Hello to all in the St Brigid’s community,

Term 3, Week 10

Sunday’s readings informed us that from time to time we should stop and consider how momentous is the decision we have made to be a follower of Jesus. So easily we expect our Christian life to be undisturbed and unchallenged; so that it can become little more than engaging from time to time in consoling practices. We can fail to recognise that we are caught up in nothing less than the life and death struggle of the whole world. The one we are called to follow is the eternal Son of the Father, who became one of us, that through his Paschal Mystery he may lead us out of the world of selfishness and violence we have made, into a new heaven and new earth, where all is shaped by the generous and merciful ways of his Father. We should not be surprised that, as he undertakes his courageous journey to Jerusalem, his teaching has a sharp edge. It is important, however, to understand what he is asking of us, so that it will not remain little more than a seemingly impossible ideal. Taking time to stop and reflect upon what it means to be a follower of Jesus is something we rarely do in our busy lives.

Students representing St Brigid’s at the Chess Tournament

12 Students participated in the Gold Coast Primary Schools Chess Competition held at Carrara Basketball Stadium yesterday. They were; Will M, Nic D, Maddie D, Julian C, Aidan C, James B, Emily B, Billy W, Josh M, Jack M, Riley R and Jack B. Congratulations to St Brigid’s ‘Team 2’ who came 2nd overall in their division - Aidan C, Emily B, Jack M, Jack B. Congratulations also to the following students who won individual merit ribbons - Jack M, Jack B, Aidan C. Thank you to all the students who behaved perfectly on the day and were fine ambassadors for St Brigid’s. Special thanks also to Kerrie-Lee and Kylie for staying for the day, supporting the children and bringing the much needed lollies and coffee!
Assembly this week

Mrs Purdon’s 3B class presented the prayer focus at assembly this week. It focused on presenting what they had learned about the history of our school and parish in their recent unit of work. The creative talents of the students were on show as they presented their information in the form of a ‘rap’ in small groups with the accompanying beat boxing.

School Wide Positive Behaviour Support

Our S.W.P.B.S focus for this week is the revision of:

‘Transitions after breaks’
In our final weeks of term there are areas that staff believes students would benefit from revising further. Class teachers will explore the following aspects of this SWPBS focus with students in classrooms:

- Use the time between bells to go to the toilet and get a drink.
- What is appropriate behaviour in the toilets?
- What is appropriate behaviour at the bubblers?
- What does it look like when we line up sensibly awaiting our teacher?

It was very affirming for all the students that had earned ‘Robo Rewards’ tickets from teachers this week. The boxes were very full of tickets indeed. It was pleasing to see the smiles on the faces of the 10 lucky students who were drawn out for tuckshop vouchers. The names of these students are outlined later in the newsletter.

**Whats on this week**

On Thursday night at 7.00pm in the church, a number of students from St Brigid's will celebrate their Sacrament of Confirmation. In addition, students will also be celebrating their First Eucharist on Sunday morning at 8.30am. We congratulate these students and their families on the hard work and commitment it has taken for them to reach this point in their sacramental journey.

**CHANGES TO USING THE ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND AT ST BRIGID’S**

As we are a Brisbane Catholic Education School we are required to comply with various guidelines and directives which are in directed by government legislation. A new directive was issued in relation to the age of students on playground equipment and fall heights. As a result of this new information we have been required to make the following changes to our adventure playground area:

- A fence has been erected to separate the two pieces of adventure playground equipment.
- The Equipment closest to OSHC will be for Prep students to play on.
- The equipment closest to Mr Colin’s shed is for Yr. 1 - Yr. 3 students only. (Yr. 1 & Yr. 2 in the mornings)
- No pre-school age children are allowed to play on this equipment.
- Signs have been created to easily identify which Grades can use the respective equipment.

Thank you for your cooperation and compliance in helping St Brigid’s make play spaces a safer place for all students.

**Footy Colours Day at St Mary's Beaudesert**

In recent weeks, St Mary’s Catholic primary school in Beaudesert had a number of their buildings destroyed by fire. The buildings that were lost were believed to have been built in 1939; it housed four classrooms, toilet blocks, storerooms, an administration block and staffroom, including two new photocopiers that were installed the week before the fire. In order to help them get back on their feet we will be running a ‘Footy Colours Day for St Mary’s Beaudesert’ on Wednesday September 18th. On this day students can wear their favourite football jersey to school for a gold coin donation. Lolly bags will be sold at break time in the hall with all monies raised going to St Mary’s Beaudesert to help them with the rebuild.

