FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hello to all in the St Brigid’s community.

Term 2, Week 5

This Sunday is the Sixth Sunday of the Easter Season.

This week we again hear about that transition time between the end of Jesus’ earthly mission and the appearance of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost which we celebrate in two weeks.

In the first Reading from the Acts of the Apostles the report of the successful mission to a Samaritan town is recorded. The Samaritans there have accepted the teachings from Philip and subsequently Peter and John came and baptised many believers. It is recorded that ‘they laid their hand on them, and they received the Holy Spirit’ What extraordinary happenings in Samaria!

In the Gospel today from John we are invited into an extraordinary relationship by Jesus. In this farewell discourse from Jesus we are invited to join into the loving relationship existing between God, the Father, Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

It’s a hard thing to visualise or understand. Don’t waste time trying to fathom it just enjoy it. Wrap yourself in that loving relationship and feel the warmth, feel the love and accept the invitation to enter. Start by reading today’s Gospel (John 14:15-21) and experience again the invitation to enter into this extraordinary relationship.

What’s on over the coming week?

Year 6 Canberra Trip Information Meeting for parents and carers will be held in the year six classrooms commencing at 5:30 pm on Tuesday May 20th.

The monthly Parents and Friends Association meeting will be held on Wednesday May 21st commencing at 7:00 pm.

District Cross Country carnival will be held on Wednesday May 21st at Pizzey Park while the Gold Coast Catholic Primary Schools Cross Country Carnival will be hosted by St Brigid’s School on Thursday May 29th.

The St Brigid’s Singing Club will perform at morning assembly on Thursday 22nd May.

The Parents and Friends Association Disco will be held in the MPA on Friday 23rd May from 5:30 pm.

Our students will join in National Walk to School day with a crazy sock theme on Friday May 23rd.

Under 8s activity day will be held on Wednesday May 28th.

Assembly prayer this week was led by Year 1A whilst Year 1B will lead next week’s.
This week we will be expanding on Rule #1: Respect for Self and Others by learning about the appropriate way to transition around the school. This week we will be concentrating on walking to and from the toilets and appropriate behaviour whilst in the toilets.

WHY TRUE GRATITUDE IMPROVES OUR LIVES

Teaching our children to say “thank you” is important, but truly instilling a sense of gratitude in them is another matter entirely. Gratitude goes beyond good manners - it’s a mind-set and a lifestyle.

Studies show that children who count their blessings reap concrete benefits, including greater life satisfaction and a better attitude about school.

Why is it important to cultivate an attitude of gratitude?

First of all, gratitude is healthy for us, adults and children alike. Cultivating gratitude increases happiness levels. Gratitude can also help individuals live happier, more satisfied lives and enjoy increased levels of self-esteem, hope, empathy and optimism. Children who practise grateful thinking have more positive attitudes toward school and family.

Gratitude gives perspective. When you take into account the sheer number of opportunities, privileges and material possessions most children enjoy through no effort of their own, it’s easy to see why many of them feel entitled. After all, they get used to getting stuff without knowing or caring where it comes from. Practising gratitude, on the other hand, underscores the fact that all those toys and creature comforts don’t just pop out of thin air. When children recognise that the things they own and the opportunities they have come from someone other than themselves, it helps them develop a healthy understanding of how interdependent we all are. Then they may be more inclined to treat others with genuine respect.

Gratitude improves relationships. Would you rather show up at work every day to colleagues who freely acknowledge and appreciate your contributions, or colleagues who take your efforts for granted with a perfunctory grunt of thanks? It’s a simple principle: gratitude fosters stronger, more positive and more genuine relationships.

Gratitude counteracts the ‘gimmes’. Fundamentally, gratitude is about being aware of who or what makes positive aspects of our lives possible, and acknowledging that. When children learn to think in those terms, they can be less apt to make mindless, self-centred demands. Plus, they begin to appreciate what they have rather than focusing on what they wish they had.

Acknowledgement: Andrea Reiser

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.

SAMOAN MASS The Samoan Community of the Gold Coast have organised Mass to be said in the Samoan language with Samoan music to be celebrated by Father Epati Tamati at St Brigid’s Catholic Church Nerang on Sunday 25th May 2014 at 1.30pm. Everyone is most welcome. For further information please phone Maina on 0438 256 297.
Celebration of the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians on Saturday 24th May at Marian Valley.

Bus will pick up people opposite St Brigid's Church at 8.30 am. For booking please call Viviane on 0755359623.

