DIARY DATES TO REMEMBER

WEEK 4
Monday 22nd February 9:00am Brent Hedley IT Workshop
7:00pm Brent Hedley IT Workshop
Tuesday 23rd February 11:40am Year 1/2LL Liturgy
Wednesday 24th February Leaders B Social Justice Workshop
Friday 26th February Trinity College Gymkhana

WEEK 5
Tuesday 1st March 11:40am REC RL Liturgy
Friday 4th March Schools Clean Up Day

LEARNING DIMENSION

Cybersafety: A reminder that we are offering two family workshops next Monday 22nd February at 9am and 7pm. The facilitator of these sessions will also be working with our students and staff during the day. It is crucial that you make yourself available to attend one of these sessions as the information could prove critical in ensuring your child’s safety whilst using technology. As technology continues to improve and change, so do the ways in which online predators aim to contact our children. You are strongly encouraged to attend.

Reggio Inspired Learning: Our Early Years Team have begun the process of exploring the redevelopment of our Creative Play Space so that it will function as a more inviting and useful learning and play area. Nick Fewster from Urban Sustainable Landscapes, will again consult for this project. Nick worked on our original garden Master Plan that included the quadrangle redevelopment. Teachers have surveyed children for their ideas as well as putting forward their own. Once a draft plan becomes available, input and suggestions from families will be sought. One of the key aspects of a Reggio inspired learning environment is that all areas, both inside and out are seen as potential opportunities for learning. As we know, the engagement of children in play or physical activities supports the development of mind, body and spirit.

ADMINISTRATIVE DIMENSION

Uniform: We remind families that this year we are strongly encouraging parents to be vigilant in ensuring that children are wearing the correct uniform items. Already we have seen the wearing of ‘Globe’ sports socks in place of the normal grey or white ones designated. Also the wearing of ‘glittery’ ear studs as opposed to plain ones is already a concern. Consistency in the wearing of correct uniform items is already a concern. From next week, children who are not wearing the correct uniform and do not have a diary note explaining their absence will be given a uniform note and consequence for non-compliance.

Communication: We are pleased to witness an increasing number of families accessing School Stream as a means of keeping in close contact with our school. If you require assistance in selecting which notifications to disable so that you aren’t constantly being bombarded with notices, please see a member of our Front Office Team.

Student Free Days 2016: A reminder that the following days have been endorsed by our School Board to enable our staff to undertake their professional development and administrative duties: Friday 11th March, Friday 10th June, Monday 25th July and Friday 16th December

APRIM Appraisal: Mrs Andrea White is up for her 5 year APRIM appraisal. Below is a link to a survey which she would like you to complete to enable her to reflect on her role and to identify strengths and address ongoing areas of challenge. The Principal and Deputy Principal will also be interviewing a range of families, students and parishioners about their observations of Mrs White’s work as an APRIM. The survey closes on 2nd March @ 4pm.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/APRIM2016COMMUNITY The password to access the survey is: APRIM2016

Many thanks for your support of Andrea as she continues to seek continual improvement in her work as an APRIM at St Brigid’s.

LEADERSHIP NEWS

RELIGIOUS DIMENSION

Lent: The season of Lent calls us to reflect on the person and vision of Jesus so that our lives and our world may be transformed by his spirit. The Liturgical colour for Lent is purple and at this time we have truly entered the forty day sombre time. Words like penance and self-denial are in the air and as followers of Jesus we hear again, more plainly than ever, the call to take up our cross and follow him. It is a daunting prospect because we belong to the age that we do, and are comfortable with the way we are. We know that there is a final journey that Jesus must make and for his sake, but also our own, we wish he didn’t have to take it.

Year 7 Retreat: Last Friday the year 7 students participated in their retreat at the Adelaide Sailing Club, West Beach. The students spent the day reflecting on their leadership skills, goal setting and being present and still. We were fortunate to have Ebony Steadman, Youth Project Officer for the Town of Gawler and Paul Thomas from the Adelaide Crows. Ebony and Paul were encouraging and very supportive and had a great deal of knowledge and experience to share with the students.
COMMUNITY DIMENSION

Parent Teams: “ARE YOU UP TO THE CHALLENGE?”

Our Parent Team met on Thursday of this week to plan for the year ahead. Once again, we are thankful of the work of our volunteers who so generously give of their time throughout the year. This year, we have some significant projects for which they would like to raise money, including the shade for the existing playground and contributing to the redevelopment of the Creative Play space.

