Welcome back to the St Brigid’s school community for the beginning of Term 3.

Term 3 Week 1

I trust everyone had an enjoyable break and have returned refreshed for a productive Term 3. In Mr Bianchi’s absence I look forward to the challenge of being Acting Principal and continuing the great work done at St Brigid’s where we all strive to ‘make Christ present’ in all we do. This term we welcome back Mrs Vekaci (Yr.3) & Mrs Chappell (Yr.5) from maternity leave and Miss Anderson (Yr. 3) from her period of leave.

During the school holidays we had two large fans installed in the hall to help with the air flow and enable all hall users to be more comfortable especially during the warmer months. The fans were funded by the Parents and Friends committee who do a wonderful job providing finances for the many resources around our school.

Parent Portal

Parents from all year levels should have received e-mail notification to access the parent portal. The information contained on the parent portal is only accessible to parents from our school community and is password protected. All current information and breaking news related to classes and school events will be found on the parent portal. Please let the school know if you have followed instructions contained in the e-mail and still cannot access the parent portal.

Access to the Parent Portal is via the school web site http://www.sb.qld.edu.au/Pages/default.aspx

School Fete

This year’s fete has a water conservation theme – you may have seen the tap with a basket below out the front of the school office seeking donations? This week the fete committee are seeking donations of:

- Hair spray, crafts and baskets.
- Trash & Treasure - (no electrical items & clean clothing only)

Items can be left at the front office and all donations are gratefully appreciated as we prepare for our fete on Sunday August 11th.

School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (S.W.P.B.S)

Our SWPBS focus for all classes at the beginning of Term 3 will be on the area of transitions. In particular class teachers will be teaching explicitly what students should do when they hear the bell especially during play periods. We have learned from data collected that should a problem arise it is likely to be in the transition period between when the bell rings and reaching the classroom. Students will be reminded to when the bell rings to:

- Stop play / games
- Start moving towards classrooms in a safe and sensible manner
- Access drinking taps & toilets in a respectful manner
- Line up in their designated class line up area where class teachers are waiting.
Catholic Education Week

Catholic Education Week will be celebrated across Queensland from 21-27 July this year.

This annual event is held to promote the special ethos of Catholic schools and to highlight the great things that take place in Catholic schools every day.

The theme for this year's celebrations is: Making a Difference… inspired by Jesus.

Catholic schools strive to make a difference in the lives of individuals and in the wider community by challenging young people to live out the message of Jesus and to reach their full potential as compassionate, contributing, life-giving members of society. Each classroom will be celebrating Catholic Education Week in a particular way. Stay tuned for more information on this topic in our next newsletter & on the parent portal.

AIIU

St Brigid’s will be hosting students from Koriyama Xaverio Gukuen Catholic School in Japan from 28th July to 4th August (Term 3 Wk3). This visit presents a valuable opportunity for students within our school to interact with students from another country who are learning our language just as we are learning Japanese in Years 5-7.

Parish Newsletter

Please click here to download this week’s Parish Newsletter.

Have a good week.

Chris Clurey
Acting Principal

ACTING APA NEWS NEWS

We have a very busy term ahead with fete preparations, Catholic Education Week and the Year 7 Tasmania trip.

ICAS Exams

A reminder to parents and students of the dates this term for the exams:

English: Wednesday 31st July

Maths: Tuesday 13th August

Welcome

We welcome Mrs Penny Chesters to our staff this term. Mrs Chesters will be teaching music in my absence from the role as music teacher.
Singing Club

This will continue during term 3, both Mrs Chesters and I will be rehearsing the students in preparation for the fete and other events.

Fete Donations

Please continue to support the committee in preparations for the fete. We need donations of:

Craft items: material / wool / patterns / glue / sequins / filling / glue etc

Trash and Treasure: clean clothes, household items – NO ELECTRICAL ITEMS- toys, books etc great opportunity to pass on those preloved but no longer needed items.

Date Claimer

Please keep July 20th (Sat) free to attend our Catholic Education Week Mass – 6pm in St Brigid’s Church

Maryann Sandstrom
Acting APA

GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR NEWS

Coping...Part 2

As mentioned last week, coping with hardships, frustration and disappointment, both big and small is part of growing up.

Parenting Educator Michael Grose has identified 12 essential coping strategies every child can use when life gets hard. Last week included the first 5 skills and this week the next 7 skills are attached.

These skills include:

- See the silver lining
- Hang in there
- Blame fairly
- Accept what's happened
- Keep your perspective
- Be flexible with your thinking
- Let's set a goal or two

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:

"Life isn't all about waiting for the storm to pass, it's about learning to dance in the rain".
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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
Term 3: Monday 8 July - Friday 20 September

Term 4: Tuesday 8 October - Friday 6 December

Professional Development and Planning Days Monday 21 October

BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday this week to the following children:


A big happy birthday also to all those children who celebrated a birthday during the holidays.

STUDENT AWARDS

Assembly - Week 2 Term 3 Monday 15th July

Congratulations to the following students who will receive an award at next Monday’s assembly:

0A  Kyra, Owen
0B  Khloe, Flynn
0C  Lochlan M, Matilda
1A  Mitchell, Mia
1C  Naarishma, Valentino
2A  Mackenzie, Thomas
3A  Kate, Brayden
MR GUDGEON'S SPORT'S REPORT

Athletics 2013

The last week of school was a busy week with our infant and senior students both participating in their respective Athletics carnivals. We were lucky with the weather after having the infant carnival postponed the week prior.

