FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hello to all in the St Brigid's community.

Week 5 Term 1

This Sunday is the Second Sunday of Lent.

In the First Reading we are confronted with the story of God asking Abraham to sacrifice his son, Isaac, as an offering. Abraham intends to carry out the request until an angel tells him not to. Surely such a demanding test of faith is incomprehensible.

In the Second Reading St Paul points out to his followers that ‘With God on our side who can be against us’? Paul argues that God did give his Son as a sacrifice for us therefore there is nothing that God will not do for us. Furthermore Jesus rose again and is now with God and interceding for us.

In the Gospel we hear the story of the Transfiguration; where, on the mountaintop Jesus is transfigured into the risen Christ, Moses and Elijah appear and God speaks to Peter, James and John. What a rich and powerful image. This story is a complex story filled with imagery and symbols but with a simple message - life isn’t found on the mountaintop, Jesus and his disciples had to come down from the mountain top and deal with the reality of day to day life but with the knowledge that God was with them and had shown that anything was possible with God’s help.

We too need to live our lives secure in the knowledge that God is with us and is prepared to do anything we ask.

Caritas Australia ‘Project Compassion – Food for Life’

Last week we launched our Caritas ‘Project Compassion’ 2015 campaign. I ask you to work with your children to support this project during Lent. Please see the APRE section in the newsletter for more information.

What’s on over the following week

The Parents and Friends’ Association Annual General Meeting will be held this Wednesday evening commencing at 7pm in the school library. All parents and carers are invited to attend.

Congratulations to the St Brigid’s students who competed at the district swimming carnival on Monday.

On Thursday and Friday this week the school leadership team will join with other school leadership teams and attend the annual South Coast Catholic Schools Leadership Teams Cluster Conference. During our absence Mrs Clare Wilson will be the designated staff member in charge and be able to deal with urgent matters. Less urgent matters will be dealt with on our return the following week.

Our Year 5 students have been invited to visit St Michael's College on Monday March 1st to explore their facilities.
The Commonwealth Bank representative will be on site next week to encourage students to open school banking accounts. They will address the students at assembly and then be present on Tuesday to facilitate account opening. They will be located near the prep gateway on Tuesday morning before school.

Our Year 6 students will participate in the 2015 Gold Coast Catholic Schools Yr 6 Leadership Day on Tuesday March 2nd at Jubilee School.

Our 2015 Active School Travel launch will be held on Wednesday March 3 with a healthy breakfast available from 8:00 am. Students are encouraged to choose an Active School Travel method on the Walking, Wheeling Wednesday.

Parents are invited to attend a Cybersafety presentation for parents on Thursday March 5th from 6.00pm. More information to follow. Cybersafety is part of Cybersmart which is a national cybersafety and cybersecurity education program managed by the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA), as part of the Australian Government's commitment to cybersafety. The program is specifically designed to meet the needs of its target audiences of children, young people, parents, teachers and library staff.

Assembly prayer this week was led by 4A whilst 4B will lead next week's.

**Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L)**

This week we will be expanding on Rule #1: respect for others by revising expectations when entering and leaving the MPA. Students regularly gather in the MPA; for morning assembly, weekly assembly, physical education lessons, OSHC activities and other various reasons. As it is such a busy and sometimes crowded place orderly and safe entry and egress is important and an enjoyable experience, once gathered, for all is the goal.

**Thought for the week**

**The Key role that Grandparents play – just in case you don’t already know.**

One of the best things children can have in their lives is a grandparent. We have always known the importance of grandparents and that special bond that they share with their grandchildren but now research has shown how crucial grandparents can be.

A study which examined the role grandparents play in the development of children, confirmed that grandparents are key to grandchildren’s happiness!

The results found the emotional relationship between grandparents and their grandchildren can significantly affect the children’s academic, psychological, and social development. When grandparents are involved in their grandchildren’s lives, children are not only more social but also more engaged in school.

The study concluded that children have a higher level of self-confidence when grandparents give more affection. Such emotional closeness has long-term positive impacts on children’s lives, including the value children derive from giving and receiving care from another person.

