Hello to all in the St Brigid’s community,

Term 1, Week 3

This Sunday

This Sunday is the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

This week the readings extend last week’s call to live a good Christian life by setting a higher standard: a need for integrity, a match between our inner thoughts and feelings and our outward actions.

In the First Reading we are reminded that ‘to behave faithfully is within your power’ and in the Second Reading that ‘the Wisdom that we teach … is the Wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began’. The Spirit is the key to these two concepts, the Spirit teaches us right from wrong and the Spirit reveals God’s Wisdom to us. So to have integrity in heart, mind and body one must be aware of the Spirit and listen for the Wisdom it reveals.

When did you last listen for the Wisdom of the Spirit?

What’s on over the coming week

Parent Information nights on Monday February 10th Prep and Years 3, Tuesday February 11th Years 4, 5 and 6, Wednesday Feb 12th Years 1, 2 and 7, all commencing at 7pm in the hall.

A Year 4 1:1comuter program Information Session for parents and guardians commencing at 5:30pm will precede the general information session above. The Year 4 1:1comuter program Information Session will be held in the 4A classroom.

The annual St Brigid’s School Swimming Carnival for Years 3-7 will be held at the Somerset School pool on Monday 17th of February while the District Schools Swimming Carnival will be held at the same venue on the next day, Tuesday February 18th.

The St Brigid’s Parents and Friends’ Association AGM will commence at 7pm in the school library on Wednesday February 19th.

Assembly prayer this week will be lead the 5A whilst there will be no assembly next week due to the school swimming carnival.

HARNESSING YOUR IMAGINATION

Imagine a picture of someone lying in bed with closed eyes. A hand is raised and stretched out to an alarm clock on the table next to the bed. A window in the background shows the sun rising.
How would you describe the scene? What story could you tell about the person in the picture? Your response shows the strength of your imagination.

Many people who are high achievers find their motivation in the power of their imagination.

Your imagination can see things not as they are now, but as they can be; your imagination can foretell the future, and what you expect for yourself; your imagination can draw colourful mental pictures that you can turn into reality. Imagination is the beginning of creation. Imagination is the beginning of all learning and achievement.

What does your response to the picture tell you? The results are interesting and revealing.

People who are highly motivated achievers tell action-filled, goal-oriented stories about the picture. They might describe someone who has to wake up early and get to work on an important task. They even tell stories about what that task might be. People with a lower motivational level tend to describe someone who is reaching to turn off the alarm because it's Saturday and time for a lie-in.

Students who tell the most vivid, action-packed stories about the picture are more likely to choose entrepreneurial careers involving a large amount of responsibility, initiative and personal risk. The other students choose jobs that require much less personal initiative.

You can develop your imagination so that you too can imagine vivid and real images that motivate you. Your imagination will lead you to the places you want to go, the results you want to achieve. The more colourful your mental picture, the stronger the motivation.

When we hold a picture in our imagination, the enormous power of our minds is set on achieving it. Soon, what begins as a picture in our imagination can become our reality.

Set your imagination alight this year. Dream big dreams. Here at school you are surrounded by people who believe in you and can help you make your dreams come true.
Parent Teacher evenings

I am looking forward to our Parent Teacher Evenings beginning on Monday evening and continuing on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

The evenings will commence at 7 pm with an address by the Principal in the MPA followed by two 30 minute sessions presented by the class teachers in the various classrooms. In the two classroom sessions the same material will be presented allowing individual parents to attend two different year levels if necessary. The classroom session is planned to achieve multiple outcomes; including an opportunity to meet your child’s teacher, an opportunity for the class teacher to outline some of the work, activities, expectations and procedures to be encountered during the year, an opportunity for you to clarify any issues that you may have. Parents are welcome to gather again in the hall for a ‘cuppa’ once their classroom sessions have ended.

Opening School Year Welcoming Function

Please mark in your calendars Friday February 28th 6:00 pm for our opening school Mass followed by a family picnic on the school oval. Please take this opportunity, early in the school year, to participate in a relaxing social activity to welcome all our families for 2014 especially any new families commencing their involvement with our school community.

SWPBS

This week we will be expanding on Rule #1: Respect for Self and Others by focussing on the concept of ‘speak to please”. Language is a very powerful tool and can be used to promote positive relationships or to harm relationships. By focussing on “speak to please” we are developing in the students positive behaviours that help to build up relationships rather than damaging them and then having to deal with the fallout caused by the damage.

