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

Term 3 Week 4

Sunday’s gospel passage follows on from teaching concerning a right attitude to this world’s possessions: ‘Get yourself treasure that will not fail you’. What has gone before serves as an introduction to the theme of hope. Christian hope is very fundamental in the lives of those who are true followers of Jesus. Hope - one of the ‘three theological virtues’ (fundamental to our relationship with God; cf. 1 Cor 13:13) - is little appreciated by many of our people, whose faith is often too individualistic. Because they are not familiar with the great story unfolding in the Scriptures, their faith awareness does not include an eager longing for the final achievement of God in the divine plan for the whole of creation. Christian hope is the certainty that, despite all appearance to the contrary, God’s final reign will come: ‘Fear not, little flock, it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom’. This certainty is essential to a vital faith, the second reading tells us: ‘only faith can guarantee the blessings we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen’. Hope is an essential element in all our lives. Our hope for health, happiness and that we can lead a good life, link closely with this gospel reflection.

This gospel passage ties in well with our School Wide Positive Behaviour Support focus in classrooms this week.

School Wide Positive Behaviour Support This Week

Over the past few weeks we have focused on transitions.

This week’s focus is based upon teaching the students how we show respect for property whilst we are on the playground.

Classes will be using this focus to deliver lessons which explicitly teach what this means and how we achieve this at St Brigid’s.

Enrolment Interviews for Prep 2014 Closing Soon

If you intend to enrol a child into Prep for the start of the 2014 school year and have not done so yet please make a booking via the front office as time is fast running out.

AIIU – Hosting Japanese Students and Staff This Week

This week we welcome 16 students and their teachers from Koriyama Xaverio Gaskuen Primary School in Japan.

They will be working with students from Years 5-7 under the guidance of Miss Saito our Japanese teacher.

Learning English through interactions with other students and staff is a goal for the group whilst they are here. This should create some rich cross-cultural interaction with our students over the next week.

Fete Update

Thank you to the many generous families who have responded to our call for fete donations.
We are still collecting chocolate donations for the chocolate wheel. The class baskets are steadily filling up although more donations in the senior grades would be helpful.

A text was sent out from the school to all parents requesting they make contact with your child’s class teacher to volunteer some time on fete day. If you can spare thirty minutes or more on August 11th your child’s class teacher would be very happy to hear from you as they are coordinating the rosters for their classes’ area of responsibility.

**New Handrails**

The school has installed handrails on the ramps leading from the Prep area to Block A in addition to the OSHC stairs. We hope the hand rails that have been added improve the safety of all pedestrians accessing these areas.

**Sickness in the Classroom**

There have been a considerable number of students attending the schools ‘sick bay’ in recent days due to illness.

If you are aware your child is unwell and in some cases physically unwell before school it is recommended that they not be sent to school (where possible).

In some cases these illnesses can have an adverse effect on the rest of the class and instead of one sick child we have many.

Your anticipated assistance and cooperation with this matter is appreciated.

**District Athletics for ‘C’ Schools**

Students from our senior grades have represented St Brigid’s at the District Athletics Carnival for small schools held on Tuesday July 30th at Pizzey Park.

We trust they were great ambassadors for our school and gave their best on the day.

Thank you to Mr Gudgeon for his encouragement of the students and organisation in order for the day to proceed.

**Change of Morning Routing on August 2nd Due to the Starlab**

A ‘Star lab’ will be setup in the hall on Friday as part of an incursion for Year 3 & Year 5 classes. As a result the following changes will be in place:

- The hall will be closed to student access (including breaks whilst star lab is present)
- **There will be no morning gathering in the hall.**
- Students will play on the oval & pathways beside the hall in the morning (weather permitting).
- When the bell sounds students move directly to classes.

**Parish Newsletter**

Please [click here](https://example.com) to download this week’s Parish Newsletter.

Have a good week.
Winners of the art contest for Catholic Education Week

The criteria for selecting the winners was that they mentioned both a way they can make a difference and showed how Jesus inspires us; care was taken with spelling and layout and that the work was complete.
We wish the following students well as they sit the ICAS English exam:

Year 3: Astrabella, Riley, Gemma, Jacinta, Isaac, Maddie.
Year 4: Caitlyn, Hailey, Amelia.
Year 5: Megan, Aiden.
Year 6: Cody, Nic, Annika, Lauren, Tyson.
Year 7: Molly, Emily, Julian.

Students need to bring a 2B or B pencil and an eraser.

Evacuation Drills
We are required to conduct evacuation drills on a regular basis to ensure our procedures are appropriate in the event of an emergency.

We ask all parents helpers that are in classrooms or on the school grounds during an evacuation drill, to move to the assembly area (usually the oval) and not to leave the school grounds until the all clear signal is given.

