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

LEADERSHIP NEWS

DIARY DATES TO REMEMBER

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Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday: A huge thank you to Playgroup and the Parent Teams for preparing, cooking and serving all the students pancakes last Tuesday for Shrove Tuesday. We appreciate the time you so willingly give to our school community. We also thank Java Hut for donating the pancake mix.

The Ash Wednesday Mass celebrated last week was a wonderful beginning to our Lenten season. Now that we are in the season of Lent and preparing for Easter and the celebration of new life, it is a great time to start afresh and leave our bad habits behind. For those who are being baptised at Easter, they are beginning a new kind of life but for those of us who are long time Catholics, we can leave behind things like old resentments; taking God and people for granted, or being indifferent to the needs and the suffering of others. Lent provides us with time and the opportunity to look into our hearts and renew our faith.

Family Mass: All families are invited to attend this Sunday’s Family Mass at Ss Peter & Paul Catholic Church, Parnell Street Gawler. Mass begins at 10am and is a great opportunity to celebrate the Eucharist with the Parish Community. It is always pleasing when students from St Brigid’s Catholic School attend family masses. We often receive comments from Parishioners about how wonderful it is that the relationship with the Parish School and the Church Parish is so positive. If you have never attended Family Mass before what a great time to start. Everyone, whatever Religious denomination, is welcome to attend. We hope to see you Sunday.

RELIGIOUS DIMENSION

Project Compassion: Last week the eldest child in each family was given a project compassion box and envelope to take home for the duration of the Lenten Season. Project Compassion 2015 focuses on Food for Life. It throws a spotlight on global food issues and how Caritas Australia is empowering the world’s poorest people to establish sustainable food sources for life. Your generous donations will assist Caritas with the funds to enable to reach their goal for 2015. Money raised through the project compassion boxes throughout Lent will be gladly accepted by March 23 2015 via your child’s class teacher.

When an autistic boy’s classmates all failed to turn up to his sixth birthday party, his local community and emergency services rallied to give him an unforgettable celebration.

Ashlee Buratti, of St Cloud, Florida, invited her son Glenn’s class of 16 children to his party on February 8, but no one came. Although she and her husband John Buratti had not received any RSVPs, they were hopeful some would turn up regardless to celebrate with Glenn, who has epilepsy and a mild form of autism. “From the minute he woke up that day he wanted to know how many minutes until his friends came,” she told the Osceola News-Gazette.

Recently we came across this newspaper article from the USA. Having our own children, we felt deeply for Glenn’s parents as they were left to explain to their son why none of his classmates attended his birthday party. Whilst there may be a myriad of reasons why his peers did not come to his party, we would like to believe that our school community would never place a child in this predicament. The response of the emergency services was heart warming, yet it should not be reliant upon strangers to celebrate a young lad’s birthday. One of our core learning dispositions is being a ‘CONNECTED LEARNER’. At the heart of this quality is the capacity to develop positive relationships. We are grateful to our families for teaching their children to ‘CARE FOR OTHERS’. This requires the skills of displaying:

- Quiet listening
- Friendly words
- Gentle actions

A significant role of our staff is to work COLLABORATIVELY (Another key learning concept) with our families to assist our children to develop and refine their social skills. We often say to our children that ‘To have friends you need to be a good friend’. Please continue to work with your child’s class teacher/sty in nurturing the formation of your child’s emotional smarts. We are here to work with you in establishing these essential skills and the challenges which may arise when relationships break down. Our goal is to ensure none of our children ever rely on emergency services to celebrate their birthdays!
LEADERSHIP NEWS cont.

LEARNING DIMENSION

Re-imagining Childhood Research Project: We continue to ‘re-imagine’ how we support our children to remain connected with their peers and adults in their lives by ensuring that we encourage children to work through some of those difficult relationships mentioned above. In the coming weeks you will see children undertaking activities that will help them articulate and understand the notion of connectedness. We hope that you will be able to support your children in these undertakings.