*Acknowledgement: Jeremy Yorgason, assistant professor in the School of Family Life, Brigham Young University*

**Parish News**
During Lent the Stations of the Cross will be held each Friday at 6pm in St Brigid’s Church.

**ST BRIDGID’S PARISH CRAFT GROUP**

St Brigid’s Parish Craft Group meets in the Parish Centre on Tuesday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30am. You don’t have to be crafty to join in, just come along and maybe learn a craft or bring your own project and join the ladies for morning tea. The mornings are loads of fun with a lot of laughter. Please phone the parish office for more details.

Please [click here](#) to read this week’s Parish Newsletter.

**Kevin Bianchi**

**Principal**

**APA News**

**New Smoking Laws to consider**

From 1 January 2015, smoking is banned at all Queensland state and non-state schools, and for 5 metres beyond their boundaries.

The law applies at all times—during and after school hours, on weekends and during school holidays. It includes the use of all smoking products, including regular cigarettes and devices commonly known as electronic cigarettes.

School land is defined as land on which a:

- state school provides education programs under the *Education (General Provisions) Act 2006*
- non-state school provides primary education, secondary education or special education under the *Education (Accreditation of Non-State Schools) Act 2011*
- state or non-state school provides other educational facilities, instruction or activities, for example, sports grounds, and including land that is owned or leased by the school.

**Five metre buffer**

The buffer is a 5 metre no-smoking area around the perimeter of the school, beyond the school land boundary; including all structures in this area, such as bus shelters and car parks. This area does not extend into residential or business premises that share a boundary with school land.

**Enforcement**

If you see someone smoking within the 5 metre buffer, tell them that it is illegal for them to smoke in this area.

If you wish to report a breach of these tobacco laws, contact 13 QGOV (13 74 68). In coming days you will notice no smoking signs being displayed in ‘high traffic’ areas of our school.

**Student Protection Training for School Volunteers 2015**
Student Protection is everyone’s responsibility. Prior to volunteering in classrooms we ask that you complete the student protection training (annually) as outlined below:

Volunteers who are parents or guardians of students at St Brigid’s must read the following documents & sign the ‘School Volunteer Register Sheet’:

- Volunteer Student Protection Handbook
- Volunteer Code of Conduct

These documents are available to read and sign in the front office as required or on the Parent Portal.

Volunteers other than Parents or Guardians of students will be required to provide either of the following documents:

- Positive Notice Blue Card Registration number
- Exemption card registration number

Please note that these cards will need to be presented to office staff for copying.

The final step is to complete and sign the ‘School Volunteer Register’ sheet before handing in to front office staff.

Please consult a member of the schools leadership team should you have any questions about the volunteer registration process.

**ICAS UNSW Tests are open for entry**

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

Entry into any of the ICAS competitions is open to all students from Year 3 to Year 6.

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

The assessments being offered include: Science, English and Mathematics. Sitting dates for these tests have been added to the school calendar. Each test takes the form of a series of multiple choice questions on the competition topic. All children get a statement of results and a certificate of participation or achievement. The cost is $9.00 per competition.

Students who are interested can find and print a note from the Student or Parent Portal. Those with no web access can collect a note from the front office.

Entries and payment will be accepted at the front office until Friday February 27th

Should you require more information please access the following link: [http://www.qagtc.org.au/](http://www.qagtc.org.au/)
Medical Meetings

In coming weeks I will be making contact with parents of students who are impacted by serious medical conditions such as anaphylaxis, epilepsy and other intolerances. A medical action plan will be created in consultation with parents and shared with school staff. Please be mindful that:

- Students should not bring nuts or foods containing nut products to school.
- Students are not to swap or share foods whilst at school.
- Students who are considered to be affected by asthma are required to provide the classroom teacher with an asthma management plan. These can be obtained through visiting a Doctor or the following website: [http://www.asthmaaustralia.org.au/](http://www.asthmaaustralia.org.au/)

Your child’s written Asthma Action Plan outlines:

1. What medication to take every day (even when you are feeling well).
2. How to tell if your asthma is getting worse.
3. What you should do if your symptoms are getting worse.
4. What to do if you have an asthma attack.

