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

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**LEADERSHIP NEWS**

**Friday 7th August 2015 / Issue 13**

**RELIGIOUS DIMENSION**

**Sacramental Candidates:** Congratulations to the Sacramental Candidates who received the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist on the weekend. We ask that you continue to pray for the candidates as they continue their faith journey.

**What is Eucharist?**

From the Greek word meaning “thanksgiving”, the term used to name the sacrament popularly called the “Mass”. Sometimes the term is used to describe consecrated elements received in communion. (Tony Doherty, A Friendly Guide to the Catholic Tradition)

**LEARNING DIMENSION**

**Reggio Conversations:**

“What kind of school, what kind of teacher, what kind of me for what image of the child?”

This is the provocation we ask of ourselves as we consider our work with children. When we plan and program or when we have conversations with them. What kind of school do I wish to create? What kind of teacher do I want to be? As an educator, what kind of image do I have of the child? Is it one where the child has a voice and where the child is competent and capable? Where we look at the child from an appreciative model about what the child can do and not, though still important, about what they can’t. It is about ‘re-imagining’ the possibilities with our children.

Last week our staff discussed the class research projects they will be undertaking with the children over the course of this term. The aim of this research is the use of a Reggio inspired approach to documentation while undertaking a particular aspect of the learning program with their class. The documentation should demonstrate what traces of the child’s thinking is evident and what type of questioning and listening was required to make the child’s voice and learning visible? These are two critical components of the teaching and learning process. Teachers look forward to sharing some of their findings later in the term.

**COMMUNITY DIMENSION**

**Coffee machine:** The School Board has supported the acquisition of a mobile coffee machine which has been favourably received by a number of families this week as they attempted to keep warm amidst the chilly weather. The freshly brewed coffee and hot chocolate sells for $3 and will be available under the Junior Primary verandah or in the main quadrangle. A significant aspect of this project is to enable our senior students to display their hospitality skills, utilise their mathematical knowledge and demonstrate their capacity for problem solving. This is the first element of a significant approach to connect our canteen and our children’s curriculum. Our Canteen Review committee have a bold vision as to what role our canteen service will play in the future and seek your participation in a survey later this term. In the meantime, please access a quality coffee/hot chocolate from one of our senior students.

**Father’s Day Photos:** Just a reminder to send your photos in to Andrea White for the Father’s Day Liturgy. Thank you to those families who have done this already. (andreawhite@stbrigids.catholic.edu.au)

**Assumption Mass:** On Friday August 14 at 11.40am the whole school will gather in the SAMMAT to celebrate the feast of the Assumption of Mary. Celebrated every year on August 15, the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary commemorates the death of Mary and her bodily assumption into Heaven. Because it signifies the Blessed Virgin’s passing into eternal life, it is the most important of all Marian feasts and a Holy Day of Obligation. Please join us in this celebration.

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COMMUNITY DIMENSION cont.

**Brigid Bargains:** We are very grateful to the Parent Team for supporting our families by running a second hand uniform shop. Currently this is open in weeks 1, 5 & 9 of each term Mondays from 2.30-3.30 and Fridays from 8.30 -9.30 am. From Term 4 the weeks will begin from week 2 of the term.

At our Parent Team meeting this week the parents **put a call out for more help** to oversee the running of the shop. Even if you can volunteer for one session over each term would make life easier. Also, if there is a list of people we can call on if someone is not available that would be extremely helpful. It is quite easy and you will be shown what is involved. If you are able to assist please complete the slip attached and return to the office.

**Parent Teams:** This semester the Parent Team is preparing for a number of events:

**Term 3**
- **Disco:** On Friday September 4 our Reception to Year 5 children will have the opportunity to enjoy our annual school disco. More details will be issued shortly.
- **Wednesday Sausage Sizzle:** Wednesday 19th August. (Week 5) Like last term, children can order sausage with bread and sauce for $2.50. Please utilise the order form located in this edition of the Brigitiser.
- **Father’s Day Activity:** Once the weather starts to warm up we are investigating the viability of a Father’s Lawn Bowling night. Dads and Grandpa’s are welcome to attend with their children/grand kids. More details will be issued shortly.
- **School Concert:** Thursday 10th September Sausage Sizzle before the show – 6 -6.45pm. Sausage and drink packages will be available.

**Term 4:**
- **Quiz Night 31st October:** Please place this date in your diary and find a group of friends willing to share in a fun and challenging evening!

We thank you in anticipation for supporting these events.

**Performing Arts:** **School Concert** Thursday 10th September. Please take note of details coming to you from your child’s class teacher. Should you have any questions about costuming or other matters you are encouraged to speak to your child’s teacher. It promises to be another fun night of entertainment and an important part of our Performing Arts curriculum. We know that your children are eager to perform for you. The $5 per family charge is to assist in covering the cost of technical support and we appreciate your assistance in this. As usual, tickets will be available from the office.

**Catholic Schools Music Festival 2015:** Once again our school will be represented in this prestigious annual event at the Festival Theatre on Monday 21st September. We thank Megan Isaacson for preparing our choir for the performance. This year we have the added privilege of having one of our Year 7 students, Ethan White winning the role of student compere for the evening too. If you have never been to one of these performances, we guarantee you will be ‘blown away’ with the exceptional standard of talent across our Catholic primary and secondary schools. Cheaper group bookings tickets will be available shortly through the school and we encourage you to give consideration for a very unique experience.