**Bat safety message**

You would be aware that Australian bat lyssavirus (ABLV) can be transmitted from bats and flying foxes to humans, usually through being bitten or scratched. Infection with ABLV can be fatal. Unfortunately a young boy
died earlier this year from the virus. The best protection is to avoid handling bats and flying foxes. It is important to communicate this to young children who may accidentally, or due to curiosity, disturb an injured bat or flying fox, causing it to scratch or bite them. Children should be educated to stay away from bats and flying foxes and to tell an adult immediately if they do come into contact with one. This safety message has been initiated by Queensland Health in the hope that students and families will become aware of the danger of handling bats. Class teachers will be talking to students about this in the final weeks of Term 3.

New School Sports Tents - Opportunity for Business owners

In the near future St Brigid's will be placing an order for 4 new school tents which are used frequently throughout the school year for local and interschool sports events and other activities. An opportunity exists for businesses to support St Brigid's and have their name or logo printed across the top of the tents. The artwork / logo's need to be finalised before the tents are manufactured. Any business owners interested should contact the school Principal to discuss details prior to the end of Term 3.

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.

Parish Newsletter

Please click here to access the current Parish Newsletter.

Have a good week.

Chris Clurey
Acting Principal

APA NEWS

Showcase 2013

Congratulations to all performers on delivering an enjoyable night of entertainment at Showcase 2013. Thank you also to the parents and other family members who supported the evening. I thank you also for your generosity; approx. $300 was raised for the Arts programme, which will go a long way toward the purchase of equipment.

A special mention must be made of and thanks given to, Mrs Penny Chesters - our current music teacher. She was tireless in her efforts to ensure each act was ready for the evening; giving up each lunchtime for the past 2 weeks. That the night ran so smoothly and the students were so comfortable in front of an audience was due to her planning, encouragement and commitment.

Maryanne Sandstrom
Class Masses

The Year 6 and Prep students were very reverent as they participated in Mass last Wednesday. The Year 6 students did a great job helping their buddies to join in and the Preppies who had jobs to do were super confident. Well done, children! Tomorrow, Years 5 and 2 will be at Mass at 9.15am and would love you to join them. Next week it will be Years 3 and 4. All of the dates and times are on the Parent Portal, so head over and have a look.

Don't forget to let all the Grandparents know that we are having another grandparent Mass next term so they keep the date free – check the calendar on the Parent Portal for the date and time.

RE Curriculum

Early next term Brisbane Catholic Education will be launching the new Religion curriculum. Our school has been preparing for implementation of these document for a couple of years and this year your children have been learning Religion from the new curriculum. The children seem to be learning a lot and finding it all very interesting. I will be holding an information night early next term for anyone who is interested in finding out what the new curriculum has to offer.

Karen Petherick

APRE

GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR NEWS

Sibling Conflict

Sibling fighting is common, but not inevitable. Parents can become embroiled in sibling fighting caused by responding to some of the games children play. Parenting educator Michael Grose has identified 10 common ways children involve parents in their sibling disputes. Please click here to download the tip sheet.

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: "Live so that when your children think of fairness and integrity, they think of you." H.Jackson Brown

Kind regards,
The theme for Book Week this year was ‘Read Across the Universe’. Year 5 has been exploring ‘Space’ during term III and in their library sessions they showed great enthusiasm planning, researching, designing & making their own multiverses of planets, aliens, space stations, space transporters and created this wonderful display in the library.

Jan Knowles
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:

Tori T, Jesse N, Samuel C, Oscar M, Mercadies M

**STUDENT AWARDS**

Awards to be presented at Assembly - Wk 11 - Monday 16th September

Congratulations to....
0A Alyssa, Jensen
0B Monnie, Emre
0C Olivia, Tahj
1A Orion, Maddison
1B Tameka, Balin
1C Grace, Jasper
2A Eiley, Annika
2B Maya, Fergus
2C Maya, Kirsty
3A
3B Riley, Gemma
3C Kayla, Jake
4A Kurian, Alyssa
4B Mia, Jack
4C Ethan, Evie
5A Leah, Bonnie
5B Amber, Patrick L
6A Emily
6B
7A Chris, Leo
7B Shakira, Bailey
S.W.P.B.S

ROBO'S Rule of the Week

Practising going to the toilet, washing hands and getting a drink after play between the first and second break.

