FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

Term 3 Week 2

In Sundays Gospel we heard again the parable of the Good Samaritan. A familiar story, but its lesson is just as telling today as it was when it was first told – in a world troubled by antagonisms in which religious differences play a big part. Jesus is instructing his disciples. He has not come to abolish the Law that was so important in the faith of old Israel, but to bring it to its fulfilment (Mt 5:17). He uses this exchange with an unfriendly lawyer to illustrate what this means. ‘Love your neighbour as yourself’.

This is such an important message for us all in the way we should treat one another. It also is a helpful parable to use when talking to students about what it means to be a good neighbour and how we should respect and treat one another.

Parent Portal

I encourage parents to check the Parent Portal on a regular basis as teachers are adding notices and forms daily that can be very helpful and keep you up to date.

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

School Fete

The fete organisation is well underway with the fete committee working hard to ensure everything is organised.

In recent days you would have received an information letter about what area your child’s class is focusing on for donations. Our theme is Water Conservation – 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.
- Items for your classroom basket – please refer to the P & F section of the newsletter for details.

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 continues to 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. In the past week we have been working to educate the students about transitions when entering and leaving the school hall; including:

- Waiting quietly until your class teacher directs you to move.
- Entering and leaving the hall in a quiet and respectful manner
Catholic Education Week

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

You may have noticed our CEW banners displayed on the front fence of the school when you are driving past?

There will be a vigil mass being held on Saturday July 20th from 6.00pm to launch Catholic Education Week for St Brigid’s. Staff will be in attendance and we encourage families to join us for this celebration. 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.

Class teachers will be incorporating special Catholic Education Week activities during the coming week to encourage the students to reflect and celebrate about the wonderful opportunities that Catholic Education provides us with.

Evacuation Drill

As part of St Brigid’s WH & S requirements we will be conducting our evacuation drill for the term within the next two weeks. Class teachers prepare the students on the appropriate response to our evacuation siren and make their way to the assembly point on the junior oval. Should any parents be present when the evacuation drill takes place I encourage you participate by following the directions of the staff in the area of the school you are located.

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). As this date is fast approaching there will be a meeting for those families that have volunteered to host students on Monday July 22nd. At this meeting the Coordinator of the program will outline what is to be expected, this will be held in the library from 3.30pm.

Parish Newsletter

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

Have a good week.

Chris Clurey
Acting Principal

ACTING APA NEWS NEWS

AUSKICK

Auskick commences Tuesday 16th July. The arrangement will be for students to assemble on the grassed area adjacent to the Parish Centre, where a representative of Auskick will meet the children and walk them down as a
group, to the oval. This will be the procedure each week. Students are not to make their own way to the oval. Parents, we ask your support in ensuring students follow this procedure. Thank you.

Fete News

Last week a letter was sent home requesting volunteers for the fete. The committee is seeking just 30 mins of your time. If you are able to help on the stall/activity assigned to your child’s year level, please fill in your details on the slip and return to the office or classroom. A copy of the letter and list of stalls can be found on the Parent Portal (Forms and Documents). Sign-up sheets are located at each classroom.

ICAS Exams

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

- English: Wednesday 31st July
- Maths: Tuesday 13th August

Maryann Sandstrom
Acting APA

APRE NEWS

Catholic Education Week

Next week we celebrate Catholic Education Week. We celebrate being part of something bigger than our own local community and remind ourselves of our part in the work done by those involved in the Catholic Education community. This year the theme is ‘Making a Difference…inspired by Jesus’. This brings to mind our school motto ‘Making Christ Present’. We are inspired by Jesus to act for good in the lives of others. When we gather as community it supports us in our mission to be Christ for others. Please consider joining us for Mass on Saturday night at 6pm to kick off the Catholic Week celebrations.

Every child is invited to submit an artwork (of any type) that explores the theme of ‘Making a difference, inspired by Jesus’. Prizes will be awarded on the morning of Friday 26 July. Entries need to be submitted to the office by Wednesday July 24th. The overall winning entry will be displayed in the office foyer for the rest of this term.

GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR NEWS

Organising

Being organised is an important attribute related to children's achievement levels at school.

