LEADERSHIP NEWS

Week 8
Monday 15th June 7:00pm School Board Meeting
Wednesday 17th June 11:40am Year 1/2DS Liturgy

Week 9
Tuesday 23rd June Year 7 Excursion
Wednesday 24th June Year 1/2L Liturgy
Friday 26th June 9:15am Year 6/7J Assembly

Week 10
Tuesday 30th June Catholic Schools Netball Carnival
Wednesday 1st July 11:40am Year 5WT Liturgy
Thursday 2nd July STUDENT FREE DAY
Friday 3rd July STUDENT FREE DAY

RECENT DIMENSION

Vinnies Winter Appeal: Thank you to those families who have already donated non-perishable goods for our Vinnies Winter Appeal. This is one of the practical ways to help Vinnie's assist members of our local Gawler community who are struggling to access three meals a day. We are still accepting non-perishable foods during the remainder of this term and any good condition blankets, quilt covers or quilts. We have experienced some very cold nights and it is unimaginable what it would be like to have very little to protect yourself during our winter months. When you are out shopping for your own family you may like to consider popping a few extra items in your trolley to donate. Why not grab a couple of items on special, this way you are saving money and helping others. Cans of soup, packets of pasta, jars of pasta sauce, biscuits, tin vegetables, tin fruit just to name a few. Every bit of food can make a big difference so please give generously.

“Take care of God’s creation. But above all, take care of people in need.”
Pope Francis

LEARNING DIMENSION

Student Principal For A Day: Last Wednesday two of our senior students assumed the role of Student Principal for a Day. This project was organised by a national organisation, Principal Australia, with the intention of promoting student leadership. We were impressed with Kieran & Adrian as they led a tour of our school for a new enrolment to St Brigid’s, made suggestions in relation to required resources, undertook yard duty and participated in a webinar with over 300 students across Australia. Our appreciation to Mrs Stella Harms for coordinating this activity.

Re-Imagining Childhood Project: In keeping you updated on our Re-Imagining Childhood 0-18 research project, our research team will be attending a professional development day where they will share our school’s project so far. As a school we undertook the topic of “Identity, community and connection; How are our children connecting? What is our children’s understanding of connectedness?” This has been explored through activities where children have shared their understanding of connectedness, and what it means to be connected to family, school and community. At the end of last term this culminated in children trying to make connections between the Passion of Christ’s life death and resurrection and the relevance of his message today. Our project will then be shared next term with Professor Carla Rinaldi who is head of the International Loris Malaguzzi Centre in Reggio Emilia

Further to this, our teachers will be attending the Reggio Emilia Conference in Melbourne over five days beginning on the 2nd July. Therefore we remind you of the two pupil free days we are having at the end of term. The conference will play a vital role in developing teachers’ understanding of what it means to be a Reggio inspired school and the pedagogy that needs to be adopted.

Congratulations: Over the last few weeks we have had our children involved in a variety of excursions, both educational and sporting. Feedback from staff and families attending these activities has been highly complementary. We applaud the efforts of our children for displaying courteous and well-mannered behaviour. It is pleasing that our children are able to represent our school so proudly and demonstrate the capacity to self-manage their behaviour.

Sporting Schools (Formerly Active After Hours Schools Sports Program): Over the last few years our children participated in a Federal Government Program which supported the involvement of our students in a range of after school sports. This program is now called Sporting Schools and once again is generously coordinated by Ms Jo Jenkins. Next term our Yr 3 – 7 children will be able to participate in Indoor Hockey on a Wednesday afternoon. Newsletters have been distributed to these classes. We acknowledge the Federal Government for providing this opportunity for our children.

ADMINISTRATIVE DIMENSION

Canteen: Our School Board has established a Canteen Review Committee to explore different ways of operating this service into the future. We currently have 6 senior students, three staff and two parents involved in this process. If you have an interest in sharing your opinions in the provision of a contemporary canteen service at St Brigid’s please leave your name with Jasmine at the Front Office and Paul will contact you in relation to our meeting schedule (Wednesday morning meetings 8.45am – 9.45am Meeting Room).
LEADERSHIP NEWS  cont.

