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

Term 3 Week 3

It was pleasing to attend Saturday evening mass in Nerang where we celebrated the beginning of Catholic Education Week. Thank you to those staff and families who were able to join us for this celebration.

Father Columba’s gospel reflection was very appropriate for all of us in our busy lives. We know from John’s gospel that Martha and Mary were friends of Jesus, and that he was frequently in their home. Luke tells us nothing of this; perhaps it was not in the material available to him. However, he immortalises this incident that took place during one of Jesus’ visits, because he sees it as having a lesson for us all. Busy preparing special dishes for their guest, Martha feels left out. Jesus tells her not to go to so much trouble: one dish will be plenty. He then goes beyond this homely advice to remind Martha and those present that the ‘one thing necessary’ in life is finding the truth he is bringing them. Mary does not need to be reminded of this; she shows herself to be a true ‘disciple’. Father reminded us that as we all lead such busy lives it is important that we include talking to God as part of our priorities.

Catholic Education Week

Miss Dempster’s 4C lead the prayer at this week’s assembly. The theme was based upon Catholic Education Week - Making a Difference… inspired by Jesus

The messages that the students shared were simple, yet relevant for what makes a Catholic school special. These included:

- ‘We should follow the way Jesus lived’
- ‘We can make a difference by helping to create a welcoming & inclusive community where everyone is special and we share the good times together.’
- ‘Jesus inspires people to do good for others. Catholic Education helps people become smarter and learn why we should help others’.

The themes coming through 4C’s assembly included: Respect for others, living the gospel values, building community and helping others – making the world a better place. If we can aspire to these ideals as individuals and as a community then St Brigid’s will be an authentic Catholic school.

The Act of Kindness is a hallmark activity of Catholic Education Week. Particularly in this year when celebrations focus on ‘Making a difference’ the Act of Kindness provides a great opportunity to give witness to the message of Jesus and the mission of the Church beyond the curriculum.

Perhaps you could discuss with your children about what acts of kindness you each will commit to this week?

Crossing the Carpark Safely

Drop off and pickup time in the school car park can be a very hectic time.
In recent days staff have noticed that some parents are calling students to cross lines of traffic to enter vehicles. This is a dangerous practice which should be discontinued before a serious accident occurs.

We encourage all students to use the school crossing to access cars parked in the car park.

**Parent Portal**

New notes, awards, daily events and updates are all available on our Parent Portal. Should any parents experience difficulty accessing the Parent Portal please notify our front office in order for the issue to be logged and resolved.

Access to the Parent Portal is via the school website [http://www.sb.qld.edu.au/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.sb.qld.edu.au/Pages/default.aspx)

**School Fete**

As the fete draws closer we encourage families to contribute to the following:

- Chocolate donations for our chocolate wheel.
- 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](http://www.sb.qld.edu.au/Pages/default.aspx).

In particular class teachers will be teaching explicitly what students should do when they hear the bell before play periods. We are reminding all students to walk to play spaces when the bell rings. As we experience wet weather during some school days the hard surfaces can become slippery and wet. Concrete and running are not a good mix!

**AIIU – Japanese Students Arrive on Sunday**

Host families met with the AIIU Group Coordinator in the school library on Monday to find out which students they would be hosting and what to expect.

I will be greeting the group from Koriyama Xaverio Gukuen Catholic School this Sunday after they have flown in from Japan and had a brief tour and some shopping. They will then travel to our school for a brief orientation before leaving with host families.

St Brigid’s will host the group from 29th July to August 2nd. During this time the Japanese students will be learning about Australian culture and improving their English. Our senior students have a number of activities planned with our visitors under the capable tuition of Miss Saito our Japanese teacher. This should be an exciting and enriching time for both our visitors and our senior students through their daily interactions.

I know I will need to work on my Japanese pronunciation; following are some Greetings:

**Good Morning – Ohayo gozaimasu**
Thank you – Arigato

Parish Newsletter

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

Have a good week.

Chris Clurey
Acting Principal

APRE NEWS

Don't forget to enter the Catholic Education Week art competition by tomorrow afternoon! Any type of art with the theme 'Making a Difference..inspired by Jesus'.

Entries to the office or your class teacher.

Happy Catholic Education week!

