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Religious Dimension

Shrove Tuesday: What is Shrove Tuesday? Shrove Tuesday occurs the first Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, it officially ends the season of Epiphany and is the vigil for the beginning of Lent. It’s a day of penitence, to clean the soul and a day of celebration as the last chance to feast before Lent begins. Thanks to the St Brigid’s Playgroup and Parent Teams the students will be provided with a pancake on Tuesday as we celebrate Shrove Tuesday. If your child has any food allergies you are invited to send in a pancake which will cater for their dietary requirements. Unfortunately we will not be able to cater for specific food allergies.

Ash Wednesday: What is Ash Wednesday? Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. It is a season of penance, reflection and fasting which prepares us for Christ’s Resurrection on Easter Sunday. The Liturgical colour for Lent is purple and continues for 40 days until Holy Week. On Wednesday February 18 the years 3-7 will gather in the SAMMAT for mass to mark the beginning of this significant liturgical season at 11.40 which you are all most welcome to attend. The R-2 students will gather during the day for a shorter liturgy explaining the meaning of Lent.

Year 7 Retreat: Last Friday the year 7’s participated in their Retreat at the Adelaide Sailing Club, West Beach. We were blessed with beautiful weather, a beautiful venue and quality reflective time together. The students had the opportunity to reflect on their leadership for 2015, connect with each other and staff, learn more about St Brigid’s deep story and listen to Gawler Mayor, Karen Redman about her leadership journey. Mayor Redman’s visit to the retreat was greatly appreciated and as an ex St Brigid’s student she enjoyed talking to the year 7’s and commended them on their leadership within our school and the town of Gawler. We were also privileged to have the presence of Mrs Robynne Malone. Robynne returned for a short time to help bring alive the story of St Brigid and her cross with Mr Ben Roche that day. We are all grateful to have Robynne and Mayor Redman take part in the retreat.

Sacramental Program: Last night the Sacramental candidates and their families met once again and began the journey of preparation to receive the sacraments later on this year. Our appreciation is extended to Mrs Donna Cockell and Mrs Michelle Menadue who have volunteered to facilitate the Sacramental Workshops during 2015. During the 6.30pm and 10 am masses this weekend the Sacramental Candidates will be presented to the faith community at Ss Peter & Paul Church. We ask that you keep these children in your prayers as they begin the Sacramental Program for 2015.

Rest In Peace: Roche Family: We extend our condolences to Ann Maree, Conor and Kieran (Yr 6/7 A) on the recent death of their husband and father. Neil was a regular supporter of St Brigid’s through his participation in excursions and sporting events. After a battle with cancer Neil passed away peacefully surrounded by his family. May he rest in peace.

Leaning Dimension

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LEADSERSHIP NEWS cont.

LEARNING DIMENSION cont.

Behaviour Education: As we begin moving into the routine of school with children familiarising themselves with routines and expectations, teachers spend a great deal of time in these first few weeks reminding children of what it means to be a student at St. Brigid’s Catholic School. Our behaviour framework of Care for Self, Care for Others and Care for the Environment have proved to be a simple yet effective way of reminding children about what is expected here at St. Brigid’s.

- **Caring for one self** goes beyond being careful about not hurting themselves on the playground. We reiterate to children that caring for self refers to any situation that a child puts themselves in that could result in harm which might include appropriate use of technology or placing themselves in an area they are not supposed to be (out of bounds) because of possible physical dangers. Other situations might involve allowing themselves to be placed in a vulnerable position because of the influence of friends or peers.

- **Care for Others** is self-explanatory but often can be the one that is the cause of many behaviour issues. The concept of ‘treat others like you wish to be treated yourself’ is one that takes time to be understood in young children. For them, developing a sense of empathy for the other takes time and we work with our younger children in teaching, reminding and providing consequences when such situations occur. For most of our older students this concept is well understood and it is generally in the ‘heat of the moment’ that a child might react in a way to hurt another child. Again, this can take the form of physical, mental or emotional hurt towards another child. It may also be identified as behaving in a way that interferes with the learning of others. Again, the school has strict routines and processes to deal with such issues. The situation of repeated and consistent behaviour towards another child/ren that interferes with their personal safety and wellbeing is what we refer to as bullying and the school has processes in place to deal with these situations. Should this become the case with your child, we ask you to please communicate this with your child’s teacher in the first instance who will then inform Leadership. Following this you are welcome to speak with a member of the Leadership team about the situation so together we may resolve the situation quickly. In any situation however, our hope is to support the victim to build resilience and the perpetrator to build empathy towards others. In all cases of behaviour conflict, each party involved has a need they are trying to fulfill and it is our role as adults (parents and teachers) to support them to find peaceful ways of dealing with such issues. These restorative practices are at the heart of our capacity to build effective and genuine relationships within our school family.