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

Expectations of Parental Behaviour Whilst on School Property

Each year I need to write to remind a very small number of parents that it is not appropriate to approach children at school and to reprimand them for alleged incidents at school. Parents and other visitors are allowed access to St Brigid’s School property as an invitation from the Principal. This invitation can be withdrawn by the principal; if he/she believes that the behaviour of any person endangers the safety or wellbeing of other persons lawfully at the school premises, to prevent or minimise damage to the premises or property at the premises, to maintain good order at the premises, or for the proper management of the school. Under the Education (General Provisions) Act 1989 principals have the authority to ban individuals from school property for a set period of time if their behaviour warrants it.

If parents or carers have any concerns about incidents involving children enrolled at St Brigid’s the appropriate first contact is your child’s teacher. If, after that initial contact, you are not satisfied with the outcome then the next point of contact is one of the school Leadership Team; Principal, Assistant Principal Administration or Assistant Principal Religious Education. It is never appropriate to make contact with children directly.

Kevin Bianchi
Principal

APRE NEWS

There are many different ways to pray and to nurture your own spirituality. Below are 4 different online links. Perhaps there is one you might like to explore further. There is a film review, a reading, a prayer linked to current events and an App. Why not give one a go? It would be great for your children to see you giving some time to your spiritual side!

- **Spirituality and Film:** Read this review of Belle
- Based on true events when England was a slave trading colonial empire, Belle seems remarkably contemporary in its depiction of class distinctions, the influence of money, and the quest of women for freedom from being controlled by men. Most of all, it is a beautiful story of two soul mates. We share the growing love in Belle’s eyes when Davinier declares "Human beings cannot be priced. Humans are priceless." That's a message for our times as well.

- **Heaven Is for Now: 5 Ways to Experience Eternity Today.** According to the Christian tradition, heaven doesn’t just happen when we die — it starts today. Here are five ways to experience heaven in the here and now.

- **Praying the News:** Prayer for the Kidnapped Nigerian Girls and All Their Sisters
Download this App and learn about the practice of Centering Prayer. The Centering Prayer application will support your daily prayer practice commitment. Beautiful and peaceful, the app includes an adjustable timer, as well as opening and closing prayer options that you may read before and after your silent prayer time. An assortment of sounds and backgrounds allow you to choose the type of environment you want to create for your prayer time. Centering prayer is named in Year 10 in the Explicit Teaching about Prayer Appendix A.

Karen Petherick
APRE

APA NEWS

NAPLAN

NAPLAN testing is over for another year. Students in Years 3, 5 & 7 completed tests in the following areas last week:

- Language Conventions, Writing, Reading and Numeracy

Well done to all students at St Brigid’s that did their best in the recent tests. All tests have been packaged up and sent off for marking. The results of the NAPLAN tests should be available in September of this year.

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.

The second Year 6 camp instalment was due last week. Thank you to those families who have provided this payment. Your prompt attention to this matter is appreciated.

Resolving disputes in the appropriate way

Disputes and learning how to solve them are part of a student’s journey during their schooling. Thank you to those parents who support the processes we have in place to resolve issues that arise. A key component of this process is ensuring that students report problems to duty or class teachers when they arise. In this way small problems can be resolved before they grow into larger problems. We encourage parents to address issues with teachers in the same way. It is through the home-school partnership that we can achieve the best education for your child. At no point should parents be approaching other people’s children to resolve matters.

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.

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

PASTORAL CARE

When walking, have you ever imagined that nature in all its splendour is gazing on you?

'When our life is filled with

the desire to see the wonder

in everyday life something

magical happens:

ordinary life becomes extraordinary.'

Stan Kennedy.

Have an extraordinary week!

Sr Brigid Frawley

GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR NEWS

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

Long Service Leave

Mrs Christine Taylor will be my replacement teacher whilst I am on long service leave for the remainder of the term.

Parent help wanted in the Library

We have recently purchased new kits of take home readers. We are wanting to start using these as soon as possible. Anybody with a spare hour to assist in covering these readers, please pop into the library and speak to Anne. Mondays are the most suitable day for us, but any time is appreciated. No experience needed, training provided. Thank you.
Some more photos of our 2014 Character Parade:
Enjoy the remainder of term 2.

**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:

Ashley M, Abi S, Kendall R, Alexander R, Takumi S, Chloe F, Mia L, Olivia Mc, Summer K, Madison S.
CLASS AWARDS

0A  Jake H, Monique
0B  Banbha, Nicholas
0C  Aliyah, Summer
1C  Taryn, Flynn
2A  Ellen, Jamie
2B  Vanessa, Keenan
2C  Tameka, Couper
3B  Montanna, Chloe
3C  Paige, Brendan
4A  Kyan, Chanelle

S.W.P.B.S

Robo’s Rule of the Week

Respect for Self and Others

Robo Awards
Anastasia 4B, Uha 4A, Bonnie R 6B, Lachlan 0A, Adam H 3A, Ethan 2A, Tiffiny D 4A, Madison H 6B, Jemina 3B, Sienna 0A and Sarah A 0C.

