Hello to all in the St Brigid's community,

Term 1, Week 9

This Sunday is the Fourth Sunday of Lent.

This Sunday the image of Christ as the Light of the World is presented in John's Gospel and the Second Reading.

In the Second Reading Paul exhorts the Ephesians to live in the light of Christ "you were in darkness once, but now you are in the light of the Lord; be like children of the Light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth". Paul goes on to urge this community to avoid things done in the darkness (a term for conditions contrary to Christ's message) "the things done in secret are things that people are even ashamed to speak of".

In the Gospel John relates the story of Jesus healing the blind man. This story is a neat fit with the image of Christ as the light of the world. The blind man, in eternal darkness, is exposed to the light through Jesus' miracle. In contrast the Pharisees, who are plotting against Jesus, are cast into spiritual darkness as they refuse to see the good that Jesus can do for those in desperate situations.

Where are you this Lent; living in darkness, ashamed to speak of dark secrets or living in the light coming from the Lord allowing us to live a life of 'complete goodness and right living and truth'.

What's on over the coming week?

The second day of interschool winter sport will be conducted on this Friday.

The Year 2 classes hosted a Fire Safety House visit on Monday March 24.

Year 3 will be participating in an excursion to Ngutana Lui on Monday March 31st. Ngutana Lui is Brisbane Catholic Education's Indigenous Studies Centre located at Inala.

The monthly School Board meeting will be held on Wednesday April 2nd.

Assembly prayer this week was lead by Year 3B whilst 3C will lead next week's.

Prep Enrolments 2015
We are currently conducting enrolment interviews for next year’s Prep cohort. If you have a younger child eligible to start Prep next year or have friends or relatives with children eligible to start Prep in 2015 please submit an enrolment application and/or advise you friends or relatives to do so by the end of March.

**Parent/Teacher Interviews**

Over the next month class teachers will be offering parent/teacher interviews to report on children’s progress during Term 1. When the notice is provided to you I urge you to respond as requested and accept the invitation for a formal interview. Some interviews will be offered this term and some will be offered early next term.

**P and F Easter Raffle**

Thanks to those families who have already provided goodies for the Easter hampers which will be the prizes for the P and F Easter Raffle. Keep the donations coming.

**SWPBS**

This week we will be expanding on Rule #2: Respect for Learning by looking at behaviours that promote an environment conducive to learning e.g. Working in a quiet manner when appropriate, respecting your own and others space, arriving on time for class, listening to others, working to your best ability at all time, being prepared for each lesson, recognising that there is a variety of learning spaces at St Brigid’s.

**SECRETS OF SUCCESS ~ lessons from the past for the future. (tips from over 100 years ago)**

1. People succeed because they take pains to succeed. Industry and patience are almost genius; and successful people are often more distinguished for resolution and perseverance than for unusual gifts. They make determination and unity of purpose more important than ability.

2. Success is the reward of those who "spurn delights and live laborious days". We learn to do things by doing them. One of the great secrets of success is "pegging away". No disappointment must discourage, and a run back must often be allowed, in order to take a longer leap forward.

3. No opposition must be taken to heart. Our enemies often help us more than our friends. Besides, a head-wind is better than no wind. Who ever got anywhere in a dead calm?

4. A fatal mistake is to imagine that success is some stroke of luck. This world is run with far too tight a rein for luck to interfere. Luck sells its wares; it never gives them. In some form or other, we pay for luck; or we go empty away.

5. We have been told, for centuries, to watch for opportunities, and to strike while the iron is hot. Very good; but I think better of Oliver Cromwell's amendment – "make the iron hot by striking it."

Acknowledgement: British novelist Amelia E. Barr (1831-1919) The final four will be published next week.
Parish News

The Season of Lent is the most appropriate time for celebrating the Sacrament of Penance. “Already on Ash Wednesday the people of God has heard the solemn invitation, Turn away from sin and believe the good news. It is therefore fitting to have several penitential celebrations during Lent, so that all the faithful may have an opportunity to be reconciled with God and their neighbour and so be able to celebrate the paschal mystery in the Easter Triduum with renewed hearts.”