ADMINISTRATIVE DIMENSION cont.

Out of Hours School Care: Families would be aware that our School Board is investigating the feasibility of St Brigid’s Catholic School operating its own Out of Hours School Care / Vacation Care Program. We have been working closely with Catholic Education SA to ensure compliance and financial matters have been addressed. It would appear that the realistic timeframe for these services would be closer to the end of the year.

COMMUNITY DIMENSION

Social Work Placements: In case you missed the information, this week we welcome two new Flinders University students to our school who will be working with us until the end of this year. Charmaine Cabral and Donijeta Pilana will be joining our school as part of their Social Work study field placements.

Charmaine is a mother of three children and comes with a previous career in nursing. Donijeta has done studies in Law and Business prior commencing her Social Work course. Their work across the school will involve supporting children and staff in a range of situations including speaking with children regarding any social/emotional issues they may be experiencing, engaging with the community service program, and generally supporting the pastoral care program of the school. Charmaine is a Master’s in Social Work student and Donijeta is a Bachelor of Social Work student. Each comes from an experience prior to this study which will enhance their practice while at the school.

Like anyone who works with children at St. Brigid’s, Charmaine and Donijeta have met the required child protection requirements with the appropriate police clearances. In some circumstances we will ask for specific permission for them to work with your child. We will provide you with a Permission to Work with Your Child Request Form that we will ask you to complete after having had a conversation with you. We invite you to please speak with Mr Mannella should you have any questions about this placement.

### St Brigid’s Canteen Volunteer Roster

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**St Brigid’s Canteen Volunteer Roster**

Vinnies Winter Appeal

Collecting all of Term 2

**Needed:**
- Blankets
- Non Perishable Food
- Warm Clothes
- Pillows

We need your help
Zion Preschool Quiz Night

When: Saturday 27th 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

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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
4:30pm - 7:00pm

15th June 27th July 17th August
14th September 19th October 16th November

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SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE
All babies, children and young people under 18 years are welcome to attend the School Dental Service.
Dental care is FREE for most school-aged children and ALL preschool children.
SA Dental Service participates in the Child Dental Benefits Schedule. A small fee may apply for children who are not eligible for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule.
To locate your local School Dental Clinic, or for more information about the Child Dental Benefits Schedule, Please phone 8522 8222 or visit www.sadental.sa.gov.au

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SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

BRIGIDS BARGAINS

Second Hand Uniform Shop

Week 1: Monday 2:30pm – 3:30pm, Friday 8:30am – 9:30am
Week 5: Monday 2:30pm – 3:30pm, Friday 8:30am – 9:30am
Week 9: Monday 2:30pm – 3:30pm, Friday 8:30am – 9:30am
Free parenting seminar
Steve Biddulph: Raising boys, raising girls

Want to know how to raise boys and girls to be their best, right from birth?

Come and hear prominent author and retired psychologist Steve Biddulph talk about:

> special qualities of boys and girls
> hormones, emotions and development
> parenting styles that work best
> building on boys’ and girls’ strengths.

Steve’s talks have attracted over 130,000 parents in 22 countries. His books, including Raising Boys, Manhood, Secrets of Happy Children and Raising Girls, are in 4 million homes.

Register to attend in person:
Online: http://parentingsa.eventbrite.com.au
Phone: 8303 1660
Email: health.parentingsa@health.sa.gov.au

Or
Register for webcast:
Online: http://parentingsa.eventbrite.com.au
When you register you will receive login details

Wednesday 1 July
When: 7.00–9.30pm
Where: City Rooms
Adelaide Convention Centre
North Terrace
Adelaide

Presented by Parenting SA.

*At the speaker's request, we regret we are not able to admit babies and children*
WHAT IS THE NATIONAL DATA COLLECTION?
The Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (the national data collection) is an annual collection that counts the number of school students with disability and the level of reasonable educational adjustment they are provided with.

The national data collection will count students who have been identified as receiving an adjustment to address a disability under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (the DDA). The DDA can be accessed from the ComLaw website at www.comlaw.gov.au.