ADMINISTRATIVE DIMENSION

At our February School Board Meeting we addressed the following matters:

- CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT FRAMEWORK: Our School Board spent time discerning the areas of our administrative structures which will be our focus for the next two years. At our next meeting clearly defined goals will be established which we will share in our Brightiser Report.
- SCHOOL VISION, PURPOSE & VALUES: We were appreciative of the 26 people who offered their thoughts and suggestions about our vision, purpose and values. It is anticipated that at or next meeting we will be in a position to reach a consensus which we will share with our community.
- WATER RETENTION DAM: The School Board are seeking costings in relation to establishing our water retention dam as an underground concrete tank with the creation of an Early Years oval to
  - eliminate the risk of children entering this current space and being harmed
  - improve the visual ambience of this space
  - maximize the available play space
  - improve the quality of the recycled water used in our toilet blocks
- SPORT SHOES: The School Board acknowledge the challenge confronting families when they are attempting to purchase predominately white sports shoes. The Board has altered the Uniform Schedule to accommodate coloured shoes/laces due to the majority of manufacturers producing these styles.
- END OF YEAR DATE FOR YR 7’S: The Board approved for our Yr 7 students to conclude their school year on Tuesday 8th December
- ONLINE UNIFORM ORDERS: The Board is investigating the possibility of utilising the online canteen site for purchasing uniform orders via this portal
- DISABLED PARKING: The Board has been asked to identify the availability of creating more disabled parks, particularly in the main car park area for students and elderly grandparents with disabilities.
- SCHOOL PARKING: The Board have asked our Leadership Team to contact Gawler Council to step up observations of Para Rd Kiss & Collect zone in the afternoon (parents parking on verge of road before crossing, parents attempting to join queue and having the back of their cars preventing traffic from flowing along Para Rd)
- HOMEWORK POLICY: Our Board is working with our staff to review our Homework Policy so that they can provide a summary of a suggested Homework Policy based on current educational research.

Sports Day: Attached to this edition of the Brightiser is a letter outlining the details concerning our approaching TWILIGHT SPORTS DAY. In summary:

| Date:       | 27th March (Friday, Week 9) |
| Time:       | 12:15pm - 6:15pm (The program commences at 12:30pm) |
| Students wear: | Sports Uniform INCLUDING SCHOOL HAT and correct footwear with a splash of their House colour (eg. T-shirt and/or socks) |

We look forward to our families participating in this day with their children and their classmates. It is important that the reply slip is returned by the due date so that we can ensure adequate supervision is provided for children who will be dropped off prior to 12.15pm. We insist that former St Brigid’s students choosing to attend must be accompanied by their families. Unfortunately, in previous years we have had to contend with some former students behaving in a manner which detracts from the focus of the day.

COMMUNITY DIMENSION

Sports Day: Our Parent Team and our Canteen Manager, Mrs Kathy O’Reilly, seek your support over the coming weeks in volunteering your time to assist with catering at our Twilight Sports Day. Please consider how you can volunteer your time to enable the day to run smoothly. As an added incentive this year we are including FAMILY POINTS to be added to your child’s SPIRIT CUP tally. One hour of volunteering at one of our food tents/BBQ/Drink stations will provide your child’s House Team with 10 points!

BPAY payment

On the 12th February the school received a payment of $200 via BPAY. The customer reference number used was 82350004766, which is incorrect. Would families please check your bank records and contact Jayne Clarke if this payment belongs to your family.

SCHOOL BOARD SHORTS

PORT POWER FEVER hit St Brigid’s last week
Some very excited fans with Hamish Hartlett, Kane Cornes and Jesse Palmer

Paul Bennett
Principal

Gennaro Mannella
Deputy Principal

Andrea White
Assistant Principal RIM

TELEPHONE 08 8522 2842 or 08 8522 2189 / ABSENTEE LINE (before 9am) 08 8522 2099
FACSIMILE 08 8523 1699 / EMAIL info@stbrigids.catholic.edu.au / WEB www.stbrigids.catholic.edu.au
**St Brigid's Canteen Volunteer Roster**

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**From the Federation of Catholic School Parent Communities**

Composite Classes

Composite classes are often the topic of controversy and conversation amongst parents but are ‘composite classes good or bad for your child’? The Federation of Catholic School Parent Communities has considered both sides of this passionate debate and has developed the following resource for parents.


**Year 7 Retreat 2015**

![Year 7 Retreat 2015 images]
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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**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.

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**Irish Dancing Vacancies**

Classes are held for pupils from 4 years old: girls, boys and Adults are welcome.

