LEADERSHIP NEWS

DIARY DATES TO REMEMBER

**Week 8**
- **Monday 16th March**
  - 7:00pm School Board Meeting
- **Wednesday 18th March**
  - 11:40am Mass/Prayer Service Year 3/4 NW
- **Friday 20th March**
  - Harmony Day (Wear Orange to School)

**Week 9**
- **Sunday 22nd March**
  - 1:00pm - 3:00pm Open Day
- **Wednesday 25th March**
  - 11:40am Mass Year 4F
- **Friday 27th March**
  - 12:30pm - 6:00pm Twilight Sports Day

RELIGIOUS DIMENSION

Harmony Day: Friday March 20 we are celebrating Harmony Day where we will celebrate the different cultures in our community. Mrs Noble’s Year 3 and Mrs White/Taylors’ Year 5 children will be leading a special Harmony Day Assembly. Students are invited to wear their traditional dress from their family cultural background for the assembly. This is an invitation and is not compulsory. Students must change back into their correct school uniform at the end of the assembly.

Students are also invited to wear an **orange top or orange ribbon only** for the day, which is the traditional colour for Harmony day.

You are all invited to join us on Friday March 20 at 9.15am in the SAMMAT.

Cake Stall: The Leaders B Brigid Group are organising a cake stall to raise funds for Project Compassion. It will be held on **Friday March 20** at **lunch time** under the veranda in the quadrangle. Cakes, cookies, pancakes and more will be sold. Items will be sold from 20c to $2. Please help the students in their work in raising funds for such a worthwhile cause.

Project Compassion Boxes: We ask that all Project Compassion boxes please be returned to your child’s class teacher by **Monday March 30**. The money raised will help fight poverty and promote social justice for vulnerable communities worldwide. In anticipation, thank you for your generosity and support.

Easter through the 100 Languages of Children Exhibit: This year, in line with our Re-Imagining the Child Research project, we are presenting Holy Week a little differently than in the past. Each class has chosen an aspect of Holy Week which they will explore more deeply. What is critical, is how do we provoke our children to explore the part of the story selected to a much deeper level and that the final outcome is more than just a reenactment, but rather a deeper exploration of what the Easter story means for them.

The exhibit will be open to our wider school community from Monday March 30 through to Wednesday April 1. In particular, the exhibit will be open in the evening from 6pm till 7.30pm in the Chapel. You are more than welcome to visit during these times to witness the deep learning of our students through the Hundred Languages of Easter.

New Beginnings; a contemporary reflection on Lent.
*By Reg Ahern CSSR Redempionists (paraphrased)*

Last Sunday’s Gospel by John, told of the story of an angry Jesus reacting to his Father’s house being turned into a market place. In driving out the cattle, money changers and other traders he created chaos and presented as a formidable opponent sending them fleeing.

In our present time, what things would Jesus oppose and what would he wish to cleanse the church of? First there would be the terrible scandals engulfing the church in so many countries, including our own, culminating in the current Royal Commission. Who could have believed that some religious and others would be responsible for such terrible crimes against the children in their care? That some in authority could protect the ‘good name’ of the church at the expense of protecting vulnerable children was also appalling.

Another area to be considered for cleansing is the treatment of women. For centuries, the church has been governed as a patriarchal society. In general, the women most favoured by the church authorities have been subservient to male superiors, meekly accepting the dictates of more senior church figures. In spite of this, many of our Catholic schools were established by strong women of faith and conviction like St. Mary MacKillop who was persecuted by senior church figures of the 19th century. Frequently, authorities failed to tap into the enormous spiritual, intellectual and emotional gifts of women that have made the church poorer.

A third is how would Jesus consider the lack of real communication between the laity and the church? We are all called to spread the Good News in whatever way we can. Though the laity have so much to offer, they are so often ignored. Pope Francis said in Evangelii Gaudium: “the church exists in history as a people of pilgrims and evangelisers, transcending any institutional expression, however necessary” (n. 111). He calls and reaches out to all peoples to share the wonderful news of God’s love. In a time when our world is engulfed in hatred, violence and cruelty, we pray that Christ may once again cleanse his church offering to the world the true peace and joy of God’s family.
RELIGIOUS DIMENSION cont.

Mother's Day: In preparation for the Mother's Day Liturgy on Friday May 8 we are asking students to please provide a photo of themselves with their mums or significant women in their lives which will be included in the liturgy. The photos can be emailed to Jasmine at jzawitkowski@stbrigidscatholic.edu.au by Tuesday April 7. One photo is all that is required. If there is more than one child in the family a group photo is sufficient. In past Mother's Day Liturgies the photo slideshow has been a significant aspect of the Liturgy. The children adore seeing themselves with their loved one on the big screen. In anticipation thank you for your support in preparing for this very special liturgy.

LEARNING DIMENSION

Congratulations: We acknowledge the recent effort of 9 of our students who participated in the local Gymkhana held at Trinity College. Our students achieved a third placing which is exceptional considering the number of participants from our school against much larger colleges. We congratulate Ashley B, Ashley V, Bailey, Chelsea, Keelye, Lleyton, Oska, Samantha and Tess for displaying their skills and acknowledge the tremendous support of their families in supervising and encouraging their participation in this activity.

