Dear Parents,

It was pleasing to witness the wonderful energy and spirit evident at our recent ‘Grow Your Mind Day’. Congratulations to the children for the way in which they participated so enthusiastically in the 21 activities. We also wish to extend our thanks to a number of parents who volunteered their services. It is also important to recognise the creative talents of our staff in preparing resources and assisting the children in growing their minds! A tremendous day of learning.

LEADERSHIP NEWS

Friday 4th March 2016 / Issue 3

Just Leadership Day: On Wednesday February 24, 10 of the Leaders B students attended a Caritas Just Leadership Day at the Cathedral Hall in the city with Mrs White and Mr Mathews along with four other Catholic Primary Schools. When we arrived the presenter talked about Global Hunger and underprivileged people. Megan, the presenter talked about Caritas and what they did. We learnt about how some people live on $1.25 per week for a family of 16. It was very interesting watching the DVD which showed people who have very little and how they can make things like Tippy Taps which is a hand washing system and also a dish washer. They are very clever people. We also got to make Tippy Taps and dishwasher stand and other things out of straws and pop sticks. It was fun and we learnt a lot. (Written by the Leaders B Brigid Group)

Family Mass/ Commissioning of Staff and School Board: You are all invited to join the Parish Community of Ss Peter & Pauls to celebrate the Eucharist this Sunday at 10am. During the Family Mass the School Staff and Board will be commissioned for 2016. It would be wonderful to see many St Brigid School Families attend.

Administrative Dimension

Canteen Term One Menu Feedback: We invite families to provide feedback on the menu that has been provided during Term 1. Your comments will prove fruitful as we confirm our Term 2 & 3 Winter Menu at our next Canteen Committee meeting. The survey can be accessed at the following site: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Term1Menu Password: TERMONEMENU

Open Day: On 3rd April our school will be conducting our annual Open Day between 9am – 1pm. For the first time we have established a link with Xavier College who are holding their Open Day between 11am – 1pm on the same Sunday. We ask that you please encourage family and friends to come and visit both schools if they are looking for a Catholic education pathway for their children.

Strategic Plan: We have attached a copy of our strategic direction for 2015-2017. A sub-committee of our School Board will be working with staff to ensure procedures are in place to enable us to monitor and evaluate our success in achieving these goals. We look forward to sharing this data with you on a regular basis.

Parking: Please remember that we share the roads surrounding our school with the broader community and it is important that we maintain steady traffic flow, particularly in the afternoon. There have been a number of recent instances where the roundabout adjacent our school has been blocked due to families waiting to enter our ‘Kiss & Drop’ zone. Please remember to continue into the slipway on the southern side of Para Rd and return to enter the ‘Kiss & Drop’ zone when you are able.

RELIGIOUS DIMENSION

Fourth Week of Lent: Lent is a time to ‘pass over’, to pass from the world of injustice we have created over to a world of reconciliation. It is a time to “turn hatred to love, conflict to peace, death to eternal life.” How does God take care of you in your daily life? Holy God, you love us so deeply. The cross of Jesus is your sign of great love for us. The cross sets us free. During Lent, help us to reflect on the love you show us through the cross. We ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Project Compassion: Just a reminder that all Project Compassion boxes need to be returned to your child’s class teacher by Monday March 21 2016. In anticipation thank you for your generous donations.

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DIARY DATES TO REMEMBER

WEEK 6

Sunday 6th March 10:00am Commissioning/Family Mass
Monday 7th March Clean Up Australia Day
Tuesday 8th March 2:00pm Year 4/5 Liturgy
Thursday 10th March 9:15am Parent Team Meeting
Friday 11th March STUDENT FREE DAY

WEEK 7

Monday 14th March PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Tuesday 15th March 11:40am Year 3NF Liturgy
Friday 18th March 9:00am - 3:00pm Sports Day

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LEARNING DIMENSION cont.

Three Way Learning Conferences: Thank you to the majority of families who made the effort to meet with their child’s teacher at the recent 3WLC’s. We trust that you had the opportunity to discuss your child’s learning goals and commenced establishing a positive relationship with their teacher/s.

Jolly Phonics: All classes have made a start in adopting elements of the Jolly Phonics program which is being established as our common phonics and grammar learning program at St Brigid’s from Reception to Year 7. Next Friday, 11th March, our staff will be working with our learning coach Jan Polkinghome in further consolidating our skills and understanding of the implementation of this program. We appreciate the support of our families as we work together in establishing a solid grounding in the effective application of the Jolly phonics principles. We also recognise the support of our families in accommodating our PD day next Friday. Thank you!

