Dear Parents/Guardians,

Last Friday we were blessed with fantastic weather for our Swimming Carnival. It was wonderful to see so many parents and grandparents volunteering and cheering on the children. We saw some outstanding individual performances from the students and it was great to see all of the students giving 100%. The day ran very smoothly from the record 15 minute set up at 8am to the last of the relays. Special thanks to Mrs Short and Miss Langley for their organising of the day. Congratulations to RED faction on winning the shield.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish students and their families a restful and enjoyable holiday and look forward to hearing holiday stories from students on Tuesday 28 April.

God Bless
Mr Cronin

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**Term 1 Important Dates 2014**

- Apr 04 · Yr 1 Assembly
  - Year 6 Car Wash 2pm PCYC
- Apr 05 · Car Boot Sale
  - Yr 2 & Yr 4 Parish Mass
- Apr 09 · Combines Schools’ ANZAC Service 10am Soldiers Park
- Apr 10 · End of Term Mass
  - Board Meeting 7.30pm
- Apr 11 · Easter Egg Raffle Draw

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**Term 2 Important Dates 2014**

- Apr 28 · Term 2 Begins Students & Teachers

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**Hunga Busta Roster**

- Apr 04 Friday · Cheryl Pullan
- Apr 07 Monday · Julie Moffat
- Apr 09 Wednesday · Brooke Burek
- Apr 11 Friday · Krystie

If you would like to volunteer a couple of hours of your time please come and see me in the canteen.

Thank you
Mrs Higgins

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**Prayer Corner**

**An Easter Prayer**

God our Father,
by raising Christ your Son
you conquered the power of death
and opened for us the way to eternal life.

Let our celebration today raise us up
and renew our lives by the Spirit that is within us.
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

International Committee on English in the Liturgy (ICEL)
Term 2
Term 2 begins for students on Tuesday 28 April. During Term 2 there will be a Pupil Free Day on Tuesday 3 June giving families an extra-long weekend with Monday being a holiday.

ANZAC Combined Schools’ Service
St Brigid’s students from Years 3-7 will travel by bus to Soldiers’ Park on Wednesday 9 April to be involved in the Combined Schools’ ANZAC Service. The commemoration begins at 10am and Bailey Edwards and Kate Wilks will be reading at the service. Parents and friends are welcome to attend.

ANZAC Day Service
On 25 April Bailey Edwards, Kate Wilks, Joel Cronin and Tara Wallis will represent St Brigid’s at the town ANZAC Service and will lay a wreath on behalf of the school.

Bunbury Catholic College Scholarships
Application forms to apply for the Scholarships offered in 2015 by BCC are in the front office for any Yr 6 & Yr 7 student attending BCC next year. Applications close 4 April.

Year 1 Assembly
Some of the Year 1 students’ many talents will be on display at the Year 1 Assembly on Friday 4 April. Parents and friends are welcome to attend.

RE News
An Invitation from Bishop Holohan
Do you have a child in Year 6 or 7 who will be preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation next term? Every year, St Brigid’s students in Year 7 attend the Chrism Mass at which the holy oils, including the oil used during Confirmation, are blessed. The Chrism Mass is celebrated on the Tuesday during Holy Week, which unfortunately occurs during the first week of our school holidays this year. Please find attached an invitation for you and your children to attend. It would be lovely to see some of our students at the Mass. You could perhaps make a family day down in Bunbury.

Project Compassion
Every Wednesday until the end of Term 1, students are meeting in the hall at the start of the day for morning prayer and assembly. They will be looking at slideshows from different countries which show them the difficulties faced by people around the world on a day to day basis. Some of these difficulties include finding water, food and shelter. Did you know that Caritas Australia is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year?

Confirmation Meetings & Mass
- May 7 Wednesday Year 6 & 7 Confirmation Meeting at 3.20pm
- May 10 Saturday Year 6 Commitment Mass 6PM
- May 17 Thursday Year 7 Commitment Mass

Invitation from the Bishop
All Year 6 and 7 Confirmation Candidates are invited to:
The Chrism Mass
St Patrick’s Cathedral, Bunbury
11.00am on Tuesday, 15 April 2014
The oil used for the anointing during the Confirmation ritual is blessed in a special ceremony at the Chrism Mass, and it has been the custom for some years now for all Confirmation Candidates to come to the Mass. The bishop is aware that this Mass is in the school holidays this year, but is hopeful that Candidates might find a way to attend. RSVP to Your RE Teacher by 9th April 2014.

First Reconciliation
Congratulations to the fourteen students who made their First Reconciliation last Wednesday night. Thank you to Fr Jay for his support and guidance of the children.

