FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hello to all in the St Brigid’s community,

Term 2, Week 3

This Sunday is the Fourth Sunday of Easter

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is known as ‘Good Shepherd Sunday’ because every year the gospel reading is on this theme. This week the Responsorial Psalm, Second Reading and the Gospel all refer to the image of Jesus the Good Shepherd. Throughout the Easter Season the First Reading comes from The Acts of the Apostles instead of from the Old Testament.

In the Gospel this week Jesus extends the image beyond that of a shepherd to one of referring to himself as the gate keeper to the sheep pen. The image of the gate keeper was a powerful one in 1st Century Palestine. The gate keeper only let into the sheepfold the real shepherd who would care for the sheep. He would not let any thieves or brigands in as they might lead the sheep astray. So we can be comforted with the twin images of Jesus as both the good shepherd and the gate keeper, protecting the flock.

This passage from John’s Gospel ends with deeply powerful words “I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full”. This phrase neatly sums up the gospel and the mission of Christ.

How is your life at the moment? Do you feel as though something is missing? Are you having a full life? What is Jesus offering to you to fill that void? It’s worth contemplating.

Alleluia, Alleluia, He is Risen. Alleluia

What’s on over the coming week?

The Parents and Friends’ Association Mothers’ Day stall was conducted yesterday. Thanks to the members of the P and F Committee who organised and conducted the stall.

St Brigid’s Cross Country Carnival for years Prep to Year 7 will be conducted on Wednesday.

The Year 2 classes will be participating in an excursion to Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary on this Thursday.

Book Fair activities will commence this week with class viewings from Monday, Book Week Character Parade on Friday morning and Book Fair sales commencing on Thursday.

The NAPLAN school testing for Years 3, 5 and 7 will commence next Tuesday, May 13, and continue on Wednesday and Thursday.
Interschool sport will continue on Friday afternoon.

Assembly prayer this week was led by Year 2B whilst 2C will lead next week’s assembly prayer.

**SWPBS**

This week we will be addressing Rule Number 3: Respect for Property by focussing on keeping our school environment clean by putting litter in the correct place. Litter belongs in the bin, not on the ground or on the floor inside our learning spaces. It’s everyone’s responsibility to keep our school clean.

**Parish News**

From 24th April to 30th May there will be no daily Mass at St Brigid’s as Fr Rafal will be away on Pilgrimage to Rome and Poland.

Commencing on Saturday 31st May at 10am in the Parish Centre the Verbum Dei Missionary Sisters will conduct a prayer group called “School of the Word”. Those in attendance will pray using the method known as Lectio Divina. This group will continue on the last Saturday of each month.

Please click [here](#) to access this week's Parish Newsletter.

**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.

This week 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 selected, 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.

**Active School Travel**

As part of our commitment to Active School Travel, St Brigid’s has been looking at family locations.

We have identified a cluster of families living in the Mount Nathan area and are looking for expressions of interest in a car pool from the Nathan Forest and Nathanvale estates.

If you are interested in joining a Mount Nathan car pool, please email pnerang@bne.catholic.edu.au for the attention of the AST Committee to register your interest.

**Uniform reminders**
Please be aware that our school uniform policy states that sandshoes should be black or predominately black. Please don’t send children to school in pink, green or other colours as it causes embarrassment to the children when they are reprimanded.

Please ensure that all items of clothing are named as each year we accumulate a large number of lost and unnamed uniform items.

With the cooler weather approaching please ensure that children have a school jumper to wear to school. Each year we have children arrive at school in non-uniform jumper claiming that they either can’t find a school jumper or don’t have one.

AIIU

St Brigid’s will again be hosting a visit by Japanese students from Koriyama Xaverio Gakuen Catholic Primary School this year from 27th July to August 3rd. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to engage with students from a different culture and to experience a little of the culture that our students study in their LOTE program. We are again seeking host families from our school community to billet a visiting student. This is an opportunity to share your lifestyle and home whilst experiencing a visitor from another culture. Families who have hosted students in the past have many fond memories of the experience.