- **Care for the Environment** refers to any behaviour that may cause damage or destruction to school or another person’s property. Our children have become more aware over recent time about the need to look after resources and keeping the yard and play areas clean of litter. Ownership and personal responsibility of the school environment is critical if children are going to be able to take these traits into adulthood. Understanding that there is not, (notwithstanding normal wear and tear) a bottomless pit of money to replace sport or music equipment, reading material, repainting and the like, comes from respecting the privilege they have in attending such a well-resourced school.

Our Re-Imaging Children project, focussing on the connectedness of our children to their school and local community, is a key element in supporting our children across all areas of our Behaviour Education framework. The more connected children feel about their place at St. Brigid’s, the more likely they are to look after and care for themselves, others and the environment. Your ongoing support in reiterating these principles is greatly valued.

COMMUNITY DIMENSION

Mayoral Visit: On Wednesday of this week we had the privilege of hosting the Mayor of Gawler, Karen Redman at a special assembly. Mayor Redman was at St. Brigid’s to present a cheque for $1000 as part of the Town of Gawler Community Grants Scheme. St. Brigid’s applied for a grant to support our 88 Keys Grand Piano Appeal. This grant has taken our total thus far to $7200. It provides a significant contribution to our working total. On behalf of the St. Brigid’s Catholic School community, we extend our thanks and gratitude to the Town of Gawler Community Grants Committee for supporting our school in this way. For new families, it is our intention to purchase a concert quality grand piano for our stage in the SAMMAT so that we can promote world class events to our facility and also enable our school musicians to play on a high standard instrument. If you wish to support this project please speak to one of our office staff or Mr. Mannella.

ADMINISTRATIVE DIMENSION

Grounds: There has been recent publicity surrounding the plague proportions of corellas around St Brigid’s Catholic School over the last three months. We are working closely with the Gawler Council with the aim of moving the birds to another unpopulated local environment. Mr Steve Payne, Groundsman, and Paul met with an insurance assessor to discuss the damage being created, particularly to our trees, buildings and paths (droppings). One of our biggest concerns surrounds ensuring high standards of hygiene for our community and thus a significant part of Steve’s daily regime is water blasting paths, seats and rubbish bins. Thank you for your patience as we work towards a long term solution.

New Paving: A fortnight ago we generously received some preloved pavers from one of our families and as such decided to move forward on rectifying an emerging dust/mud problem in the Upper Primary Courtyard. We apologise for the disturbance over the next fortnight as we lay the pavers, however, once completed our school site will have no more potential mud spots which will ensure longevity of classroom carpets!

Hazard: We have been notified by one of our families that they are concerned about the new treatment on the paths surrounding the main quadrangle. Due to previous hazard reports indicating a slip problem on the former surface, our annual maintenance program incorporated a rescaling of the paths with an iron oxide base which prevents slips. Unfortunately, there have been a number of grazes over the first fortnight and we ask families to remind their children to take care when walking on this surface. Our WHS Coordinator is making contact with our Maintenance Company to review options to reduce the severity of this product. Please let us know if your children have been hurt on this surface as together we aim to ensure the safety of our students at St Brigid’s.

School Times: We remind families that our **duty of care for children commences at 8.35am.** Children who arrive earlier than this are required to remain in front of the Office building until the supervising teacher commences their duty. We are concerned that some children are being dropped off just after 8am. If this is a regular occurrence you should be accessing the services provided by the Gawler & District OSHC program. We are concerned that our goodwill is being tested. In the cases where it is a one off/short term issue we have valued families informing us of this so that we are aware that their children are on our school site. This is about the safety of your children and we expect that we would continue to work together to achieve a safe outcome for our students.
School Card Applications
School Card Applications for in 2015 must be completed and returned asap. School Fee account will only be credited when approval has been received from DECS. Please remember Families must apply for on an annual basis.

### St Brigid's Canteen Volunteer Roster

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| Friday 20th February - Lisa Goode | Friday 27th February - Lani Childs | Friday 6th March - Charmaine Dos Santos |

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### Our Online Canteen

**St Brigid's Catholic School has been picked to win!!**

**How to Win:** Our Online Canteen wishes to thank you for your continued support of your school canteen. Ordering online brings many benefits to the canteen including saving time and keeping costs down. Simply place an online order from your school by **Friday the 27th of Feb** to be in the running to win **$20 online credit**.