Researcher Michael Bernard found that along with persistence, social skills and a sense of optimism, organisation is one of four characteristics that successful students have in common.
Organisational abilities also extend beyond school and can help you in every sphere of life and assists you in many different ways.

Parenting Educator Michael Grose has identified 12 broad coping strategies you can use to help children of all ages to become more organised and improve their effectiveness in a wide range of areas. These skills will be included in St Brigid’s newsletter over the next 2 weeks.

Please find attached the skills overview as well as the first 5 skills:

1. Posters and charts
2. Write it down
3. A place for everything
4. Chunking
5. Diaries, planners and other organisational tools

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:

“Tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today”
— African Proverb

Cilla Stent
Primary Guidance

DATE CLAIMERS

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Tuesday 12th November  |  GC Catholic Schools Readers Cup
Wednesday 13th November  |  GC Catholic Schools Aquathon
Friday 6th December  |  Term 4 Finishes – 12 Noon

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

| **Term Dates 2013** |
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| **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:

Kate E, Monnie J, Kiara J, Cooper C, Maddison W, Lachlan J
STUDENT AWARDS

Assembly - Week 3 Term 3 Monday 22nd July

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

0A  Emily, Brock
0B  Charlotte, Blake
0C  Wil, Taite
1A  Oskar, Laura
1B  Elle, Fergus, Balin, Aliyah
1C  Claudia, James
2A  Lilli, Nathan
2B  Brioney, Sandon
3A  Chaise, Jade
3B  James, Philippa
3C  Blake, Anastasia
4A  Hailey, Nicholas
6A  Vince, Denika
6B  Cyndi, Tavita
7A  Molly, Gracie
7B  Kayla, Sophie,
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
SHOWCASE 2013

Calling all dancers, musicians, singers, poets, acrobats, cheerleaders, magicians and other talented children of St Brigid’s

Entries are now open for Showcase 2013.
Perform solo, with a friend, or with a group of friends

Return the entry form below to Mrs Chesters or Mrs Sandstrom
You must get permission from your parent/caregiver to enter

________________________________________

Showcase 2013 Entry Form

I will be performing by myself: ________________________________ (name and class)

The people in my group are: ________________________________ (names and class)

What will you be doing? ________________________________

I ________________________________ give permission for my child to participate in Showcase 2013.
(parent’s name)

Signature______________________________ Date______________________________
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

TUCKSHOP

Volunteers

Volunteers URGENTLY NEEDED FOR FRIDAY PLEASE.

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

Term 3 Tuckshop Menu

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
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.

Fete Newsletter

Please click here to download the latest newsletter.
ST BRIGID’S SCHOOL FETE

SUNDAY 11TH AUGUST 2013  10AM TO 3PM

DONATIONS

(Please bring in by Monday 5th August)

Each Grade has been allocated a theme for donation.

These items will be used in our monster raffles.

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Many thanks in anticipation of your generous donation of items.

We are also seeking donations of the following:

- Crazy Hair paint and hair accessories
- Trash n Treasure items (No electrical equipment) such as clothing, books, baby items and kitchenware etc. Must be clean and in good condition.
- Face Painting items
- Chocolate
- Plants and Produce
- Jams and Pickles

Items can be left in our donation basket [look for the big water tap] between 8.15am - 3.15pm outside the office administration building.

Larger donations can be dropped off at school near the P&F entrance between Monday - Fri 8.15am to 9am commencing Wednesday 10th July.
# STALL HELPERS

We are calling on all parents to help with the running of the stalls. Each grade has been allocated a stall. Your teacher will be sending out communication on how you can help.

*We are looking for 30 minutes of your time to help on a stall.*

Helpers are also required to help set up prior to the fete and pack up afterwards.

Below are the details of stalls allocated to each year level

## STALLS SEEKING HELPERS

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Please return the section below to your child’s teacher, or the front office with contact details and times available.

**THANK YOU, FROM THE FETE COMMITTEE.**

Name:__________________________________________________________

Child’s name and class:________________________________________

Contact details:______________________________________________

I am available to help on Year ________ stall.

I am available at________________________ (time)

or I am available as needed (please circle)

I would be prepared to help: set up pack up (please circle as applicable)
Thank you

The Fete Committee

CLASS NEWS

Prep News

The Prep children are very excited this week. We are busily preparing for our 100 day celebration this Friday. We will have lots of fun.

