week which allows us to spend the final 4 weeks of school preparing for Christmas.

LEARNING DIMENSION

Advent Carols: We remind families of our Advent Carols celebration on Friday 28th November. Your children will have been provided with a costume requirements letter and we thank parents in advance for your support in making this bi-annual event a success. Students need to be at school by 6.30pm to meet their teachers in their classrooms before the performance at 7pm.

Transition Visits: This week provided our 2015 Reception children and a number of other year levels with their first experience of attending St Brigid’s Catholic School. We were once again impressed with the support of our Student Leaders who acted as our guides in assisting new children to their classrooms. We are grateful for the commitment of our Early Years Team, Ms Colleen Stevens (Inclusive Education Co-ordinator) and Mrs Andrea Mackereth (Enrolment Officer) for the care they provide in ensuring a safe, happy and successful transition program. We continue to acknowledge our broader school community for the manner in which they affirm our school by ‘word of mouth’ as many enrolments indicate that they have heard ‘great things’ about St Brigid’s from family and friends.

ADMINISTRATIVE DIMENSION

Communication: Over the coming weeks families may be contacted if we do not have a legitimate email address to use for correspondence between home and school. In these times, it is crucial that we are able to contact families and encourage you to inform Jasmine at the Front Office if you have changed your contact details. Recently, we have commenced utilising SMS technology which is proving very successful in informing families of critical matters which require prompt attention.

Sun Smart: We remind families of the need for children to wear hats (and sunscreen as appropriate) as the weather starts to warm up. Even on mild days we have had UV ratings of up to 10 so it is essential that children understand the importance of sun protection. Another issue is the importance of hydration on unseasonably warm days. This is especially important for younger children who may forget to drink as often as they should. In relation to sun block if your child has sensitive skin they will be required to provide their own.
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Car Parking: Once again we remind families of the need to be vigilant around school roads which have a maximum speed limit of 25km/h when children are present. We were contacted recently by a school family who witnessed a close call between a vehicle and a child. It is critical that we take the additional time to slow down and maintain vigilance (No mobile phones etc) as drivers to prepare for the potential erratic behaviour of children.

Stationery Packs: It appears that the new format for our stationery packs is proving to be successful. Thank you for your prompt responses. As mentioned in the documentation, it is our aim to deliver the stationery packs to children at the ‘Meet The Teacher’ morning on Thursday 4th December.

Uniform: Recently JS Sports appointed a new Uniform Manager to St Brigid’s Catholic School. We congratulate Mrs Sue Oldman on her appointment and trust that she will provide a terrific service for families. The new Opening Hours are: Tuesday 2:15pm - 4:15pm and Friday 8:15am - 10:15am. We are appreciative of JS Sports providing interim staffing over the last few weeks to ensure families can prepare for the 2015 academic year.

COMMUNITY DIMENSION

Gawler 175th Anniversary: As part of Gawler’s 175th Birthday celebrations, we have been invited to contribute to a photo story that will be permanently housed on the Gawler History Association Website. The aim is to collect any photos of historical interest that can be scanned and then uploaded to the site. These could include any photos of social, sporting, political interest, natural disasters, ingenuity, discoveries or significant events of which you may hold a photographic record.

We ask that you send the photos into school in a clearly marked envelope and identification on the back of the photograph with details of the image. Please ensure you attach your name and contact details for safe return. If you would rather not leave the photo, you are welcome to bring it in to be scanned and returned to you. However due to the workload of office staff, please see Mr. Mannella if you would prefer this option. Photos can also be of historical significance of our near regional towns and communities. This is an interesting way for your children to connect with their community’s past.

We will create a display of scanned photos in the library for general viewing.

Paul Bennett
Principal

Gennaro Mannella
Deputy Principal

Andrea White
Assistant Principal

NUMERACY AND LITERACY NEWS

The Australian Mathematics Competition was held on Thursday 7th August and we would like to congratulate the following students for their participation and achievements. They will be receiving certificates during the Week 7 assembly Friday November 28th at 9.15am


The Premiers Reading Challenge concluded on September 5th with a record number of St Brigid’s students participating. The awards should be arriving soon. All students will be recognised at the Week 7 assembly Friday 28th November at 9.15am.

AGM School Board Meeting

Monday 17th November at 7:00pm

SCHOOL FEES

Just a reminder that all accounts are to be finalized by FRIDAY 28th NOVEMBER, unless you have an alternative arrangement in place. If you would like to discuss your account please contact Jayne Clarke.

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Dear Families

In our recent survey regarding an Early Learning Centre, Out of Hours School Care and Playgroup there was considerable interest in offering Playgroup on an additional morning in 2015. To assist the School Board with their deliberations we seek your assistance in identifying which session/s you would be attending in 2015.

We ask that interested families complete a survey which is available from the Front Office. Could you please ensure that this Survey is returned to the Front Office by MONDAY 17TH NOVEMBER.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our Playgroup.

Paul Bennett
PRINCIPAL
At the going down of the sun,
And in the morning,
We will remember them.