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Relat: This week the Year 4 students participated in the Religious Literacy Assessment Tool (Relat) which is the assessment of knowledge taught in Religious Education learning from Reception to Year 4. The students have been successful in completing the assessment and look forward to receiving feedback from Catholic Education South Australia (CESA) next term.

Why do Catholics Pray?
Prayer can be formal or informal, verbal or nonverbal, active or contemplative. Prayer is communicating with God. Just as we talk and share with our best friends what is happening in our lives, so we talk and share with God. Just as we listen to our friends, so we listen to God. As in human communication, our communication with God can be expressed in a variety of ways. We communicate with God using words and songs, in imagination and silence, and ritually or spontaneously. We can pray in church, our gardens, our cars, or while in the shower. We can also pray lying in bed, as the first thing we do when we awake, and as the last thing we do as we drift off to sleep. One of the characteristics of prayer Catholics believe is that with the right intention every moment of the day—all our hopes, works, joys, and sufferings—can become our prayer.

Catholics pray in different ways. The Catechism names three major expressions of prayer: vocal prayer, meditation and prayer. The Catholic Catechism is a summary of the official teachings of Catholic beliefs including creeds, sacraments, commandments, and prayers, divided into four parts:
- Profession of Faith (the Apostles Creed)
- Celebration of the Christian Mystery (the Sacred Liturgy, especially the sacraments)
- Life in Christ (including The Ten Commandments in Roman Catholic theology)
- Christian Prayer (including The Lord’s Prayer)
LEADERSHIP NEWS cont.

LEARNING DIMENSION

Reggio Conversations: ‘Inquiry learning is Deep learning’: We know that inquiry learning is deep learning. If we believe our children are capable, we don’t ‘dumb down’ the way we speak about the experiences we provide. Learning, we know needs to be authentic, with real experiences using real materials and purposes. We also know that inquiry learning acknowledges that children are capable of thinking, making decisions, of having a say in the direction of their learning pathway and being responsible for their learning.

If we believe in this potential our children have, then we provide open-ended challenges and questions to stimulate thinking, creativity and inquiry. Inquiry learning provides opportunities for children and educators to discover and learn together, to be inspired and share a passion for learning – research partners together.

For our children to take responsibility for their own learning however, they must first believe in and see themselves as learners. We know that children come to school eager to learn and take up the new experiences that school has to offer. We also know, that for a range of reasons some children begin losing that passion as they get older. Notwithstanding our role as the teacher in the learning environment, we also need to minimise that reliance and dependence on us as the teacher as the provider of all knowledge and return them to that notion of the joy and hunger for discovering new learning for themselves. Our job is renew their thirst for the wonder and awe of new learning by helping them to see that through this knowledge they have the potential to make a difference to their life and that of others.

Performing Arts: We remind families that the school concert is on next Thursday 10th September. If you have not finalised costumes etc please ensure that you make contact with your child’s teacher. **We still have 80+ families who have not replied.** As we need to organise seating could you please contact the Front Office asap to confirm these numbers.

The parent Teams will be running a Sausage Sizzle BBQ prior to the concert starting. Please see reply slips for pre purchase of items (sausage & can of drink deal) in this newsletter. These will close next Tuesday morning so that we can place orders in time for Thursday.

Catholic Schools Music Festival: Our children will be performing on Monday 21st September and as always is a fantastic evening of high quality entertainment. We encourage you to support our children by attending. Tickets will be available from Bass from 7th September. Prices are $33.85 adults, $24.65 concession.

COMMUNITY DIMENSION

School Disco: Thank you to our Parent Teams for organising the R-5 Disco to be held this Friday evening 5.30 – 7.00pm. It promises to be a fun night. We also thank the Year 7 students who have volunteered to be DJs for the evening. Remember that if parents choose not to go home, the Mac Lab in the SAMMAT will be open with tea & coffee facilities. You may wish to bring a light supper to share. Only adults with a Catholic Police clearance and RAN training may remain inside the Disco. We appreciate your understanding with this.

Father’s Day Stall: At our Parent Team meeting last month it was decided that a Father’s Day Stall would not be held this year due to the low interest in sales last year. In its place as has been indicated in previous newsletters, a father who attended the meeting suggested that we run a Bowls Night at the Gawler bowling club once the weather improved. We can now tell you that the date for the evening has been set for Friday 16th October. The idea is that Fathers can spend time with their child/ren playing bowls together. A BBQ and bar facilities will be available via the club. A confirmation on cost will be made in the near future. Look out for further information to come.

Uniform Shop: Please note that until further notice the Uniform shop hours for Mondays will be 2.15pm – 4.30pm and 8.30am – 9.30am Fridays. We apologise for any inconvenience caused but due to illness we have had to make this adjustment to times.