In their discussion, they highlighted the need to look at new ways of fund raising that does not place a demand on the same parents, year in year out as well as the targeting of our local businesses – as you will appreciate, we are only one of many groups to do so. Therefore, they asked that we extend an invitation to anyone among our school family to consider the possibilities of how we can find the resources for improving our facilities for our present children and future families. If we are serious about developing connected, collaborative and creative children, then what better way than by setting the example ourselves as parents? So get your thinking caps on and take up the challenge. St. Brigid’s needs you!

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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.

**Instrumental Music:** If your child is already learning an instrument, they will be setting goals with their instrumental teacher this week. Please look out for the notes coming home about this.

They will also be receiving a letter about the annual $20 admin fee. This fee covers the cost of an Instrumental Diary and all maintenance to the instruments used for lessons. Please fill out the slip attached to the letter and return this with the $20 to the front office at your earliest convenience.

**Ensembles:** If your child is in Year 5-7 and loves singing or playing, they may be interested in joining the Choir or Liturgical Band. Both rehearse in the Music room: Choir Tuesday 2.25-3.10pm, Band Thursday 8.30 -9am and ODD Weeks 2.25-3.10pm. Please feel free to contact me at school on Tues – Thurs for more information.

**PALS:** The Year 6/7 students will this week be electing their Performing Arts LeaderS for 2016. I look forward to seeing the results of the election and working with the PALS to further promote the Arts at St Brigid’s this year.

Yours in music,

Megan Isaacson  
Performing Arts Coordinator
Families will receive this year’s school fee accounts for Semester One by post. If you have not received your account by next Tuesday would you please contact the school to confirm that we have your correct postal address. You will be provided with an ANNUAL STATEMENT as well as a SEMESTER ONE INVOICE. If paying by the term (quarterly) or by the Semester, fees are due to be paid by Friday 12\textsuperscript{th} February. FEES ARE TO BE PAID IN FULL BY FRIDAY 25TH NOVEMBER 2016.

Applications are now available for families to apply for School Card. Please note that school fees cannot be credited until we receive notification of your eligibility from DECS. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding school fees.

Jayne Clarke - Bursar

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**ORCHARD PLANTING**

2015 Southern Cross Newspaper December article

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**JS SPORTS**

ST BRIGID’S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

UNIFORM SHOP

Ph: 0488 664 004

OPENING TIMES

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**BRIGID’S BARGAINS**

Second Hand Uniform Shop

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This Workshop is a priority for all families who allow their children to bring an iPad to school as part of our BYOD program. We can not stress highly enough how important it is for families to attend this Workshop. A morning and evening workshop have been provided to ensure the maximum number of families can attend. The feedback from our previous workshop 3 years ago highlighted how vital it is for families and staff to closely monitor children’s access to online communities. It is our expectation that over 95% of families would attend. Please RSVP to Jasmine at jzawitkowski@stbrigids.catholic.edu.au

PARENTS & CARERS TALK:
Protecting young people online

BRENT HEDLEY
Monday 22 February, 9.00am (90min) or 7.00pm (90min)
St Brigid’s Catholic School, Evanston

Brent Hedley is a trusted online safety specialist who works with school communities to offer practical, positive and evidenced-based strategies to parent and carers.

Themes covered on this evening will include:
- Increasing community awareness about contemporary safety online issues/ new social media matters
- Skills to establish settings on devices to increase safety/self-protection
- Strategies to handle unsafe online situations
- Practical ways to ensure children can keep themselves safe whilst online
- How to maintain open dialogue between families, children, school re positive digital behaviours

Please join us for an evening of insight and relevant, practical information, with Q&A opportunities to conclude.

This event is free and open to anyone who would like to attend. Contact the school to confirm attendance.
To learn more about Brent, including his professional experiences, visit wellbeingplustechnology.com.au
Throughout the year your child will be engaging with 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 1 and 2 classes will be engaged in The Right to be Safe and Relationships Focus areas.