**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.

**Gold Coast Choir - Singers Wanted**

The Gold Coast Choir is expanding and seeking young singers (from Prep onwards) to join them.

To find out more information about the choir and this wonderful opportunity, please go to the website: [www.goldcoastchoir.com.au](http://www.goldcoastchoir.com.au)

**Wanted**

Plastic bottle top lids - any size. Please wash and send with your child to the music room.

Mrs Sandstrom

**MR GUDGEON'S SPORTS REPORT**

**District Cross Country**
The 2014 Gold Coast South District Cross Country Carnival is to be held at the Pizzey Park Athletic Field on Wednesday 21st May 2014.

Students aged 10 to 13 years will be competing at this carnival. Competitors chosen to participate are students that achieved a 1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th or 6th placing at the School Carnival.

Children are required to wear their school sports uniform and will be allocated a school singlet to run in. Please ensure that your child has the appropriate equipment for this competition including: proper footwear; sufficient water and food; sunscreen and hat.

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Catholic Schools Cross Country Carnival 2014 - Thu 29th May 2014

The Catholic Schools Cross Country Carnival includes: the first 6 place getters (boys and girls) from our school carnival in the 8 years to 13 years age divisions.

Children are required to wear full school sports uniform. St Brigid’s competition singlets will be given to students to run in on the day. Please ensure that your child has the appropriate equipment for this competition by ensuring they have proper footwear, water bottle, hat, sunscreen and food. The tuckshop will be in operation during this competition.

Please make sure permission slips are handed back to Mr Gudgeon by Friday 23rd May.
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In the case of wet weather please refer to the schools website for any updates/cancellations. [www.sb.qld.edu.au](http://www.sb.qld.edu.au)

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**CROSS COUNTRY**

**Interschool Sport**

**Rugby League Interschool Sport**

Congratulations to Caitlin L, Ella J, and Cooper H who took out this week’s ‘players of the match’ at Friday sport.

Ella played her first ever game at dummy half and was a stand out in attack and defence. Her fantastic passing was greatly received by the halves and her cover defence was second to none.

Caitlin is one of the most determined and skilled players in the senior team. Her speed and strength regularly see her break the line in attack leaving defenders grasping at thin air. In defence she was unreal; consistently bringing down boys twice her size without fear.

It was a great moment to see these two girls high fiving after bringing down one of the opposing teams forwards short of the line in defence. ‘Girl Power’ at its best.
Cooper H is one of our juniors that is a standout week after week. His defence is as solid as rock. He is proving to be a great leader amongst his teammates and backs it up with a great attitude and sportsmanship.

These 3 students will proudly captain their respective teams in the coming week’s game.

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

Simon Gudgeon

PE Teacher & Sports Coordinator

FETE COMMITTEE NEWS

I am writing as the Fete Co-ordinator for the last two years, and assistant for the first fete in 2011. I would like to say I have really enjoyed the last three years and our fetes and the family fun day. It would never have been possible without the enormous help of all the staff, fete committee, the P & F committee and especially the parents who offer their assistance in setting up, packing up and working on the stalls on the day. Thankyou to everyone who has helped over the last few years.

I regret that I have resigned as the fete co-ordinator, as it has been too big a job for the small number of parents and staff on the fete committee who did the organising leading up to the day. It would be great to see the fetes at St Brigid’s continue, maybe even every two years or so, but for this to happen, there would need to be a committee of at least five to six people to see this go ahead. I fully understand the pressures everyone has with work commitments, family commitments, social commitments etc. and the list goes on.

The P & F have been promoting the “Just One Thing” concept that other schools have adopted; trying to promote more helpers. Even if you could commit to just one thing in the year, it would spread the workload around so people don’t “burn out”. This would enable these events to continue which helps to promote school spirit, community engagement and most of all raising much needed funds to better assist the school and ultimately our children. They are the reason we are all here.

Thanks again for everyone’s help, and I hope great events like the fete can continue to go ahead in future years. Please see the attachments for the final figures to see what may be needed for any future fetes to go ahead. We don’t have a fete this year but look out for future events, such as the trivia night.

Please click on the following links to access the End of Fete Report 2013, Fete Profit and Loss statement, and suggested structure for future fete committees.