“The Sacrament of Penance is better celebrated before rather than during the Easter Triduum.”

Please pencil in your diary the date and time for your reconciliation before Easter.

Please click here for the timetable of events during Holy Week at St Brigid’s Catholic Parish.

This week’s Parish Newsletter.

Kevin Bianchi
Principal

APRE NEWS

This week the teachers have met to review the term 1 units of work in Religion. They reflected on how well they know your child and how effectively they were able to help your child learn about the Religion curriculum this term. They will use this information to plan for term 2 to present a range of interesting lesson and experiences designed to help your child grow into a person who lives life as an authentic, passionate and well informed member of society.

Next week we will celebrate Mass together to end our first term. We are still a few weeks away from Easter, so the start of next term will be a chance for each class to learn about and celebrate the Resurrection story.

Check It Out!

The children in our Check It Out! program at the moment have had a really great week in the classroom. Their parents are happy to be hearing plenty of good news stories from school, the children are proud of themselves and are meeting their behaviour goals and I look forward to meeting with them every morning and afternoon to encourage them and reward their efforts.

If your child is regularly spending time in ‘Time Out’ for minor but regular behaviour choices that stop them or their classmates from learning and enjoys receiving adult attention, then you might like to arrange an appointment with your child’s teacher to discuss whether this program might be of assistance.
CHANGES TO SEMESTER 1 REPORTS

Parents will notice a gradual change in what is represented on student reports over time at St Brigid’s.

This is due to:

- The implementation of the Australian Curriculum which is specific to each school.
  - Teachers are planning, teaching & assessing in the areas of: The Arts & Geography in 2014 at St Brigid’s. Reporting on these areas will commence next Semester or in 2015.
- Changes to the Student Reporting System Template as directed by Brisbane Catholic Education (BCE).

Any instances where parents require clarification of a student’s report we encourage a parent-teacher interview be arranged. During an interview the class teacher or specialist is able to provide further information on how a teacher judgement was attained.

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Based on the above tables you will notice many similarities and a few changes from one year to the next. More areas will appear on the report in compliance with St Brigid’s and Brisbane Catholic Educations (BCE) Australian Curriculum implementation timeline. Over time reporting areas will become more consistent across all BCE primary schools.

Your child’s report card is a snapshot of how they are achieving against the curriculum at one point in time. Class teachers can always provide a broader perspective on a student’s strengths, areas they have improved in and focus areas for the future when they meet with parents. I encourage all parents to book a time to see their child’s classroom teacher(s) in coming weeks for a Parent-Teacher Interview.

Chris Clurey
APA

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

**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](http://www.bne.catholic.edu.au/students-parents/Pages/TermDates.aspx)

**PASTORAL CARE**

This week the Grief Programme concludes for years four and five.

We will end with a Prayer Ritual and sharing some food.

Thank you to all the children for their participation.

"See life as it is, but focus on the good bits."

    Taken from - Action for Happiness.

May your week be happy.

Sr    Brigid    Frawley

**GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR NEWS**

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.

Cilla Stent
Primary Guidance
LIBRARY NEWS

Library Days

Tuesday – Years 3 and 1

Wednesday – Years 4 and 5

Thursday – Years 6 and 7

Friday – Years Prep and 2

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

Jan Knowles

BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday this week to the following children:


STUDENT AWARDS

Week 9 Awards to be presented at Assembly Wk 10 - Monday 31 March
OA Lachlan, Sienna

OB Lilli, Max C

OC Isabella, Roman

1A Lillie, Jordan

1B Mia P, Abbie

1C Ayla, Flynn

2A Alyssa, Chloe, Ryan

2B Oscar, Hannah

2C Mia, Brayden

3A Nathan, Lia

4B Tiarna, Kaizen

4C Hamish, Isaac

S.W.P.B.S
Robo’s Rule of the Week

Respect for Learning

Robo Awards


MUSIC NOTES

Year 5 music lessons

The children have been drumming in term 3 and are getting ready to create a performance piece. They have watched an amazing percussion group, STOMP, perform and are going to use unusual items as musical instruments in their performance over weeks 9 and 10.