Having a written asthma action plan can help to:

- Reduce your chance of needing to go to hospital, or for an urgent doctor visit
- Improve your lung function
- Reduce the number of days off school due to asthma

Sometimes plans are based on your symptoms, while others are based on your peak flow score. You and your doctor or nurse can decide together what will work best for you.

Through having current and accurate documentation on student’s medical conditions teachers are better able to meet their needs and ensure they remain happy and healthy.

Acceptable Use of Computer and Internet Resources Consent Form

If your child is in Year 5 or 6 they will have brought home a document titled: ‘St Brigid’s Nerang Acceptable Use of Computer and Internet Resources Consent Form’. This document has been explained to students in classes by classroom teachers. We would ask that you:

1. Read the document and discuss it with your child.
2. Seek clarification on any aspects you are unsure about with your child’s classroom teacher or a member of the schools leadership team.
3. Return Page 1 of the signed document to your child’s classroom teacher in the days following.

We require this signed document to acknowledge that both you and your child are aware of the conditions of use including their responsibilities. We are encouraging students to be responsible digital citizens who are cyber safe. This document is available on the Parent Portal for easy reference.

Chris Clurey
Collection Boxes

All students have received a Project Compassion collection box from their classroom teachers. They may bring them to school at any time but the final collection will be on the Monday of Week 10.

To hear the story behind this year’s Project Compassion theme and learn about the six feature people you’ll meet through Project Compassion 2015, please watch the video at the following link:


We thank you for showing your compassion by supporting this appeal throughout Lent.

Week 5 Prayer

This week, the students in 4A told the story of Lent and how it commemorates the 40 days that Jesus spent praying in the desert before beginning his public ministry. We thank them for sharing their thoughts and prayers and look forward to next week’s prayer led by 4B

Belinda Kingston

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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 2015 and 2016.

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

**GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR NEWS**

As we approach the halfway mark of Term 1 2015, your child may be becoming very tired. Many children are so mentally and physically exhausted from school (particularly in Prep but in all year levels) that you may notice changes in their behaviour such as difficulty controlling their emotions, attention seeking, clumsiness or being fussy with food. It is so important for children to be getting enough sleep at night and resting at times on the weekends. If this is happening, there will be no need to have days off due to tiredness. Michael Grose, parenting expert, this week discusses why days away from school or being late to school can cause not only academic problems but also social problems for your child. He also offers suggestions on how to get this right! So let your kids put on their “big boots” every day – and have an adventure!

“When you see someone putting on his Big Boots, you can be pretty sure that an Adventure is going to happen.”

— A.A. Milne, Winnie-the-Pooh

Debbie Thurlow
LIBRARY NEWS

Prep is enjoying visiting the library where they are learning about how to look after books. They have met Boris, the book bear, and they are very excited about him visiting their house for a sleepover!

A reminder that the library days for your child are as follows:

Tuesday........3A, 3B, 3C, 1C, 1A, 4A.

Wednesday.......4C, 1B, 4B.

Thursday..........Years 5, Years 6.

Friday...........Prep years, Years 2.

Please provide your child with a clean library bag (with a plastic supermarket bag inside it).

The library is open second break each day for students to read, play board games, play computer games or research assignments.

Encourage your child to read for at least 10 minutes most evenings & remember, families are never too old to read together! Even when students are in year 6 you can still share a great novel or picture book that can be enjoyed by the whole family.

**Wanted.** Please send in to the library any clean supermarket bags you can spare, with all this rain it is important to protect our books.

Thanks.

Jan Knowles  
Teacher

Librarian

PASTORAL CARE

The joy of anticipation!
“Well’, said Pooh, ‘what I like best’

and then he had to stop and think.

Because although eating honey was a very good thing to do,

there was a moment just before you began to eat it

which was better than when you were,

but he didn’t know what it was called.”

Perhaps, the joy of anticipation outweighs the experience of instant gratification. Let’s look forward to what this week will bring.

