Dear Parents/Guardians,

The new term has started well with students keen to share their holiday stories. Staff spent Monday of this week looking at the second component of Kids Matter which is a mental health promotion, prevention and early intervention initiative used in primary schools and in early childhood Centre’s in many schools across Australia. The staff examined the importance of social and emotional learning and ways of helping to develop happy, enthusiastic, resilient, well balanced children. And evidence suggests that a positive school culture equates to an ‘11% improvement in academic performance’. (Durlek et al., 2011).

God Bless

Mr Cronin

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**Term 2 Important Dates 2014**

- **May 02** • Yr 7 Car Wash 2.30 - 4.30
- **May 07** • Whole school Stations of the Glory 10am
  - Confirmation Parent Meeting 3.15pm
- **May 08** • P & F Meeting 7.30pm
- **May 09** • Mother’s Day Stall
  - Kindy Mother’s Day Afternoon Tea 2pm
- **May 10** • Yr 1 & 6 Family Mass
  - Yr 6 Commitment Mass
- **May 13** • NAPLAN
  - Yr 6 Camp
- **May 15** • Board Meeting
- **May 17** • Yr 3 & 7 Family Mass
  - Yr 7 Commitment Mass
- **May 19** • Yr 7 Camp
- **May 21** • Yr 2 & 3 Liturgy of the World 10am
- **May 23** • Yr 5 Assembly
- **May 28** • Yr 6 Reconciliation
- **Jun 04** • Yr 7 Reconciliation
- **Jun 06** • Yr 3 Assembly
- **Jun 11** • Yr 4 Class Mass
- **Jun 12** • P & F Meeting 7.30pm
- **Jun 14** • Yr 7 Confirmation
- **Jun 15** • Yr 6 Confirmation
- **Jun 16** • Incursion “The Magical World of Crazy Science”
- **Jun 18** • Yr 5 Reconciliation
- **Jun 19** • Board Meeting
- **Jun 20** • Yr 7 Assembly
- **Jun 26** • Whole School Mass
- **Jun 30** • Dance Sport
- **Jul 04** • PP Assembly
- **Dance Night**

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**Prayer Corner**

**Prayer for Autumn Days**

God of the seasons, there is time for everything; there is a time for dying and a time for rising. We need courage to enter into the transformation process.

God of Autumn, the trees are saying goodbye to their green, letting go of what has been. We, too, have our moments of surrender, with all their insecurity and risk. Help us to let go when we need to do so.

God of fallen leaves lying in coloured patterns on the ground, our lives have their own patterns. As we see the patterns of our own growth, may we learn from them.

God of misty days and harvest moon nights, there is always the dimension of mystery and wonder in our lives. We always need to recognize your power filled presence. May we gain strength from this.

God of harvest wagons and fields of ripened grain, many gifts of growth lie within the season of our surrender. We must wait for harvest in faith and hope. Grant us patience when we do not see the blessings.

God of geese going south for another season, your wisdom enables us to know what needs to be left behind and what needs to be carried into the future. We yearn for insight and vision.

God of flowers touched with frost and windows wearing white designs, may your love keep our hearts from growing cold in the empty seasons.

God of life, you believe in us, you enrich us, you entrust us with the freedom to choose life. For all this, we are grateful.

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**Hunga Busta Roster**

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

Thank you

Mrs Higgins
Fathers Required
Next Friday 9 May at 9am, students will have the opportunity to purchase a $5 gift from our Mother’s Day staff. A tradition was started two years ago that fathers come in and help out at the stall and give advice to students on what to purchase. If you are able to help next Friday, please let the office know. Students can bring in their $5 for a gift from tomorrow and they can also purchase for grandmothers. Thank you to Sam Cheng who ordered the gifts on behalf of the P&F.
Mr C.

Car Wash for Year 7 Camp
Year 7 students will be busy washing cars to raise money for their school camp tomorrow afternoon (Friday 2 May) from 2.30pm-4.30pm outside the PCYC. Your support would be greatly appreciated.
Mr C.

Extra Long Weekend
A reminder that school will be closed on Tuesday 3 June giving families an extra-long weekend with Monday being a holiday.
Mr C.

Car Boot Sale
A huge thank you to the families who supported the Car Boot Sale early last month. The face painting, bay rental, cake stall, Parish stall, bouncy castle and sausage sizzle raised $700 for the St Brigid’s Parish. We also had a number of ex-St Brigid’s students volunteering on the day to build up their Community Service hours.
Mr C.

P & F Meeting
The next P&F meeting will be held next Thursday 8 May at 7.30pm in the staff room. It was terrific to see so many at our last meeting and we may need to move to a bigger venue! Come along and see what you can do to help.
Mr C.