Online Tuckshop ordering

By last Friday there were 110 students registered to use the Flexischools online tuckshop ordering and 112 orders placed during the first week. This is a great result after only three days of tuckshop. It is our desire that as the year progresses many more of our families will be regularly using the online ordering facility. Remember, to register students go to https://www.flexischools.com.au/FM/FM.aspx?p=Registration&RegID=5f11mr6LHB
Parish News

This week the St Brigid’s Parish has published the text of Pope Francis’ Lenten Message. It is available by clicking on the following link http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/francesco/messages/lent/documents/papa-francesco_20131226_messaggioquaresima2014_en.html

Please click here to access this week’s Parish Newsletter.

Nut Allergies and Students

St Brigid’s School has a number of students with severe allergy to nuts. St. Brigid’s position is not to guarantee a completely allergen free environment, rather to minimise the risk of exposure, create community awareness, encourage self-responsibility, and plan for effective response to possible emergencies. The common causes of allergies are; nuts (in particular peanuts), dairy products, eggs, wasps, bees and ants. The allergy to nuts is the most common high risk allergy, and as such demands more rigorous controls including:

- The Tuckshop, parent support groups (P&F) and outside caterers are made aware of the Allergy Management Policy and requested to eliminate nuts and food items with nuts as ingredient from their operations.
- Classroom teachers promote hand washing before and after eating.
- St. Brigid’s is committed to a no food and drink sharing policy.
- Age appropriate education of the children with severe nut allergies – peanut and tree nut.
- All parents are asked to not send foods in school lunches that contain nuts, peanuts, tree nuts or ‘nut traces’.

It is important that all families adhere to the last dot point above in particular when packing children’s lunches or sending birthday cakes or similar to school.

Your cooperation in keeping St Brigid’s a safe place for our students with severe nut allergies is greatly appreciated.

School Fees and Concessions

Late last week the school fees for Term 1 were mailed to all families. Please advise the office if the fees have not been received or there is anything you don’t understand or believe correct. The office can be contacted on ph. 5596 4188 or email pnerang@bne.catholic.edu.au.

Many parents choose to pay the year’s fees by creating a weekly/fortnightly/monthly periodic payment plan from a bank account or credit card. If you wish to establish a payment plan please download a periodic payment authority form from the Parent Portal or contact Jo in the office for a form.

Please note that if no payment plan is in place the due date for payment for Term 1 is 21st February.
Families experiencing financial difficulties are encouraged to apply for a school fees concession early in the year. A concession form is also available on the Parent Portal or again from Jo in the office. When submitting a concession application the following information is required to be included with the application.

- Substantiation of all income into the household including Centrelink payments
- Substantiation of rent/mortgage payments
- Copies of bank statements for all accounts operated by the family
- Any ‘out of the ordinary’ financial situations

Once the application is received and assessed the applicant will be notified of the outcome. The concession is only granted for the current year and a new application is required for each subsequent year if the circumstances warrant such an application.

Our concession process is designed to ensure that all those who wish to attend St Brigid’s are able to do so but balanced by the belief that every family makes a financial contribution to the operation of the school based on their financial capacity.

Kevin Bianchi
Principal

APRE NEWS

Due to the school swimming carnival, 5B are missing out on running their Assembly that week. Instead, 5B will be assisting with the readings, offertory and bible procession at the Ash Wednesday Mass on 5 March at 9.15am.

The children have been busy learning about St Brigid, following her feast day last week. A number of teachers commented on how reverent the children were during their visit to the St Brigid Experience room. Don’t forget to ask your child to share some stories of our school’s namesake.

Karen Petherick

APRE

APA News

ICAS Competitions for 2014

ICAS stands for the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools, developed by Educational Assessment Australia (EAA) of the University of New South Wales (UNSW).
The competitions are conducted during school hours and require no special preparation over and above the class work students cover with their teachers each day.

Entry into any of the ICAS competitions is open to all students from Year 3 to Year 7.

St Brigid’s will once again offer the chance for your child to participate in one, two or all three of the competitions offered by the University of NSW this year.

The assessments being offered include Science, English and Mathematics. Each test takes the form of a series of multiple choice questions on the competition topic. All children get a statement of results and a certificate of participation or achievement. The cost is $8.00 per competition.

