Aussie St Brigid's Feast Day Celebration: For our new families, St Brigid's Feast Day is the 1st February which heralds in the start of spring and celebrates new life and new beginnings in the northern hemisphere. Over the last few years we have adopted the start of spring in the southern hemisphere as our 'Aussie St Brigid's Day'! This year we will celebrate our Aussie St Brigid’s Feast Day on Tuesday September 1 in the spirit of a “fair”. This is a time where classes provide a stall in which they will sell goods, such as cake stall, white elephant stall, jelly stall etc to raise funds for Catholic Charities. The students will have the opportunity to purchase goods from other stalls during the afternoon.

The outline of the afternoon is as follows:

1:45pm - 2:00pm Whole School gathers in the quad for Prayer
2:00pm - 2:45pm Class Stalls
2:45pm - 3:00pm Pack up/clean up
3:00pm Students return to class for 3:10pm dismissal

Families are more than welcome to join us in celebrating and if you have a current police clearance you may wish to help your child’s class with their stall. More information will be sent to you by your child/children's class teacher in regards to stalls and donations required. Please mark this date in your diary.

Father’s Day Liturgy: We will celebrate Father’s Day as a whole school in the SAMMAT on Friday September 4 at 9.15am. In preparation for the Liturgy you are invited to send in a photo of your child/children with their Dad or a significant male in their lives so it can be included as part of the Liturgy. Please email the photo to andreawhite@stbrigids.catholic.edu.au by Monday August 24. One photo per family is sufficient. Please join us for morning tea after the Liturgy to celebrate the wonderful Dad’s in our lives.

Year 7 Graduation: Our Year 7 students will Graduate on Tuesday December 8 beginning with a Liturgy at 6pm at Ss Peter & Paul Catholic Church. Year 7 families, please note that the Liturgy will take place in our Parish Church not the SAMMAT as in the past. Due to the smaller group of Year 7’s this year we have been able to move the Graduation Liturgy to Ss Peter & Paul.

What is Liturgy?: From the Greek words meaning, literally "the work of the people"; it is used in the Christian Churches for public, formal acts of worship (Tony Doherty 2008)

ADMINISTRATIVE DIMENSION

Photo day: A reminder that next Wednesday 29th July our annual School Photo Day will be held. Please ensure your child is dressed in their winter school uniform including their maroon jumper. Your support in ensuring no makeup and/or inappropriate jewellery is worn is appreciated. Please remember that long hair must be tied back. Your child is required to bring their photo envelope with them on the day so that your order can be processed.

New Developments: Over the holiday break a number of small building developments occurred around our school. Classrooms 14 – 16 have a new ramp and deck leading into their classrooms and our two Reception Classes have had double doors with glazing installed to open up their learning spaces to assist our children with their learning.

RELIGIOUS DIMENSION

As we return to school after the holidays we would like to acknowledge that some of our families have been faced with illness or experienced grief and loss. We pray that God’s blessings are upon you and with you during your time of sadness and healing.

Sacramental Candidates: We ask that you keep the students preparing to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist in your prayers. The children will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday August 1 at 10am at Ss Peter and Paul Church and then the Eucharist on Sunday August 2 at 11.30am. Just a reminder to those parents involved that there will be a practise for the Sacraments on Thursday July 30 at 7pm at Ss Peter and Paul Church.

Students return to class for 3:10pm dismissal
Pack up/clean up
Class Stalls

DIARY DATES TO REMEMBER

Week 2
Monday 27th July 7:00pm School Board Meeting
Wednesday 29th July School Photo Day
Friday 31st July 9:15am Year 1/2DN & 1/2DS Assembly

Week 3
Mon 3rd - Wed 5th August 3 Way Learning Conference
Wednesday 5th August 11:40am Year 6/7J Mass
Thursday 6th August 9:15am Parent Team Meeting
Friday 7th August Year 4 - 7 Football Carnival

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

ADMINISTRATIVE DIMENSION cont.