Our Portfolio Showcase is at 12.30 this Friday, 19th July in your child’s classroom. We welcome all the parents to come along to observe all the wonderful work that the children have completed to make them all 100 days smarter. Please bring a shared picnic lunch for you and your child to enjoy together, to celebrate this important day.

This week we have started looking at ‘word families’ to help with the early stages of reading. We are beginning with the ‘at’ family. Each week we will send home a sheet for the children to complete. Discuss this word family with your child and add more words with the same ending.

Year 1 News
Children in Grade One are exploring the words from the Old Testament and listening to stories such as the Creation story. We will be learning about some of Bible characters such as Noah from Noah's Ark and Joseph from the Coat of many colours.

During the first few weeks back some completed workbooks may be coming home. These finished exercise books and booklets are to be kept at home as is last term's homework. Please enjoy sharing your child’s school experience by looking at the work when it is sent home.

**Year 2 News**

In Grade 2 we are exploring ideas about God's love. The students have listened to the story ‘God’s Dream’ written by Desmond Tutu and Douglas Abrams. They then illustrated their ideas of what their dream is for creating a world of love.

Our focus for writing this term, is an Information report about an Australian animal.

This week your child will have brought home their Spelling Bee words for Round 1, next Friday. We have talked to the students about different ways they can help themselves learn these words. PRACTISE makes perfect. Good luck.

**Year 3 News**

We hope that the children have made time to practise their spelling words in preparation for Round One of St Brigid’s Spelling Bee which will take place in each class, this coming Friday.

Homework and new spelling lists will be sent home this Wednesday. Please encourage your child to be organised and pack their homework and spelling folder each Tuesday.

Library lessons re-commenced this week.

We are seeking any party item donations that can go into our Year Three basket for the fantastic fete. It would be great if every child could donate at least one item.

This week the children will be starting to practise their performance for the fete, which will hopefully be a fun and enjoyable experience for them!

**Year 4 News**

Welcome back to term 3. We have made a fantastic start to the term, so congratulations to all concerned.

Topics being covered this term will be Newspapers for English, The First Fleet in history, Natural and Processed Materials for science, and Catholic Communities and Prayer for Religious Education. Mathematics will continue to be a range of concepts covered but always including number activities such as multiplication and subtraction.

4C will be presenting the assembly for Catholic Schools Week, so come and watch your children 'shine'. On Saturday the 20th of July, at 6.00pm, a mass will be held to mark the beginning of this important time of the year, and it would be lovely to see you there.
The fete is getting closer, and Year 4 has been asked to oversee the face painting and weird hair stall. That means we will need parents to help throughout the day, and your children can also be involved when they are not performing on the day.

Lots ahead, watch this space.

**Year 6 News**

Welcome back to another busy term!

Our theme for this term is “Elect Me” and we will be looking at the Australian Political system. To make this more relevant to our students, they will be involved in a fictional program called, “Wizards of Parliament” to teach them about democratic procedures and law making.

Also this week, we started our lessons on personal development. The students should be congratulated on the level of maturity and respect shown. They have been encouraged to share the topics discussed with their parents and to ask any further questions.

**Year 7 News**

Well, Grade 7 have made a great start to Term 3.

Both classes are in the Eco building now and we have re-established rules and routines for this great learning/teaching area.

We are going for a walk around Nerang to visit places of historical significance and to learn of how and why Nerang was settled. The time-traveler’s suitcase has been opened and its contents investigated. Connections will be made between the collection of items it contains and what we find on our walk.

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

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

Students in grades (7, 3, 4A, 4B, 4C, 5A) 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.

divorce and separation recovery workshop

Are you recently separated or divorced?

Centacare is conducting a gentle non-confrontational and supportive workshop providing a wonderful opportunity for people who are struggling to overcome one of life’s challenges.

Commencing on Monday 5 August 2013 from 5.30pm—7.30pm (and continuing each Monday for 7 weeks)

Centacare CFCS at
50 Fairway Drive,
Clear Island Waters  Qld  4226

Refreshments will be provided

Cost is $10 registration to be paid on the first night then $5– per week (total $40)

To register please phone 07 5527 7211