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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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Next Thursday morning we invite our school community to gather together in the SAMMAT at 9am to witness Ryan, Kieran, Conor & Paul having their heads shaved to raise funds for cancer research. Each of these participants have been affected by cancer in their families and are eager to raise funds to enable ongoing research to seek a cure or support those living with cancer.

All students are invited to wear ‘funky hair’ for a donation to the cause and/or pay 50c at lunchtime to have their hair styled by the SRC.

Likewise, we extend our best wishes to a group of parents and staff who are participating in the Jodie Lee Challenge next Friday & Saturday to support research into Bowel Cancer.

There are many within our school community who have been touched deeply by loved ones who have experienced a diverse range of cancers. We are grateful for the care provided by our families in providing spiritual, emotional and physical support to those living with cancer.

RELIGIOUS DIMENSION

**Mother’s Day Liturgy:** A huge thank you to everyone who attended the Mother’s Day Liturgy and morning tea last Friday. Once again, a wonderful turn out was witnessed. It was a great celebration and a fantastic opportunity to give thanks for our wonderful mums. We hope you had a fantastic day on Sunday!

**Community Service:** Last Wednesday Ms Jenkins 6/7 students began community service. We have strong affiliations with Fred’s Van, St Vincent DePaul Shop and Evanston Stepping Stones Childcare Centre. We are truly grateful to these organisations for the opportunity to spend Wednesday afternoons helping with soup making, childcare and working in the Vinnies shop. The students spend 3 weeks over a term at each of the venues. Fred’s Van is very grateful for the soup the students make with Ms Jenkins, Stepping Stones enjoy the students visiting with Mr Matthews and the Vinnies Shop enjoy the sound of young people helping out with folding, sorting clothes, dusting and labelling prices with Mrs White. Community Service allows the students to experience what it means to “live” community.

**Sacramental Program:** Just a reminder that the Sacramental Program resumes next week. Donna’s group begins on Monday May 18 and Michelle’s group on Thursday May 20.

**Father in Heaven, we thankyou for our friends and ask you to bless them. Help us to be good friends to them. Help us also to be a good friend to your Son, Jesus. Amen**

Jesus said, “My commandment is this; love one another as I love you. The greatest love a person can have for his friends is to give his life for them. I do not call you servants any longer, instead I call you friends, and because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. This, then is what I command you: love one another.”

(Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48 1 Ps 97 Jn 4.7-10 Jn 15:9-7)

**School Photo Day**

Children will need to wear their FULL winter uniform (including jumper).
LEARNING DIMENSION

NAPLAN: This week our Year 3, 5 and 7 students have been participating in the annual National Assessment Program. We congratulate the children for their focus and endeavour during the four assessment activities. The data obtained from this testing regime will demonstrate areas of growth for our children individually and collectively. These trends will identify ongoing areas of consolidation and potential areas of professional learning for our staff to support future student learning.

Student Behaviour: It was pleasing last week to extend the lunchbreak on Thursday in recognition of the terrific behaviour of our children. There has been a significant reduction in children being required to attend our Reflection Room over the last few months which reflects the positive decisions being made by the majority of our students. We look forward to our student body continuing to display the required behaviours which demonstrate care for self, care for others and care for our environment.

Performing Arts: We draw your attention to the Performing Arts Information below regarding this Sunday’s performance.

ADMINISTRATIVE DIMENSION

Sun Smart Policy: As we move towards winter the U.V. rays are still in the range which require our children to wear their school hats. We seek the support of our families in ensuring their children have their hats at school. Hats are not required when the U.V. levels drop below level 2.

Road Safety: During the week we received feedback from a member of the general public who witnessed one of our senior female students behaving in an unsafe manner on Para Road. We have spoken with all of our middle and upper primary children in relation to this matter and seek the support of our families in reinforcing the necessary road safety concepts with their children.

COMMUNITY DIMENSION

Fundraiser @ Big W: A reminder that we are seeking family support on Sunday 24th May between 10am – 3.30pm. If families are able to volunteer their time for an hour it would be greatly appreciated. Please complete the reply slip in this edition of the Brigitiser if you are able to assist us. The funds raised will support our ongoing commitment to source a grand piano for our Mackillop Arts Theatre.

Parent Team Fundraising BBQ

I am able to assist with the BBQ fundraiser on Sunday May 24th.

Name: _____________________________ Phone Number ___________________________

My preferred times would be ____________,__________,________________. Signed:______________________________

The Ceili: This Sunday, St Brigid’s will be holding our first ever Performing Arts Showcase called, ‘The Ceili’. The name was chosen by our Performing Arts Leaders, A Ceili (pronounced Ka-lee) is an Irish word for a gathering where people sing, dance and tell stories. On the 17th May at 3pm our instrumental students and ensembles will take to the SAMMAT stage to share their talents and hard work. Please come and support them. Entry is a gold coin donation.

Parental Support: We are looking to create a bank of parents who are skilled in areas that would support The Arts: musicians, actors, visual artists, make-up technicians, sound technicians and many others. In particular parents who would be willing to use their skills to support our classroom music program and/or our yearly performances. If you would like to support our Performing Arts program please email me at misaacson@stbrigids.catholic.edu.au and we can start the ball rolling.