Two Winners will be drawn by Our Online Canteen and notified by email on **Monday the 2nd of March**. They will also be published in the following school newsletter.

**Not Registered?** Information is available in this weeks newsletter.

If you have any questions or need any help with the online ordering process please feel free to contact one of our friendly staff at Our Online Canteen on 1300 116 637 or email us at info@ouronlinecanteen.com.au

For any enquires relating to menu items themselves please contact Kathy on 8522 2801.

Please note: This competition is run by Our Online Canteen and not the school canteen. There is no need to send us proof of your order to win as winners are drawn using the automated system. As soon as the winners are drawn the $20 credit is added to their online account.

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**BRIGID PERFORMING ARTS CORNER**

Welcome back to 2015. We are in for a cracker year.

**Performance:** This year we will be holding two showcases early in Terms 2 and 4. This will provide the students involved in our school ensembles and instrumental program the opportunity to perform to family and friends. We are also having a Whole School Performance in Term 3. Stay posted for more information.

**Instrumental Program:** Are you interested in your child learning an instrument? We have wonderful instrumental teachers teaching a wide range of instruments: Guitar, Piano, Drums, Voice, Clarinet, Saxophone, Flute and Recorder. Lessons are 30 minutes long and cost $25 per individual lesson or $17 per child in a group of two. Forms are attached to this newsletter.

**CSMF Choir:** Every year St Brigid’s takes part in the Catholic Schools Music Festival at the Festival Theatre. The festival takes place over four nights and we send up to 34 children to perform as part of the mass choir in one of the four nights. It is a wonderful event in our school calendar. I highly recommend that if your child is in Years 5, 6 or 7 and they love to sing that they come along to rehearsal next week (Week 4) and join in the fun. Rehearsals take place at 12:20pm in the Music Room on Thursdays. The choir will also be performing at the showcases in Terms 2 and 4.

**Liturgical Band:** Our Liturgical Band rehearses weekly in the SAMMAT to prepare for masses and liturgies. This year they will also be preparing to perform at the showcases in Terms 2 and 4. If your child is in Years 5 - 7 and plays a musical instrument encourage them to talk to me about joining the band.

**Dance Troupe:** Dance Troupe will be beginning again shortly for Years 5 - 7. If your child loves to dance please encourage them to join. Details about rehearsal times will be available shortly.

Kind Regards
Megan Isaacson
Ss Peter and Paul Children’s Liturgy

Attention families and friends of St. Brigid’s Catholic Primary School; SS. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Gawler has previously offered Children’s Liturgy at 10am Sunday Mass for Kindergarten and Primary school aged children. I am looking to restart the program and am in need of parent helpers on a regular basis. If you would be interested and able to assist in the running of Children’s Liturgy please call Angela Nothnagel on 85232512.

A police clearance will need to be completed in preparation through the Parish.

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JS SPORTS
ST BRIDGID’S CATHOLIC SCHOOL
UNIFORM SHOP
OPENING TIMES

Tuesday 2:15pm - 4:15pm
Friday 8:15am - 10:15am

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Second Hand Uniform Shop

Week 1  Tuesday 2:30pm – 3:30pm, Friday 8:30am – 9:30am
Week 5  Tuesday 2:30pm – 3:30pm, Friday 8:30am – 9:30am
Week 9  Tuesday 2:30pm – 3:30pm, Friday 8:30am – 9:30am

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PORT ADELAIDE POWER FOOTY SUPER CLINIC

COME ALONG & MEET THE PORT ADELAIDE POWER PLAYERS AT A SUPER CLINIC WITH AUTOGRAPHS AFTERWARDS

When:           Monday 16 February 2015
Where:          Nuriootpa Oval
Time:           4:30pm – 5:30pm
Autographs:     5:30pm – 6:00pm
Cost:           FREE
Age:            5 - 12

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ST. JOSEPH’S OLD SCHOLARS ANNUAL MASS / AFTERNOON TEA

Sunday 15 March 2015 at 2.00 p.m.

Invitation to ALL former students/teachers (male and female) from ANY Josephite Schools/Colleges to join with us and Mary MacKillop College for MASS at 2.00P.M. in St. Joseph’s Convent Chapel, Kensington.

Monsignor Robert Aitken will be our Celebrant. DEVONSHIRE AFTERNOON TEA ($5) will follow in Bethany - adjacent to the Chapel. Love to see YOU there.
CONGRATULATIONS!
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Our Online Canteen is an online ordering system which is an easy and convenient way to order school meals

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2. Select your date
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INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM

Welcome to Instrumental Music at St. Brigid’s Catholic School. Following is important information you need to know when making an application for your child. We hope that your child enjoys the creative experience of music making.