Attendance Procedures: We have now experienced a term of utilising the staff online attendance procedure. Whilst for the vast majority of children and classes this has worked effectively, the main criticism concerns children arriving to their classroom after 8.55am. There have been a few instances of some staff not recording a late after a child enters after 8.55am whilst their sibling has been recorded late by their teacher. Likewise, some children arriving after the teacher has undertaken the daily roll have not signed in at the front office which means records have not been adjusted. Consequently, families receive a text message indicating their child is absent from school. This is a frightening SMS to receive when you know that you have recently dropped your child to school.

Please note the following agreed standard practice across our whole school in relation to student attendance procedures:

- Children must arrive to their classroom by 8.55am
- Children entering their classroom after 8.55am will be marked ‘Late’.
- Staff will take their Class Roll by 9.05am
- A child arriving after 9.05am is required to sign in late at the Front Office so that the teacher’s Class Roll can be adjusted accordingly.
- An SMS will be sent by 9.30am indicating a child’s non-attendance at school unless we have received a phone message indicating the reason for their absence.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT FAMILIES WILL CONTACT THE SCHOOL ON 8522 2099 AND LEAVE A RECORDED MESSAGE IF THEIR CHILD IS GOING TO BE ABSENT FROM SCHOOL. Our system does not accommodate SMS messages at present re non-attendance and we seek your assistance in phoning the above number to indicate your child’s absence. This attendance procedure is a crucial component in our commitment to child protection and our duty of care to your children. Please assist us as we work together to ensure your child’s ongoing safety at St Brigid’s Catholic School.

LEARNING DIMENSION

Bi-Annual Reggio Emilia conference 2015 Landscapes of Imagination – Melbourne: At the end of last term, 19 teachers including our Leadership Team, attended the Reggio Emilia conference in Melbourne. Over the course of 4 days, the 1200 delegates from around Australia and overseas had the privilege of listening to some of the most prominent speakers in the field of Reggio Emilia inspired education. Our Keynote speakers were Claudia Gaducci and Francesca Manfredi from the Loris Malaguzzi International Centre in Reggio Emilia Italy.

Over the four days, we were able to gain new insights to the Reggio Emilia approach and affirm existing understanding of the benefits of this teaching and learning approach our school has decided to adopt.

We were able to hear firsthand of some of the marvellous achievements and insights of children from infant/preschool age to 16 years who have experienced this education approach. We explored the approaches to documentation and the importance of making learning visible so that children and parents can not only see that their learning is valued but also see the importance of the process undertaken on their learning journey. We heard about the significance of children and teachers/adults seeing themselves as research partners in learning and teaching and that this collaboration builds trust and confidence in a child’s view of themselves as a learner. One of the significant themes is that as adults (parents and teachers) we need to accept that children are sophisticated thinkers who are already someone and not becoming someone; already making connections with learning, their environment, and life therefore being active contributors to our community.

While at the conference we also had the opportunity to visit different school sites and early learning centres where we were able to see how they adopted a Reggio inspired approach and made it work for their context. This has enabled our staff to bring back a variety of ideas they can implement at St. Brigid’s. Those who were unable to attend the conference participated in local professional learning both at school and at the Catholic Education Office, culminating with a day with Professor Carla Rinaldi, head of the International Centre in Reggio Emilia.

We look forward to sharing further, our knowledge and understanding across the school community as we continue our learning in this area. Once again we extend our appreciation to our school families for enabling us to have two student free days at the end of Term 3 and we are also grateful for the teachers contributing their time and money to this professional development activity.

Three Way Learning Conference: On Monday 3rd, Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th August our teachers are available for our Three Way Learning Conferences. These are crucial learning conversations between you, your child and their teacher. Please ensure you have booked a time to meet with your child’s teacher so that you are able to review their progress and set or realign existing learning goals. Bookings can be made at https://sobs.com.au. Should you experience any difficulties with this process please feel welcome to contact Jasmine to assist you in confirming a booking.

Sporting Schools Programme: St Brigid’s has been able to access the new Federal Government Sporting Schools Program. We are grateful for the efforts of Ms Jo Jenkins in facilitating this process for us and enabling our children to access terrific after school sporting opportunities. This term we are offering Hockey for our Yr 3 – 7 students and in Term 4 we will be offering AFL Football for our REC – Yr 3 students. It is wonderful to witness our families supporting their children to be involved in physical activity.

