Hello to all in the St Brigid's community.

Term 2, Week 1

This Sunday is the Second Sunday of Easter

Befitting the Easter Season the readings all contain powerful, unambiguous, joyful messages for the followers of Jesus. The First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles presents an ideal Christian community implementing Christ's mission by, teaching, fellowship, breaking bread and praying.

The Second Reading from the First Letter of St Peter exhorts the followers to keep the faith even though they live in testing times “You did not see him yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are filled with a joy so precious that it cannot be described, because you believe, and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls”

The Gospel from John recounts the story of doubting Thomas. Instead for focussing on the doubting apostle the Gospel shines a light on all those who believe in the risen Christ by faith not from a personal encounter with the risen Lord. “You believe because you have seen me, happy are those who have not seen and yet believe”

Alleluia, Alleluia, He is Risen. Alleluia

Welcome back

Welcome back to Term 2 to all in our school community. It’s most unusual to return to school straight after Easter but it is a great opportunity to celebrate the joy of the Easter Season with the children.

Term 2 will be another busy one with NAPLAN for Years 3,5 and 7, school and district, athletics and cross country carnivals, book fair and Semester One Reports for Years P – 7 a few of the many activities planned for this term. Please consult the calendar on the Parent Portal for the various dates.

What’s on over the coming week?

St Brigid's Active School Travel Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday 24th.

Students are invited to attend the Nerang ANZAC Day ceremony dressed in school uniform. Students are asked to meet Mrs Lincoln or Ms Singleton at “the Maid of Sker” at 9:30 am on Friday morning.

The 2014 Biennial Queensland Catholic Schools Parents Conference will be held in Cairns from 25 – 27 April.

An ANZAC Day liturgy will be held in the St Brigid's Church commencing at 11:00 am on Thursday April 24th.
An Active School Travel Walking Safely Session will be conducted for Years P-3 on Tuesday April 29 while an Active School Travel - Zero the Hero visit and Walking and Wheeling Wednesday Term 2 Breakfast will be held from 8am on Wednesday April 30.

The annual Gold Coast Catholic Schools Year 7 Leadership Day will be held at Guardian Angels School, Ashmore, also on Wednesday April 30th.

Our first assembly for Term 2 will be held on Monday April 28th and 2A will lead the prayer whilst 2B will lead the prayer the following week.

**SWPBS.**

This week we will be expanding on Rule #1: Respect for Self and Others by revising the way we behave in the MPA when we gather for school activities.

**ANZAC Day**

This year marks the 99th anniversary of the birth of the ANZAC tradition with the now well-documented amphibious attack at Gallipoli. Much has been written about the original ANZAC battle and the many subsequent battles that our Defence Force personnel have been involved in. Each year we pause to remember these brave members of the military who have made the ultimate sacrifice in defence of Empire (originally) and freedom, democracy, tolerance and justice in the subsequent 99 years.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old; Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning We will remember them.

O God, our ruler and guide,

In whose hands are the destinies of this and every nation,

We give you thanks for the freedoms we enjoy in this land

And for those who laid down their lives to defend them:

We pray that we and all the people of Australia,

Gratefully remembering their courage and their sacrifice,

May have the grace to live in a spirit of justice, of generosity, and of peace;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,

Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
One God, for ever and ever.

Amen

Parish News

Bon Voyage to Fr Rafal who will be away for a few weeks as he will be the chaplain accompanying a group pilgrimage to Rome for the canonisation of John XXIII and John Paul II. After the canonisation the group will follow the footsteps of John Paul II including time in Father Rafal's and John Paul II's homeland, Poland.

Please click here to access this week's Parish newsletter.

Lost property

As the weather turns a little cooler please ensure that all items of children's clothing are named. Each year we accumulate an amazing quantity of clothing which apparently belongs to no one.

APA Appraisal process

This term Mr Chris Clurey, our Assistant Principal – Administration (APA) will undertake a formal appraisal process. This is a normal procedure for our school leaders nearing the end of a contract period and necessary for a contract renewal.

In the near future a random selection of parents will receive an email inviting them to complete an online questionnaire related to Mr Clurey’s performance as APA at St Brigid’s. If chosen, I urge you to take the time to complete the survey and contribute your feedback to assist in the appraisal process. All contributions will be collated and individual responses will not be identified. The data collected will be part of the data used to complete the appraisal report.

Thank you in anticipation of your contribution.

Kevin Bianchi
Principal

APRE NEWS

Dear Parents,

Happy Easter! The Easter season runs for 50 days, right up until Pentecost. The resurrection of Jesus is the core tenant of our faith. This season is a time to reconnect with the stories around Holy Week and the
relationship between Jesus and His followers after his resurrection. The children will hear many of these stories in the coming weeks.