**Students who are interested can collect a note from the front office.**

Entries and payment will be accepted at the front office until Friday February 28th.

Should you require more information please access the following link:  

ICT Acceptable Use Contract

Parents of students in years 3-7 will soon receive a document outlining what is involved in the acceptable use of ICT resources for St Brigid’s students. This document has been created to ensure students are using learning technologies in a safe and responsible manner. It would be appreciated if parents could read through this short document and discuss its contents with their children. The document requires signatures from both a parent and child on the consent form. It would be appreciated if you could return the signed form at your earliest convenience to your child’s classroom teacher. Should you require clarification on matters related to the acceptable use of ICT at St Brigid’s feel free to contact me.

CHESS CLUB COMMENCES FOR 2014

**Chess Club has commenced at St Brigid’s. It is held in the staffroom on Wednesday from 3.05 until 4.05pm.** Gardiner Chess provide a Chess Coach to tutor the students during this time. Last year we had students experience success when playing in local chess tournaments. Any interested students in Grades 3-7 can collect an enrolment note from the front office.

Chris Clurey

APA

PASTORAL CARE

Each of us is blessed with unique talents – so, let’s use them well.
“When I stand
Before God
At the end of my life,
I would hope that
I would not have
A single bit of talent left,
And could say,
‘I used everything
You gave me.’

Emma Bombeck

May your week go well.

Sr Brigid Frawley

GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR NEWS

This Week's Parent Topic - Making School Drop-off's Hassle Free

One common transition challenge for parents occurs at school-drop-off time. Some kids are passive resisters on a deliberate go-slow. Others more actively resist their parents’ efforts to get them to school with tears, tantrums or tiredness. Parenting educator Michael Grose has suggested some ideas for you to consider. Please click here to download the tip sheet.

Please do not hesitate to contact me, the class teacher or other school personnel if you are concerned about the social or emotional well-being of your child.

Weekly Quote: "The hardest part of raising a child is teaching them to ride bicycles. A shaky child on a bicycle for the first time needs both support and freedom. The realisation that this is what the child will always need, can hit hard."
- Sloan Wilson

Cilla Stent
Primary Guidance

LIBRARY NEWS
Library Days

Library classes resume Week 3. Please ensure your child has a clean library bag with a plastic supermarket bag inside it to protect our library books.

We still have overdue library books from last year, please ask your child to return these.

Tuesday – Years 3 and 1
Wednesday – Years 4 and 5
Thursday – Years 6 and 7
Friday – Years Prep and 2

Can You Help?

We have purchased over 200 beautiful atlases to be used to implement the new Geography Curriculum and to support other curriculum areas as well.

We would greatly appreciate anyone who has a spare pocket of time during week 3 after morning drop off or before afternoon pick up to come to the library to help covering these atlas & some readers. Library staff will give you a quick lesson in covering which will make the job easy for you. Hope to see you here!

THANK YOU to Sheridan Ranger for kindly doing some covering for us last week.

Have a fabulous week.

Jan Knowles

DATE CLAIMERS

Term Dates

Please refer to the Brisbane Catholic Education website for term dates for 2014 and 2015.

http://www.bne.catholic.edu.au/students-parents/Pages/TermDates.aspx

Please refer also to the calendar on the Parent Portal for dates relevant to St Brigid's.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday this week to the following children:
Jett C, Poppy L, Hannah S, Valentino T, Sarah Mc, Finn B, Ayush S

STUDENT AWARDS

Week 3 Awards to be presented at Assembly - Wk 5 - Monday 24 February (No Assembly in W4 due to Swimming Carnival)

0A Elyza, Joe
0B Charli, William
0C Olivia, Luca
1A Meg, Lochlan
1B Connor, Mia N
1C

2A
2B
2C Zara, Balin
3A Poppy, Ethan
3B Poppy, Fergus
3C Mackenzie, Brendan
4A
4B Jake, Maya
5B
6A Sam L, Will
Robo's Rule of the Week

Speak to Please.

Robo awards:

Shaniece 5B, Gaby M 5 B, Isabel 5B, Sam L 6A, Nathan M 5B, Alex K 2A, Jack N Prep B, Laeni D 3A, Sienna Prep C, Layla M Prep C.

