It is exciting to present our new school vision to our community. This process has taken almost twelve months and has been a combination of feedback from our staff and families. On Monday evening it was endorsed by our School Board and will be a pivotal component of our Continuous Improvement Framework.

**VISION**

St Brigid's Catholic School
Inspiring the potential of each child

**PURPOSE**

St Brigid's Catholic School
is a faith community inspired by love.
We are committed to nurturing creative, collaborative and connected learners.

**VALUES**

- Creativity
- Collaboration
- Connectedness
- Care for self
- Care for others
- Care for our environment

It is our aim to work with our children to ensure these words leap from this page and enable every child to achieve their potential. Our staff will be assisting all of our children to understand what these words mean and to ensure they guide their formation as learners and capable citizens who will make a positive impact on our world.

**On behalf of the staff at St Brigid's Catholic School, we wish our school family a blessed Easter.**

*May the hope of the resurrection deepen your faith & allow you to love unconditionally.*

**Easter Service Times at Sts Peter and Paul**

- **Holy Thursday** 7:30pm
- **Good Friday**
  - Stations of the Cross 10:00am
  - Celebration of Passion 3:00pm
- **Easter Saturday** 7:30pm
- **Easter Sunday**
  - 8:00am and 10:00am
RELIGIOUS DIMENSION

Harmony Day: If you have had the opportunity to walk through the quad you would have witnessed the great work of all the students through their Harmony Day people. Last Friday was a wonderful day celebrating the diverse cultures we have within our school community. In fact, we discovered there are more than 24 different cultures represented in our school community. A huge thank you to all the students in Mrs Noble, Mrs Anna White and Mrs Taylor’s class and Ebu Cammis and some of her Indonesian students for a fantastic assembly. The assembly was fun, informative and very colourful.

Cake Stall: The Leaders B Brigids Students excelled themselves on Friday promoting, preparing, baking and selling cakes, popcorn, pancakes, donuts and many more yummy treats. They raised $315.00 and sold out of all their products. Thankyou to everyone who supported the students in their fund raising event. In negotiation with the students and Leadership Team it was decided that the money raised will be donated to the Vanuatu appeal. This decision came about because one of our families were part of the devastation and experienced first-hand the trauma the people of Vanuatu experienced. We are truly grateful for their safe arrival back in Australia and thank the Australian Air Force for their safe flight home.

Mother’s Day Photos: Just a reminder to email Jasmine jzawitkowski@stbrigids.catholic.edu.au photos for the Mother’s Day Liturgy asap.

LEARNING DIMENSION

100 Languages of Easter: We invite families to come and view the work our children have created for our 100 Languages of Easter project. A parallel of the 100 Languages of Children, a poem by Loris Malaguzzi, founder of the Reggio Emilia approach to teaching and learning, the exhibit explores our children’s deep understanding of the concepts and themes as presented in the Easter story. The exhibit will be held in the Chapel and open for viewing all of next week during the day until Thursday. To enable all families to attend we will keep the school open until 7pm from Monday to Wednesday. We encourage you to come and see some of the extraordinary work the children have accomplished so as to experience the deep connections our children have displayed through their depictions of Easter.

Year 5 Sleepover: Congratulations to our Year 5 children for their tremendous behaviour at their recent Sleepover. We are appreciative of the efforts of Mrs White, Mrs Taylor and Mr Probets for coordinating the activity and acknowledge the support of Mrs Dos Santos in assisting with cooking and supervision. It was a wonderful way to commence the year and enable our children to display their capacity to be independent and to self manage their actions in a new experience. Our thanks also to local businesses who enabled us to maintain a low cost by donating food for our children.

ANZAC Display In Murray Street: Thank you to the classes who assisted in creating images to assist with our ANZAC 100 Display in the old Crosby building. We were invited by the Gawler Council and Gawler RSL to promote the ANZAC 100 March (19th April) and Dawn Service (25th April). Many thanks to Mrs Furst for coordinating the display and to local families and our community for donating items to make the display informative. Please consider your involvement in the 100 Anniversary March and/or the 100th Anniversary Dawn Service.

COMMUNITY DIMENSION

Open Day: Last Sunday we enjoyed the opportunity to showcase our school to the broader community. Our great appreciation to our children, staff and families who assisted in preparing our school and/or being present on Sunday afternoon to display our learning program and facilities. Below is an extract from an email we received on Monday highlighting the positive experience from one of our visitors:

Dear St Brigids school
We would like to feedback how much we enjoyed attending the open day today. Our tour guide was a year 7 student, Jordan, and he did a really wonderful job of showing us around the school. He was patient and thorough, especially as our three year old, Olivia, enjoyed exploring many of the play spaces in her own time. Jordan answered our questions but also offered lots of information off his own back and represented the school very favourably. We also really relished the chance to speak with staff about everyday school life in the classroom. The opportunity to speak with junior primary staff about the key period of transition was very welcome. Congratulations on an informative and well-run afternoon.

Congratulations to all involved!