Please remind your child to choose and bring in an item for use. Examples could be: OLD saucepan or lids (not the new Scanpan please!!), metal spoons, empty MILO tins or similar, buckets. Nothing with sharp edges, please.

Below is a link to STOMP showing the group performing.
Musicorp

Letters have now been sent home with the children that trialled, naming the instrument you might consider for
your child should you wish them to be involved in the program. The letter also contains information about the
program; including cost, lesson information and the fact that the fee charged INCLUDES THE HIRE OF THE
INSTRUMENT.

In the past, this has been an additional cost.

Please note that due to time constraints not all students were trialled. If your child missed out and you would like
them to be tested or be part of the program, please contact me or collect a form from the admin office.

Mrs Sandstrom

MR GUDGEON'S SPORTS REPORT

Interschool Sport - Fridays
Please refer to the Parent Portal each week for fixtures, venues, and draws.

Safety equipment is required for rugby league (mouth guards are compulsory, boots are recommended), hockey
(mouth guards and shin pads are compulsory) and soccer (shin pads are compulsory). Students electing to play
netball will need to cut/tape fingernails and remove/tape earrings. By providing consent for your child to play
these sports you are agreeing to provides these items and/or abide by these regulations.
Rugby League training is held from 3pm - 4pm on Monday afternoons at school.

Simon Gudgeon
PE Teacher & Sports Coordinator

WORKPLACE HEALTH & SAFETY NEWS
Visitors' Register

The Visitors' Register is located at Reception and all parents and visitors are required to sign in and out.

This is an essential document that keeps the school informed of all visitors and contractors who may be on site at any particular point in time.

Thank you.

be SAFE be WELL

CAKE STALL

Year Three are holding a cake stall fundraiser at lunch time on Tuesday 1st April (no, this isn’t an April fool’s joke).

All items will be $1 and the money raised will go towards girls’ education in Fiji.

The cakes will be nut-free, but will contain eggs, wheat and dairy products.

We hope that you will support this special event.

P & F ASSOCIATION

Easter Raffle

Donations would be appreciated by 26th March, the more donations we receive the more prizes we will have!

All raffle tickets & monies due to the office by 26th March. Raffle winners will be announced at Monday morning’s assembly.

Thank you to all the children that have donated and good luck in the raffle :)

P&F Dates to Remember

- Mother’s Day Stall Tuesday 06 May
- Disco all grades Friday 23 May
- Father’s Day Stall Tuesday 02 September
- Parent Trivia Night Friday 12 September
Race Day Saturday 25 October

Melanie
P&F President

TUCKSHOP

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
Help needed! If you have a spare hour on a Tuesday or Friday morning from 8.30 - 9.30am, your help serving would be greatly appreciated. If available to help out, please give me a call or drop in to the Uniform Shop.

Many thanks

Deb Laurie - 0431 151 903

BOOK CLUB

We have been advised that the outstanding backorders will be at school later in the week. Please bring your original order form into the office this week so your books can be delivered upon arrival.

5 - 7 INCLUSION

- The Easter Collage Competition

Please access link for further information.

Please note that the completion date for the Easter Collage Competition is being extended and all entries will be due for judging next Thursday.

I huge thank you to Jack Oglesby for these Competition interviews.

- Play station

I huge thank you to Connie Nowlan, mum to Flynn (Yr 1) and Poppy (Yr 3), for your wonderful thoughtfulness and donation of a PS2, to replace our broken one, in the Chull Out room. Students have been really excited about finally being able to use the ‘eye toy’ again.
I am so very grateful for the PS2. It is used with my eye toy and is fantastic for communication and cooperation, as well as physical activity, and has been missed. It is up and running and the children will love having it again.

Thank you again for your kindness :)

- **Bey Blades**

Bey Blades are again popular in the Chill Out Room.

Please remember that they are only used by years 5-7 students and only in the actual Chill Out Room during first break.