MUSIC NOTES

Extra- Curricular Music - Opportunities offered at St Brigid’s

Singing Club
Singing Club is for any student (usually from Grades 2-7) who enjoys singing and wants to join with other students to experience the joy of singing.

I look forward to welcoming back familiar faces and new singers to Singing Club each Thursday morning, in the music room (upstairs in the Eco-Enquiry building) from 8am – 8.30am. For more information, see the Parent Portal or pick up an information sheet from the office.

**Singing Club will commence rehearsal in week 3, (Thursday, 13\(^{th}\) February) at 8am in the music room.**

**Opening Mass- February 28\(^{th}\)**

Singing Club will be leading the singing at our opening Mass, February 28\(^{th}\), 6pm. All welcome.

Musicorp Band Lessons

Students from Grades 3 – 7 are eligible to participate in group lessons offered by Musicorp. These weekly lessons are offered by a specialist instrumental teacher each Tuesday. Musicorp has affordable rental schemes for all instruments on offer. Brochures can be collected from the front office.

Each term a demonstration is held and Expression of Interest forms sent home (no obligation). Further details will be placed in upcoming newsletters.

**MUSICORP INSTRUMENTAL PROGRAM**

Musical Instrument Demonstration: Happening Soon!!
Would your child like to learn a musical instrument and become part of the St Brigid's School instrumental band program?

St Brigid's School, together with Musicorp, are excited to offer a variety of instruments for students to learn.

Students will soon have the opportunity to attend a demonstration here at school to see, hear and try an instrument for themselves. Flute, Trumpet, Saxophone, Trombone, Clarinet, Violin, Percussion and Guitar lessons are available during school time.

Please call Musicorp on 1300 858 911 or email Amber on amber@musicorp.com.au

Please see attached expression of interest flyer for further information or speak with Mrs Sandstrom.

Please click below for Musicorp Exp of Interest Flyer

Musicorp_Exp_of_Interest_Flyer_1_2.pdf

**Piano Lessons:** these are taught by experienced piano teacher, Mrs Andrea Palmer. 30min lessons are held during the school day.

**Drumming Lessons:** Both group and individual lessons are offered by professional drummer and teacher, Mr Scott Davey. Students have the opportunity to learn on kit or African drum. Lessons are offered during school time.

**Guitar Lessons:** are offered by qualified teacher, Mr Stuart Humphrey. Equipment is available for hire and lessons are held weekly during school time. Lessons are offered on a group basis.
Further information can be obtained from the individual teachers. Contact details for teachers is available from the front office.

Thank you,

Mrs Sandstrom
Classroom Music Specialist

MR GUDGEON’S SPORTS REPORT

2014 'Superhero' Swimming Carnival (Grades 3-7)

The 2014 St Brigid's Swimming Carnival will be held on Monday 17th February at Somerset Pool, Mudgeeraba. This year’s theme is 'SUPER HEROS'. Therefore, students may dress as their favourite superhero (or make up a super hero) whilst sporting their house colours. We encourage all students to dress up as it creates a fantastic atmosphere and builds upon team spirit and individual enjoyment.

We invite all parents and friends to join us on this great day…

Look forward to seeing you all there.

Please note the addition of 25m events for 8 and 9 year olds:

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District Swimming

This year’s District Swimming Carnival will be held on Tuesday 18th February at Somerset Swimming pool.

The carnival is for students aged 10-12 years. Students who turn 13 this year will be invited to attend a separate High School Carnival if they qualify.

Due to its close proximity to our school carnival, students will be given permission notes on the day of our carnival if they swim a qualifying time. Parents of those strong swimmers please be prepared in the case of your child qualifying. This will mean providing transport and supervision for your child at the district carnival.

"BATTER UP" SCHOOL SOFTBALL PROGRAM

WHEN:

Beginning Tuesday 18th February at 3:05pm on St Brigid's School Oval.
Program runs for 6 weeks, concluding on the 25th March.

WHERE:

St Brigid's School Oval

HOW MUCH:

$65 includes back pack, softball glove, and ball.

All Ages Welcome. Registration on the day or contact John on 33912447

NET-SET-GO AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMME

WHEN

Net-Set-Go After School Netball Program kicks off Wednesday 19th February – for 7 weeks.

This great initiative will run from 3pm – 4 pm every Wednesday afternoon for term 1.