At our last assembly we also acknowledged the following children for their selection in a number of leadership roles across our school:


Environmental Leaders: Ava, Briania, Holly, Kiara, Louisa, Madison, Mia, Boyd, David, Jamie, Lachlan and William

SRC Leaders: Alyssa, Asher, Isabella, Tully, Adrian, Ayden, Brock, Casey, Corey, Kieran, Scott and Xaus

Performing Arts Leaders: Dominique, Erin, Madison, Ethan, Jonathon and Kieran

We are blessed to have many children in our school who generously share their gifts and talents for the benefit of our whole school family.

COMMUNITY DIMENSION

Sports Day: This years Twilight Sports Day will be held on Friday 27th March from 12:15pm - 6:15pm. A copy of the program will be issued on Friday 13th March.

Open Day: Our St Brigid’s Open Day will be held on Sunday 22nd March from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. Please tell friends and family about this event as it is a wonderful opportunity to showcase all that St Brigid’s has to offer.

How Do I Know What’s Bullying and What’s Normal Conflict?: In their Term 1 Newsletter, our Federation of Catholic School Parent Communities recently tackled the issue of 'How Do I Know What’s Bullying and What’s Normal Conflict?'

In summary they addressed the following:

- The very word “bullying” sets off emotional reactions in our communities. The conversation needs to be shifted away from fear and towards solutions.
- In normal social conflict, where each kid has relatively equal power, it is best for adults to avoid rescuing too soon. Let the kids try to work it out first.
- In true bullying, however, adults should intervene quickly, because a power imbalance exists that limits the target’s ability to make the cruelty stop.
- Psychologists, researchers and bullying experts agree that a situation is bullying when it includes the following three conditions:
  1. It’s repetitive - If another child intentionally harms your kid just one time on the playground, this is not yet bullying.
  2. It’s unwanted - If another child teases your child, and your child is not laughing too, then this is unwanted aggression. The most common defense of an aggressor is, “I was just kidding!” Teach your child to say, “Kidding means both people are having fun. Now that you know I’m not having fun, you won’t do that again.”
  3. There’s a power imbalance - Bullying always occurs in the context of a power imbalance: someone bigger against someone smaller; privileged against minority; popular against less popular; etc.
  4. When all three conditions of bullying occur, a fourth condition usually develops: fear - The target begins to fear the place where the bullying occurs.
- Normal social conflict tends to have an external focus - two kids fighting over an iPad, two girls fighting over a boy they both like. If you were to remove the external factor, the problem would cease to exist.
- In bullying, however, we often see an attack on someone’s internal identity, as in “you’re fat” or “you’re retarded.” Your appearance or your learning abilities are a core part of you and cannot be removed, leaving you feeling personally attacked and emotionally damaged.
- Kids need to learn how to resolve normal social conflict by talking with each other respectfully about what is really the problem, using restorative practices.
- In the absence of such skills, we see social conflict deteriorate into bullying.
- If a situation has been going on for more than a week, and it involves the personal attacks of bullying, then it is always okay to call the school for help.

We reassure families that our staff are eager to support you if you believe that your child is a target of bullying behaviour. It is critical that you communicate this information to your child’s class teacher so that we can seek a positive solution whereby your child enjoys school and the perpetrator is supported to make better behaviour choices. These skills are covered through our Child Protection Curriculum which is discussed in this edition of the Brigitiser.
From the Federation of Catholic School Parent Communities

The latest edition of Federation e-News has been posted on our website www.parentfederation.catholic.edu.au

In this jam-packed edition, find out more about:

- Family Support in Year 12
- What does your Federation actually do?
- 2015 Annual Conference Composite classes
- What’s bullying and what’s normal conflict?
- Parent Toolkit – dealing with anger and anxiety in the heat of the moment

And so much more……..

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OUR 2015 ANN STARRS RECIPIENTS, HOUSE CAPTAINS AND MUSIC LEADERS

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ANN STARRS

MUSIC LEADERS
2015 Gymkhana

Congratulations on 3rd Place
Camp Gallipoli is a once in a lifetime opportunity for all Australians and New Zealanders to come together on the 100th anniversary of Gallipoli to sleep out under the same stars as the original Anzacs did 100 years ago.

In a series of historic locations around Australia and New Zealand, families, schools and community groups are invited to join in a special night of remembrance, entertainment, mateship and the birth of that special Aussie & Kiwi ANZAC spirit. Each venue will have spaces set aside for camping using swags, just like the Diggers did. There will be entertainment, special guests, movies, documentaries, great food options and a very special Dawn Service on Anzac day itself.

Camp Gallipoli has been fully endorsed by the Anzac centenary committee, Department of Veterans Affairs, Federal Education Department, RSL and Legacy. These special events will be respectful and informative but also most entertaining for all Australians and New Zealand students. The 100th anniversary of Gallipoli is your chance to share a moment in history with family and friends. Camp Gallipoli brings it all together in one remarkable event.

