**LEADERSHIP NEWS**

**DIARY DATES TO REMEMBER**

**WEEK 8**

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**WEEK 9**

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**RELIGIOUS DIMENSION**

**Advent:** This Sunday, November 29 is the first Sunday of Advent (year C) in our Liturgical Calendar. The students have begun learning about Advent and are beginning to prepare for the birth of our Lord. In this opening week of Advent, the message is clear: **Be alert! Stay awake! Watch!** Every Advent we are reminded that, as Christians, we are a hope-filled people readying ourselves to meet Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

**Loving God, help me to be alert to your call, shaping me into the image of your Son, Jesus. Amen.**

**How can you be alert and stay awake during this season of Lent?**

**Washing of Prayer Cloths:** We are looking for volunteers to launder the prayer cloths used for Liturgies and Masses. The cloths vary in size and colour and over time have become quite dirty. If you are able to take a tub or two home to wash that would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Andrea White (andreawhite@stbrigids.catholic.edu.au) if you are able to assist.

Thankyou to the two parents who have already washed some of the cloths.

**Family Mass:** Sunday December 6 is the final Family Mass for the year at Ss Peter and Paul Catholic Church. All families are invited to join in celebrating the second Sunday of Advent at 10am. We hope to see you there.

**Children’s Christmas Eve Family Mass:** The Children's Christmas Eve Family Mass will be celebrated on Thursday December 24 at 7pm in the SAMMAT at St Brigid’s Catholic School. Children are invited to dress up as shepherds, angels, barn animals etc and join Fr Germano on stage during the first half of Christmas Eve Mass. Please email Andrea White (andreawhite@stbrigids.catholic.edu.au) if your child would like to partake in any of the readings or processions during Mass.

**Giving Tree:** The Giving Tree is now set up in the Front Office. Your generous donations of non-perishable foods and gifts for children, adults or families can be placed under the Giving Tree at any time between now and the end of the year. The gifts will be distributed to needy families in Gawler through St Vincent De Paul. Please label any gifts with appropriate age and gender. Please ensure gifts are new and not used.

**End of Year Mass:** The students and staff will celebrate the 2015 End of Year Mass on Monday December 7 at 11.40am in the SAMMAT. You are most welcome to join us celebrate the Eucharist together and give thanks for all our achievements in 2015.

**Graduation Liturgy:** The Year 7 students will celebrate the end of their primary schooling on Tuesday December 8 in the SAMMAT. Their Liturgy will begin at 6pm.

**Volunteer’s Thank you Morning Tea:** We would like to show our appreciation to all our volunteers for 2015 by inviting you to a morning tea prior to the End of Year Mass at 11am in the SAMMAT. Many of our “extra activities” would not be able to occur without the help of our wonderful volunteers so we look forward to seeing you to thank you in person for the wonderful work and generosity of your time that you have provided throughout the year. For catering purposes could you please indicate to your child’s class teacher if you are able to attend?

**ADMINISTRATION DIMENSION**

**Meet the Teacher:** Next Thursday, between recess and lunch, our children will have the opportunity to meet their teacher and classmates for 2016. Each year this potentially provides a level of anxiety for some children; however, with a positive mindset, children very quickly develop new friendships and relationships. We strongly believe that our children are competent and capable of establishing new connections and we will continue to develop this skill in readiness for the major move of transitioning into a secondary setting in Year 8. We seek your support in assisting your child by using language which acknowledges their concern yet affirms their capacity to handle this change process. We are appreciative of the efforts of our staff to develop class structures for 2016 which will ensure 14 positive learning communities.

**Stationery Packs:** Next Thursday, children who have placed an order will receive their 2016 stationery packs from Officeworks. Enclosed in each pack is an introductory letter from your child’s 2016 class teacher.
ADMINISTRATION DIMENSION cont.

End of Year Reports: Children will receive their End of Year Report in a sealed envelope on Tuesday 8th December. You are welcome to discuss the contents of the report with your child’s teacher at a mutually convenient time.

OSHC: We have received confirmation that our application to establish an OSHC/Vacation Care service will be processed early January enabling us to commence advertising this service and accepting bookings from our community. Please complete the reply slip located with this edition of The Brigitiser indicating your desire to utilize this service at St Brigid’s Catholic School from the start of our 2016 academic school year.

CAPITAL WORKS: Next week, construction fencing will be erected around our water retention dam as we commence the process of installing a 156,000 litre underground tank. This work will ensure the safety of our Junior Primary children, increase their play space and allow us to improve the quality of the recycled water which is utilized in our toilets.

LEARNING DIMENSION

Reggio Conversations: Following on from last newsletter this week we discuss further the principles of the Reggio Emilia approach. By Lella Gandini

The Role of Parents: Parents are an essential component of the learning program in the infant/toddler learning centres—a component and active part of their children’s learning experience. They (parents) are not considered consumers but co-responsible partners. That right to participation is expected and supported; it takes many forms and can help ensure the welfare of all children in the program.

Though in a different way, this is equally important in the junior and primary years of schooling. While it may look different depending on the age of the child, your involvement in your child’s learning through an interest that reflects a healthy and active partnership between parent, child and educator, will let your child know that learning (and school) are important and you value what they do. This in turn leads to greater engagement in learning by the child.

The role of space: amiable schools. The infant/toddler centres and preschools convey many messages, of which the most immediate is: this is a place where adults have thought about the quality and the instructive power of space. The layout of physical space fosters encounters, communication, and relationships. Children learn a great deal in exchanges and negotiations with their peers; therefore teachers organise spaces that support engagement of small groups.

The environment as the ‘third teacher’ plays a critical part in the exchange of knowledge; whether, it is the actual physical attributes that facilitate a particular learning engagement – like role play, theatre, presentation of ideas or a space that offers respite, reflection, quiet listening or small group activity.