WHERE:

St Brigid’s School Oval/Hall. 3pm start.

COST:

To be advised.

Sign up will be at first session on Wednesday 19th February.
Welcome to all the new families and welcome back to the old families.

HELPERS are required please. If you are able to help out with even an hour of your time, it would be much appreciated. Please pop down and see me if you are able to help out, as many hands make light work.

Please click here to access the 2014 Tuckshop Menu.

Online Ordering

This year we are offering online ordering, you will need to follow the link attached to set up your account.


Children will be able purchase items over the counter during 1st & 2nd break, but snacks and ice-blocks only.

Miss Mel

Tuckshop Convenor
UNIFORM SHOP

Hours

Tuesday and Friday 8:30am - 9:30am

P & F COMMITTEE

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Welcoming Mass & Picnic with Live Entertainment Friday 28 Feb

Mass starts at 6pm followed by a BYO Picnic on the Oval.

There will be a performance from the school Drum Group and a live band.

Come and join families from the school community over a relaxing evening.

Helene Fahey
P&F President

CLASS NEWS

Prep News

Thankyou to all of the parents who were able to attend our information night. A copy of the information booklet was sent home with each child last week. Please let us know if you did not receive a copy.

This week the children will be learning about the letter “Ss”. Please discuss this with your child and perhaps find as many things around the house as you can that start with this letter.

Our number for the week is the number 2. Your child may like to go through a shopping catalogue and circle all of the number twos that they can find.

Each child will soon bring home a small reading book which contains the first five (5) sight words to be covered this term. A new book will be sent home each fortnight for you to read and discuss with your child.

Year 1 News
The start of school was a lovely 3 days that eased everyone into a new year. The full week experienced in week 2 saw challenges for some as the week seemed much, much, much longer with the realization that school was 5 days a week. By week three we are well and truly into routine. This can be confronting and tiring for some little people as he/she will enjoy some things more than others. The big lesson to learn is whatever the job, get on with it so you can finish and do something you like. So what are we up to in Grade One- We are hard at work putting a smile on our fabulous faces and getting on with the job.

**Year One Australia Day Celebrations:**
Year 2 News

The children have settled in well to Year Two and are continuing to develop their knowledge of routines, transitions and expectations in the classroom. During this week Year Two have continued to learn about respect. We have learnt/revised our three school rules.

1. Respect for self and others.
2. Respect for learning.
3. Respect for property.

Year Two enjoyed their first computer lesson this week and they spent this time using Reading Eggs. Your child’s user name and password remains the same as in Year One.

This year’s Parent Information Night will be held on Wednesday the 12th February at 7.00pm. Please assemble in the hall for Mr Bianchi’s address. Parents will then assemble in 2A’s classroom. There are changes each year regarding homework, teacher expectations, general information etc. We encourage at least one parent from each family to attend if possible.

Look forward to seeing you then.

Have a great week.

Year Two Teachers
Year 3 News

Thanks to all of the parents who were able to make the Grade Three Parent Information Night. We look forward to working with all of you in 2014!

Library lessons and borrowing commences this week. Homework and Spelling will be given out each Wednesday. Please return same for marking every Tuesday.

Grade Three were extremely eager to begin Sport and Music last week. Please ensure your child wears black sport shoes on these days with the correct sports uniform.

We have delved into our History unit - 'Who was here first and how do we know?' We will focus on our local Indigineous community - The Kombumerri people.

To gain an understanding of what the children already know, we asked them to draw a picture of what they thought Australia looked like, even just 300 years ago.

To help us answer this inquiry question we have arranged to have a special guest speaker visit us next week, Week 4. We look forward to extending our local History knowledge throughout the year.

Enjoy your week everyone!

Year 4 News

This week is a busy week for grade 4! Monday the grade 4 teachers are planning using the new Arts Curriculum, Tuesday BCE staff are joining us for our 'Bootcamp'. This is where the students are learning about their responsibilities regarding use of the tablets, as well as how to use them wisely and safely! We are expecting parents to attend the 5.30 session so they can learn the same things and sign the agreement, and then the children can all take their tablets home.

Tuesday night at 7.00 is our Parent Information night. If you are already at school you might like to attend the first session, or if you need to leave, please do not worry if you cannot make it, information is going home today.

Have a great week!