Parent Team: A big thank you to those parents who are able to support our sports day by volunteering with the different food stalls. Your assistance will enable our children and visitors to be kept nourished for the big day. Thanks to the Parent Teams for providing the BBQ and Kathy O’Reilly for coordinating the food stalls.

On May 24 the Parent Teams will be running a BBQ outside Big W in Gawler. This is a Sunday and your support in volunteering an hour of your time from 10.30 – 3.30pm would be appreciated. Funds raised from this event will go towards the 88Keys Appeal.

Rest In Peace: As we move through our Lenten season we acknowledge the passing of the Grandfather of Tori in Year 1/2 and Jacob in Reception. The Grandmother of Jacob in Year 1/2 and the Grandfather of Mitchell in Year 6/7. The loss of a family member is always a sad time and especially for children. We keep in our prayers all those who are grieving the loss of loved ones but as we move towards the Easter season may they be strengthened in the hope of new life that our Christian faith brings.
Care for the environment

Schools Clean Up

What changes can we make to keep our school free from litter?

All classes participated in walking around their class areas and the school grounds to see if they could find any litter. We collected 9 big bags of litter.

The Environmental Action Group

Well we are at week 9 already!!

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, Recorder. Lessons are 30 minutes long and cost $25 per individual lesson or $17 per child in a group of two. Forms can be found in the Front Office.

Ensembles

CSMF Choir: The Festival Choir is in full swing for 2015. For students take home their books and CDs for home practice, forms now need to be returned and monies paid to the Front Office. If your child is not currently participating in choir and is in years 5, 6 or 7 and they love to sing it is still not too late! I recommend they come along to rehearsal next week (Week 10) and join in the fun. Rehearsals take place at 12.20pm in the music room on Thursdays. *Reminder* The choir will also be performing at the upcoming Performing Arts Showcase on Sunday 17th May, Week 4 Term 2. Please set the date aside if your child is involved.

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 please encourage them to sing it is still not too late! I recommend they come along to rehearsal next week (Week 10) and join in the fun. Rehearsals take place at 12.20pm in the music room on Thursdays. *Reminder* The choir will also be performing at the upcoming Performing Arts Showcase on Sunday 17th May, Week 4 Term 2. Please set the date aside if your child is involved.

Dance Troupe: Dance Troupe is currently rehearsing on Tuesday and Wednesday Lunchtimes. Rehearsals at this time are geared towards a performance for our Easter celebrations.

Performance Date: Performing Arts Showcase, Sunday May 17th at 2pm. Notes will be going home soon via either myself or Instrumental Teachers inviting students to perform at the concert.

Kind Regards,
Megan Isaacson
### St Brigid's Canteen Volunteer Roster

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The Canteen is in urgent need of Volunteers. If you hold a current Police Clearance and can spare a few hours your help would be greatly appreciated.

Don’t have a Police Clearance but would love to help. Please see Jasmine in the Office to get the process underway.

Thank you Kathy

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### Congratulations!

Congratulations to Josh who received third place for his classification (BC2) at the SA Boccia State titles . Josh has also been selected to represent SA at the 2015 National Championships in Sydney this May.

Congratulations to Kayla who was selected to represent Central District at the Under 13 Softball Junior State Championships held in Littlehampton.

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### JS SPORTS

**ST BRIGID’S CATHOLIC SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP OPENING TIMES**

- Monday  3:30pm - 5:30pm
- Friday  8:15am - 10:00am

**Monday ‘Late Night’ Opening Times**

4:30 - 7:00pm

4th May  25th May  15th June  27th July
The Premier’s Reading Challenge is a literacy engagement program that was introduced by the Premier in 2004 to:

- Encourage students to read more books and enjoy reading
- Improve literacy levels.

The Challenge requires students to read 12 books between the beginning of the school year and early September.

How can you find out about the Challenge?
All information about the Premier’s Reading Challenge can be found at: www.prc.sa.edu.au. Accessing the Challenge guidelines is very useful.

Who can participate?
All students from Reception to Year 12 are encouraged to participate, including South Australian government and non-government school students and students undertaking home education.

How do schools get started?
The school principal nominates a school contact person to register the school. The school contact person organises the management of Student Reading Records listing the books read by students and the distribution of awards.

Home education and individual students
Home education students or those who want to take up the Challenge individually do not need to register. Simply download a Student Reading Record from the Home Education section of the website under Families and submit the completed form early in September. www.prc.sa.edu.au

Public libraries
Public libraries strongly support the Challenge. Students are encouraged to use public libraries to borrow books they would like to read (including e-books). The Challenge website can be accessed from computers at public libraries.

Premier’s Reading Challenge Ambassadors
Ambassadors are high profile South Australian identities, who are keen to promote the Challenge and spread the message that reading is ‘cool’. Adelaide United Football Club, Link Lightning, Adelaide Football Club, Port Adelaide Football Club and the Thunderbirds are joint ambassador teams with the Premier’s be active Challenge.

Students can read a combination of books from the Challenge booklists and books of their own choosing. Students can choose to read books in languages other than English. The booklists are available on the Premier’s Reading Challenge website.

