Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to our first paperless copy of the newsletter. While the newsletter has been available on the school’s website for many years it is the first time we haven’t made hard copies to send home and thank you for sending in your email address. We have calculated that we will save 12 000 sheets of paper each year by emailing.

It was fantastic to see so many parents and grandparents at school cheering on the students at today’s Cross Country. Congratulations to all of the students from Years 1-7 on their amazing efforts. Thank you also to Mrs June Short and Miss Courtney Langley for organising the event.

God Bless
Mr Cronin

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**Prayer Corner**

Noah’s Ark

*Everything I need to know, I learned from Noah’s Ark*

ONE: Don’t miss the boat.

TWO: Remember we are all on the same boat.

THREE: Plan ahead. It wasn’t raining when Noah built the Ark.

FOUR: Stay fit. When you are 60 years old, someone may ask to do something really big.

FIVE: Don’t listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.

SIX: Build your future on high ground.

SEVEN: Speed isn’t always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.

EIGHT: For safety’s sake, travel in pairs.

NINE: When you’re stressed, float a while.

TEN: Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.

ELEVEN: No matter the storm, when you’re with God, there’s always a rainbow waiting.

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**Term 2 Important Dates 2014**

- **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** - Interschool Cross Country
- **Jun 19** - Board Meeting
- **Jun 20** - Yr 7 Assembly
- **Jun 26** - Whole School Mass
- **Jun 30** - Dance Sport
- **Jul 04** - PP Assembly
  - Dance Night

**Jul 22** - Term 3 Commences

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If you would like to donate your time for Term 3 please come and see me in the canteen so I can place your name on the roster.

Thank you
Mrs Higgins
The St Brigid's Parish
Church Cleaning Roster
June 13            Trish Stocks and Family
June 20            Short Family

Confirmation
Catholic students in Years 6 and 7 will be making their Confirmation this weekend which is an important event in their faith journey. The students were visited by Bishop Gerard Holohan on Monday and were involved in a Retreat two weeks ago as part of their preparation. Thank you to the parents from Years 5 and 6 who will be assisting with setting up and cooking for supper on Saturday night and morning tea on Sunday morning.
Mr C.

P & F Meeting
There is a P&F meeting tonight at 7.30pm. Come along and see how you can get involved in your child’s school.

Board Meeting
There is a Board meeting for Board members on Thursday 19 June starting at 7.30pm.

Dance Sport
The dance teachers from Humphreys Dance Studio will be back to run lessons for students in Years PP-7 during the last week of term beginning Monday 30 June. Students will then put on a display of the dances they have learnt on the night of Friday 4 July. The cost of the program is being subsidised by the P&F. The cost per student will be $25 with families paying for a maximum of two children. Families with three or more only pay for two.
Mr C.

Calling all Cooks/Creative Decorators
This year our Year 6 and 7 Catholic students will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. Traditionally, it has only been Year 7 students but with Year 7s now moving to high school, the decision was made that for this year, Year 6s would also receive the Sacrament.
Year 7 students will receive the sacrament during the Mass on Saturday 14 June at 6pm. Year 6 students will receive the sacrament during the Mass on Sunday 15 June at 10am. Both classes will have supper/morning tea after the Mass where they cut a celebratory cake and receive their certificates. We are looking for donations of food for either Saturday night or Sunday morning and volunteers to assist with decorating the hall and church, as well as helping with the setting up and cleaning up on both days. Year 5 and 6 parents will be coordinating the setting up/cleaning up and catering.
Please leave your contact details at the front office and indicate how you are able to help. Further information will be given out closer to the date.

Let's get Cooking!

The Magical World of Science
Students from Pre-Primary to Year 7 will watch the Magical World of Science incursion on Monday 16 June at 1.50pm in the school hall. The show has been described as 'a unique presentation that will have children spellbound, combining science, illusion and the arts and teaches a wide range of science concept'. Parents are welcome to join us for this special occasion.

P & F Family Movie Night
The P&F are planning a Family Movie night in the school hall on Friday 20 June. The P&F have applied for a license from Roadshow to screen 'Alvin and the Chipmunks' which is rated G. There will be a door prize and tea, coffee, hot chocolate and popcorn will be for sale. Bring your chairs, beanbags and blankets. Admission is $10 per family which includes grandparents.
**Interschool Cross Country**
Students in Years 4-7 who finished in the top five from each year level will have the opportunity to compete at the Interschool Cross Country next Wednesday at Allanson Primary. Students competing will be bussed to Allanson from school so they are ready to walk the track at 9.45am with the first event at 10am. Mr C.

