DIARY DATES TO REMEMBER

Week 2

Wednesday 21st October 11:40am Grandparent’s Liturgy
Thursday 22nd October 9:15am Parent Team Meeting
Friday 23rd October 9:15am Primary Team Assembly

Week 3

Monday 26th October Year 3 - 5 Incursion
Tuesday 27th October 9:00am RAN Training
Wednesday 28th October 11:40am Year 1/2RL Liturgy
Thursday 29th October 12:30pm Year 8 Transition - SAMMAT
Friday 30th October Year 4 – 7 Netball Carnival
Saturday 31st October 7:00pm Quiz night

**Grandparents Liturgy:** You are all invited to join the whole school in celebrating our Grandparents Day next Wednesday October 21st in the SAMMAT at 11am for morning tea followed by our whole school Liturgy at 11.40am.

**Family Mass:** The next Parish Family Mass will be on Sunday November 1st at 10am. You are all welcome to join the Parish Community to celebrate the Eucharist.

**LEARNING DIMENSION**

**OzAsia Festival:** Congratulations to our children from Year 3A and Year 5A for displaying their creativity at the recent OzAsia Festival on the first Sunday of the school holidays. It was magical walking with the children and their teachers and members of their families amidst the throng of people viewing the parade. The children had made lanterns during their lessons and then confidently displayed them in front of thousands of spectators. Our appreciation to Mrs White and Mrs Noble for providing our children with this opportunity.

**ADMINISTRATIVE DIMENSION**

**88 Keys Appeal:** We are now only **$2400 away from the purchase of our Baby Grand Piano.** We thank all families, individuals and businesses who have so far contributed to this worthwhile addition to our Performing Arts resources. Yamaha Australia have supported this project by offering a significant discount and maintaining early 2015 prices. These will unfortunately increase in January 2016 because of the falling value of the Australian dollar. If you or someone you know would like to make a donation to this appeal please direct these to the front office. You can direct any questions about the project to Mr Mannella. Your contribution will be permanently acknowledged in the foyer of the SAMMAT.

**COMMUNITY DIMENSION**

**Parent Teams:** We remind families of upcoming events organised by the Parent Teams;

This **Friday 16th October** at 6pm - 8.00pm there is the **Father and Child Bowls Night** at the Gawler Bowling Club. Cost is $10 per person ($6 for bowling and $4 for two sausages). Additional sausages can be purchased for $2 and beverages can be purchased at the club. Please wear flat soled sneakers.

**Saturday October 31st - QUIZ NIGHT!** This is our major fundraiser for the year. Money raised from this event will go toward providing shade for our playground. Please consider how you can be a part of this wonderful community event.

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**Religious Appeal: Indonesian Study Tour – Andrea White**

During the first week of the holidays I was privileged to participate in a Discover Indonesia Study Program facilitated by Catholic Education South Australia and the Asian Education Foundation. We visited Jakarta and Jogjakarta, Indonesia. The study tour had a Religious Education focus and participants were from Catholic Schools from South Australia. There were 9 APRIMS, 2 Educational Consultants, an Indonesian Teacher and Religious Education Co-ordinator. The CESA group was part of a bigger Asian Studies group with participants from all around Australia.

We were fortunate to be immersed into the Indonesian culture which allowed us to witness firsthand the Islamic, Hindu, Buddhist and Catholic faiths. We were fortunate to be a part of an Islamic classroom which at the time were learning English and we were entertained at another school by students through music and movement.

I am extremely grateful to the Asian Education Foundation for providing the funding for me and also for the experience. I look forward to working with Bu Smith and integrating Religious Education within our Indonesian program.

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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.**

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**Paul Bennett**
Principal

**Gennaro Mannella**
Deputy Principal

**Andrea White**
Assistant Principal RIM
LEADERSHIP NEWS cont.

ST BRIGID'S 'SAINTS' BASKETBALL TEAMS

Basketball is fun to play. I love playing basketball with my friends. I learnt a lot of skills and we are a good team because Mr Mathews coached us and taught us more stuff about basketball

By Jacob

P.S. Thank you Mr Mathews

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By Ryan

P.S. Thank you Mr Mathews for coaching us

In Term 2 and 3 we were involved in the ‘Saints’ St Brigid’s basketball team. We played at Starplex and trained in the SAMMAT at our school on Tuesday nights

By Julius

“I learnt a lot of skills like our setup and good teamwork. It was really fun to play against other people from other schools”

By Ryan

“I likes playing as a team. I liked shooting hoops with my team and winning with my team. We came from bottom of the ladder to 4th on the ladder. Playing basketball taught me to work as a team”

By Julius

We acknowledge the success of this initiative by a family who chose to take an active role in developing the formation of a St Brigid’s Basketball team. From little things big things grow! Thank you!

Hong Community Workshop and OzAsia Moon Lantern Festival

During the final week of Term 3 Mrs Noble’s Year 3 and Mrs White’s Year 5 classes participated in these two amazing activities.