Bey Blade Competitions are again up and running. This year they are on Thursdays and are run by Brielle W (5B) and Alex D (5B)
Please access link for further information.

This Week's winners were our wonderful organiser, Brielle W (5B) and Alex D (5B)

CLASS NEWS

Prep News

This week the children are revising our first six letters Ss, Aa, Tt, li, Pp, Nn. We are assessing the children next week on these letters. We are expecting the children to know the name of each letter, the sound it makes and a word that may start with each letter. The number for the week is 8. It would be a great advantage to your child if you could revise these letters and the numbers from 0–8.

This is the fourth week of Lent and the children are learning about the real story of Easter. We are following the Journey of the Cross through the sacred text, the Bible. Throughout the term, the “Cross” has been a main focus in our rooms.

We have been discussing, “Living things have basic needs” in our Science program. We have continued to observe the changes happening to our ‘hairy caterpillars’. As we have been looking after it by giving it sunlight, air, water and food their hair (grass) has grown very quickly. Last week we assessed the children on the things that their hairy caterpillar needs to grow.

Year 1 News
In Science this term Grade One children have been considering things that are in the sky and on the earth. We will be asking children to observe things in the night sky. Family and friends are encouraged to join with the children in observing the sky at different times – afternoon, sunset, night time and early morning.

Some completed scrapbooks and photocopied booklets may be coming home over the next few weeks as the term draws to a close. These books are for your perusal and can be kept at home.

‘Sandpit Equipment’ – if you are clearing out your Tupperware cupboard and want to donate any old plastic kitchen utensils (to be reused as scoops or containers in the sandpit) donations would be greatly appreciated by Prep and Grade One.

**Year 2 News**

Year Two have been continuing to learn about mixtures. They have learnt about primary colours and how we mix them to make secondary colours. Thank you to all those students who presented their mixtures for Show and Tell.

Well done to all those students who travelled to school on wheels last Wednesday for National Cycle to School Day. The focus for Show and Tell this week has been to share with the class how you and your family support Active Travel to School at St. Brigid’s.

During the season of Lent the children have been focusing on doing random acts of kindness and filling someone’s bucket. They have also focussed on “I am the hands of God when I …………………..”

We hope the children have been doing lots of extra jobs around the house and that they are earning money to give to project compassion. We encourage the children to return their project compassion boxes to school before the end of term so that the money can be sent to Caritas.

Reminder to parents-Thank you to all those families who have returned their Parent/Teacher conference note but if you have not done so, please send it back as soon as possible so we can finalise times.

Have a great week!

**Year 3 News**

Thank you to 3B for your amazing assembly. You highlighted Jesus’ mission and we particularly remember how we treat others, especially those who have less than us, as we go along our Lenten journey. It’s now time for Year Three to act out our mission.

Next Tuesday, please help our mission to support the schools in Fiji. All you need to do is bring in $1 to purchase a treat from our cake stall. The stalls will be set up outside the Year Three classrooms and will be open at first and possibly second break, if the food has not already sold out.

Year Three continue to reflect on all of the things that they are grateful for:
Poppy in 3A says, "I am grateful for having Australia."

Alexis in 3A says, "I feel grateful because I get to go to the beach this afternoon."

Samuel in 3A says, "I am grateful for having a home."

A follow up note will be coming home with your child this week regarding Year Three’s excursion to N’gtana Lui. Please note that children now need to be at school no later than 8:15am so that the bus can leave shortly thereafter.

Please return any Parent/Teacher interview slips to your child's teacher as soon as possible.

Enjoy your week!

Year 4 News

Welcome to week nine! My goodness this term is flying by!

Last Friday Year 4 went on their first excursion to Ngutana-Lui. It was a fantastic day had by all! All students represented our school with pride and were complimented on their manners. Thank you to Mrs Hile for coming along with us.

Thank you to those Year 4 families that have promptly handed back their parent/teacher notes. Your class teacher will be sending notes home to let you know what time and day has been made available to you, this week.