Karen Petherick
APRE

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
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

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Primary Guidance

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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**

| 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:

Destiny C, Tavita O, Kristen E, Chanelle M, Bre-anna B, Jared F, Abbie R

**STUDENT AWARDS**

**Assembly - Week 4 Term 3 Monday 29th July**

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

0A Blake, Paige

0B Benjamin, Kirra
Cheyenne, Tahj
Cooper, Patrik
William, Matthew
Bethany, Tyler
Emma, Ethan
Stella, Jai

Ethan, Jacinta
Kyan, Sydney
Kristy-Lee, Kaizen
Harrison, Georgia
Charlice, Alex
Torree, Jacob
Patrick, Olivia
Cody V, Chloe
Ronan, Billy
Lauren, James
MR GUDGEON'S SPORT'S REPORT

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.

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 & 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

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

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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 the Parish craft group which meets each Tuesday in the Parish Centre.

Fete Newsletter

Please click here to download the latest newsletter.
ST BRIDGID'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

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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 had a very exciting 100 day celebration last Friday. Thank you to everyone who came along to enjoy the festivities and the showcase of their 100 days of work in their room and portfolios. A huge also to Michelle Moir for making the beautiful cake for the preps to share.

This week we are continuing ‘word families’ to help with the early stages of reading. We are learning the “it” 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.

This Friday the children will be bringing home a reader with their library book. As Prep is the foundation year of learning, we are beginning to send these books home now so that the children can develop a good habit of reading each night, in preparation for their school journey. Please encourage your child to “have a go” and enjoy the love of books.
Year 1 News

Grade One has been busy learning about Non-fiction books as we investigate living things. We will be introducing children to the new genre of report writing. So far our writing has been centred around writing recounts. Recounts are stories about things that we have experienced in our lives. An example of a recount is a story about going to the shops or the park. When writing a recount the children are always encouraged to write about - who, what, when, where and maybe why.

Year 2 News

This week we have been revisiting our school rules and are in the process of writing a Class Covenant. A covenant is an agreement. Our Grade 2 Covenant will help us to build community in our classrooms and create a safe and positive learning environment for all.

Wow! Wow! Wow! What an amazing effort from everyone in Round 1 of the Spelling Bee. Congratulations to all those students who achieved 20/20. We look forward to some more fantastic results in Round 2. Thank you to all our parents who have supported and encouraged their children achieve their best results.

Over the next few weeks we will be working on our items for the fete. Thank you to the families that have already donated stationery items.

Year 3 News
Thanks to the children and their families who have donated a party item to the fete’s raffles. We are still a long way off filling our baskets so please keep the items coming in! We can’t wait to show you our spectacular performance on the day!

Congratulations to all of the children who have made it to Round 2 of the Spelling Bee. Keep practising and good luck for Round 2, Friday, 26th August.

Mrs Purdon is getting a teeny bit excited for ballgames 2013! Teachers will soon be choosing students to represent St B’s at the inter-school carnival. The selected students will require suitable ball skills, team spirit and be willing to take part in a training session held in their lunch break. Students who represent our school will be expected to behave in an appropriate manner whilst on the bus and at St. Kevin's.

Happy Catholic Education Week everyone!

**Year 5 News**

This week in Mathematics we are still looking at symmetry, enlarging and reducing familiar two-dimensional shapes. The students seemed to have grasped our other concepts of symmetry; reflection, rotation and translations. We will be testing the students on this knowledge in the coming days.

In English we are analysing the poems ‘Ode to the Fallen’, Uluru and Advance Australia Fair. Looking at such things as the purpose, theme, audience, tone, mood of these poems and giving the students an opportunity to express their own opinions on the meanings associated with these poems.

During History, students are starting to focusing on the reasons why Europeans migrated to Australia in the 1800’s. We are talking about the things that these people brought with them, such as food, traditions, language, clothing and other items of trade.

In science, the students are studying the affect of the Sun on our Solar System and will choose a planet to study in detail.

We would really appreciate all Year 5 families supporting the stall that we are to run at this years school fete by nominating times that you are available to help out. Also, we are collecting ‘toiletries’ for the fete so donations of these products would be very much appreciated.

Also, can we have chocolates sent in during this week for our fete’s chocolate wheel.

**Year 6 News**

This week the year 6 classes created a wizard world each for their Parliament of Wizards unit this term. 6B called theirs Wizard World of Episomazy and 6A called their Wizard World Toretuga. Each wizard has their own electorate. We also had a very close look at the difference between a democratic and an undemocratic country – we are very grateful to be living in a country with a democratic government!

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Spare Uniforms**

UGENT - all the spare shorts that we had, have all been issued out and have not been returned.
If your child has recently borrowed a St B's uniform can you please return ASAP.

**Scholastic Bookclub**

Bookclub orders due back at school by **Monday 29th July**.

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

Students in grades (7, 3, 4A, 4B, 4C, 5A, 6A, 6B) 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](http://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 increase 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