- Reception to Year 7 students select at least 8 books from the booklists on the Premier’s Reading Challenge website and 4 books of their own choice.
- Year 8 and Year 9 students select at least 4 books from the Premier’s Reading Challenge booklists and 8 books of their own choice.
- Year 10, Year 11 and Year 12 students select 12 books of their own choice at an appropriate literacy level.
- Students are encouraged to keep reading once they have completed 12 books.
Awards - the ‘Olympics of reading’ and beyond...

Students who complete the Challenge receive awards from the Premier for their achievements in a similar fashion to sporting stars! Awards for completing the Challenge are:

Certificate – first year
Bronze medal – second year
Silver medal – third year
Gold medal – fourth year
Champion medal – fifth year
Legend medal – sixth year
Hall of Fame medal – seventh year
Reader for Life – eighth year
Reader for Life bronze – ninth year
Reader for Life silver – tenth year
Reader for Life gold – eleventh year
Reader for Life champion – twelfth year
Reader for Life legend – thirteenth year
Reader for Life hall of fame – fourteenth year

Links with other programs

The Premier’s Reading Challenge complements other school and community literacy initiatives including the Accelerated Literacy Program, the Early Years Literacy Program, MS Readathon and The Little Big Book Club.

If students have previously completed a Reading Challenge in another state, this will be acknowledged in South Australia by notifying your school contact person.

Reading success

More than 124,200 students from over 96% of South Australian schools as well as home education students complete the Challenge. Many students read far more than 12 books.

55 schools with outstanding achievement will be invited to the Premier’s Reception in November each year and will receive books and a certificate for their school from the Premier. Schools that continue their outstanding achievement in future years will be sent a certificate signed by the Premier.

Benefits of taking part in the Challenge

- Raises the profile of reading, libraries and literacy in schools
- Gives students a focus for their reading
- Encourages students to read more books and enjoy reading more - the more you read the better you get at it!
- Encourages boys to participate by being ‘challenged’
- Offers incentives for reluctant readers
- Builds self-esteem and pride, school unity, and a sense of achievement
- Increases the involvement of parents in their child’s reading
- Increases library borrowing
- Contributes to increased literacy levels.

For further information

Contact the Project Manager, Premier’s Reading Challenge Level 2
West Education Centre, 31 Flinders St, ADELAIDE 5000. Telephone: 8226 2006; Fax: 8226 2005; Education Courier: R11/09A; Email: prc@sa.gov.au

Visit the Challenge website for more information and copies of this brochure, which is also available in 16 languages: www.prc.sa.edu.au
DON BOSCO YOUTH CAMP
GAWLER
‘Fun activities, games, sport, prayer & friendship’
A holiday camp run in the Salesian tradition.

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**Open to:** 10 - 14yr old boys and girls

**Venue:** Xavier College, Gawler Belt

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Winter Tennis in Gawler
Junior tennis will be played again in Gawler in 2015.
This popular competition is played Friday nights at Essex Park on Victoria Tce and is open to all players under 18 years old.

For more information email juniors@gawlerntennis.com.au or phone 0419 218 458.

Nominations close on Friday 1 May.

Elizabeth Grove Soccer Club
Soccer Registration only $50

Does your child turn 8 or 10 years old in 2015? If so they Could Play Soccer for just $50

Call Robert Now! and reserve your spot as there are limited numbers at this price available.

Ph 0417 810 668 or email: thegrove@egsc.com.au

Conditions: Government sports vouchers programme can not be used to claim this special as the rebate has been used in addition to the club discount. Normal fee price $160 which includes all Fees, shorts and socks.

**Auskick 2015**

**Start:** Sunday 4th May to 6th July. 9:30am – 10:30am

**Visit / Register:** www.aflauskick.com.au

Search: Gawler Central

FOR INFORMATION, UPDATES & NEWS FOLLOW THE CLUB:

Website: www.GCSC.com.au
www.facebook.com/GawlerCentralSportingClub

**AUSKICK CO-ORDINATOR**
Simon Argent on 0407 150 061
Tie Dye Workshop

Wednesday April 22
2-3 pm
Reading Room
Gawler Public Library
Ages 7-14

BYO Plain White (or light coloured) Tee Shirt

FREE
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Tel: 85229213
gawler.evanced.info/eventcalendar.asp
Thought about Fostering?
FREE Foster Care Information Session

Wednesday
8 April 2015
6.30-8.30pm

Immanuel Lutheran Church
Cnr Second / Seventh Street
(enter side gate Seventh Street)
GAWLER
(Light Refreshments provided)

Lutheran Community Care needs YOU to be a Foster Carer.
If you are interested in making a difference to a child or young person’s life we invite you to attend.
All members of the public welcome.

Highlights
- Meet a local Foster Carer and find out what is involved
- Learn about the steps to becoming a Foster Carer
- Find out about ongoing support you will receive

RSVP to our friendly staff:
08 8337 8787
Or email: fostercare@lccare.org.au

www.fostercare.lccare.org.au