Wishing you all a safe and happy week
Year 6 News

Notes were sent home last week for the Year 6 Student-Led Conferences on April 29. Please send these notes back ASAP with your preferred time so we are able to allocate times for everyone. The students will be running these sessions with you, while the Miss Singleton and Mrs Lincoln will be there to answer any questions you may have.

To finish off our Everyone Belongs unit this term, the students are working on writing a report about the Asian Migrant group and their contribution to Australia and watching the Rabbit-Proof Fence movie.
There are still a large number of students missing our morning assembly. School does commence at 8.40am and it is important for the students to be a part of this each day.

**Year 7 News**

Year 7B welcomes Miss Cabrera to our classroom for lead in days before commencing a prac for 3 weeks in Term 2. As Term 1 draws to a close there is much to be grateful for, especially in our learning and social environments. Students are really making an effort and report that they are noticing how they are growing in maturity and self-discipline as well as academically. Next week there will be the opportunity to show parents in the classroom at our student led conferences just what has been achieved this term.

Our Lenten candles are a constant reminder of the promise that we made on Ash Wednesday and a number of children are also contributing to our class Project Compassion box. Look out in the newsletter next week for information on a fun day that aims to raise more money to go towards Caritas for helping those in developing countries or those whose lives have been affected by natural disasters.

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**OSHC**

**OSHC - School Holiday Programme**

Please [click here](#) for further details.

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**OFFICE NEWS**

Lost Property
We have quite a bit of lost property at the moment. Please check the box at the back of the Admin Building if your child is missing an item.

**Lost Property from the Swimming Carnival**

We have a small black handbag which contains some keys, a mobile phone and camera along with toy money, pens, stickers etc. here in the office. If it belongs to you, could you please contact the office.

**Parent Portal Access**

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 extremely important in case we need to contact you for any reason.

**Direct Debit Request Forms**

If you would like to arrange to pay your school fees via direct debit from either a bank account or credit card, a direct debit form can be obtained from the office or accessed through the Parent Portal.

**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.

Please note that school banking deposits should contain cash only, no cheques please.

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.

COMMUNITY NEWS
Aquinas College News

This year Aquinas College celebrates 50 years of providing Quality Catholic Education. Various events will be held throughout the year to mark this great accomplishment. Please click on the following links for further information.

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Nerang Roosters JRLFC

U/10 Players needed to fill teams. If you would like to come and play rugby league for the Roosters, sign on Tues & Thurs from 4pm or call (07)55781864.

Thank you, if you require any more info, my contact details are below.

Paula Black - 0419757285

Easter School Holiday Sailing Camp

From Monday 14th to Wednesday 16th April, 2014 Southport Yacht Club will hold our annual Easter School Holiday Sailing Camp, from 9am to 3pm each day.

Under close supervision, children will have the opportunity to learn to sail in the sheltered waters of the Broadwater at our Club’s Hollywell Sail Training Facility, 1 Marina Crescent, Hollywell. Morning tea, lunch and laughter will be provided!

Please click here for further details.

Father and Daughter Weekend - School Holiday Camps

Please click here for further weekend details and upcoming camps.

Animal Antics School Holiday Programme

The Animal Welfare League of Queensland is running the very popular Animal Antics School Holiday Programme on Tuesday 8th April. This programme is aimed at children from 6-10 years of age.
Botanic Quest For Kids

Dare to Discover!

Come to the Botanic Gardens to enjoy fun-filled activities of Botanica Quest!

Join the adventure of Botanica Quest in the school holidays.

Follow the map, interact with nature while exploring the Botanic Gardens using your senses, solve the quests and collect your treasure! Suitable for 4 to 12 years.

FRIDAY 11 April  2 Sessions 9AM AND 10AM

$5 per child. Bookings essential Ph 0449 561 674

Don’t forget to bring a drink bottle, hat, sunscreen and wear enclosed shoes.

Meet on the verandah of the Friends Centre in the Mangroves to Mountains area of the Gold Coast Regional Botanic Gardens, Ashmore Road, Benowa.

This event proudly coordinated by the Friends of the Gold Coast Regional Botanic Gardens.