Robo Winners of Tuckshop Awards are:

P-3
Sarai PB
Annika P 2C
MR GUDGEON'S SPORTS REPORT

Catholic Athletics

Congratulations to St Brigid's students for their fantastic representation at last week's Catholic Schools Athletics Carnival. It was a glorious day in which our students were competitive and displayed great sportsmanship.

St Brigid's students were competitive across all areas of track and field and we were very happy with all of our team's efforts. As a result, a good number of students were rewarded with various place ribbons.

This was the last event in our athletics calendar and we are now looking forward to the next carnival which is the Aquathon on the 13th of November.

Several students from school recently performed in the Gold Coast Eisteddfod in Dancing. They got a first for their song and tap routine, 2 Highly Commended awards in Musical Theatre and another in Contemporary Dance. The following students are from the Dance Fever dance school: Hannah and Tarla S, Mia G, Ariel R, Megan R and Georgia F.

Simon Gudgeon
PE Teacher & Sports Coordinator

WORKPLACE HEALTH & SAFETY NEWS

St Brigid's Sunsmart Policy realises the need to protect children's skin and educate them about Sunsmart behaviour, thus reducing the risk of skin damage from exposure to the sun.
Kids and bats can't be friends

Parents, please read the following important information and take some time to discuss this with your child. Classroom teachers will be doing the same with the children in class, but as it is an important health warning/message, it will help to reinforce the message. Thank you

Please click here for more information.

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 this 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.

be SAFE be WELL

OSHC

St Brigids Nerang OSHC - Vacation Care Program Details

Please click here to access the Vacation Care Program information for the September/October school holidays.
Volunteers

I am looking for new mums, dads, nanas, grandmas, pops & grandads to come & help out.

It is a very rewarding day & fun filled. The kids just love it when you are there to serve them.

On Fridays I process over 160 orders so help is desperately needed. Even if only until first break, it 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 $3.00 and sausage rolls are $2.20

Please check out the new tuckshop menu.

Miss Mel
Tuckshop Convenor

UNIFORM SHOP

Backpacks and sport shorts have arrived, skorts will be here at end of the week.

Hours

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

P & F COMMITTEE

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St. Brigid's Annual Race Day
Coming down the stretch...

Handicap: $60 per person

Racing Day: Saturday 26th October 2013

Post Time: 1130am sharp!

Racecourse: Gold Coast Turf Club

Starting Gate: The Dome, for a gourmet Buffet Lunch

Tickets are to be paid for by Friday 11 October. Seats will only be reserved upon payment.
Race Day tickets are $60 each & the full $60 must be paid for a seat to be reserved. If you would like to reserve a table of 10 the whole amount of $600 must be paid for the table to be reserved.

**If you haven't already purchased your race day ticket, please do so as there are only a few tables left.**

St Brigid's Spelling Bee

A big 'thank you' to the St Brigid's community for supporting our schoolwide Spelling Bee. It was wonderful to witness the enthusiasm amongst the students and their sportsmanship in congratulating the winners. Some year level champions are yet to be decided but all winners will receive awards at our last assembly on Monday the 16th of September. Paula Dougherty, Clare Parker, Trish Gibbs (eNGLISH cOMMITTEE).

CLASS NEWS

Prep News

This week the Prep children are learning about the letter Yy and we are learning new words from the ‘ap’ word family.

Last Friday we had our Spelling Bee challenge. Congratulations to all the children for participating and to Emily G, from Prep A, for being the Prep champion.
Last Wednesday the Year 6 children and the Prep children attended Mass together in the Church. We are thankful to be able to share this special moment with our beautiful buddies. After Mass we went on a “Creation” walk around the school and found many interesting things that God created for us all. Each child completed a drawing and a magazine-cutting activity to show us what God created in our wonderful world.

Year 1 News

Our ‘reading focus’ for Semester One encouraged the use of reading strategies such as looking at picture clues, reading-on or re-reading to make sense, substituting words and predicting which word might make sense. In addition, the hard work of recognising and working out words took our attention away from comprehending or understanding texts.

Now we have had time to become familiar with the reading process it is important that more focus is placed on reading fluently and understanding what has been read. Ask your child to re-read a text until he or she becomes fluent. Encourage your child to re-tell the story he or she has just read. Ask questions such as “What happened in the story?” “Who was in the story?” “Why do you think that happened?” “What would you have done if that was you?”