Julie Wicks
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

P and F Meeting This Wednesday

The next P and F meeting will be held this Wednesday 21st May, at 7 pm in the school staffroom. If there is an issue you wish to raise at the meeting, please complete an Agenda Item Request form, available at the office. Hope to see you there. All welcome.

School Disco - This Friday 23rd May

P-3 from 5:30 - 7pm
4-7 from 7:15 - 9pm

Please come dressed in your Crazy Colours outfit! There will be a prize for the best dressed.

Cost $5 inc. sausage sizzle, popper drink & glow stick.
Please hand money into the office in an envelope with your child’s name and class by Wed 21 May for catering purposes.

If you would like to help please contact the Vice President Sheridan Ranger on 0400 942 417.

Click here to access flyer.

Other Dates to Remember

- Father's Day Stall - Tuesday 02 September
- Parent Trivia Night - Friday 12 September
- Race Day - Saturday 25 October

Melanie Keegan
P&F President

TUCKSHOP

Please note - Clean bags must be used for all orders due to Health & Safety Regulations.

Please click here to access the 2014 Tuckshop Menu.

Good Manners

It is nice to see the children using their manners when visiting the tuck shop. Keep up the good work :)

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

New Stock Has Arrived

Bottle green wool tights are now in stock. Available in sizes 4-6, 7-10 and 11-14.

School fleecy sweaters are also available.

Stock will not last long, so get in early and purchase as soon as possible.

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

Confused about how to start an additive-free lifestyle? Here is a GREAT list to keep in your purse when shopping. Check to see if you have any of these additives in your pantry at home.

Nasty additives to avoid:

Colours: 102, 104, 107, 110, 122, 123, 124, 127, 128, 129, 132, 133, 142, 151, 155, 160b

Preservatives: 200-203, 210-219, 220-228, 249-252, 280-283
**Synthetic Antioxidants**: 310-312, 319-321

**Flavour Enhancers** (including MSG): 620-625, 627, 631, 635, Yeast Extract, Hydrolysed plant/vegetable protein

Anywhere where the word **FLAVOUR** is on its own, is artificial and unknown to the consumer as it is a trade secret.

Remember, it’s not always possible to avoid additives completely, but a reduction anywhere in our little one’s diet will only benefit them in the long run. You might find that the exact same product in a different brand will contain more or less additives. It’s all about reading the label and making the best choice.

This week’s recipe is **Breakfast Bars** from Wholefood Simply. It’s an excellent website with lots of ideas for unprocessed goodies. A lot of their recipes contain nuts, so please keep them for **HOME** only.  

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**Mrs Vekaci**

**CLASS NEWS**

**Prep News**

The letter for this week is Hh and we are continuing to look at 2D shapes, with our focus being on circles. We are continuing with the same sight words as last week. These are can, big, little, see, and you….and the symbol of a question mark.

Thank you to the parents who have already helped their child to compose a meaningful prayer, illustrated with a brightly coloured picture. We are going to use these to collate and publish a class Prayer book. Please return these by 30 May.

This Friday is “Park and Stride Crazy Sock Day”. We wear these crazy socks to remind us about keeping active on our way to and from school. Prizes are being given for the craziest socks.

The Disco is on Friday evening, 23 May from 5.30 to 7.00pm in the MPA hall. I am sure we will all have lots of fun together!

**Year 1 News**

This term we commence our handwriting textbook “Handwriting Conventions”. We will specifically look at pencil hold, letter direction and letter formation for every letter. Constant reminders are needed for children to have good posture when writing. Good posture means - feet flat on the floor; the hand you are not writing with should be holding your book; the book should be slightly sloped and in front of the writer. It is important that children not be stretching to write. Positioning of the book and pencil is important as children who reach across to write will get a sore back. To avoid this, move the paper in front. We need to change our physical environment to adjust to our needs not to change our body and have poor posture.

Grade One is looking at ‘Ricky Resilience’ from the “You Can Do It Program”. ‘Ricky Resilience’ is about teaching Emotional Resilience. The “You Can Do It Program” explains – Young children who are Emotionally Resilient can calm down soon after being extremely upset (down, worried, angry) without needing the immediate...
help of an adult. They can also control their behaviour (not fighting, returning to work or play within a reasonable time) when they are extremely upset.

**Year 2 News**

Last Thursday was International Families Day. Miss Petherick visited 2B classroom for morning prayer. Following prayer Miss Petherick helped the students cut out a chain of hearts. The class then drew their family members and wrote their names on the hearts.

This week the students are continuing to learn how to write an information report about an Australian animal.