If you would like more information or register your interest please contact either Angela (0416 292 202) or Sue (0417 063 530), both from AIIU. Information flyers were distributed this week to all Year 4, 5, 6 and 7 students and can be downloaded from the Parent Portal

AIIU is a not for profit organisation established in 1987 to promote friendship and understanding among people of different races, cultures and backgrounds. A nation-wide organization, AIIU provides various educational homestay programs that enhance international understanding.

Families receive a $30 per night stipend to help defray expenses incurred.

Mother’s Day

Happy Mother’s Day for all the Mums in our school community on Sunday. Hopefully this will be the one day of the year when you receive all that you deserve from your family members far and wide, young and old.

All-loving God, we give you thanks and praise for mothers young and old.

We pray for young mothers, who give life and count toes and tend to our every need; May they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and themselves with great joy.

We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us; May they continue to guide us in strong and gentle ways.

We remember mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty, or conflict; May they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes every tear away.

We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion.
We remember mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love.

Amen.

Kevin Bianchi
Principal

APRE NEWS

The Easter Season

Did you know that the church season of Easter continues right up until Pentecost? It is a time to focus on the Resurrection and be Easter people in our own lives. As a family, is there something you could work on together to bring the joy and triumph of Christ's Resurrection into your lives in some real way? Perhaps there is a project you could do that would benefit an older family member or neighbour, or you could contribute in some way to the St Vincent de Paul society’s mission to help those in need in our parish? Now is a great time to 'Make Christ Present' for others. Give it a go!

Karen Petherick
APRE

APA NEWS

NAPLAN Preparation for 2014

NAPLAN testing will take place next week for Students from years 3, 5 & 7. Testing will commence on Tuesday May 13 and conclude on Thursday May 15. Friday will be allocated as the testing catch up day for students who missed tests during this time. The schools testing schedule is outlined below:

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Please note parents requesting adjustments for their child during the testing should contact their child’s classroom teacher before Friday May 9th to complete the relevant documentation. We wish all our students sitting
NAPLAN assessments next week all the very best and are mindful to keep these tests in perspective. Your child’s classroom teacher can provide a comprehensive assessment of their social, emotional, academic and spiritual progress as many parents would have found during recent Parent-Teacher interviews.

Curriculum Training for Teachers

In 2014 the curriculum focus for our teachers are the areas of 'The Arts' & Geography. To develop and support teachers understanding of these areas teachers have participated in workshops with curriculum support staff from Brisbane Catholic Education. On Wednesday May 7th teachers will participate in a three hour twilight meeting on 'The Arts' focusing on the areas of Dance & Media with a literature focus. We look forward to the opportunities this will present for all students P-7 in the classroom over the coming months.

REMINDER - Year 6 Camp Meeting for Parents

As this is the first group of Year 6 students to travel to Canberra in some time, a Parent Information Evening has been set for Tuesday May 20th from 5.30pm in the Year 6 rooms. A representative from Educatours has been organised to speak at this meeting for all interested parents.

Chris Clurey
APA

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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.
PASTORAL CARE

This week we are concentrating on 'Thanking our Mentors'.

'Let's tell our family and friends how much we love them.

Do not delay anything that adds laughter and joy to your life.

Every day, every hour and every minute is special.'

Columban Calendar

SO HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO ALL OUR MUMS, GRANDMOTHERS AND CARERS.

Sr Brigid Frawley

GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR NEWS

Helping students get ready for NAPLAN.

The most resilient children and young people are those who rise to meet rather than retreat from the challenges presented to them. Perhaps it's best to view the NAPLAN tests as good learning experiences rather than dreaded pressure tests.

Whether your child stresses or takes them in his/her stride, parenting educator Michael Grose has some tips to help prepare for the NAPLAN tests.
Also, Happy Mother’s Day to all our wonderful St Brigid’s Mums. I hope you all have a special day on Sunday.

Weekly Quote: "My mum is a never-ending song in my heart of comfort, happiness, and being. I may sometimes forget the words but I always remember the tune." - Unknown

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

MAY IS NATIONAL READING MONTH:

St Brigid’s will spend a week celebrating books & literature...

St Brigid’s annual BOOKFAIR will be in the library. You are welcome to visit the Fair with your child. Visiting times will be before school 8.15am..... & after school.....until 4.00pm, Friday May 9th – Thursday May 15th.