Sr Brigid Frawley

BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to those children who celebrate their birthdays this week:
P B 4 L

Robo's Rule of the Week
Respect for Others - When entering and leaving the MPA.

Robo Awards

Caitlyn A 6A, Harrison W 4C, Jett C 6A, Kobe K 5A, Will 0A, Arielle R 6A, Amelie 0A, Cayo 0A, Riley 0A and Jaspah C 0A.

Class Awards

0A Lara, Kyan
0B Layla, Andre
0C Willow, Sean-Patrick
1A Eva, Lachlan
1B Jake, Elyza
1C Eva, Roman
2A Ayla, Lachlan
2B Paige, Cohen
2C Emily, Jonte
3A Annabelle, Talon
3B Japer S, Zara
3C Joshua, Grace
4A Harry, Lia
4B Stella, Max
4C Emma, Ethan
5A Allanah
6B Amelia F, Nathan

M(usic)M(edia)A(rt)D(rama)D(ance) (MMADD for Arts)
2015 will be an exciting year for the Arts here at St Brigid's. With the introduction of the National Curriculum – The Arts, there will be changes introduced regarding how the Arts will be taught, assessed and reported on. We will keep you informed throughout the year in this section of the newsletter.

**Term 1:** will see all classes attending a one hour specialist Music and Dance lesson. Your child’s teacher will inform you of the day your child will attend. Where possible, children should wear the sport uniform on this day, even if they do not have PE. Girls may be more comfortable in shorts rather than a skirt or dress.

Please find below a link to a short video, presented by ACARA (Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority,) which introduces Dance in the Arts curriculum, the benefits and purpose.

http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/the-arts/dance/rationale

**Instrumental Music Lessons (Piano, Guitar and Percussion)** have begun. New students can obtain information from the office.

**Expressions Of Interest- Instrumental Band Lessons**

I am exploring several options for establishing and building a strong and ongoing instrumental program here at St Brigid's and I am very keen to hear from any parents who are interested in their child participating in band lessons - ie learning a concert band instrument such as flute, clarinet, trumpet saxophone etc.

Please send your details and any comment via email to msandstrom@bne.catholic.edu.au.

This is not a commitment - but a gauge of the support among the school community.

Thank you.

**Mrs Maryanne Sandstrom**

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**MR GUDGEON'S SPORTS REPORT**

**District Swimming**

Congratulations to Taj S, Jacinta D, Sebastian R, & Oscar W for their amazing efforts at Monday's District Swimming Carnival. All four students represented themselves and their school proudly and were very competitive across all events.

Oscar managed to place 1st in 100m and 50m Freestyle and 3rd in Butterfly. This has earned him a place in the Hinterland Green District team that will compete at regionals later this term. Top Effort!
Jacinta Desmond was also outstanding in the pool with her results speaking for themselves. 1st in Butterfly, 1st in Breast stroke, 1st in backstroke, and 3rd in freestyle. These tremendous results also earned her age champion for 10 year old girls in the Hinterland Green District. An amazing achievement.

We wish Jacinta and Oscar all the best at the upcoming regional Swimming carnival. I have very high hopes for these two and we are very proud of what they have achieved.

Simon Gudgeon

PE Teacher & Sports Coordinator

LOTE NEWS
Year 5 will perform a greeting song in Japanese at morning assembly next Tuesday.

ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL

Welcome to 2015 Active School Travel

Event: Launch Breakfast
When: Wednesday 4th March
Time: 8AM
Where: Oval
Hope it’s a fine day!
Hope to see you there!

WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY NEWS
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.

be SAFE be WELL

P & F ASSOCIATION
P&F - The P&F Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 25th February at 7pm, in the school's library.

Melanie Annand
P&F President

TUCKSHOP

The tuckshop is now open every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday! Please click here to access the 2015 Menu.

Slush puppies are now available for $2, they are all natural flavours based on fruit.

Miss Mel
Tuckshop Convenor

UNIFORM SHOP

Hours

Opening 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.