Classes are held at:
- Salisbury: Saturday mornings & Monday nights
- Parafield Gardens: Friday nights
- Gawler: Wednesday nights
- Elizabeth: Monday nights

Enquiries phone 8250 5333 or 0405 244 181 or email info@celticdance.com.au

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**Elizabeth Grove Soccer Club**

**Junior Players Wanted**

Girls and Boys are welcome

Training Times
(Cnr Dauntsey & Woodforde Rds, Elizabeth North)

U6 & U7 Friday’s at 5:30pm
U8 & U12 Tuesday & Thursday at 5:30pm
U9 & U11 Wednesday & Friday at 5:30pm
U10 Monday & Wednesday 5:30pm

Enquiries please phone 0417 810 668 or email thegrove@egsc.com.au

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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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**First Training and Come’n’try Evening for Juniors:**

Wed 25th March 2015 5pm onwards
at our home ground:

Karbeethan Reserve
Angle Vale Road, Evanston Gardens

For more info Please visit our website
www.Gawlerhockeyclub.com

or contact Lisa Johnson 0419 110 725.
Dear Families,

Sports Day is fast approaching and we look forward to offering your child/ren an exciting and engaging program. A copy of the program will be issued Friday 13th March. Details for Twilight Sports Day are as follows:

**Date:** 27th March (Friday, Week 9)  
**Time:** 12:15pm – 6:15pm  
*Please indicate on the reply slip below what time your child will be dropped off at school*

**Students wear:** Sports uniform INCLUDING SCHOOL HAT and correct footwear with a splash of their House colour (eg. T-shirt and/or socks)

*Students are not permitted to wear shoulder strap shirts or costumes which are inappropriate for participating in athletic events. They are not to bring coloured hair spray to school (Coloured hair spray must be applied at home).*

- The Sports Day Program commences at 12.30pm. Students may stay home in the morning but a roll call will be held in their classroom at 12.15pm. They will then be instructed to meet their House Leaders for the Opening March & Ceremony.
- Students who are unable to be cared for at home need to arrive at school at the normal time where they will be supervised until 12.15pm.
- Students are to wear their school sports shorts and a coloured top representing their House Team (Plain t-shirt/no logo)
- Please assist where you can as a volunteer for a one hour shift on one of the food stalls (10 Family Spirit Cup Points for your child’s House Team)
- Our JP Program concludes at approximately 5pm. Please inform your child’s Class Teacher if you are taking your child early.

Classes will require parent helpers to assist with the following tasks:  
- Drink carrying  
- Recording of points earned  
- Team marshalling

Please indicate on the return slip below if you are able to assist with any of the above. We rely heavily on your generous assistance.

Any queries regarding this event, please feel welcome to contact me via email, leave a message at the front office or in person.

Regards,
Jo Jenkins  
jenkins@stbrigidscatholic.edu.au

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Please return to Front Office by Friday 13th March

My child ______________________ in class _______ will be arriving at school on Friday 27th March by:

- [ ] 8:50am (Supervision provided by Leadership Team)  
- [x] 12:15pm

______________________________ (your name) am able to help my child’s class with the following on Sports Day (please tick).

- [ ] Carrying Class Drink bottles  
- [ ] Recording of points earned  
- [ ] Team marshalling
CONGRATULATIONS!
your school canteen is now online

Parent Information Sheet
Our Online Canteen is an online ordering system which is an easy and convenient way to order school meals

How to get started
- Visit ouronlinecanteen.com.au
- Sign up by completing the registration form
- Receive a confirmation email
- Log into the website
- Select your school and enter your child/ren names
- Add credit and order your meals

Ordering is as easy as 1-2-3-4
1. Select your child
2. Select your date
3. Add meal items to order
4. Confirm the order

ouronlinecanteen.com.au
ABN 32 142 542 014
WHY HAS YOUR SCHOOL GONE ONLINE?
Your school has chosen to use Our Online Canteen system in order to save you and your canteen, time and money.

IS THE WEBSITE SAFE AND SECURE TO USE AND ADD CREDIT?
Yes. Our Online Canteen has SSL certificate and it is used for any financial transaction conducted through the website.

HOW CAN I ADD CREDIT?
There are three ways to add credit to your account:
PayPal, Credit Card and Direct Deposit.
If you experience any issues adding credit, please contact us directly.

WHAT DO I DO IF I NEED HELP?
You can call our amazing team on 1300 116 637 from 7.30am or email us at info@ouronlinecanteen.com.au

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