Year 6 Car Wash for Camp
Is your car beginning to look dirty? Don’t wash it yourself! Wait until the Year 6 Car Wash to raise money for camp on Friday 4 April outside the PCYC from 2.30pm.

School Surveys
Thank you to many of the 60 families who were asked to complete the Climate Surveys last week. We had a very healthy percentage returned and the results will assist with future school planning.
P & F Meeting

We had another impressive turn out for last week’s P&F meeting. Thank you to all of those who attended. Below are the topics that were discussed.

P & F News

Art Extraordinaire
P&F are organising an Art Extraordinaire to be held early in Term 4. The Art Department will be in need of Easter Egg wrappers and tiles that could be used for mosaics. We will also need big old picture frames, so if you have any that could be donated, or you are handy and could make some for us, please contact Chris Harnby.

Chocolates
The Cadbury Chocolate Fundraiser will be held again this year, with boxes going home to families towards the end of next week. Funds raised from this will be used to subsidise Dance Sport in Term 2. Please inform the school by Tuesday 8 April if you do not want to receive a box of chocolates.

Easter Egg Raffle
Thank you to families who have donated Easter Eggs for our raffle. The prizes will be put together in the hall from 11am on Thursday 10 April. Please come along and help out if you have some spare time. Donations of baskets or boxes for the prizes would also be appreciated and can be left in the office before next Thursday. The raffle will be drawn at 2.30pm on Friday 11 April in the hall.

Scholastic Book Club
Scholastic Book Club catalogues are sent home to students twice a term. Please note that any orders need to be paid for either online or by cheque. We use a cashless system at school.

Apple TVs for Classrooms
The P&F approved a request for the purchase of Apple TVs for the classrooms which enables images on ipads to go up onto the interactive whiteboards. Teachers are very grateful for the new technology for their classrooms.

Your
P&F Committee

Uniform Roster

Apr 04
Sheree & Fiona

If you would like to help in the Uniform Shop next term please contact Sheree Payne or leave your name at the office.

Car Boot Sale

After last year’s very successful Car Boot Sale which raised over $1000 for the St Brigid’s Church, it has been decided to hold another on Saturday 5 April. Sellers can set up from 7.30 am and buyers from 8-11am. It will be a great chance to get some cash for those items around the house that you no longer need and a great opportunity to pick up a bargain. There will be face painting, a bouncy castle, a cake stall and a sausage sizzle. If you would like to be part of the organising committee or have an idea that we can try on the day please speak to myself or Sam Cheng, our P&F President. Bays need to be booked through the school at $10 a bay. A Parish stall will be set up and donations can be left in the school hall on Friday 4 April. Donations for the cake stall can be brought into school on Friday or handed in at the stall on Saturday morning.

Youth Group

A huge thank you to Sue-Maree Wilks, Kara Barwick, Tracey Johnson and Colleen Read for assisting with Youth Group last Friday night. The students surprised us and still had plenty of energy for spot-light after the Swimming Carnival. We had 36 students attend including six Year 8 students and the adults were very impressed with the behaviour of all of the students who attended.

Easter Raffle Reminder

Tickets are to be returned by Monday 7 April. For those students who have not donated an Easter Egg they need to be handed into the office asap.

Art Department

If you have the following items spare, Mrs Harby would greatly appreciate them for the Art Department.

Easter Egg Wrappers and Large Picture Frames

Thank you
Volleyball - Change of Date

Years 5-7 Volleyball at the Italian Club has been changed from this Friday to next Friday the 11th. Students will travel by bus to the Italian Club. Jamie Wood will be assisting.
Courtenay Langley

Bunbury Catholic College Yr 7 2016 Enrolments

Student interviews for Year 7, 2016 enrolments will commence in Term 2. Families who intend enrolling their child/children for a place in Year 7, 2016 are encouraged to forward their enrolment application forms to Bunbury Catholic College ASAP.
Geraldine Bowman
College Registrar

World Autism Awareness Day BBQ

Sat 5th April 5pm at St Brigid's School Hall
Short presentation at 5.30pm
Bouncy castle
Face Painting
Balloons
Sausage Sizzle
Drinks
And much more
All money raised will be donated to South West Autism Network
Please bring the family down and show your support for Nate and others who live with Autism.