Green Light for Bike Track
You can expect to see some activity alongside the new patio on the oval over the coming weeks with the construction of a bike track for Kindy and Pre-Primary students. The track will be used as a tool to teach road rules and bike safety.
Mr C.

Students Busy on the Holidays
Thank you to the students and their families who represented St Brigid’s at the ANZAC Day Service and the Chrism Mass in Bunbury on the holidays.
Mr C.

Board Meeting
The next Board meeting for Board members will be on Thursday 15 May at 7.30pm.

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**Confirmation**
This term, our Year 6 and 7 Catholic students will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. Important dates are as follows:
- **Wednesday 7 May 3.15pm** – Meeting for parents of Confirmation candidates in both Years 6 and 7 in the Year 7 classroom.
- **Saturday 10 May 6pm** – Year 6 Commitment Mass
- **Saturday 17 May 6pm** – Year 7 Commitment Mass
- **Saturday 14 June 6pm** – Year 7 Confirmation
- **Sunday 15 June 10am** – Year 6 Confirmation
It is an expectation that candidates attend the Commitment Masses with their families. If candidates are unable to attend the Saturday night Mass for their class, they may attend the date set for the other class, otherwise it is the candidate’s responsibility to arrange another Parish Mass time with Father Jaybee.

**Project Compassion**
During Term 1, the focus of our mission fundraising was Project Compassion, which is organised by Caritas Australia. Loose change was collected across the year levels in Project Compassion boxes located in each classroom. Thank-you to Mrs Blaney-Murphy, Mrs Furler, the Year 1 and Year 6 students for coordinating Purple Day on the last day of term which helped raise money for Caritas. Money raised at St Brigid’s for Caritas came to a total of $428.00. Thank-you to everyone for their generosity.

**Year 1/6 Parish Mass**
On Saturday, 10 May at 6pm, our Year 1 and 6 students will be coordinating the Parish Mass. This is also the Commitment Mass for Year 6 students preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. All school families are invited to attend.

The End of Paper Newsletters
Thank you to the parents who have returned slips with email addresses so we can email the newsletter and save lots of trees! From 1 June, hard copies of the newsletter will only be printed for families who specifically request a copy.
Mr C.
**Immunisation Reminder**

Maintaining a high level of immunisation within our community is very important to controlling many communicable diseases. It is important for parents to make sure that their children have received all of the childhood vaccinations. This includes Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (whooping cough), and polio vaccines before school entry or from three and a half years of age. If you are unsure, phone Medicare on 1800 653 809 and they will forward you a copy of your child’s vaccinations.

If your child has missed out on vaccinations, a doctor or immunisation nurse can provide ‘catch-up’ vaccinations.

Make an appointment with a GP or visit the local (free) immunisation clinic run by Collie Health Service Health Activities Room at Hospital (second entrance)

- **2nd Wednesday of month** from 8.30 am to 12 midday (by appointment only)
- **4th Wednesday of month** from 2pm to 415pm (by appointment only)

Please call 97351450 for further information or to make appointment. Please bring your Medicare and Immunisation Record card with you when you come for appointment.

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**Collie PCYC**

- Junior 5-12 year olds at 6.30-8.00pm
- Senior 13-17 year olds at 8.30-10.00pm

Tickets: $5 Sold at the door or Presold at Collie PCYC Evening will include games and dance competitions. Will You Win? Canteen available on the night with snacks & drinks. Please note: Participants should not leave without the collection of a parent/guardian, unless a letter of permission is given from parent/guardian.

**Car Boot Sale**

Saturday 10 May 2014 8.00am – 12.00 noon @ Collie PCYC 105 Forrest Street Collie. Come Join in with a sausage sizzle and cold drinks purely for fundraising for the centre. $10 or a car bay hire

Please contact Collie PCYC for more information.

Collie PCYC Contact us on 9734 5767 or colliepcyc@wapcyc.com.au

**Become a Police Ranger and take part in exciting activities including:**
- Abseiling & Roping
- Navigation
- First Aid Radio Communication
- Drill & much more

For Years 5-8 On Mondays 4.15pm to 6.15pm during school terms At Collie PCYC, 105 Forrest St Collie

Plus It’s only $5! You must be a Collie PCYC Member and small fees for excursions may apply. For more information contact Collie PCYC on 9734 5767 or on colliepcyc@wapcyc.com.au

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**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.

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**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

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**P & F News**

Dear Parents, The P&F will be having a Mother’s Day stall on Fri 9th of May. Could all students please bring in $5.00 each so they are able to purchase a gift from the stall. We would also love some Dads to help man the stall.

Thank you

P&F Community.