COMMUNITY DIMENSION

Sports day: We ask that you consider how you can support our Sports Day by nominating to give an hour of your time to help run the various stalls. To volunteer in this capacity you are required to have a current police clearance and RAN Training. To this end we are running 3 RAN training sessions for volunteers before Sports Day. Mon 7th March 9 – 10am, Wed 9th March 7 – 8pm and Tues 15th March 7 – 8pm. You only need to attend one session. A Sports Day schedule will be available from next week in the courtyard for you to nominate a time. At this stage we ask you to nominate for the time and then we will inform you of the stall you have been assigned to. If you have a preference please indicate along with a mobile phone number. It is essential that we get as many people on board in order that we share the load. We thank you in advance for your support.

Parent Team Meeting: In order to plan for the day, please note that the Parent Team meeting has been brought forward by a week. The new meeting date is Thursday 10th March at 9.00am in the office Meeting Room.
Performing Arts Leaders: The Performing Arts Leaders were announced at Assembly this morning. I was proud of every student who applied for the position and look forward to working with the elected candidates.

Ensembles: If your child is in Year 5-7 and enjoys singing or playing, they may be interested in joining the Catholic Schools Music Festival Choir or Liturgical Band. Both ensembles 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 for further information.

Choir: We have had a great start to 2016 and I am already impressed with the sound this choir is making. I now have the choir books and we have begun learning the music for the Festival Performance. Please note that if your child is involved with choir they will need to return their commitment note and money to the front office before they can receive their own copy of the book.

Instrumental Music: If your child is learning an instrument, they will receive their Instrumental Music Diary in the coming week. With the diary they will get 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.

Is your child interested in learning a musical instrument?
At St Brigid’s they can choose from: Trumpet, Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Piano, Guitar, Violin and Drums. Forms are available from the front office, but if you have any queries please contact me to have a chat.

Kind Regards and God Bless,
Megan Isaacson
Performing Arts Coordinator

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Xavier College is a Catholic Co-educational Secondary College in the Salesian Tradition. The enrolment for 2016 is 910 students.

Enrolments Year 8 2018
Applications for enrolments into Xavier College for Year 8 2018 are now being accepted.
An Application Form and Prospectus can be obtained by phoning the College Registrar, Jane Montgomery, on 8521 4545. Applications close 31 May 2016

Open Day 2016
Sunday 3 April
Tours of the College will be conducted on the day from 11.00am – 12.00pm, commencing every 15 minutes.
Visit the Xavier College website at www.xavier.catholic.edu.au

Congratulations to Josh who placed 4th in his pool of BC1 & BC2 classification athletes in the SA Boccia State Titles held last Saturday 27th February.

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Dear Families

St Brigid’s Catholic School is now commencing the 2016 Premiers Reading Challenge.

What is the Challenge?

The Premier's Reading Challenge is a literacy engagement program that was introduced by the Premier in 2004 to:

- Encourage students to read more books and enjoy reading
- Improve literacy levels.
- The Challenge requires students to read 12 books between the beginning of the school year and early September.

How do I complete the Challenge?

- Get a Student Reading Record from our school library or download one from this website [http://www.premiersreadingchallenge.sa.edu.au/prc/pages/parents](http://www.premiersreadingchallenge.sa.edu.au/prc/pages/parents)
- Read 12 books: For years Reception to 7, 8 books from the PRC booklist, and 4 of your own choosing (which may or may not be on the PRC booklists); *You can include the following types of books: E-Books, Audio Books, class/shared reading - this includes books you read at home with your family, or even books that are read to you by an adult, non-fiction, research for assignments, books in another language other than English*
- Fill out your Student Reading Record as you go, and get an adult (parent/carer, librarian, school teacher, etc) to sign each one to verify that you read the book.
- Hand the form in to your school's PRC Coordinators Julie Hancock or Amanda Kennedy by September 9th

Wait for your award during Term 4 assembly!
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@stbrigidscatholic.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.
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2. Make sure you agree to push notifications
3. Once School Stream has finished installing, open the app, type your school name into the search then select your school. For more detailed instructions go to schoolstream.com.au/download
4. Are your children attending different schools? Tap the school selector, select add a school, type the school name* into the search then add. Jump between your children’s schools by touching the school name/logo in the top blue bar, or switch schools from the slide-in menu.

*Any additional schools will need to be licensed users of School Stream to appear in the app.

Choose what notifications you receive

1. Open the School Stream app on your mobile device
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.

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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) _______________________________