This Thursday we will remember those who fought and died at Gallipoli and pray for all who have served our country in the years since. We invite you to join us for a prayer liturgy for ANZAC day at 11.30am this Thursday in the Church.

The teachers are busy finalising plans for Religion lessons this term. In the coming weeks I will share the outlines for each year level with you, to help you come to know the new Religion curriculum.

Have a great week,

Karen Petherick
APRE

APA NEWS

Naplan Preparation for 2014

Naplan testing will take place in Week 4 of this term for Students from years 3, 5 & 7. Any parents of students in these year levels with questions should clarify them with your child’s class teacher or myself. Class teachers may make contact with some parents prior to the testing to ensure students requiring adjustments are suitably catered for during the testing period. These adjustments need to be finalised prior to Friday May 9th. Parents wishing to find out more about the NAPLAN testing can click on the following link: http://www.nap.edu.au/verve/_resources/NAPLAN_2014_Information_for_parents_brochure_web.pdf

Cyber Safety

As students become more familiar with mobile technologies it is important to be fully informed about what you can do to be cyber safe. The Australian Federal Police have a helpful resource which can be read, printed and discussed with students as required: http://www.afp.gov.au/policing/cybercrime/~media/afp/pdf/c/cyber-safety-top-10-tips-for-youth.ashx

There are also some helpful links at the bottom of this page for your reference.

Chris Clurey
APA

DATE CLAIMERS
Welcome back to a new term!

At least, we have cooler weather so we can approach our school work more energetically.

‘The highest reward

for a person’s toil

is not what they

got for it, but what

they become by it.’

John Ruskin

This Term the Grief Programme will be offered to years 6 and 7.

Have a happy first week back.

Sr Brigid Frawley
Wielding ‘soft power’ at home

Your parenting authority works well with easy, compliant children but teenagers and demanding kids require some pretty nifty communication skills if you are going to win their co-operation. Parenting educator Michael Grose has suggested five ideas to make you less reliant on using positional power and help build your soft power skills. 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: "Affection without sentiment, authority without cruelty, discipline without aggression, humor without ridicule, sacrifice without obligation, companionship without possessiveness." William E. Blatz

Cilla Stent
Primary Guidance

LIBRARY NEWS

SAVE THE DATE !!!

St Brigid’s will hold their annual CHARACTER PARADE on Friday 9th May.

Start sharing ideas with your children about what book characters they could dress up as…. (NOT television or movie characters). Please do not buy costumes, have fun together making them from old dress ups, cardboard, string, cotton wool, paint, foil, plastic, etc make it ‘SIMPLE but CREATIVE’. Some character ideas may be; Pinnochio, Mrs Wishy Washy, Cat in a Hat, Rainbow Fish, Little Miss Muffet, The Bad Tempered Ladybird, Jonathan Jones and the Very Long Nose, Harry Highpants, Little Farmer Joe, I Wish I had a Pirate Suit, a
python...Never Keep a Python as a Pet, Window, Rapunzel, Puss in Boots or any non-fiction books – space ship, map from an atlas, recipe from a recipe book.

**Library Days**

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

**Jan Knowles**

**BIRTHDAYS**

Happy birthday to those children who will celebrate their birthdays this week:  

**CLASS AWARDS**

0A Maddi, James  
0B Aliya, Takumi
Robo's Rule of the Week

Classroom - Respect for Self and Others
Musicorp Update

Lessons for new students will commence in term 2. Last minute notes are still being accepted and passed onto Adam Owens (teacher) each week.

Once notes are received at head office, you will be contacted to confirm placement.

All instruments will be available from commencement of term 2.

Lessons will commence in Term 2 - you will receive a text or email.

An information evening will held in Term 2 - date to be confirmed

Parents, thank you again for your support. I am excited about the program and looking forward to seeing and hearing it grow in 2014 and beyond.


Mrs Sandstrom

MR GUDGEON'S SPORTS REPORT
Cross Country

St Brigid's Cross Country Carnival for Prep - 7 will be held on Wednesday 7th May 2014. Closely followed by the District and Catholic Cross Country Carnivals.

Training for this year's carnivals will begin at the start of term 2. All Students are welcome to join us for training and we encourage parents to lace up the joggers and join their children in improving their aerobic fitness and overall health.

**Training will be on Wednesday mornings.**

**Training starts at 7:50am.**

Look forward to seeing you all there.

**Congratulations!**

Congratulations to Tommy V (5B) who represented the Gold Coast in Townsville over the holidays in the Under 12 Basketball State Championships. His team was placed 5th Overall in Qld, and the last day of the championships cancelled due to TC Ita.

Further Congratulations to Emily L & Shakira G (7A & B) for representing the Gold Coast in Brisbane over the holidays in the Qld Basketball State Championships. Their team finished 7th overall in Division 2 in Qld.