- **Instrumental Music Teachers operate independent of the school’s normal program.** The school’s role is to oversee and co-ordinate the smooth running of the program. The role of instrumental teachers is to support the St. Brigid’s School Performing Arts Program and help to bring an experience of joy and satisfaction to their students.
- Your decision to enrol your child in music lessons is an agreement between yourself and your child’s music teacher.
- All Financial Transactions are between yourself and the teacher. Teachers will provide you with an invoice on commencement of lessons. The school does not pay the teachers and it is your responsibility to ensure the correct payments are made when due. Any cheques must be made out in the name of the teacher concerned and not the school.
- Please note that instrumental teaching is the teacher’s livelihood and there must be a commitment to making agreed payments on time. If there is any difficulty in making payments you must communicate this to the Teacher. Where there is a waiting list, failure to pay fees cannot guarantee continuation of lessons.
- Please inform the instrumental teacher if your child is not going to be at school the day or week before the lesson. Where there are extended absences due to holidays or illness please negotiate with the teacher re the payment of fees.
- For the beginning student progress is often slow and young children in particular, can tire of the practise regime. As parents you can encourage your child to spend shorter and more frequent practise times between lessons. Ten to fifteen minutes of practise each day in the early stages of learning a new instrument will bear surprising results. In addition, sitting with your child during practise a couple of times a week will encourage and motivate him/her to keep at it and get over those difficult times when they feel they want to give up.

Current cost for lessons are as follows:

1. The standard half hour lesson rate is $25.00 per student for and individual lesson and $17.00 per student per lesson for group of two students (depending on availability)

2. Payment options are **per lesson** or **per term**.

Payments are to be made directly to instrumental teachers.
INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM

I, ........................................................................................................ would like to enroll in

(First Name) .................................................................................. (Surname)

Piano/Keyboard, Guitar, Bass Guitar, Drums/Percussion
Saxophone, Violin, Flute, Clarinet, Trumpet (Brass), Singing
(Please circle)

Parent's/Caregiver's name: ..........................................................................................
(Responsible for payment)

Postal Address: ........................................................................................................

.............................................................................................................................. Postcode ...........

Contact Numbers: Home: ...........................................................................................

Mobile/Work: ..............................................................................................................

Has your child had previous lessons in this instrument? YES / NO

If yes, for how long? .................

Does your child play any other instrument? YES / NO

If yes, which instrument? ..........................................................................................

Lesson Type: INDIVIDUAL / GROUP

Tuition Fee: $25.00 per lesson (individual)
$17.00 per lesson (Group of two) Payment: by Lesson/term

Equipment/studio tuition fee: $20.00 annually per student

Teacher's name: (if known) ......................................................................................

Contact details: .......................................................................................................

PARENT/CAREGIVER PERMISSION AND AGREEMENT

I, ......................................................................................................................... give permission for my child ..........................................................................

Class .................................. to attend (instrument) ................................... lessons during school time.

I agree to pay the $20.00 Equipment/studio tuition fee plus the required fee as agreed to between
the teacher and myself.

Signed: ................................................................. Date: .........../........../........

Please return this application form to Mrs Isaacson – St Brigid's Catholic School
I didn't know the Federation of Catholic School Parent Communities did all that!

The Federation of Catholic School Parent Communities is many things for many people!

Our core business is to be the voice of parents who have chosen a Catholic school for their child. We advocate for affordable Catholic schools that are accessible to all (choice), access to excellent educational experiences as the right of all children (quality and equity) and the right of parents to be collaborators in their child’s learning and schooling (voice)

_How do we do this?_

We advocate for a greater public investment in education for all children and an equitable share of public funds for students in Catholic schools. _Politicians and policy makers listen to us._

Consult with parents on key education issues and represent Catholic school parents in decision making and advisory forums in relation to national, state and Catholic education policy and initiatives. _We listen to parents._

We affiliate with and contribute to the work of Australian Parents Council (APC) and Catholic School Parents Australia (CSPA) to ensure a voice at the national level. _We have national political clout._

Communicate and connect with parent groups and parents in SA Catholic schools. _We empower parent communities._

Develop and share information and resources that empower parents with the knowledge and skills to support their child’s learning, capabilities and wellbeing. _We support parents and families._

Lead and support parent and family engagement in learning and schooling. _We support school leaders, teachers and school communities through:_

- Practical and individualised consultancy for school communities
- Professional learning and training for school leaders, educators and parent leaders
- Parents Initiatives in Education (PIE) grant funding to Catholic schools in South Australia
- Sharing evidence of leading practice in family engagement in learning.

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