Year 6 News

We have been looking closely at our diverse class this week and where we come from! We have also looked at our different learning styles and what makes us unique.
This is what some of our student’s think about the year so far!

“I have really enjoyed playing Play Is The Way because I like the games.” Bonnie

“I liked science because it was very interactive.” Charlotte

“I liked making a time capsule to open at the end of the year.” Madi H

“I like maths because it’s easy to understand.” Destiny

“I like that different people are in my class this year and I can make new friends” Trinity

“I am looking forward to Readers Cup this year.” Olivia

“Science is the best thing in year 6 because of the experiments” Andrew

Year 7 News

Year 7 have made a great start to the year. We are in the early stages of making plans to transform the bare soil that is outside 7B into a sustainable garden. Lots of work has gone into our site survey and we will keep you up to date on our progress.

Set homework is underway as well as some assignment work so if your Year 7 child announces that they have no homework, this is to be met with some amazement and raised eyebrows! Apart from anything else, reading is the most important type of homework that can be done at anytime, anywhere. Please encourage this.

Our Year 7 parent night is on next Wednesday, February 12 at 7.00pm. We look forward to seeing you there!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Student Banking - Every Wednesday

A new rewards system has been introduced for Student Banking in 2014. Please come into the office if your child did not receive an information package.

A representative from the Commonwealth Bank Student Banking Program will be attending our School Assembly on Monday 17 March to provide further information. She will also be set up outside the Administration Building from 8am on Tuesday 18 March to set up new accounts.

In the meantime, new accounts can be set up at your local Commonwealth Bank branch.
Parent Portal Access

We are currently in the process of arranging access to the Parent Portal for new families and also those who have had problems gaining access in the past. We hope to email the set up instructions out this week. Please contact the office if you have recently changed your email address or if you have any problems. Thank you for your patience.

Change of Details

If you have recently changed your phone number, email address, residential or postal address, please contact the office by telephone or email at pnerang@bne.catholic.edu.au to advise us of these changes. Up to date information for each student is important in case we need to contact you for any reason.

Administration of Medication

At times medication needs to be administered to a child at school ie, antibiotics, ear drops etc. If you need us to administer medication to your child during school hours, you must complete the attached Student Medication Request form.

- Medication is to be provided in the original pharmacy labelled container/box to the school.
- Please ensure medication is not out of date and has an original pharmacy label stating the student’s name, dosage and time to be taken.
- The student needs to have previously received a dose at home without any ill effects.
- The medication must be collected when it is no longer required at school.
- A new form must be completed if the student is prescribed a change.
NB: Where possible, medication should be administered to your child at home at times other than during school hours.

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Donations

A big thank you to everyone who contributed to the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Collection.

Along with donations from our local branch of the Dept of Transport & Main Roads and another local school, 40 hampers were distributed to people in the local community. Many of these would have otherwise had no Christmas fare.

Gifts were also provided for the children and adults, largely from the huge amount donated to the Surfers Paradise Parish.

God's blessings for the coming year.

The photo below shows our food hampers ready for distribution:

Nerang Library - Get Set for Prep

Thursday 27 February 3:30pm - 4:30pm
Nerang Branch Library - Cnr Price & White Sts, Nerang

Bookings Essential

Book via the online calendar at www.goldcoast.qld.gov.au/library

Select event & activities or ask staff for assistance.

Book Club Orders Due February 18

Hinterland Tennis Nerang

Coaching daily only $10 - rackets provided.

Professional Coach - great programs.

Call John on 55 960 308

Southport Carrara Netball Association

New Junior Season 2014

SCNA is looking for all different standards of players to join our Saturday morning competition, 5 - 14 years old!

Sign on days are 1st, 8th & 15th of February 2014: 9am - 12pm

Games start 1st March 2014.

Ph: 55 395 195 / 55 972 448

www.scna.org.au

Child and Adolescent Oral Health Service

The Child and Adolescent Oral Health Service have completed routine oral health care for the students at St Brigid's.

Please consider attending your family dentist in-between offers of care by the Child and Adolescent Oral Health Service to assist in maintaining your child's oral health.

A dental pain relief and trauma service operates between offers of care to provide emergency treatment only. In the case of an emergency, telephone the Oral Health Call Centre 1300 300 850 Monday to Friday 8:00am - 4:30pm excluding Public Holidays.