Congratulations to Mercadies Ml who took out the State show jumping championships and state equitation championships in Yeppoon over 4 days of competition on her pony Farleigh Tobermory. An outstanding achievement from a great young horse rider.

Nathan Moynihan came 4th overall at Showjumping states for his age - 10 and under held in Yeppoon over the Easter weekend. He also received a 2nd overall placing for zone teams having the highest points for this competition.
Genevieve H 2B was named U8 Age Champion at Coolangatta Surf Life Saving Club. Well done Genevieve.

Simon Gudgeon
PE Teacher & Sports Coordinator

HISTORY COMMITTEE

In light of ANZAC Day fast approaching, we would like to pay tribute to the men and women who have served and continue to serve our country. At morning assemblies in Week One, Term Two, we will highlight this year’s
key messages of ANZAC Day, 2014. These are ‘Honouring’, ‘Remembering’, ‘Thanking’ and ‘Renewing’. You are welcome to join us during this time.

Thank you,

The History Committee

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

P & F ASSOCIATION

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

We wish you all a safe Easter break.
The tuckshop will be open on Wed 23 and Thu 24 April.

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

Skorts and socks have arrived and are now available for purchase.

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

Book Club orders are due May 6.

CLASS NEWS

Prep News

Welcome to Term Two. We hope you have had a wonderful holiday with your children.

The letters we have learnt are s, a, t, i, p, n. The children should now know the name of each letter, the sound it makes and a word that may start with each letter. We have exposed the children to the numbers 0-8, recognising these numbers, writing these numbers and counting using one to one correspondence.

In Religion we are learning about the meaning of New Life. This week we will remember the Anzacs in our prayer time and their importance to Australia.

Our Oracy book for the last few weeks of school was “The Hungry Caterpillar”. We had great fun making our sock puppets and they look amazing. The children may be able to retell the story to you, using the puppet, when it comes home. Thank you to the parents who brought in pairs of socks and a big thank you to Rebecca Jones for donating many pairs of socks to the Preppies.

Thank you to the parents for completing and returning their parent teacher interview notes. Those who have returned their notes, will now have their designated day and time for the interview next week. We are looking forward to the opportunity to discuss your child’s progress to date.

Year 1 News

All Grade One Family and Friends are invited to an information session on Wednesday 30 April between 2:30 in 1A for classroom helpers and home help for reading skills.

This Term our focus in Grade One will be on ‘Fairy Tales’. We will be reading and reviewing a variety of Fairy Tales and the special messages that each story wishes to convey. This unit encourages children to develop not only their comprehension skills but also story structure. Developing story structure means encouraging a beginning, middle and an end. Teachers are always asking children to write more details and ensure they include who, what, where and why in a story.

Homework will be sent out on Thursday along with readers.

The homework continues the same format from first Term. Children are encouraged to trace letters and numbers neatly and to revise the 2 letters/sounds as well as the teen numbers. Children can add to the homework by
practising writing each number on the bottom or back of the page or by numbering the people/things in the picture. In addition to sight words, readers and the homework booklet children will do weekly spelling words. Spelling words will be sent home.

Thank You

**Year 2 News**

Welcome back after the holiday break. We hope you had an opportunity to catch up with family and friends and attend and participate in the Church’s Easter celebrations. We continue to talk about Easter and the events following.

This Friday is our Anzac holiday. A time to remember our returned servicemen and women and those who fought for Australia and paid the ultimate sacrifice. We also acknowledge current service personnel of the Armed forces who continue to serve our country in many parts of the world today.

A reminder that Parent-Teacher conferences start next Monday April 28. If you have not received a confirmation of the meeting time, please contact your child’s teacher, as they were sent home before the end of Term 1.

Have a good week.

**Year 3 News**

Welcome back to Term 2. We hope you had a great break and the Easter Bunny paid a visit! We have a busy term ahead, but we are sure your children will work extremely hard, as they did last term. NAPLAN will take place in Week 4 and more details pertaining to this will come out closer to the date. Interviews will take place next week and we are looking forward to catching up with all the parents to discuss their child’s progress. We have Book Week this term with our fantastic annual Character Parade. Start thinking about those wonderful outfits you are going to create. Homework will not commence till next week, Wednesday 30th April. Don’t forget library is every Tuesday and homework still needs to be returned every Tuesday. We also will have the annual Cross Country and Sports Carnivals this term. We will put each week’s news in the Parent Portal as well.

We have attached some great photos from our excursion, please enjoy.
Cake Stall Fundraiser

A very big thank you to everyone who helped out, baked, and bought items at the cake stall last term. The children loved having a special treat at break time and we raised over $740 for school kids in Fiji. Congratulations everyone.