Top 5 tips for parents to tackle cyber bullying

1. **Password security.** Teach your kids that passwords are like the keys to your house and no matter how much they might trust a particular friend — never share them.

2. **Start the conversation early.** Talk as early as possible to your children about cyber bullying and cyber safety. Educate yourself first about what the issues are and then have that conversation with your child even before they start interacting online so they know what’s coming.

3. **Bring it out in the open.** When your kids are online make sure they are interacting online in a place outside of their bedroom. That way you can have greater access to see what is going on.

4. **Respect.** Educate your kids that communicating online is no different to communicating in the “real world” and they should be aware that there is a “real” person on the other end of their communication so treat them how they would if they were standing in the same room.

5. **Be clued in.** Be aware to your child’s emotional state and any abnormal behaviour. If their mood has suddenly changed and they are acting out of the ordinary it might be an indicator that something is going on. Keep in close contact with their school and other support services to keep a dialogue on how they are going.

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**Paul Bennett**
Principal

**Gennaro Mannella**
Deputy Principal

**Andrea White**
Assistant Principal RIM

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**FACSIMILE 08 8523 1699 / EMAIL info@stbrigids.catholic.edu.au / WEB www.stbrigids.catholic.edu.au**
Sausage Sizzle Order Form
Wednesday 19th August
(Please return Order Form to your child’s Class Teacher)

Sausage and Bread $2.50

Name: ___________________________ Class Teacher: ____________

Number of sausages: ____________ Money enclosed: ______________

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TICKET
RECEPTION TO YEAR 5 DISCO

When: FRIDAY SEPT 4
Where: SAMMAT
Time: 5.30 – 7.00PM
Cost: $5 Includes Chips and Pop Top drink

Please return payment to the Front Office

NAME:__________________________
Class:______________

Please note: Only parents/adults with a current Police Check and RAN Training are able to volunteer and remain in the SAMMAT while the disco is on.

Parents who wish to remain at the disco until it concludes will be able to wait in the upstairs Mac Lab. Tea and coffee will be provided. Feel free to bring a platter of nibbles to share.

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PRE-CONCERT MEAL TICKET

Cost: Sausage with bread, sauce and onion (optional) $2.50 Can of soft drink $2.00

Family Name:__________________________________________________________

Eldest Child:________________________ Class:______________

No. of sausages: __________________________ No. of cans___________ (Please indicate number)

Total Paid: $________________

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Brigid’s Bargains Volunteer Slip

I _______________________________ am able to assist in the Brigid’s Bargains second-hand uniform shop.

I am available on  □ Mondays (2:30pm - 3:30pm) and/or □ Fridays (8:30am - 9:30am) PLEASE TICK

Contact Number: ____________________________ (mob) ________________________________ (hm)
As part of National Science Week at St. Brigid’s Catholic School students will be participating in a variety of science activities which will be fun for the students, support our science curriculum, encourage students to want to try more science and which will raise the general awareness of science within our school community. The following events have been organized for your children to participate in over the next few weeks this term.

NAWMA will be visiting our school on Wednesday 12th August reminding us about the reasons behind the need to ‘Reduce, Reuse and Recycle’. Nawma, will conduct a range of educational activities with a focus on environmentally sustainable waste management practices. All year levels will participate in this event.

To help celebrate the International Year of Light and light-based technologies the Year 6/7 students will participate in the SciWorld: Light up your Mind Show. This event will take place on Thursday 13th August. What is light? Why do we see colours? What is the secret to invisibility? Students will investigate the science of light in this interactive show.

The Shell Questacon Science Circus will be visiting our school on Thursday 27th August to stimulate and challenge the Reception to Year 5 students. They will present an energetic science show using everyday materials and props exploring science and technology with the children.

In conjunction with Book Week students will be given the opportunity to participate in come and try creative science activities in the Resource Centre including creating their own kaleidoscopes!!

We hope to inspire your children in the wonders of science and develop their curiosity!

Stella Harms
Science Teacher
**Weekly Volunteer Roster**

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**BOOK WEEK**

Monday 17th – Friday 21st August

**PURCHASE TIMES:**
- Tues 18th August: 3:15pm – 4:30pm
- Wed 19th August: 8:30am – 9:30am
- Thurs 20th August: 8:30am – 9:30am
- Fri 21st August: After the parade!

You are invited to attend St Brigid’s Annual Book Week Parade on Friday, 21 August, starting at 9:15am in the SAMMAT.

**SPINE SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA**

National Self-Detection Program for Scoliosis (NSDP)

Do you have a daughter in Year 7?

July/August are the months when it is recommended that girls in Year 7 participate in the NSDP by downloading the Self-Detection Brochure for Scoliosis found on the Scoliosis Australia home page www.scoliosis-australia.org

The website contains comprehensive credible information about the symptoms and treatment of Scoliosis. Using the forum on website, girls and their parents can obtain general advice from certified specialists who manage patients with spinal curvature.

For any further information please contact the Spine Society of Australia at mail@scoliosis-australia.org

**DENTAL INFORMATION**

**Keep your kids smiling**

- Dental care is FREE for most school children and ALL preschool children at the School Dental Service.
- All children aged 0-17 are welcome.
- To locate your local School Dental Clinic visit www.sadental.sa.gov.au or call us now on 8222 8222.

**LA CREMA COFFEE**

- Café Late
- Cappuccino
- Macchiato
- Short Black
- Long Black
- Moccaccino
- Hot Chocolate

Now Available $3.00