Any enquiries please contact Sam 0417 036 989
Don't forget to wear blue

Parish News

April 13
Palm Sunday Mass 10am

April 15
Holy Tuesday Chrism Mass Cathedral 11am
Reconciliation St Brigid's 7pm

April 17
Holy Thursday Mass 7pm

April 18
Good Friday Stations of the Cross 10.30am
Passion of the Lord 3pm

April 19
Easter Vigil 7pm

April 20
Easter Mass 10am

Collie Junior Netball Development Squad

TRAINING WILL COMMENCE EVERY WEDNESDAY AT ROCHE PARK RECREATION CENTRE FROM 4.30-5.30PM, FOR AGES 10-14 YEARS.
IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PLAYING NETBALL IN 2014, COME TO A PRE-TRAINING SESSION BEFORE THE SEASON KICKS OFF ON THE 28TH APRIL.
DON'T FORGET REGISTRATION DAY IS 7TH APRIL 2014 AT ROCHE PARK, NOMINATION AND AFFILIATION FEES TO BE PAID PRIOR TO SEASON STARTING. FOR MORE INFORMATION PHONE: KRISTY 0438 313 380 TRACEY 0439 518 299

Phasing Out Of Paper Copies

From the beginning of next term, like many schools we will be emailing the school newsletter to families unless they specifically ask for a hard copy. We estimate that it will save 12 000 pages of paper per year. Attached below is a slip asking for your email address. The newsletter is also available on the school's website which will soon be upgraded. Please return the slip below by 12 April.

Family Email Address/es for the Newsletter

Name of eldest child in the family: __________________________

Email address (can be sent to more than one): __________________________

Please indicate if you would still like to receive a hard copy of the newsletter.
## Swimming Carnival Results

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Welcoming St. Brigid's newest students!

We have had so much fun learning through play in Kindy this term. We are awesome at listening to others, being kind to our friends, using our manners, being creative and we love to get our hands dirty! Check out what we have been up too!
Sorting out sibling squabbles

"Healthy families know how to fight well. When parents take an active approach to helping their children resolve their fights, they are teaching them a valuable life skill as well as reducing the incidence of fighting over the long term."

If your kids constantly fight with each other, then don’t despair. All that emotional energy isn’t going to waste.

According to a recent study sibling fights teach kids important conflict resolution skills. In fact, parents who stop their children from arguing may well be depriving them of important learning opportunities.

Researcher Laurie Kramer from the University of Illinois in the US found that kids who learned how to argue with their siblings had more advanced emotional development.

Anecdotally, it seems that sibling fighting is one of the biggest impediments to parents enjoying family life. Many parents tell me that if their children stopped bickering their lives would improve dramatically.

Many parents also worry that their children who fight with each other will not get along as adults. The evidence doesn’t support this view. The test for strong families is more about the willingness for kids to pull together when the chips are down, than the frequency of the squabbling.

Healthy families know how to fight well. When parents take an active approach to helping their children resolve their fights, they are teaching them a valuable life skill as well as reducing the incidence of fighting over the long term. Here are some ideas:

- **Model good conflict resolution skills.** Kids learn when it comes to solving disputes. Some kids will yell, get abusive or even get physical when they are settling disputes. Show them better ways of sorting out problems by talking things through with your partner, compromising and apologising when you’ve said something upsetting to your partner or your children.

- **Focus on emotions.** When kids come to you for help, say something like: “Yep, it would make me mad too if someone said that to me.” Usually someone’s feelings get hurt when siblings argue so make sure you recognise their emotions without taking sides. This focus on feelings helps kids develop emotional literacy and promotes empathy.

- **Explain why siblings may have behaved the way they do.** Ask questions like, "What do you think she meant by that?" Kids are faulty observers and only see one side during disputes. It’s the job of parents to round out the picture, and help kids see that there are two sides to any dispute.

- **Coach them on sorting out disputes.** Kids need the chance to sort their conflict out themselves, but sometimes they need a little coaching. Don’t waste time trying to sort out who started an argument. Instead make some suggestions such as taking turns, giving way, bargaining and swapping.

- **Encourage them to restore their relationships.** Kids often get over disputes far quicker than adults. They can be squabbling one minute and cuddling up the next, so it gets tricky intervening sometimes. However, there are times when you need to encourage a child to mend bridges with an aggrieved sibling. This can mean kids have to swallow their pride, admit that they may be wrong, make an apology or make some sort of restitution such as doing a special favour. This type of restoration means kids must take responsibility for their behaviours and is a sign of growing maturity.

Children without siblings can learn conflict resolution skills by spending time with other peers and friends, and having parents who are willing to argue with them without coming on too strong or laying down the law.

Conflict and siblings tend to go together like bread and butter. While sibling squabbles can be annoying, they also offer parents great opportunities to help kids to handle conflict effectively, which is a great life skill.