Why Attend Camp Gallipoli?
Camp Gallipoli represents the Anzac spirit of mateship. It will bring together Australians and New Zealanders from varying backgrounds and cultures, from cities and rural areas to celebrate the Anzac tradition of equality, loyalty and friendship.

It is an opportunity to participate in the Anzac centenary commemoration, the most significant commemoration to take place in our lifetime.

To encourage families and school communities to come together to honour and ensure the Anzac spirit lives on.

To educate and reinforce the Anzac values to our young Australians and New Zealanders

THE EVENT
Camp Gallipoli Event program is designed to engage our youth, educate and entertain. The event schedule is:

24th April
3:00pm Campground opens
4:00pm Support Artist
5:00pm Documentaries
6:00pm Light Horse (the Waler) Procession
6:30pm ANZAC Flame
6:40pm Dinner
8:00pm Main Artist
9:00pm Movie Screening

25th April
5:30am (approx.) Dawn Service
6:30am Breakfast
8:00am Campground closed

VENUE
South Australia – Morphettville Racecourse

More info: https://www.campgallipoli.com.au
Throughout the year your child will be engaging with the child protection curriculum. The Keeping Safe : Child Protection Curriculum forms part of the Made in the Image of God Program for SA Catholic schools and Australian Curriculum. The program’s specific aim is to help children to learn to recognise and report abuse and develop ways of protecting themselves from abuse with a wider focus covering rights, responsibilities, relationships, bullying, cyberbullying and ethical behavior.

During Terms 1 and 2 classes will be engaged in The Right to be Safe and Relationships Focus areas.

The Right to be Safe Focus area topics for each year level include:

**Early Years (R – 2)** -
1. Feelings
2. Being safe
3. Early Warning Signs
4. Risk taking and emergencies

**Primary Years (3 – 5)** –
1. Exploring the concept of safety
2. Reviewing the concept of Early Warning Signs
3. Unsafe situations and acceptable risk taking

**Middle Years (6 - 7)** –
1. Safety and risk taking
2. Early Warning Signs and emergencies

The Relationships Focus area topics for each year level include:

**Early Years (R – 2)** -
1. Trust and networks
2. Rights and responsibilities
3. Use and abuse of power

**Primary Years (3 – 5)** –
1. Understanding rights and responsibilities
2. Trust and networks
3. Developing personal identity
4. Power in relationships

**Middle Years (6 - 7)** –
1. Rights and responsibilities in relationships
2. Power in relationships
3. Bullying as an abuse of power

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to discuss aspects of the program with your child’s teacher or myself.

Stella Harms
Child Protection Curriculum Team Coordinator
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.

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

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.

DON BOSCO YOUTH CAMP GAWLER

‘Fun activities, games, sport, prayer & friendship’
A holiday camp run in the Salesian tradition.

Dates: Monday 13th - Wednesday 15th April 2015
Open to: 10 - 14yr old boys and girls
Venue: Xavier College, Gawler Belt
Fee: $120

For more details and application form visit the website:
or email Fr. Brian Ahern & Mr David Smith on dbyc@salesians.org.au

Applications close 31st March 2015.

GAWLER & DISTRICT NETBALL ASSOCIATION

Register now for the 2015 Winter Season!

The Gawler and District Netball Association offers a safe, family oriented netball environment, for arguably one of the most popular female sports in Australia.

The Association offers Winter and Summer rosters
Games are played at a central location
Variety of Grades (Juniors and Seniors)
Accessible venue with parking
Low Gate Entry Fees
Canteen Facilities
Representative Netball Opportunities

For more details, please call Secretary Jo Connolly on 0438 801 557 or e-mail secretary@gawlernetball.com.au
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Two Free and Fun “Hands on Literacy” Workshops

**Workshop One: Reading Basics - Learn, do and take home!**

Introduction to the letter sounds, auditory training, blending sounds for reading, flashcard drills, word boxes and learning the vowel sounds. Learn how to help your child at home. Make and take home reading resources.

- **When:** Tuesday the 24th March 6pm—8pm
- **Where:** Gawler Sports and Community Centre, Nixon Terrace, Gawler.

**Workshop Two: Reading Progress and Writing Basics - Learn, do and take home!**

This workshop builds on the knowledge and resources from Workshop 1. Identifying sounds in words, making words for spelling (encoding), learning letter formation, learning ‘tricky words’. Learn how to help your child at home. Make and take home spelling resources.

- **When:** Tuesday the 31st March 6pm—8pm
- **Where:** Gawler Sports and Community Centre, Nixon Terrace, Gawler.

- Come along to these fun and interactive workshops.
- Meet new people who want to help their children to read too.
- Make some great resources that you can take home.
- Bring a plate of food to share (and a laminator if you have one!)
- All resources will be supplied by DAGBAGS.

To book a seat, please contact Kylie Fotheringham on 0410 404 476
or email Kylie at kylie@dagbags.org.au