WHAT IS THE BENEFIT FOR MY CHILD?
The aim of the national data collection is to collect better information about school students with disability in Australia.

This information will help teachers, principals, education authorities and families to better support students with disability to take part in school on the same basis as students without disability.

The national data collection is an opportunity for schools to review their learning and support systems and processes to continually improve education outcomes for their students with disability.

WHY IS THIS DATA BEING COLLECTED?
All schools across Australia collect information about students with disability. But the type of information currently collected varies between each state and territory and across government, Catholic and independent school sectors.

When implementing the national data collection, every school in Australia will use the same method to collect information. Therefore, a government school in suburban Sydney will collect and report data in the same way as a Catholic school in country Victoria and an independent school in the Northern Territory.

The information provided through the national data collection will enable all Australian governments to better target support and resources to benefit students with disability. The data will help schools to better support students with disability so that they have the same opportunities for a high quality education as students without disability.

WHAT ARE SCHOOLS REQUIRED TO DO FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY?
All students are entitled to a quality learning experience at school.

Schools are required to make reasonable adjustments, where needed, to assist students with disability to access and participate in education free from discrimination and on the same basis as other students.

These responsibilities are outlined in the DDA and the Disability Standards for Education 2005 (the Standards). The Standards require educators, students, parents and others (e.g. allied health professionals) to work together so that students with disability can participate in education. The Standards can be accessed via the ComLaw website at www.comlaw.gov.au.

WHAT IS A REASONABLE ADJUSTMENT?
A reasonable adjustment is a measure or action taken to help a student with disability access and participate in education on the same basis as students without disability. Reasonable adjustments can be made across the whole school setting (e.g. ramps into school buildings), in the classroom (such as adapting class lessons) and at an individual student level (e.g. extra tuition for a student with learning difficulties).

WHAT INFORMATION WILL BE COLLECTED?
Every year your child’s school will collect the following information for each student with a disability:

- the student’s level of education (i.e. primary or secondary)
- the student’s level of adjustment
- the student’s broad type of disability

The information collected by schools will be provided to all governments to inform policy and
programme improvement for students with disability.

WHO WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL DATA COLLECTION?

The definition of disability for the national data collection is based on the broad definition under the DDA.

For the purposes of the national data collection, students with learning difficulties such as dyslexia or auditory processing disorder as well as chronic health conditions like epilepsy, diabetes or asthma, that require active monitoring by the school, may be included.

WHO WILL COLLECT INFORMATION FOR THE NATIONAL DATA COLLECTION?

Teachers and school staff will identify the number of students with disability in their school and the level of reasonable adjustment they are provided based on:

- consultation with parents and carers in the course of determining and providing reasonable adjustments
- the school team’s observations and professional judgements
- any medical or other professional diagnosis
- other relevant information.

School principals are responsible for ensuring the information identified about each student is accurate.

HOW WILL MY CHILD’S PRIVACY BE PROTECTED?

Protecting the privacy and confidentiality of all students and their families is essential. Personal details such as student names or other identifying information will not be provided to local or federal education authorities.


IS THE NATIONAL DATA COLLECTION COMPULSORY?

All education ministers agreed to full implementation of the national data collection from 2015. This means that all schools must now collect and report information annually on the number of students with disability in their care and the level of adjustment provided to them.

Information about the arrangements that may apply to your school in relation to this data collection is available from your child’s school principal and the relevant education authority or association of independent schools.

Even if your child’s information is not included in the national data collection, the school is still required to provide support to your child with education needs.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Contact your child’s school if you have further questions about the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability and how it may involve your child.


An e-learning resource about the Disability Standards for Education 2005 is freely available for the use of individuals, families and communities at http://resource.dse.theeducationinstitute.edu.au/.
From the Catholic Schools Music Festival

Sponsor the Music Festival!

Do you work for or own a company that would like to be a sponsor for the Catholic Schools Music Festival this year? We would love your help!