The power of documentation: Transcriptions of children’s remarks and discussions, photographs, video, representations of their thinking and learning are carefully studied. Documentations have several functions. Most importantly, they help determine the direction in which the work and experiences with the children will go (future planning directions). When these are displayed, they not only acknowledge the efforts of the children’s learning, but allow parents and teachers to see where the children are moving in their learning. It is important to know, it is not always the ‘best or neatest’ work that is documented. It is to be a reflection of a child’s effort and thinking.

Over the next week there will be an exhibit of teachers’ documentation of their class research with children in the Chapel. We encourage you to take time to drop in and explore the new ways of thinking, doing and learning through your children’s efforts.

COMMUNITY DIMENSION

Our St Brigid’s Catholic School community extends their support and love to all who have been deeply affected by the bushfire tragedy earlier in the week. Please be assured that our school family is committed to assisting children, families and staff who have had to ensure hardship as a consequence of this disaster. Feel welcome to contact your child’s teacher or a member of the Leadership Team or Parent Team if you require assistance over the coming days and into 2016. There are many who feel helpless witnessing the devastation and heartache yet are willing to assist in your recovery. Over the coming weeks we may be seeking volunteers to help our school families. One practical way that we can assist those hurting is to link people requiring help with our volunteers. It is in times of tragedy that our community demonstrates the capacity to ‘love one another – unconditionally’.

He heals the broken hearted, binding up their wounds Psalm 126:5

School Holiday Uniform Shop Opening Times

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CHILDREN’S UNIVERSITY AUSTRALIA

Congratulations to the following students who participated in Children’s University Australia. Patrick, Hannah C, Isaak E, Kurtis, Kiara, Alyssa L, Kaylin, Hudson, Emerson Mc, Adeline, Caelyn, Mitchell P, Tamara, Connan, Brianna, Joaquin, Juan, Bailey M, Keeley, Tomoyuki, Kieran, Jessica W, Mitchell, Erin, Ryan S and Ethan W.

These students did many hours of learning outside of school and value that learning happens anywhere, anytime. Thank-you to the families of the students who assisted them in achieving their goals and reaching graduation.

A special congratulation to Ethan and Erin who received the National Award for Excellence.

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## SRC News

The SRC students would like to thank everyone for supporting our efforts to ‘care for others’

We raised $325.50 for the Cora Barclay Centre and $305 for CanTeen with the sale of Bandannas. Our scarecrows looked fantastic and you will be able to see some of them displayed around our school shortly.

Thankyou !!

## Boccia Carnival

On Thursday 13 November 2015 Josh E, Josh D, Beau, Charlotte, Matt W and Matt H, Ms Vicki and Mr Wood were invited to go to the Boccia Carnival at Netball SA Stadium. Boccia is a Paralympic sport of tactics, strategy and skill and is lots of fun. It was a great experience for the students who attended and they were competing against students with a variety of abilities including Secondary students from all over Adelaide. Our students looked so small against them! We came 7th out of 20 teams which was a great effort.

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### St Brigid's Canteen Volunteer Roster

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The canteen is in urgent need of Volunteers for 2016. If you hold a current Catholic Police Clearance and have completed your Responding to Abuse and Neglect Training please contact Kathy in the Canteen on 85222801.
OSHC/VACATION CARE OPENING SOON

Have you got to get to work early?

Don't finish work til after 5?

St. Brigid’s Catholic School has an OSHC/Vacation Care opening soon.

Open by .....1st February...... we are taking enrolments and bookings NOW.

A once off Fee of $20 will see your child enrolled in a fun, engaging program run from St. Brigid’s Catholic School all year round. (Excluding the week between Christmas and New Year’s Day)

Before School Care – 7am – 8:30am

After School Care – 3:10pm – 6pm

Vacation Care – 7am – 6pm

For more information please contact the Director Rachel Brooke

85 222 099 or rbrooke@stbrigids.catholic.edu.au
As world leaders meet to discuss the future of our common home at COP21 climate talks in Paris, you are invited to join the People’s Climate March and walk alongside millions of people in major cities around the world. Come along with your parish, family and friends for a colourful, vibrant, fun and united display of people power. Marches will be taking place across Australia from the 27th – 29th of November in Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, Adelaide, Perth, Canberra, Darwin and Hobart.

By marching together we will show that we want an end to fossil fuels and a planned transition to 100% renewable energy. We will march to call on our politicians to support communities that are building a better, safer and fairer future for all. We will march because we must protect creation for the vulnerable and for future generations!

Stand with the Catholic community and show you care!

As part of the Global Catholic Climate Movement we are calling on Catholics around the world to “pray and mobilise as never before, to put into practice the Pope’s Laudato Si’ message”. Cardinal Turkson, President of the Pontifical Council Justice and Peace, said recently: “The message of Laudato Si’ needs to be integrated into the active commitment of citizens who organize to make the pope’s message resonate in the halls of power and who demand courageous action on the part of leaders and negotiators in favor of the poor and of the planet. On Nov. 29, this is what hundreds of thousands of men, women and children will do in the Global Climate March…”

Join us from 11am at Torrens Parade Ground on Sunday 29th November.

Fr Philip Marshall, VG, and other Faith Leaders will join Aboriginal Elders and other senior community figures in leading the March to Victoria Square. There will be a Laudato Si’ banner for the March, and people from schools and parishes will gather to march in the section behind this banner. Schools and parishes can also bring their own banners to carry. The March will continue to Victoria Square where there will be food, stalls and entertainment.

This will be an opportunity as the Church in Adelaide to show our public commitment to the Pope’s messages in Laudato Si.
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