Year 2 News

Wow! We’ve had a very exciting and action packed week in Year Two.

Congratulations to all of the talented Year Twos who performed at the showcase last Tuesday. We had dancers, singers, musicians and even a couple of clowns! It was a fantastic night.
Another fantastic day was Thursday because we had athletics, ball games and some extra fun activities at school.

We are very proud of all our classmates who participated in athletics and ballgames. We even had a few students win ribbons for their amazing efforts.
In class we have been learning about The Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. Recognising when we have made a poor choice and saying sorry can be difficult things to do, however we are learning why they are
such important life skills.

We will also be having a buddy mass with the Year Fives this Wednesday. We look forward to celebrating how The Spirit moves us to be people of peace. We invite you, our parents and carers, to join us for mass which begins at 9.15am.

Have a fantastic week!

**Year 3 News**

Thank you to Mr Fahey, parent and volunteer from St Vincent de Paul. It was great for the children to get a small insight into what St Vincent de Paul does and how the charity helps local families in times of need. The children were eager to ask Mr Fahey questions about his involvement with the charity and now they seem quite keen to do their bit to help out also. This is all part of being in a Catholic community - we love, care and give each other a helping hand!

So, please remember to bring in a food item for St Vincent de Paul this week. Children will need to explain to their class what they know about Jesus’ message of giving and include reasons why they decided to donate the particular item.

Well done to the ball games and athletics teams from Grade Three. There were lots of big smiles, good stories and even some coloured ribbons shared upon their return to school that afternoon. Thanks to Mrs Purdon who trained the ball games team and accompanied them on the day.

Have a great week!
Year 4 News

We’ve had a busy couple of weeks in Year 4. On the 29th of August we had NAIDOC Day celebrations where the students had the opportunity to take part in a variety of traditional activities from the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander culture.
On the 5th of September, we had quite a few children off at either the athletics carnival or the ball games carnival. We had feedback that our students presented themselves well, in both sportsmanship and overall behaviour. Well done to those who were representing St Brigid's so well!

On Friday the 6th of September, Year 4 students were lucky enough to go to the Ashmore PCYC Bike Safety Centre where they learned about the rules of the road, what the signs on our streets mean for cyclists and then practise using that new knowledge on their purpose-built bicycle course.
Year 6 News

This week our students attended Mass with their Prep buddies. This was a very special time to pray together and for the Year 6's to model appropriate behaviour in the church. They did a wonderful job.
We have been meeting up with our Preps for a few weeks and the students are enjoying spending time together. We recently watched the Preps ‘baptise’ their teddies and have also shared story time and play time with them.
This week also saw many of our students involved in Catholics Ball Games or Catholic Athletics. Congratulations to the students on their behaviour and positive sportsmanship on these occasions.
Year 7 News

We would like to congratulate the Year 7 students who represented St Brigid’s at the Athletics and Ball Games Carnivals. It was wonderful to witness their energy, sense of school spirit and nostalgia as they realised this was the last time they would be competing for St Brigid's at these carnivals. We thank them for the significant contributions they have made throughout their school journey at St Brigid's!

Japanese News

Konnichiwa from Japanese class!

Last Tuesday Year 6 wrote a letter in Japanese (and English) to Musashino Gakuen Primary School in Tokyo. This school is next to my parents’ house. They have already received our letters and they are very excited. We are going to have a class Skype call with them on 9th September (6B) and 28th October (6A). Hopefully we can build up our friendship from now on and next year through Skype and letters!

Here is one more photo from the Speech Contest. Great Job!
Mariko Saito
Japanese Teacher

MUSIC NOTES

Upcoming Visit: Australian Youth Choir and Youth Dance Theatre

Representatives from the above organisations will be visiting students in Years 2-6, on Friday September 13, for approximately 7-10 minutes per class, involving them in a short vocal activity and distributing information letters to take home to parents who, if interested, may telephone the AYC office to arrange a vocal or dance appraisal for their child.

Bring out the best in your child with performing arts education!
Our programmes help young people discover their hidden vocal or dance talent. They not only learn to sing or dance, they learn team skills, make new friends and become part of a wide circle of performers. Visit us at www.niypaa.com.au

COMMUNITY NEWS

Administration of Medication

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 the attached 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.

Spare Uniforms

URGENT - All of 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 please return immediately.

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

Students in grades 1 - 7 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.
Baseball Club

Nerang Cardinals Baseball Club is based at Carole Moore Park, Dugandan St, Nerang.