Please note all sizes of socks are now in stock along with jumpers, jackets and ruggers.

Deb Laurie - 0431 151 903

CLASS NEWS

Prep News

The Jolly Phonics letter/sound for this week is Ii. Please encourage your child to know all the sounds and words that we have focussed on so far this term, as it is necessary for the early stages of reading and writing. The children are continuing their Oracy book in each classroom. Prep A children are enjoying Hairy Bear, Prep B children are reading Grandpa, Grandpa and Prep C children are reading Smarty Pants.

In Religion we are encouraging the children to put their Lenten promises into practice. We have placed these promises inside a cocoon and on Easter Sunday the children will open their cocoon, to find a beautiful butterfly (New Life). We are all making rainbows in our classroom, doing one colour per week. This represents the weeks
of Lent, leading up to Easter. You may hear the Prep children greet visitors with the words “May God’s colour shine through you”. We are doing this throughout Lent to reinforce the meaning of the rainbow. The rainbow is a symbol of God’s love. The children are trying hard to make right choices and show respect for others, for learning and for property. Our “Robo” focus for this week is “to enter and exit the hall in a quiet, appropriate manner”.

The numbers for this week are 6 and 7. We have noticed that some children are struggling with the formation of some numbers, especially numbers 2 and 3 (the curly ones). Some tend to write their numbers in reverse, so please encourage your child to practice all the numbers from 1 to 10.

Year 1 News

Last week Grade One and Prep went to the Church Wednesday afternoon for an Ash Wednesday liturgy. We would like to thank Sr. Brigid for conducting this lovely ceremony. We have been using our mathematical knowledge and skills using bundling sticks (paddle pop sticks) to count and understand the 40 days of Lent. Our Caritas boxes have gone home so we can do something positive to help other people help themselves. Lent is a time of prayer, almsgiving (giving money) and doing something to change and become a better person. We encourage the children to do a special job to earn some money to put in the Caritas box over the next 6 weeks or to give up a treat such as an ice-cream and put the money into the Project Compassion (Caritas) box instead.

Teachers are aware of how hard children work at school. The first 6 weeks of school are the hardest as the children build stamina and learn many new things. Please ensure your child has a good sleep, some quiet time and a break from the very busy week-day routine on the week-end. Remind your child of how much he or she has grown since the beginning of the year and how much they have learnt already. Children have very busy days and often cannot tell you what he or she did during the day. If asked, “What did you do today?” children often reply “Nothing”. Try asking questions such as, “What did you learn today?” “What was the best thing that happened today?” “What were you thankful for today?”

Year 2 News

Last week Year Two accompanied the rest of the school to Ash Wednesday Mass to celebrate the beginning of Lent. Lent is a 40 day preparation for Easter.

Excerpt from Evangelisation Brisbane, “This week, turn towards the sun and say the words ‘God, we turn to you with all our hearts!’

The students have been given Project Compassion boxes to collect donations to support the work of Caritas Australian. This year their focus is "Food for Life" where the money raised goes towards helping others to learn about growing and sustaining food sources for their communities.

In regards to homework spelling, it is more beneficial that the students spend a little time learning their words each night. This can be in the form of writing out the spelling on paper, spelling them orally or typing into a word processing document.

Year 3 News

Welcome to Week 5. We hope you all survived Marcia and no one had any damage to their home.

We enjoyed the Ash Wednesday Mass and the children were beautifully behaved. The children have talked about how they are going to be more like Jesus during Lent.
We would like to share some Lenten promises.

“I am going to help Dad more and give some money to the poor” Talon 3A

“I am going to spend less at the tuckshop and give the money to the poor” Laura 3B

“I am going to give some money to the poor and say a prayer at night” Aalliyah 3C

On Wednesday we are going to have a special visitor to Grade 3 classrooms. Clinton Brewer will be visiting to talk to us about the Indigenous History of the local area. We are looking forward to this visit.

We will share some comments and photos next week.

Have an awesome week!

**Year 4 News**

A huge sigh of relief that Cyclone Marcia didn't have a worse consequence for us than it did. We ask for your prayers for those whose lives have been affected.