SCHOOL FEES STATEMENTS

Semester Two Statements (Terms 3 & 4) have been distributed this week. If paying by the term or semester your account is to be finalised by FRIDAY 31st JULY.

If you have any queries or concerns regarding your account please contact Jayne Clarke, Bursar.
Throughout the year your child will be engaging in 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 3 and 4 classes will be engaged in the Recognising and Reporting Abuse and Protective Strategies Focus areas.

The Recognising and Reporting Abuse Focus area will be taught during Term Three with specific topics for each year level to cover. These topics include:

**Early Years (R – 2)**
1. Privacy and names of parts of the body,
2. Recognising abusive situations and secrets

**Primary Years (3 – 5)**
1. Privacy and names of parts of the body
2. Recognising abuse, neglect and unsafe secrets
3. Electronic media safety

**Middle Years (6 – 7)**
1. Recognising abuse
2. Identifying abuse and neglect
3. Electronic media abuse

The Protective Strategies Focus area will be taught during Term Four with specific topics for each year level to cover. These topics include:

**Early Years (R-2)**
1. Practising protective strategies
2. Persistence

**Primary Years (3-5)**
1. Problem-solving for keeping safe
2. Review of networks

**Middle Years (6-7)**
1. Problem-solving strategies
2. Network review and community support

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
Two of our Year 7 SRC students participated in Student Principal for a Day (SP4D) recently.

Student Principal for a Day is a national initiative of the Principals Australia Institute (PAI).

Kieran and Adrian were given a great opportunity to be involved in a practical and exciting leadership development opportunity as they got the chance to:

- step in the shoes of our Principal for a day
- take part in a number of leadership opportunities throughout the day
- contribute to a national online student conversation (Webinar) about leadership and issues relevant to today’s students.

Adrian’s reflection on SP4D:

Today I got to see what running our school looked like through the eyes of our Principal. We looked at the role of a Principal and what they had to do and I thought that everything seemed hard. We went into Mr Bennett’s office and looked at his calendar which showed all the things he had to do. Kieran and I got to talk to Mr Matthews about what we thought needed to be fixed or redone to make our school nice and clean like the cricket nets and the bushes at the front of our school could be trimmed back because they were creeping onto the paths. The Webinar was good when we got to talk to Jason who was running the event. It was good to listen to other students from across Australia about what jobs they needed to do like yard duties and teaching a class. It was great fun doing this as you get to look into the eyes of a Principal. He has to do a lot of work, sort out bullying and fixing jobs.

Kieran’s reflection on SP4D:

I had a good day as Student Principal and I enjoyed helping other students like when we went on a class visit and we looked at the younger children’s work and said it was good. At lunchtime a student came to me while I was on yard duty and said that his friend wasn’t sharing the ball. I talked to him about why it’s better to share the ball with his friends and have fun. It was really interesting learning about the life of a Principal and valuable skills about Leadership. You have to make sure you have a support network around you like Mrs Mackereth, Jasmine, Mrs Clarke and Mr Payne because one person can’t do everything alone and you need to rely on other people. I would recommend doing SP4D because you learn valuable skills about Leadership and you realise that our Principal doesn’t just sit around drinking coffee and eating tim tams. It was a good experience and I would definitely do it again.
Once again our school is participating in the Woolworths Earn and Learn rewards program. We would like everyone to start collecting Earn and Learn Stickers at Woolworths so that we can receive some great educational resources. The promotion commences Wednesday 15th July until Tuesday 8th September.

For every $10 spent, you will receive one Earn and Learn Sticker. All you need to do is place the stickers onto a sticker sheet and when it is full you can place it in the school’s collection box which will be in the office area. Or just put your stickers in the collection box and our SRC representatives will do the rest. You can download the sticker sheets from the Woolworths website www.woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn

We are hoping to get some great resources for our school like maths and science equipment, art and craft materials, books, puzzles, sports gear and lots more.

Please start collecting Earn and Learn Stickers. Tell your family and friends to shop at Woolworths and give you their stickers so that we can receive some valuable resources.