Students participated in all events with great sportsmanship and deserve to be congratulated for their behaviour and attitudes. I would like to thank all students, staff, parents, and friends for their contribution towards making both carnivals a great day. They say a picture paints a thousand words, so I will leave you with a few great action shots form the day.
District Athletics

The District Athletics Carnival will be held on Tuesday the 30th July at Pizzey Park, Miami. This Carnival is for students aged 10-13yrs that placed 1st or 2nd in our School Carnival. Information notes will be handed out next week.

Catholic Athletics

Catholic Athletics and Ball Games Carnivals will be held on 5/9/13. Students aged 10-13 that placed 1st and 2nd at the School Athletics Carnival will be invited to attend. Furthermore, 3rd and 4th placegetters in the 100m will also be invited to attend. Information notes will be handed out mid next term.

AFL Auskick - Sign on and First Session

3:10 – 4:10pm Tuesday 16, July

Venue: St Brigid’s PS Oval

For more info. Contact Tim Searl on 5594 5722

Cost only $60.00!!!

To pay online register at aflauskick.com.au

Please make cheques payable to: AFL Queensland

FAQ - Kids turning 5 in Calendar year can participate. If you miss the first session, you can join the following week. No specialist clothing required (football boots not necessary)

Simon Gudgeon

PE Teacher & Sports Coordinator

MUSIC NOTES

Do you have a special performance talent?
Can you –

- sing like an angel?
- play a musical instrument?
- dance?
- entertain a crowd with acrobatic feats

Then you need to enter …………..

WORKPLACE HEALTH & SAFETY NEWS

Workplace Health and Safety affects everyone, including staff, students, parents and visitors.

It is everyone’s responsibility and requires ongoing commitment to ensure St Brigid’s is a safe environment.

be SAFE be WELL
Welcome back to another term, I hope you all enjoyed your break.

Due to the increase of orders, this term I will be taking hot food orders for both breaks.

Please note that there are a couple of price changes to the menu. Pizza’s are $3 and sausage rolls are $2.20.

Nacho’s are now available on all 3 days of tuckshop.

**Volunteers**

Volunteers (mum’s, dad’s, Grandma’s & Grandpa’s) are still needed on all 3 days please, if only for a hour or anytime is a great help to me.

Please contact me on 0428 415 341 if you can assist or ring the office on 5596 4188.

**Wednesday Special**

Nacho’s - $4.00
Nacho’s with Sour Cream - $4.50

Please check out the new tuckshop menu for Wednesday Meal Deals!!

Miss Mel  
Tuckshop Convenor

**UNIFORM SHOP**

V-neck fleecy sweaters are in. All sizes available except size 14.

**Hours**

Tuesday and Friday 8:30am - 9:30am

**P & F COMMITTEE**

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FETE NEWS

Craft Group

St Brigid’s P & F Fete Committee would like to encourage anybody interested in making items for the upcoming fete, to join in the Parish craft group which meets each Tuesday in the Parish Centre. Full details can be found in the Parish newsletter.

Thank you

The Fete Committee

CLASS NEWS

Year 1 News
Grade One will be learning about Living Things this term. This will be a hot topic as we love to investigate our world. Lucky this fits nicely with our FETE theme of WATER.

Year 5 News

Welcome back to all Year 5 children and families for Term 3, we hope that you all had a relaxing and enjoyable holidays.

This Term the students will be studying Australian Poetry from a variety of sources such as Banjo Patterson and Kath Walker. We will culminate this Poetry Unit by viewing parts of the movie ‘The Man from Snowy River’, which will reinforce for the students what life was like during this period of Australian history.

In Mathematics we will be looking at Transformations of Shapes - Tesselation, Lines of Symmetry, Rotations, Reflections, Enlarging and Reducing - as well as the multiplication and division of Fractions.
Science sees us study the Solar System, where we will be involved in an Incursion from 'Starlab' which will help reinforce our position within the solar system.

In History we will focus on Migration to Australia and the many reasons for this and Religion sees us focus on the work of the 'Holy Spirit' within our Catholic faith. All in all we are once again in for a very busy Term!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Dental Van Offer of Oral Health Services at St Brigid's

Students in grades (7A, 7B, 3A, 3B, 3C) have been provided with an offer of oral health care pack to take home.

The pack includes:

- Child & Adolescent Oral Health Service Brochure
- Examination Card

If your child is enrolled in one of the grades listed above and did not receive an offer of care pack and you would like to arrange for your child to receive oral health care please contact the Oral Health Call Centre 1300 300 850. Monday to Friday 8.00 am – 4.30 pm Excluding Public Holidays.

If your child requires disability access please identify this requirement with the Call Centre Operator.

Notice of Leaving the School

One whole term's notice is required if leaving the school during the year.

If the required period of notice is not received one full term's fees plus the balance of the value of books and other items issued will be invoiced.

There will be no pro-rata of term's fees paid if leaving during the term.

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: 6th – 8th September 2013
- Venue: Santa Teresa, Ormiston QLD

For bookings/details contact: Tamara and Scott Menteith, ph (07) 4634 3559, stjmen@aapt.net.au Information website: www.wwme.org.au
123 Magic & Emotion Coaching Course - July/Aug 2013

Village Family Support Program is running ‘1-2-3 Magic and Emotion Coaching’ parent course. The courses cover strategies and increases confidence of parents in managing children’s challenging behaviour, while teaching children to better manage their emotions and frustrations.

For details of the program commencing Wednesday evenings or Thursday mornings in JULY/AUG 2013, contact Nikki at Studio Village Community Centre, located off Exit 62 for more information or to discuss your needs. Nikki, as Family Support Worker also offers individual support for those who need someone to talk to for information, advice or referral, including 1-1 parent courses, call between 9am and 3pm Monday to Friday for an appointment

Below is the link to the flyer on our website, for your information.