**Tablet Update:**

- We are still investigating ways of maintaining student safety while using the tablets at home. Children are spending time becoming very familiar with both the hardware and software elements of this new learning tool.
- All User Agreements need to be returned before any tablets will be sent home, so please make sure you have discussed it with your child and you have all signed this document.
- Next week, March 5th, we have a guest speaker from ACMA which is the official government supported Cybersmart site attending for the evening. All parents are urged to attend so you can better support your child and help keep them safe.

**LENT**

- The first week of Lent has started. ‘Food for Life’ is the theme from Project Compassion for 2015.
- 4A has their assembly this week, 4B on the 2nd of March and 4C on March 9th.

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

**Year 5 News**

Last week all Year 5 students received notes in regard to our upcoming visitation to St Michael's College. This will take place on Monday 2nd March, when we will travel to St Michael's by bus at 9.00am and return to school at 2.20pm. This day gets students thinking about their options when they commence Secondary school in Year 7 and the subjects they may like to do when in high school. They get to choose 3 subjects from the following list:

ITD Woodwork Design
Cooking

Physical Education

Science, and

Dance - A workshop for both boys and girls

It is imperative that you return the permission form, on the bottom of the note handed out last week to your child, so they can attend this important secondary school preparation day. Later in this Semester we will be getting a visit from Aquinas College to outline the choices available if students choose to attend this college.

Year 6 News

Well, after a week of Multiple Intelligence speeches we feel that as Year 6s we know each other a little bit better and can appreciate the various talents of our classmates. Again, the Year 6 teachers, and many students too, were very impressed at the time and effort that went into the preparation of most of the speeches and the delivery skills were quite polished. We were very well represented by some of our leaders at the launch of this year’s Caritas appeal and the information shared at assembly was very interesting.

OFFICE NEWS

Fees

There are various payment methods available which include Direct Debit, Credit Card, Bpay or Cash. Application forms for Direct Debit, Credit Card and Concession are available on the Parent Portal, website or can be collected from the Office.

Concessions are granted for one school year only so if you require a Concession for 2015 please complete a Concession Application, ensuring all supporting documentation is attached, and lodge it at the Office as soon as possible.

Parent Portal Access

Please contact the office if you have any problems accessing the Parent Portal.

Student Banking

A representative from the Commonwealth Bank Student Banking Program will be attending our school assembly next Monday, 2 March.

There will be an account opening session at 8:30am next Tuesday, 3 March outside the Prep area.
Student Absences

When leaving a message on the School Absences Line - please clearly state the following:

- Student's Name
- Class
- Reason for Absence - VERY IMPORTANT

Administration of Medication

Please note - a NEW Medication Request Form must be completed for 2015 for any students requiring medication to be administered during school hours. This form can be found on the Parent Portal or collected from the office or accessed by clicking here.

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 a 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.

Lost Property

Please ask your children to check the lost property box regularly. There are currently a lot of items found at the recent school swimming carnival.

It doesn't seem to take long before we accumulate a large pile of lost property at the office. If you have labelled your children's items and they turn up in lost property, we will send them back to the classroom. It is therefore very important to label every single item.
Gold Coast Oral Health Services are offering free dental check-ups to children in all Year levels at St Brigids, including new 2015 Prep students.

This service will be provided at St Brigid's by Mobile Dental Clinic 148A. Hours of operation for this clinic are Tuesday to Friday, 8am to 4pm.

To arrange an appointment for your child telephone:

The Oral Health Client Service Centre - 1300 300 850

Monday – Friday 8.00 am – 4.30 pm Excluding Public Holidays

Child Dental Benefit Schedule Vouchers are accepted. When your child’s $1000 cap is reached, there will be no out-of-pocket expenses provided your child meets *eligibility criteria.

* Eligibility – All Queensland resident children aged four years or older who have not completed year 10 of secondary school.

Further information on public funded oral health services can be accessed via URL: http://www.health.qld.gov.au/goldcoasthealth/html/services/oralhealth.asp

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