Children will visit the Bookfair with their class early this week. They will view books and fill out a ‘Wish List’ which you will notice they have taken home. If students are allowed to purchase from their ‘Wish List’, they need to return the Wish List to their class teacher.

The WISH LIST must

- Include the required payment OR
- Pay online & write the 8 digit receipt number on the Wish List & return it to school. OR
- Pay by phone & write the 8 digit receipt number on the Wish List & return it to school. OR
- Pay by cheque written out to ‘St Brigid’s Primary School Nerang’
Please support the BookFair. The school earns commission depending on the amount of sales which is used to purchase new resources .... This benefits all the children in our school.

Support our Character Parade

We will hold our annual CHARACTER PARADE on FRIDAY 9TH MAY. Parents, grandparents & visitors are welcome & encouraged to attend. After morning drop off, assemble in the St Brigid’s multipurpose hall by 9.00am for the Parade.

Ideas for dressing as book characters.... (NOT television or movie characters). 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. Please do not buy costumes. Have fun with your child making them together from old dress ups, cardboard, string, cotton wool, paint, foil, plastic, etc. Children need to know the title of the book and the character they are dressed as. Make it ‘SIMPLE but CREATIVE’. JOIN IN THE FUN AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!!!!

The Tuckshop will have coffee and cakes available for purchase during the Character Parade.

Library Days

Tuesday – Years 3 and 1

Wednesday – Years 4 and 5

Thursday – Years 6 and 7
BIRTHDAYS

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


CLASS AWARDS

0B Charlotte, Jayden
0C Ava, Austin
1A Blake, Aleesha
1B Ben, Christopher
1C Abigail, Brock and Jonte
2A Mia, Talon
2B Emma, Joshua
3A Tyler, Jack
3B Skye, Aston
S.W.P.B.S

Robo's Rule of the Week

Respect for Property

Robo Awards


MUSIC NOTES
Singing Club

Singing Club continues to rehearse each Thursday morning at 8am in the music room. All families and friends are welcome to attend our performance at morning assembly, Thursday 22nd May.

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.

I look forward to seeing you all there.

Interschool Sport

Please refer to the Parent Portal for all Interschool Sport fixtures this week.
**Student Achievements**

I have great delight in advising Nathan and Alisha Moynihan have qualified to represent the school in Interschool Qld Equestrian States in July for Showjumping.

They are the first students to qualify for Interschool Equestrian States and they will ride at states with pride representing their school.

If any students would like to know more about interschool equestrian that competes on the weekend please let them know they can contact Bec on gobec@bigpond.com.

**Simon Gudgeon**
**PE Teacher & Sports Coordinator**

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**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

- 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 Keegan
P&F President

TUCKSHOP

The tuckshop will have coffee and cakes available for purchase during the Cross Country on Wednesday, May 7 and the Character Parade on Friday, May 9.

Please click here to access the 2014 Tuckshop Menu.

Online Ordering

CHECK OUT FLEXI SCHOOLS FOR ONLINE ONLY SPECIALS
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**

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**

**HEALTHY LUNCHBOX IDEAS**

**Easy lunchbox Alternatives**

Did you know you can easily and dramatically change the amount of additives your child consumes every day? Do you have trouble finding time to prepare lunches? Apart from the sandwiches, the items in these lunchboxes below contain packaged products straight off the shelves, but not everything is created equal. The lunchbox on the left has 36 additives. The lunchbox on the right has none.
The lunchbox with 36 known harmful food additives is made up of:

- Sandwich with margarine, coles sliced chicken and kraft cheese slices.
- Oreo biscuits x 4 with sprinkles in the cream centre
- Glo popper
- Special K Muesli bar
- Cheezels

The Lunchbox with zero known harmful food additives is made up of:

- Sandwich with butter, poached chicken and a slice of block cheese
- French Fries
- Peach
- Scotch Finger Biscuits x 3
- Cocobiotic Superfood Bar by Nutra Organics (free from nuts, dairy, soy, gluten and corn)
- Water bottle

Photo and information by Additive Free Pantry.