**Term Dates**
Term 2 will conclude on Friday 4 July. Term 3 begins on Tuesday 22 July.

**End of Term Mass**
Students from Year 1-7 will be involved in the End of Term Mass on Thursday 26 June starting at 9.30am in the Church. Parents are welcome to attend. Mr C.

**Finishing Touches to Bike Track**
We are in the process of putting the finishing touches to the bike track before its official opening. Soon the lines on the track will be marked and we will be filling in around it. A raffle is planned to raise money for the tricycles and scooters with a load of wood and decorated cake to be won. Tickets can be purchased outside Reubens' Newsagency on Thursday 26 June. Thank you to Mrs Renae Shea for organising the fundraiser and to Chris Shea and Brooke Burek for their donations of the wood and cake respectively.

**Pasta Family Night**
Collie Italian Club
Saturday 12 July 2014 @ 6pm
Ride to support Cancer Research
A group of six women from Collie are riding 200kms over two days on the 18 & 19 October. Come prepared for a great meal and a fun night with all the family.

- Adults $25
- Children Under 12 $10
- Family $60

Group Bookings available; tables of 10
Please phone the following riders for tickets

- Jodie Pilatti 0435969794
- Marg Swan 0427356797
- Jodie Chiellini 0418890061
- Greta Moloney 0437415399
- Melissa Mumme 0437887112

![Ride to Conquer Cancer Logo](image)

**Phasing Out Of Paper Copies**
From today, 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

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**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.
## Cross Country 2014 Results

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Making children’s birthdays special

Children’s birthday parties seem to be getting bigger every year. But bigger is not always better when it comes to celebrating children’s birthdays.

There’s no doubt a child’s birthday is a special day. It’s one day of the year when they legitimately become the centre of attention for their family and friends.

It’s not just children for whom birthdays have significance. A child’s birthday is also a milestone for mums and dads. Another year older means another year along the parenting journey and plenty of fond memories too.

Traditionally a child’s birthday has been recognised with gifts, a family gathering, and perhaps a special treat with a few friends. Essentially it’s been a relatively low-key family affair with parties to celebrate milestones such as fifth, tenth and thirteenth birthdays.

Over the last decade children’s birthday parties have become an annual celebration; and they’ve become increasingly bigger events.

Where once a few good friends would gather; we are now seeing the emergence of the BIG party where everyone, or close to everyone, in a child’s class gets an invitation whether they are close friends or not. This Big Birthday Party Phenomenon is interesting to say the least.

It’s obviously beneficial for the ‘birthday child’ as the number of presents they receive increases astronomically. Somehow there is something not quite right about a child receiving twenty or more presents, not to mention the gifts from his or her family.

Having the whole gang along removes the special opportunity for celebrating a birthday with their closest friends.

I know many parents organise whole class parties to encourage friendships. However in wanting to promote friendships they may inadvertently be making it more difficult for kids to form...
friendships as little differentiation is given between a good friend and a child in their wider social circle when invitations are issued en masse. Good friends need to be recognised as such.

Some parents invite the whole class so that no child is left out or feels disappointed. That's a great intention, but it removes the chance for parents to teach the "birthday child" to be discreet when issuing invitations and to be mindful of the feelings of those that aren't invited. It also removes the difficult decision-making process of choosing whom to invite from a child, which can be a great learning experience in itself.

The Big Birthday Party Phenomenon places enormous pressure on parents to come up with something bigger and better every year. Backing up a BIG PARTY year after year is hard work.

If you are over the Big Birthday Party Phenomenon here are a few ideas to make celebrating your child's birthday special, keep the budget and your sanity intact and incorporate your child's friends as well:

1. Alternate birthday parties with gatherings or sleepovers of a few friends (without presents) every two or three years.

2. If you have a party each year then consider matching the number invited with their age. That is, six-year-olds can have six friends and so on.

3. Identify the different groups your child is in and allow him or her to invite a small number from each group. So school friends mix with friends from outside school.

4. Involve children in choosing and preparing the activities, food and treats for their party.

5. If organising a BIG BIRTHDAY BASH is for you, then keep it for your child's milestones such as their tenth birthday.

Birthdays like a lot of things can get out of hand. It's probably better to aim for SPECIAL rather than BIG and that means surrounding your child by his family and close friends to celebrate his or her special day of the year.

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