This Friday is National Walk to School Day. At St. Brigid’s it is “Park and Stride Crazy Sock Day”. Year 2 students are encouraged to wear their ‘craziest socks and join in the fun.’ On Friday evening the disco for Prep to 3 students, will start at 5.30pm.

In Week 6 St. Brigid’s is holding their Annual Under 8’s Day for P-2. Thank you to the committee who has organised the day for us. The theme for 2014 is ‘Everyone Can Play’.

Enjoy your week.

**Year 3 News**

Welcome to week 5. Your children should be congratulated for their efforts in NAPLAN. They tried very hard, they were positive about the experience and they definitely practised wonderful self–control.

The children enjoyed the party and we would like to say a big thank you for all the beautiful food.

We would like to share some of the children’s comments about their big week.

“I did really well and I’m glad it’s over.” Montanna 3B

“NAPLAN was really easy and the maths test was the best.” Lilli 3A

“I thought NAPLAN was fun and it was good for our learning.” Lucy 3C

We will resume homework as well as library lessons this week. Thank you very for supporting our Book Fair as we do earn money for selling many books.

Next Wednesday May 28th Peter Combe is visiting to entertain our children, something to look forward to!

Enjoy your week.

**Year 4 News**

Year 4 are learning about the life cycle of plants. We are continuing to monitor the progress of our bean seeds, and watch the progress of the life cycle. Look at some of our resident green thumbs:
In Geography we have started to look at differences in vegetation, animals and plants in different climatic zones around the world. See if you know what elephant grass is in the Savannah plains of Africa!

**Year 5 News**

Well done to all those students who participated in the NAPLAN testing last week. They conducted themselves extremely well throughout the three days of testing.

At present, in English, we are looking at comic strips and animation, so if you have any comics at home that we could use during this unit, it would be much appreciated if you could send them in with your child. Eventually the children will be developing their own comic strips as part of their assessments tasks.

The unit of Mathematics that we are commencing is on time, both analogue and digital in relation to 'past' the hour and 'to' the hour. It would be advantageous if you were able to have some discussions with your children around this topic.

Report Cards will be distributed towards the end of this term along with your child's folio, which you viewed at the recent Teacher/Parent interviews.

**Year 6 News**

Last Thursday the Year 6 students were lucky enough to have World Youth Triathlon Champion, Ashleigh Gentle in as a guest speaker for our Aussie Legends unit. She spoke to us about her achievements, challenges, goals and training. She will be representing Australia at the Commonwealth games in Glasgow in July and we wish her the best of luck!
A reminder about the Year 6 Camp Information evening on Tuesday night May 20th in the year 6 rooms from 5.30pm. A representative from ‘Educatours Australia’ will be there to discuss any questions you may have. And finally, the dates for first two payments due totalling $750.00 have now passed. Your prompt attention to these is greatly appreciated. The final trip payment is due in term 3. If you are unaware of what you owe Jo in the front office can help you out.

ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL
WE'RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE ON FRIDAY, 23 MAY 2014

Well it’s that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking!

Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn’t realistic for many of us it’s quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family’s daily routine.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:
- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday 23 May 2014!

For more information, visit www.walk.com.au

If you are able to assist the Active School Travel Program on the morning of the 23rd of May.

WE NEED YOU!

On Friday the 23rd of May it is National Walk Safely to School Day. As a means of promoting this St Brigid’s will be having a Crazy Sock Park and Stride.

We need parent helpers to assist the AST Committee in walking students to school from designated locations.

Please click here to access Routes and Maps.

If you can assist with this or any other upcoming event please email: jweinert@bne.catholic.edu.au
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 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

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.

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)
Sensory Movie Day "Mr Peabody & Sherman"

Sunday at 2pm Sunday 25th May at Coolangatta Birch Carroll & Coyle

“Sensory Movie Day” was created for Families with Special Needs. Children are free to try every seat, flap or stim, lighting stays on dim. Fire exit doors are monitored for those escape artists. This movie experience is a positive, non-judgemental experience.

Siblings and extended family welcomed.

"Mr Peabody & Sherman"

Tickets are $8.00 each. Companion I.D. Card Accepted. Children 2 years and under are free.

Tickets on Sale NOW!!! Come along and support our event....

Membership Movie Day cards are required to purchase tickets These can be collected from Birch carroll & Coyle Coolangatta cinema before our screening. For more information or to be added to the mailing list email us on sensorymovieday.goldcoast@hotmail.com.

Junior Indoor Cricket Program.

On the 27th of May, Gold Coast Indoor Sports Centre will be hosting a junior indoor cricket program. I would like to extend an invitation to students in the target age group (8 – 15 [Boys & Girls]). Please click here to see our flyer for more details.