U8 Tball - $130 - Includes a backpack with mit and bottle

U10 Rookie ball - $160

U12 Little league - $170

U14 - $180

Training start for Rookie and Little league on Wednesday 11th September at 4:30pm, so if people want to come and talk to someone in person this would be a good time. Alternately, phone 0419 765 993 for more details.

Michelle Vickers
0420 814 876
07 5502 2203

Commonwealth School Banking

Please click the attached link for more information.

Gold Coast Marching Band

The Gold Coast Marching Band has been offered a chance to march in the community street parade for the V8 supercars.
We are aiming to put together a massed marching band with the students from the Gold Coast to be a part of this event. The music will be Mustang Sally and Lazy Song by Bruno Mars and will be emailed to registered students by September 17th.

We are running a free marching band workshop on October 19th in preparation for the gig on October 20th. We would like to have at least 20 students to make this event possible.

If we have enough responses from students by September Friday 15th we will proceed with the workshop and the V8 supercars street parade performance.

Workshop date : October 19th (9am – 4 pm)

Performance date: October 20th (2:00 – 3:30pm)

Feel free to email me at robyn@talentforthecoast.com if you have any questions

or you can phone:

Robyn 0415 451 502 between 8am – 10am (Monday to Friday)

Stephanie 0411 520 050 between 11am – 3pm (Monday to Wednesday)

Henk 0451 465 055 between 4pm – 5pm (Monday to Friday)

Please click here for the relevant forms.

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The Velveteen Rabbit - Audition Notice

We are looking to audition the principal children’s roles for our musical version of Margery Williams’ book, “The Velveteen Rabbit”, to take place in Helensvale in November. We encourage anyone with musical or acting talent to audition. Please refer to attached audition notice for details.

Please click this link for more information.

Simon Chan, M.Mus, LL.B (QUT) Artistic Director
Labrador Junior Touch

SIGN ON FOR THE NEW TOUCH FOOTBALL SEASON

Thursday, 19 September 2013 between 5.00PM - 7.00PM

Competition Dates:

Round 1: 10 October 2013

Xmas Break: 19 December 2013

2014 Return: 16 January 2014

Grand Final: 13 February 2014

COST: Full Fees $85.00 includes Playing Shirt, (Covers Registration, Insurance & Game fees)

Where: Cos Zantiotis Playing Fields, Jacobs Drive Labrador (Behind Hungry Jacks)

DIVISIONS: Under 10, 12, 14s (Boys & Girls), Under 16s Mixed (Subject to nominations)

All Information including and Nomination forms are available on www.labradorjuniortouch.com

Take Home a Big Brother or Sister

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in February 2014 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs.

Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Austria, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, the U.S.A, South America and Japan will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending
money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

Thanks and kind regards,

Robert Lindsay - Inbound Program Manager

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Spirituality

The Gold Coast Team for Married Spirituality is holding a day of retreat and reflection for couples at St Brigid’s, Nerang on Sunday 29th September.

The day will begin with participants attending the Parish Mass at 8:30am celebrated by Father Rafal Rucinski, who is also the spiritual Counselor for the Gold Coast Team.

The Gold Coast Team extends an invitation to any couple who would like to join them for this spiritual opportunity. The couples will be guided through the day by Sue Thomas, the Pastoral Associate at Surfers Paradise.

Lunch will be provided and a donation of $10.00 would be appreciated. The day will conclude at 3:00pm

Bookings: Sue and Bren Milsom: milsoms@iinet.net.au  55224880, 0409718139

Caritas Give Love and Get Art Exhibition
The organisers of “Give Love and Get Art” exhibition for Caritas Australia and their major sponsor PW Dancewear warmly invite you to this year’s art exhibition showcasing 140 artworks for sale in a variety of mediums: sculptures, mixed media, oils, acrylics, airbrushed acrylics, watercolours and pencil.

The exhibition will be in the beautiful new facilities at St Rita’s College, 41 Enderley Rd Clayfield on Sunday 15th September between 9am - 3pm, with the auction of 16 donated art works being held at 2pm. Entry is $10 p/p which includes light refreshments, entertainment and art demonstrations. Raffle prizes are also up for grabs with the major prize being a $1000 Virgin Airlines voucher.

Please visit their website to pre-bid on the 16 fabulous auction pieces, as well as details relating to the exhibition: www.giveloveandgetart.com