Yours in music,
Megan Isaacson
Performing Arts Co-ordinator
Dear Families

I would like to extend a warm invitation to families with young children to come to playgroup where I will provide a fun and safe learning environment that promotes personal growth and self-esteem through play. The children will have the opportunity to experience a range of table top and outdoor activities as well as stories and songs. Playgroup is a great place for parents, grandparents, carers and children to meet new families and form great friendships.

When: **Tuesday & Wednesday** (during a school term)

Time: 9.00 - 11.00am

Where: **St Brigid’s Community Centre** (near the front office)

Cost: $4.00 per family - per visit

Age: 0 - 5

What to bring: Hat and a snack box

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St Brigid's Playgroup

- **Play dough table**
- **Puzzles**
- **Cooking**
- **Craft**
- **Dress up**
- **Paint table**
- **Outdoor play area**
Seasons for Growth is a programme designed to help children who are grieving. The programme helps them to understand that it is okay to feel sad and that grieving is normal. We all grieve at some time.

A number of teachers have indicated to me that they have children in their classes who are grieving and may benefit from being part of this programme.

Children can be grieving the loss of a pet, a loved one, a move from a familiar home or school etc. Whatever the reason for the grief, Seasons can help them see their way through it.

There is a programme for Junior Primary, Middle Primary and Upper Primary.

We need a minimum of four in any level to run the programme. If you think this may benefit your child/children please indicate on the slip below and return to me.

Linda Nicoll
Seasons co-ordinator

Seasons for Growth Attention: Linda Nicoll
Please return to the Front Office

I/We think this programme will help my/our child/ren

Child/ren's Name:_____________________________________________________

Child/ren's Class:_____________________________________________________

Parents signature:___________________________________________________
Mother's Day Liturgy

ANZAC Day Liturgy
St Brigid’s Catholic Primary School is joining in the fight to beat cancer by holding FUNKY HAIR DAY when students are permitted to wear hair colour or a funky hair style for a gold coin donation.

A message from Ryan:
Hi! My name is Ryan. I am 8 years old and in Year 3. I have decided to shave my head to raise money to fight cancer because my Nanna has been diagnosed with cancer.

A message from Kieran:
Hi Kieran here, I’m in Year 7 at St Brigid’s. I am shaving my head to raise money to fight cancer. Last Easter my Dad found out that he had bowel cancer, and he passed away in January. I don’t want anyone else to go through what I went through, so please support our campaign.

A message from our Principal: G’day, my name is Mr Bennett and I am continually inspired by the students I teach as they are confronted by loved ones who battle cancer. Recently I witnessed my own father commence his prostate cancer journey. My involvement in the head shave to fight cancer is a small gesture and is devoted to the family members, close friends, students, staff and families who have been deeply affected by the scourge of cancer. Please feel welcome to give generously to this student initiated project. Let’s find the funds to find a cure to enable future generations to be cancer free.

Please join in and help us fight cancer by donating. Every little bit helps! Thank you for joining the fight to beat cancer! 1 in 2 Australian’s will be diagnosed with cancer by the age of 85. Your support will help us change this terrible statistic and also assist the 25 South Australian’s diagnosed with cancer every day and their families. Today, you can help beat cancer by supporting us. Thank you.

Sport’s Uniform and Funky Hairstyles

GOLD COIN DONATION
Please come along and make your cup count in the fight against cancer!

On behalf of the Playgroup families I would like to extend an invitation to all families and friends of our school community, to come together and help raise money for a fantastic cause.

When: Tuesday 26th May 2015 (week 5)

Time: 9:15am till 11:00am

Where: St Brigid’s Catholic School SAMMAT

What to bring: a plate to share

Entry Cost: $5.00

There will be lucky square’s to buy on the day. If you can’t make it and you wish to make a donation, there will be a donation box at the front office. Hope to see you there!

Franca Hall
Playgroup Coordinator

For catering purposes please complete the return slip below
or email me on fhall@stbrigidscatholic.edu.au

I _______________ will be attending “The Biggest Morning Tea”.

I am able to donate a prize for the lucky squares (please circle) Yes / No
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BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL — 0401 013 189 (KIRSTY)
When: Saturday 27\textsuperscript{th} June

Time: 7:30pm

Where: Zion Church Hall

Tables max. 8 people

ADULTS $10  CHILD PARTICIPANTS $2

(Note: Child to be included in table numbers - suitable for older children)

Crèche available for children 4—10 yrs @$2.50

BYO drinks, supper and coins for games

Tea/Coffee available for gold coin donation

To book your tickets;

Phone 8522 4187 or call into the Preschool

It's QUESTION TIME!!
Come along for a fun night out with a variety of great stalls to look at

Date: 7th August 2015
Time: 7:00pm - 10:00pm
Where: Zion Preschool Church Hall
24 Cowan Street Gawler
Entry Fee: $5 per person
Coffee, tea & cakes available for purchase
Buy your tickets at Preschool or at the door on the night
Visit the Zion Preschool Facebook page for the list of staff holders
For further enquires call 8522 4187 or email francesca.hall@zionpreschool.sa.edu.au