On the Thursday after travelling by train to the Festival Theatre, these students learnt how to make toys using only elements provided by the environment plus in large groups were taught how to play traditional Indonesian games.

It was great to see how engaged and invigorated the children were - they truly enjoyed this educational experience. After having made their own lanterns at school, on the first Sunday of the holidays our students and their families headed for Elder Park, where a thousand red lanterns, numerous large lanterns, food stalls, workshop tents, and roaming performers greeted them. When the sunset and all became dark, except for the spectacular hanging lanterns in the park and those floating on the Torrens, our children, along with several wonderful parents, walked proudly in the lantern parade.

It was a tremendously exciting and educational experience for our students. And to be part of the biggest event ever held in Elder Park was phenomenal.

Special thanks to all the parents who assisted us, as these types of things cannot occur without their help.

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ENVIRONMENTAL CORNER

This year the Student Environmental Action Group have been actively involved in some outdoor learning experiences including relocating our vegetable garden beds to one central area, in our Creative Play Space, and recently we involved our whole school in an enjoyable Fruit Orchard Planting Day where each class had the opportunity to plant fruit trees in our newly established Orchard which they will monitor and nurture for years to come. A special thank you to the families who gave $22 towards purchasing a fruit tree. Now that we have started growing our vegetables and fruit it would be wonderful to have some keen school family members help maintain our gardens. Please contact the office if you can help in any way.
We would like to thank all families for collecting Earn and Learn Stickers at Woolworths this year. We collected 24,300 stickers which have helped us to choose a number of learning resources for our school including: Maths equipment, Literacy games, Resource Centre equipment, Science equipment and Soccer goals.

These items were selected by staff and SRC students at no cost to the school. They will be great for all students to use as hands-on/interactive aids in many of their learning experiences.

Once again, a BIG thank you to all families for collecting Earn and Learn Stickers and thank you to Woolworths and Modern Teaching Aids!!

THANKYOU FROM,
THE SRC REPRESENTATIVES

The SRC students are organising two events this term:
LOUD SHIRT DAY and selling BANDANNA’s.

What is Loud Shirt Day?
Loud Shirt Day is the perfect way to show your support for deaf children. Loud Shirt Day is a fun one day event which is happening on Friday 20 November 2015 (Term 4, Week 6) when students can wear their brightest clothes and raise money to help give the gift of sound and speech to deaf children by bringing in a gold coin donation on the day.

There will be an Assembly on the day with guest speakers from the Cora Barclay Centre and they will be judging the best LOUD SCARECROW from each class.

You’ll help open the door to a life in the world of sound, to opportunities for a full education, employment of choice, social integration with the hearing world and the chance to contribute to their community.

The Cora Barclay Centre receives only a portion of its funding from state and federal governments, and relies heavily on corporate and community support and fundraising to raise the funds necessary to deliver intensive therapy services to those families that need them.

It is only through gifts like yours that hundreds of deaf and hearing impaired children, including those at our school, can now tell their mothers and fathers they love them.

Why are we selling Bandannas?
National Bandanna Day is a great opportunity for everyone in the community to show their support for young people living with cancer. During Weeks 4, 5 and 6 this term, the SRC students will be selling bandannas for $4.00 each. The students can then wear their bandannas on Loud Shirt Day.

Every year, almost 1 million CanTeen bandannas are sold around the country. This is an incredible effort and we love to see bandannas being worn on beaches, in gyms and on Aussie streets throughout the year!

They are more than just a fashion accessory - they are a symbol of the cancer experience for young people. They also represent the importance that CanTeen places on enjoying every moment and living life to the full.

The SRC students would like everyone to please support our efforts to ‘care for others’ by purchasing a bandanna and by dressing up in bright colours on Loud Shirt Day.
**LOUD SHIRT DAY**
FRIDAY 20 November 2015 (Term 4, Week 6)

Students can wear their BRIGHTEST clothes.

**GOLD COIN DONATION**
Your gift will help the members of the Cora Barclay Centre give deaf children the gift of sound and speech.

Classes are participating in a **LOUD SCARECROW** Competition too!!

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**St Brigid’s Quiz Night**

To help with *prize baskets* we are asking each year level to donate items that fit the following categories:

- **Reception:** COOKING
- **Year 1/2:** LADY PAMPERING
- **Year 3 & 3/4:** GARDENING
- **Year 4:** CHOCOLATES & SWEETS
- **Year 5:** KIDS
- **Year 6/7:** BLOKES WORLD

Please bring your donations into the Front Office.

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**Dear Families,**

This week Fee Statements will be issued for the balance of the 2015 school year. Can you please ensure that if you are paying termly fees are to be finalised by **FRIDAY 23rd OCTOBER**, if you have other arrangements in place fees should be finalised in full by **FRIDAY 27th NOVEMBER**. Thank you in anticipation.

Jayne Clarke
Bursar