Mrs Vekaci

CLASS NEWS

Prep News

The letter for this week is Kk and we are looking at 2D shapes, with our focus being on rectangles. Our sight words for the week are I, went, to, the. We are using these to write stories and they are also in our little home readers. The children have borrowed for the first time and they were very excited receiving a new Library book and reader. Please ensure that they are both returned each Tuesday in their Library bag.

In Religion we are focussing on “Prayer”. This week we are teaching the children how to bless themselves properly (Sign of the Cross) and the importance of prayer in our everyday lives.
This Wednesday, 7\textsuperscript{th} May, the Prep children will have their first Cross Country. All children will participate. It is very exciting for them, and the rest of the school will cheer them on.

This Friday, 9\textsuperscript{th} May, is the Character Parade. The children come to school ‘in character’ and will parade around the hall for other children to see. It is a fun morning and we will see some great costumes and ideas. You are all welcome to come and support this great event.

**Year 1 News**

**Reading Eggs** - Additional readers can be found on the Reading Eggs program. The program allows you to access an extensive library of appropriate reading material suitable for your child. These books include comprehension questions that are highly recommended.

Children can be so focused on the words and acquiring literacy skills (e.g. sounds, letters, sight words) that the meaning of what he/she has read can be lost. Sometimes children can be reading words that are far more difficult than what they can understand. If your child is bringing home a book that seems easy for them to read then the comprehension is the main focus for your child. Understanding information read is essential for success with reading not just recognising the words. The more difficult the text your child brings home the more difficult the comprehension questions should be.

We are looking forward to Cross Country on Wednesday and dressing up as a character for the Character Parade on Friday. Please remember the children remain at school for the rest of the day so the costume needs to be practical (with hat and closed-in shoes). 1A is lucky enough to have Miss Hannah Lee completing a 3 week practicum for teaching.

**Year 2 News**

Zero the Hero joined the students for breakfast on last Wednesday. Please could you take a few minutes to respond to the Baseline Parent Survey and return it to school, at your earliest convenience.

This week sees the conclusion of our Parent-Teacher Conferences. Thank you to all parents and carers who made an appointment to discuss their child’s progress in Year 2.

Well done 2B on a great assembly. Continuing on with the theme of Easter they presented and echo mime about Jesus meeting two of His disciples on the road to Emmaus.

We have an exciting week coming.

Everyone has been training very hard for the St. Brigid’s Cross Country which will be on Wednesday. Good luck

On Thursday, Year 2 have an excursion to the Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary. We ask that all students meet us in the undercover concrete area, outside the Administration block at 8.15am. The bus will depart St. Brigid’s at 8.30am to allow enough traveling time to be at the Sanctuary for our first presentation by 9.30am. There are some excursion permission notes outstanding. Please could they be returned ASAP. Thank you.
Our annual Book Fair and Character Parade will be held this week. The Book Character Parade is on Friday, May 9. It will commence at 9am in the MPA. It is always amazing to witness the creativity of our parents and the student's enthusiasm, for this event.

Have a good week.

Year 3 News

Welcome to week 3. For Religion Year 3 are looking at the Fruits of the Spirit. The first one we have looked at is Self-Control. The children have been exercising self-control quite beautifully with the wonderful tool of meditation. The second Fruit of the Spirit we will be looking at is Kindness. Some of the children need extra help with this one. When we are playing we sometimes forget to be kind!

Don't forget the Character Parade on Friday. This will start at 9am. Hope to see some of you there!

A note will be sent home this week regarding NAPLAN and all the relevant details. Please stress to your child that they just need to do their best and not to worry about it. They will be rewarded with free play and an awesome party for all their hard work!

Thanks for all your support with the persuasive writing tasks for homework, the children came up with some convincing arguments, but we are sorry to say that they didn’t totally convince us. We will continue with homework.

Have an awesome week!

Year 4 News

It has been a busy start to the term. This week is very busy with Book Fair, Mother's Day stall, Cross Country and the Character parade occupying our time.

We have started reading Nim's Island and we are enjoying hearing of her adventures. In Religion we have begun comparing the Bible to other text types.
This week we will plant a bean seed and will make a photo diary of its development.
As we are working on our multiplication facts in class, it would be great for the children to practice these at home as well.
We hope all of the mothers have a relaxing and enjoyable day on Sunday!