THANKYOU FROM,

THE SRC REPRESENTATIVES
ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION GROUP

Our Environmental Action Group students have been busy getting our Food Garden beds ready for planting. They were fortunate to have Mr Leigh Dalwood, a parent at our school, demonstrate to the students how to set up a wicking bed.

Wicking beds are a unique and increasingly popular way to grow vegetables. They are self-contained raised beds with built-in reservoirs that supply water from the bottom up - changing how, and how much, you water your beds. Wicking beds have a lot of advantages including:

- They are water-efficient! Watering from the bottom up prevents evaporation of surface water (which occurs when you water beds from the top).
- They are self-watering! A full wicking bed should irrigate itself for about a week.
- No evaporation means no salting of soil. If you are watering your soil from the top with hard water, you risk a buildup of salt on the surface. Eventually your soil will struggle to support plant life.
- They provide a lot of drainage in the event of a large downpour of rain.
- Since they’re raised, they will warm up quicker in the spring.
- You can easily attach frames to them.

They are great for people with less mobility and strength as you don’t have to carry heavy water containers.

Thank you also to Mr Payne and Mr Harris for their ongoing support with the Environmental Group in establishing more wicking beds over the next few weeks.

FOOD GARDEN

Our Environmental Action Group students and some classes have been busy getting our Food Garden beds ready for planting. If you have any spare vegetable and fruit seedlings that you might be growing in your own gardens during the upcoming months the students would be grateful for any donations. Also, if any parents/grandparents have a ‘Green Thumb’ and would like to assist the students in maintaining the garden beds please come and see me in the Science Room or send an email to sharms@stbrigids.catholic.edu.au It would be great to have our school community working together in our Food Garden.

St. Brigid’s Catholic School is joining Enviroweek, a national schools’ event celebrating our positive everyday impact for our school community. From now to September we will be doing simple actions like growing our own food and reducing waste by getting our worm farms and composting bins underway. Enviroweek learning is all about connecting students with nature, improving health and classroom learning through time spent outdoors.

We look forward to seeing busy ‘Green Thumbs’ around our school site!!

Stella Harms
Science Teacher
Instrumental Music: This term we welcome Cathy Bennett and Chris Isaacson to our instrumental teaching team. Cathy will be teaching Piano and Chris Saxophone and Clarinet. Kathy Cameron, our trumpet teacher, joined the team last term. All have been teaching for many years and come to us with a wealth of knowledge. Please make them feel welcome.

Is your child interested in learning a musical instrument? At St Brigid’s they can choose from: Trumpet, Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Piano, Guitar and Drums. Forms are available from the Front Office, but if you have any queries please contact me to have a chat.

Whole School Concert: Please save the date, Thursday 10th September. Your child’s class teacher will be sending home a note with further details including costume requirements shortly.

CSMF Choir: The Catholic Schools Music Festival is getting closer. We will be performing on the Monday night this year, Monday 21st of September. The Festival is always a wonderful experience and I recommend going even if your child is not participating in choir this year. The CSMF Choir will have two excursions this term. One will be the combined schools rehearsal at Loreto College on Tuesday 25th August. Please note this is in Week 6 and the day before Year 6/7 camp begins. The second will be on the day of the concert, Monday 21st September, where students will attend a sound check at the Festival Theatre.

Yours in music,
Megan Isaacson
Performing Arts Coordinator
misaacson@stbrigids.catholic.edu.au

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The Canteen is in URGENT need of Volunteers.

If you have a current Catholic Police Clearance and have completed our online Responding to Abuse and Neglect (RAN) Training and can spare a few hours each Term please see Kathy in the Canteen.

If you would like to help but don’t have a Catholic Police Clearance or RAN Training please see Jasmine in the Front Office she will be happy to assist you with this.
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/

**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, including public acknowledgement
- 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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- Three complimentary tickets to a performance of your choice
- 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.
Have you ever thought of being a Foster Carer?

Foster Carers are needed to provide overnight emergency, long-term, short-term and respite care. You can be either single, couples, working full-time, part-time or studying. Free training and ongoing professional support (including 24-hour assistance) is provided.

For more information, or to book into one of our information sessions, please call Linda on 8131 3456