Parent Federation Grant: We received a small grant to support families with strategies for dealing with anxiety and stress in children. We will be running this event early in Term 4. This will be particularly useful for parents of children transitioning into secondary school or children who find moving into new settings difficult as well as those children who generally who would benefit such strategies. We will confirm the date with you in due course.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Dinner: Liam and his family with Miss Fenech and Mr Mannella at the ATSIs dinner last Friday evening. The dinner was in recognition of the work done by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and their families in our Catholic schools.

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:** $________________

TEL 08 8522 2842 or 08 8522 2189 | ABSENTEE LINE (before 9am) 08 8522 2099
FAX 08 8523 1699 | EMAIL info@stbrigids.catholic.edu.au | WEB www.stbrigids.catholic.edu.au
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)

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GAWLER & DISTRICT NETBALL ASSOCIATION

Register now for the 2015/16 Summer Season!
The Gawler and District Netball Association offers a safe, family-oriented netball environment, for arguably one of the most popular female sports in Australia.

The Association offers Winter and Summer rosters
Games are played at a central location with central timing
Variety of Grades (Juniors and Seniors)
Accessible venue with parking
Low Gate Entry Fees
Canteen Facilities
Representative Netball Opportunities

For more details, please call Secretary Jo Connolly on 0438 801 557 or e-mail secretary@gawlernetball.com.au

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Thank You!

We wish to acknowledge and thank, Sportspower (Zorich Group) for their generous donation of sports bags and equipment for our recent Catholic Charities St Brigid fundraiser.

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ST. JOSEPH’S OLD SCHOLARS DINNER

When: Wednesday 7th October
Where: Adelaide Royal Coach, Kent Town
Time: 6.30 pm
Cost: $37 per head - Smorgasbord.

GUEST SPEAKER: Kathryn Finnigan AM/APM - retired former Detective Chief Inspector of the South Australian Police Force.

Bookings with Josie: 8295 3667 or Margaret: 8371 1527 by 1st October. Invitation for ALL former students/teachers (male and female) from ANY Josephite Colleges/Schools here or interstate to attend.

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Is your son or daughter interested in playing Basketball?

We are looking at expressions of interest to assist us in putting together teams for ‘Under 8’s’, and ‘10 and under’, for the Summer Season which will run for Term 4 2015 and Term 1 2016. No experience necessary.

Games are played on Tuesday afternoons at Starplex, with training sessions run at the SAMMAT before the games. Our new school Chaplain, Mr Matthews, who is an accomplished basketball player, has come on board and is keen to see the students’ progress and succeed in the game.

It is essential that parents of children involved must be present at training sessions and take children to and from the games at Starplex.

We are also looking forward into Terms 2 and 3, 2016 to starting up a team for ‘12 and under’ that will play on a Monday afternoons.

For further information please leave your details with Jasmine at the Front Office or email Natalie on nataliecentenera@gmail.com.
Xavier Saints Netball Club
Summer Season

Summer is fast approaching!
Join Xavier Saints
at the Gawler & Districts Netball Courts
for this summer season!

EVERYONE is welcome!
Accepting players of all ages
Junior & Senior Teams

Play at the same location every week
Matches played Tuesday nights.

For more information and/or registration forms, please contact Liz at
xaviersaints_netballclub@hotmail.com or
0419 187 228

Season commences 6th October
Registration closes 14th September

LA CREMA COFFEE

Café Late
Cappuccino
Macchiato
Short Black
Long Black
Moccaccino
Hot Chocolate

ST BRIGID’S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Vacancies for pupils from 3 years old.
Girls, boys and adults
Experience not necessary
Reasonable fees apply—1st lesson free

Classes held at Salisbury, Elizabeth, Gawler and Verdun. For more information please phone Rosie Keen

ST BRIGID’S QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday, 31st October 2015
at 7pm.

BYO Drinks and Nibbles.
Come along as a single, couple, triple or a whole team
(no more than 10 people per team please)
$10.00 per ticket
Tickets can be purchased from either the front office,
Sam Prentice (0417 829 823) Jayne Polito (0457 414 092)
or Elleshia Giannitto (0402 112 361)

*This is an 18 years or over event.

Come along, you might learn something new,
like Donkeys kill more people annually than plane crashes or Pearls melt in vinegar.

“Community spirit is a table of people working
together to beat the table next to them at a quiz night!”

KILDARE COLLEGE

KILDARE MINISTRIES SCHOOL IN THE
BRIGIDINE TRADITION
90 Violani Road | Holden Hill | www.kildare.catholic.edu.au

Saturday 12 September 11.00am - 12 noon

Irish Dance Class

Vacancies for pupils from 3 years old.
Girls, boys and adults
Experience not necessary
Reasonable fees apply—1st lesson free

Classes held at Salisbury, Elizabeth, Gawler and Verdun. For more information please phone Rosie Keen
FRUIT ORCHARD PLANTING DAY

ST BRIGID FEAST DAY