This is important to ensure all helpers are accounted for in the cross-checking of the sign-in registers.

Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated for future evacuation drills.

Fete

Thank you to the many parents that have sent in donations for basket items. The following items are still required for several baskets:

- Sporting goods,
- Toiletries
- Non-perishable pantry items (biscuits, chips, tinned fruit, muesli bars etc)

Showcase 2013

There is great excitement growing about this event and a date has now been set.

Please mark Tuesday September 3rd (6.30-9pm) in your calendar.

Each entrant is required to return a signed permission note. Group entrants still require an individual permission note/entry form: NOT one note per group.

Students can collect an entry form from the main office, parent portal or newsletter.

*Parents, please ensure that song material and dance moves used etc are appropriate. Subject matter, age of performers, context (Catholic primary school), language etc, need to be considered when children are choosing and creating their performance piece. Please contact me if you are unsure of material.*

GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR NEWS

Organising...Part 2

As mentioned last week, being organised is an important life long skill that positively impacts on students success both in school and in other areas of life.

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:

6. Anchoring

7. Map it out
8. Goal-setting

9. Planning the week

10. Finish one task before starting the next

11. Putting first things first

12. Help them concentrate

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:**

“The way to find a needle in a haystack is to sit down.” — Beryl Markham, West with the night

**Cilla Stent**

**Primary Guidance**

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St Brigid's Race Day

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Year 5 Camp - Bornhoffen PCYC

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

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BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday this week to the following children:

Nathanial G, Sydney M, Lochlan M, Naarishma L, Corbin R, Matthew A

STUDENT AWARDS

Awards to be presented at Assembly in Week 5 – Monday 5 August
Congratulations to....
0A  Nathanial, Alyssa
0B  Mia, Cooper
0C  Aleesha, Charlie
1A
1B  Tarla, Summer
1C  Vanessa, Jasper
2A  Zaria, Cadell
2B  Cliodhna, Zachary
2C
3A  Jack, Briannah
3B  Isaac, Madison
3C  Maddie, Taj
4A  Jet, Sandy
4B  Francis, Charlice
4C
5A
5B
6A  Emily, Andrew
6B  Annika, Matthew
7A
7B  Lachie, Ryan
S.W.P.B.S

ROBO'S rule of the week

Week 4: Respect for property on the playground.

MR GUDGEON'S SPORT'S REPORT

Interschool Sports Uniforms

Can all parents and students please have a look at home for interschool sport jerseys/shirts/singlets as we are still missing a few.
Students that do not return their jerseys by next week will be billed accordingly.

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

Entries are now open for students to be a part of Showcase 2013.

Showcase2013 will be held on Tuesday 3rd September, 6.30pm - 9.00pm in the school hall.

Parents, please ensure that song material and dance moves used etc are appropriate. Subject matter, age of performers, context (Catholic primary school), language etc, need to be considered when children are choosing and creating their performance piece. Please contact me if you are unsure of material.

Young Conservatorium

Griffith University - Queensland Conservatorium has enrolments open for its Young Conservatorium and Early Childhood Music program.

Details can be found at: [www.griffith.edu.au/music/young-conservatorium](http://www.griffith.edu.au/music/young-conservatorium)

Brochures and application forms are available from the main office.

WORKPLACE HEALTH & SAFETY NEWS

Sign In and Out Procedures

- All visitors are required to sign in and out at the office
- Children arriving after 9:00 am are required to report to the office to be issued with a ‘late slip’ to be handed to the teacher on arrival at class
- Parents collecting children prior to the end of the school day must now report to the office first, to be issued with a ‘permission to leave early’ slip, and then hand his slip to the class teacher before the child is dismissed.

The importance of the School's Sign In and Out Procedures was highlighted recently when St Brigid's conducted a Fire Drill. Your co-operation in following the above procedures is always appreciated.
TUCKSHOP

Volunteers

Volunteers URGENTLY NEEDED PLEASE. Any time given would be much appreciated even if you can only spare an hour on drop off.

On Fridays I process over 160 orders so help is desperately needed. Even if only until first break, that would be greatly appreciated.

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

Term 3 Tuckshop Menu

Please note that pizzas are now $3 and sausage rolls are $2.20

Please check out the new tuckshop menu.

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.

General Fete Information

Please [click](#) here to download the latest newsletter.

Please [click](#) here to download the latest Fete donation flyer.

Armbands for the Rides

**MUST BE PURCHASED BY FRI 9TH AUGUST**

This year we are having a family package (family of up to 4 children – immediate only) for ONLY $60.00. If buying for a family of 4 there is a saving of $40.00. You can't buy these on the day – prepaid only.

Single armbands will be on sale for $25.00. On the day they will cost $30.00. So be sure to buy before the day and save $5.00.