The Right to be Safe Focus area topics for each year level include:

- Early Years (R – 2) -
  1. Feelings
  2. Being safe
  3. Early Warning Signs
  4. Risk taking and emergencies

- Primary Years (3 – 5) –
  1. Exploring the concept of safety
  2. Reviewing the concept of Early Warning Signs
  3. Unsafe situations and acceptable risk taking

- Middle Years (6 - 7) –
  1. Safety and risk taking
  2. Early Warning Signs and emergencies

The Relationships Focus area topics for each year level include:

- Early Years (R – 2) -
  1. Trust and networks
  2. Rights and responsibilities
  3. Use and abuse of power

- Primary Years (3 – 5) –
  1. Understanding rights and responsibilities
  2. Trust and networks
  3. Developing personal identity
  4. Power in relationships

- Middle Years (6 - 7) –
  1. Rights and responsibilities in relationships
  2. Power in relationships
  3. Bullying as an abuse of power

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
Semester 1, 2016
March 11th 2016
Pupil Free Day
Program

Where: SAMMAT at St. Brigid’s Catholic School
What your child needs to bring: Recess and lunch as per a normal school day
Cost: $42 before CCB and CCR
Bookings Required
To book please contact Rachel Brooke (Director of OSHC) on
0466 516 979
or
oshc@stbrigids.catholic.edu.au
Supplied by OSHC:
Breakfast until 8am
Afternoon tea at 3:10pm and 4:30pm
Craft Activities
Games
Fun

PROGRAM
7am Open
Breakfast until 8am
7 – 8:30am Inside play, Games, Colouring
8:30 – 10:30am Outside play, Games, craft, baking
10:30 am RECESS (Eating time then all outside to play)
11:00am – 1 pm Outside and Inside play, Games, Craft, Baking
1pm – 1:10 Lunch Eating
(NO LUNCH ORDERS) 2 minute noodles, pies, pasties that need heating up need to be handed to staff prior to 11am
1:10 – 1:40 LUNCH (All outside)
1:40 – 3:10pm Outside and Inside play, Games, Craft, Baking
3:10pm 1st Afternoon Tea (Fruit)
3:10pm – 4:30pm Free Play
4:30pm 2nd Afternoon Tea (Fruit, Ham and Cheese scrolls, Vegemite and Cheese Scrolls and the baked goodies from the morning session)
4:30 – 6pm Indoor Games, Colouring and Quiet Games
6PM CLOSED – ensure your child is collected by this time or additional fees will apply.
Clean Up Day 2016

Come on Australia - Let’s Go

Friday 4th March 2016

Schools Clean Up Day
St Brigid's Playgroup

I would like to extend a warm invitation to families with young children to come to Playgroup where I will provide a fun and safe learning environment that promotes personal growth and self-esteem through play. The children will have the opportunity to experience a range of table top and outdoor activities as well as stories and songs. Playgroup is a great place for parents, grandparents, carers and children to meet new families and form great friendships.

Commencing Dates
Tuesday the 9th February (Week 2)

All welcome

St Brigid’s Catholic School
Para Road, Evanston
South Australia 5116

Where
St Brigid’s Community Centre
(across from the Front Office)

What to bring
Hat, drink flask and a snack box

Cost
$4.00 per family - per visit

Time
9.00 - 11.00am

Age
0 - 5

Further information
Franca Hall: fhall@stbrigidss.catholic.edu.au
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2. From the slide-in menu, go to Settings
3. Under Edit/Alerts select My Schools and select your School to open the Notifications page
4. Toggle notifications on or off individually (e.g. Alerts, Events, Newsletters, etc.)
5. When you have finished, use the Back button to return to the Settings page, then select Done to return to your School

Return at any time to change the notifications you receive.

Don't have a smartphone?

If you don't have access to a smartphone and require information to be delivered via traditional methods (printed notices & email), please fill out the form below and submit it to the school office.

Family name: ____________________________________________

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Please indicate the reason:

☐ I don't have access to a smartphone (e.g. iPhone, Android, etc.)
☐ I prefer not to receive information from the school on my smartphone
☐ Other (please specify) ____________________________________________
Are you interested in your child learning a musical instrument??

Lessons are available with our team of qualified Instrumental Tutors.

**When**: Lessons take place during school hours

**Where**: In our Instrumental Music Suite

**Cost**: $26 for a 30 minute lesson

Would you like an opportunity for your child to:

- Try the instruments
- Ask Questions

If yes, please fill out the slip below and one of our tutors will organise a time for your child to try out their instrument of choice.

________________________________________________________________

**Attention: Mrs Isaacson**

Child’s Name : __________________________________________

Class Teacher : _________________________________________

Instrument : (please circle all your child would like to try out)

- Guitar
- Piano
- Drums
- Trumpet
- Saxophone
- Clarinet
- Flute
- Violin

Please return this slip to the front office and an instrumental teacher will organise a group tryout session for your child.