Healthy Lunchbox Ideas

Each week you will find a new, healthy idea to put into your child’s lunchbox.

Today’s Healthy Lunchbox Idea is a delicious and sugar-free fruit rollup/fruit leather from the organised housewife: http://theorganisedhousewife.com.au/recipes/homemade-strawberry-rollups-fruit-leather/

Did you know?

Packing fresh, home-baked foods for your children’s lunch, rather than packets of processed food is:

- Cheaper
- Healthier and more nutritious
- Contains little or zero additives

Why is it best to avoid additives?

Anything containing artificial colour, flavour (including MSG) and preservatives can be affecting your child’s health. Problems in children such as learning and behavioural difficulties as well as health issues including migraines and asthma can be improved with an additive free diet.

Next week, we will look at hidden nasties in store-bought food and what you read on the front of the packet is not always the truth. In the meantime, you can check out some of these websites for more information and inspiration:

- http://www.additivefreepantry.com/

Mrs Vekaci

Year 4 News

Welcome back to term 2!

We hope all our families had a wonderful Easter break!

This term our theme is "Nim's Island". Maths we are focusing on place value, odd/even, times tables, division, maps, angles and temperature. Our focus for religion is Ancient Voices, life cycles for science and Navigators for History, such as Captain Cook.

Looks like another fun filled term!! Reports will be sent home at the end of term 2.
ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL

St Brigid’s Primary School participates in City of Gold Coast Active School Travel Program.

Families are encouraged to actively travel to and from school by:

- Walking – an option for families living close to school.
- ‘Park & Stride’ – an option for families living further away. Parents park away from the school and walk or ride with their children the rest of the way
- Cycling or scootering
- Car-pooling with other families.
- Using public transport.

The aims of the program are to:

- Reduce congestion and improve safety of travel routes around the school
- Encourage environmentally-friendly alternatives to car travel
- Increase opportunities for health, fitness and independence for children

Commencing in term 2 the St Brigid’s community is encouraged to participate in ‘Walking Wheeling Wednesday’ which is the school’s weekly active travel day. Students report in class how they travel to and from school and the results are collected and collated. By participating in this initiative students receive Active School Travel passports as well as a stamp in their passport every week that they actively travel. There are individual prizes for children when they reach a certain number of Active Travel trips; there are also class prizes or awards for the highest number of ‘Active travellers’.

With support from Gold Coast Council, the Active School Travel Committee will be organising a range of activities throughout the year to encourage students to actively travel and celebrate the achievements of our school community participating in Active School Travel.

Upcoming events:

- 29th April – Prep to year 3 Walking Safely Session
- 30th April – Walking and Wheeling Wednesday (Healthy Breakfast)

Meet and greet with Zero the Hero!

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.

Have you lost a Tax Invoice/Statement book for your carpet cleaning business? A book was found in the school carpark - please contact the office if you think this may belong to you.

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.
Sunken Treasure

The Dollarmites have found sunken treasure from the Lost City of Savings and they want to share it with you in the form of some amazing prizes.

Major student prize.

One student will win an underwater family adventure holiday including:

• Five nights' accommodation at the Sea World Resort & Water Park on the Gold Coast;
• VIP Passes for two adults and three kids to Sea World, Warner Bros. Movie World, and Wet'n'Wild Gold Coast;
• A Dolphin Family Aqua Adventure; and
• A $3,000 travel voucher to get them there.

Runner-up student prizes.

130 Toys"R"Us Gift Cards to the value of $250 each.

Sunken treasure for schools.

There will be a separate draw of $1,000 cash for a school in each State/Territory of Australia.

Here's how to win.

All you need to do is make three or more deposits through School Banking during Term 2 and you are automatically entered into the competition.

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 anniversary. Please click on the following links for further information.

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St Michael's Open Day

Come and see what St Michael's has to offer - click here for details

Take Home a Big Brother or Sister

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by volunteering to host one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in July 2014 for their 3, 5, or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Spain and Colombia will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money, and comprehensive insurance cover, all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. You choose the nationality, the gender, the duration and the interests of the student that you feel is the best match for your family. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

Free Yoga Class

Amber Ryan has kindly offered to conduct a free Yoga class on Monday 28th April. It will be in the parish hall and will start at 9am. Hope you can join us.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: A weekend away for married couples in peaceful, picturesque surroundings – away from the distractions of everyday living. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset... your Marriage! This is a unique opportunity to recharge your relationship batteries, refocus on each other and fall in love all over again!
Weekend date: 13th – 15th June 2014
Venue: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston QLD (on Brisbane’s bayside)
For bookings/details contact: Tamara and Scott Menteith, ph (07) 4634 3559, stjmen@aapt.net.au Information website: www.wwme.org.au

St George Rookies2Reds - Professional Coaching Programme
For programme details, please click here.