Who We Are: The Catholic Schools Music Festival is the premier arts event for Catholic Education in South Australia. It is a not-for-profit event which relies on the generous support of school communities and volunteers to make it a great success.

What We Do: Each year one of the biggest entertainment events on the South Australian arts calendar takes place at the end of September. The Catholic Schools Music Festival brings together thousands of students, parents and general public to celebrate the extraordinary talents of young people in Catholic Schools from South Australia.

When: The 2015 Festival consists of a series of four performances held in the Adelaide Festival Theatre from Monday 21 September to Thursday 24 September.

How You Can Assist: Sponsorships are sought from companies & individuals willing to support this event in the following ways:

1. Sponsor-a-Row $50
2. Bronze Sponsorship $250
3. Silver Sponsorship $500
4. Gold Sponsorship $1,000
5. Platinum Sponsorship $5,000
6. In-kind Sponsorship

Sponsorship Opportunities: Catholic Education recognises the important part sponsors play in the success of the Festival.

More than 6000 audience members, nearly 2000 student performers and countless support staff attend the festival over four nights.

Sponsors are acknowledged at each evening’s performance and gain exposure to the Catholic Schools network of 45,000 students and their families, and 6,500 staff. Full details regarding the sponsorship opportunities for each of the above categories can be viewed on our website or can be sent directly to you upon request.

Please contact Samantha Taylor, Catholic Schools Music Festival Coordinator on 8301 6813 or samantha.taylor@cesa.catholic.edu.au All enquiries welcome.

Please visit the Catholic Schools Music Festival website at: http://musicfestival.cesa.catholic.edu.au/
Brand exposure reaching a huge cross-section of families from Catholic Primary & Secondary Schools across South Australia. The Catholic Schools network consists of approximately 45,000 students and their families, and 6,500 staff.

**Festival Dates:** Monday 21 September – Thursday 24 September 2015

There are six Sponsorship Tiers available to help support the Catholic Schools Music Festival. Weblink to pdf Application Forms for each tier can be accessed here: [http://musicfestival.cesa.catholic.edu.au/](http://musicfestival.cesa.catholic.edu.au/)

### Sponsor-a-Row - $50 (+ GST)
- We are looking for individuals or businesses from within our school communities to sponsor a row of the massed Festival Choir. A list of Schools and their rows is available upon request.
- Sponsors will have their name or business name listed in the program on each night of the Festival.

### Bronze Sponsorship - $250 (+ GST)
- Three complimentary tickets to a performance of your choice
- Half page colour advertisement in the program
- Company logo located on the Festival's website and hyperlinked to your website from 1 September 2015 to 31 August 2016
- Acknowledgement of your company or organisation at each performance by the comperes
- Invitation to the Green Room supper after the performance

### Silver Sponsorship - $500 (+ GST)
- Three complimentary tickets to a performance of your choice
- Half page colour advertisement in the program
- Company logo located on the Festival's website and hyperlinked to your website from 1 September 2015 to 31 August 2016
- Acknowledgement of your company or organisation at each performance by the comperes
- Invitation to the Green Room supper after the performance

### Gold Sponsorship - $1,000 (+ GST)
- Four complimentary tickets to a performance of your choice
- Full page colour advertisement in the program
- Company logo located on the Festival's website and hyperlinked to your website from 1 September 2015 to 31 August 2016
- Acknowledgement of your company or organisation at each performance by the comperes
- Invitation to the Green Room supper after the performance

### Platinum Sponsorship - $5,000 (+ GST)
- Four complimentary tickets to a performance of your choice
- Full page colour advertisement in the program
- Company logo located on the Festival's website and hyperlinked to your website from 1 September 2015 to 31 August 2016
- Acknowledgement of your company or organisation at each performance by the comperes
- Invitation to the Green Room supper after the performance
- Major Partner Status

### In-kind Sponsorship
- We are looking for individuals or businesses from within our school communities to assist with providing a myriad of assistance.
- Here are some examples of the kind of support that would be helpful during the four-day Festival:

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- Sponsors will have their name or business name listed in the program on each night of the Festival.
- Sponsors will be publically acknowledged on each night of the Festival.