Armbands will be on sale commencing Monday 29th July from 8am to 9am in front of the office. Cash or Cheque only.
**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
This week the Prep are revising the last six sounds that they have learnt ….d, g, o, u, l and f

We are continuing “word families” to help with the early stages of reading. We are learning the “et” 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.

Last Friday the children began learning about Baptism. We discussed the symbols of Baptism….Christening gown, Baptismal certificate, candle, Sign of the Cross, oil and water. We role-played a Baptism ceremony with the children in the Church. We will be soon asking for the children to bring in a dolly or teddy to participate in their own Baptism “role-play” ceremony. The “show and tell” children have started sharing their special memories from their own Baptism or welcoming celebration.

We hope you are enjoying the reader that was sent home with your child’s Library book last Friday. This will continue weekly, to help 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. Please ensure both books are returned together each week before Friday’s lesson.

Year 1 News

Year 2 News

Grade 2 are busy working on their projects to be auctioned at the fete. Thank you to everyone who has donated either chocolates or stationery items, thus far. Keep them coming.

We have completed our class covenants. The students have signed their names and this signifies that they agree to abide by these rules. They are displayed in each of the Year 2 classrooms.

Our current focus in Mathematics is counting money. We hope you enjoyed playing the Money Bags game for homework. We are continuing to learn how to construct and write and information report. Keep learning the Spelling Bee words for Round 2 this Friday August 2nd.

Have a good week.

Year 3 News

Congratulations to Molly F, Chanelle, Tiarna, Chaise, Daniel, Gabriel, Nyree, Philippa, Sydney, Georgia, Chloe, Josh, Sam, James, Nicolas A, Tom, David, Oscar, Ruby, Lily and Kayla who have all been selected to compete at the Interschool Ballgames carnival.

Please note that Round Two of the Spelling Bee is this Friday, 2nd August, not the 26th August.

We are excited for this Friday as Grade Three are having a special visitor from Starlab Education. We hope to learn more about how the Earth rotates causing changes including day and night. Please bring in any fiction/non-fiction book that might relate to this topic to share with your class.

Well done to those children who have been returning their library books each week and who are able to enjoy the wonderful variety of books that our school library has to offer. There are a number of students who often forget to bring in their library books, homework and spelling folders each Tuesday. It is important that children learn to become organised and responsible individuals. Perhaps children could have a checklist somewhere at home (on
the fridge or in their bedroom) which they can check each morning to ensure that they have the necessary equipment in their bags ready for school.

Two weeks and counting until the school fete...’party’ items can still be donated and very much appreciated.

Have a wonderful week!

**Year 4 News**

The week just passed was Catholic Education Week, a very special week as you would know. Some of the Year 4 students have offered the following comments about how they can *make a difference, inspired by Jesus*.

- We should follow the way Jesus lived.
- We can make a difference by helping to create a 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.

They also talked about respect for others, living the gospel values, building community and helping others to make the world a better place. You should be proud of your children and the positive messages and actions they identified. Now we need to embody those messages and actions to make this a reality in our Catholic school.

**By 4A**

4A have been busy doing some sewing for the fete. Everyone in the class sewed a fish onto a blue square, which we made into a quilt. We think it looks soft and warm and spectacular. We hope you bid at the fete auction. Competition will be fierce!
Year 5 News

Year 6 News
We are well and truly into our new term and unit of work on the Australian government. The students have created their wizard electorates and started thinking about issues that would be of importance to their ‘constituents’. They are also realising that what they do in their electorate can impact other areas.

In religion we have been looking at how church design differs throughout Australia as well as what the students would expect to see in all catholic churches. We had a tour of St Brigid’s church and the students were surprised to identify many items that they had not noticed before. This was also an important lesson in reverence and an opportunity for them to see how they can also pray at times other than during a mass. Hopefully they will have a greater awareness of their surroundings the next time they are in church.

Thank you to those parents who have donated pantry items for our fete raffle. We would also like to encourage parent helpers to assist with the sale of raffle tickets on the day.

Year 7 News

After our excursion last week we have been investigating the history of Nerang and have found out lots about the development of the area that we live in.

A number of students entered the Catholic Education week Art competition with much success. Congratulations to the winners as well as everyone else who did such a great job.

With the fete coming up, we have been practising a choral item and we are looking forward to performing for everyone at the fete. So make sure you are there on Sunday the 11th.
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.

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

Students in grades (7,6,5,4,3,2A,2B,2C) 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
Engaging Adolescents Parent Course

Village Family Support Program is running the 'Engaging Adolescents' parent course.

The courses cover strategies and increases confidence of parents in managing adolescent challenging behaviour, with skill building around tough conversations.

Attached is the flyer with details of the program commencing Wednesday evenings or Thursday mornings in AUGUST 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.