Year 5 News

The Year 5 students had a fantastic day on our visit to St Michaels on the last Wednesday before our Easter vacation. We have attached some photos of the students doing the activities with the St Michaels teaching staff.

St Michaels came to visit us on Wednesday 30th April before their open day on May 10th, to invite all the St Brigid's Year 5 students and their parents to attend the open day and see first hand the facilities on offer to the students who are thinking of attending their school.
Inter-school sport continues for a few more Fridays (if the weather allows us to play) so we wish our Year 5 teams the best of luck with the games ahead. Please remember that on Friday's the students need to have all equipment required to compete in their chosen sport.
Year 6 News

Last week in library the Year 6 students began their Biography Cup. Very similar to the Reader’s Cup students work in teams each week to answer a series of questions about 6 different biographies of Australian Sporting Legends. At the end of these rotations the groups will participate in a ‘Biography Cup’ where the group with the most correct answers will win. This week we also begin researching an Australian Legend to write our own biographies.

We also began our new science unit ‘Earthquake Explorers’ last week, all of the students have some very interesting questions about earthquakes that will be explored and answered this term.

Year 7 News

Last week the Year 7 classes joined with Year 7s from the Catholic Schools in the Gold Coast region to share a liturgy and workshop on the topic of leadership. Brother Damien challenged us to be leaders but to also work together to achieve the “impossible”. He sent us away with the idea of making 5 second decisions that can positively affect the lives of others. We will have the opportunity to put these words into action on a school wide basis in the next couple of weeks with our Cross Country Carnival and Character Parade in particular.

ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL

Active School Travel Passports

This term each student received a Passport as part of the Active School Travel Program. The Passport enables students to record how and when they actively travel to school. The process of recording information will be as follows.
When a student travels actively to school by means of walking, skating, scooting, riding, carpooling or public transport, the Active School Travel Passport can be filled out in the following way.

1. **Sign and date inside the circle**
2. **Only sign one circle per day no matter if the student actively travels once or twice.**
3. **Complete all five circles (as shown in the picture)**
4. **Once a complete row has been signed and dated the student brings their passport to the reward days for prize collection and stamping.**
5. **The reward day will be every Thursday afternoon, commencing in week 3.**
6. **Each class will be called up to the collection area so they are able to claim their prize. Once prize per week.**
7. **The passports will run for Term 2 only.**

Signed and dated

Sign all 5 circles before prize can be claimed

*Always remember to travel safely with an adult or a friend.*

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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.

Parent Portal Access

Please contact the office if you do not have access to the Parent Portal so that we can arrange a login and password for you.

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
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

Be aware - Australia has one of the highest incidences of food allergy in the world, which is growing at alarming rates. In fact, 1 in 10 babies born in Australia today will develop a food allergy.

Currently there is no cure for food allergy, avoidance is the only way to prevent a reaction.

Keeping each other safe is all about AWARENESS, AVOIDANCE and ACTION.

AWARENESS - Know what your classmates are allergic to.

AVOIDANCE - Never share food and wash your hands after you eat.

ACTION - Tell a teacher straight away if someone with allergies looks sick - even if they don't want you to!

Gemma’s Memorial Walk.

Please support the Howell family, members of St Brigid's community, by taking part in Gemma's Memorial Walk on Sunday 25th May.
Rock Climbing

Please see attached flyer for rock climbing at Tallebudgera Recreation Centre.

Mothers's Day Classic - This Sunday

As the largest charity fundraising event in Australia, Mother’s Day Classic (MDC) is the annual event for participants and volunteers to show their commitment and support for breast cancer research. Held on Sunday 11 May in all capital cities, major metropolitans, and over 80 regional areas, MDC raises funds for breast cancer research, supports and remembers those touched by breast cancer and starts Mother’s Day in a fun and healthy way.

Whether you walk, run, cheer or volunteer you’re helping to fund essential research - make Mother’s Day a memorable and meaningful day by registering as a participant or volunteer today www.mothersdayclassic.com.au. Please click here for further details.

St Michael's Open Day this Saturday