St. Brigid's School Collie

Newsletter

9 June 2016

Week 7

Principal’s Welcome

Dear Parents,

As staff we are regularly discussing ways of improving what we do for the students in order to help them develop socially, emotionally and academically. A recent initiative is the ‘Data Wall’ that is used to track reading progress of all students from Years 1 to 6. Staff show great enthusiasm to learn more about and refine the way they teach in the classrooms.

Over the past twelve months, seven teaching staff have been completing further study at university level. Teacher Assistants, as well as teachers have been willing to complete professional development during school holidays. Seven staff, which include teachers and teacher assistants have registered for a day learning about ways of dealing with students with Autism which is being run on a Saturday.

We also have nine staff who help to build Parish relationships by volunteering to be on Church rosters that include Reading, Children’s Liturgy and Eucharistic Minister.

God Bless
Mr Cronin

10 Rules for Staying Positive

1. Wait to worry
2. Keep an attitude of gratitude
3. Your health is your wealth
4. The serious benefits of belly laughs
5. Joy boomerangs
6. Losing the fight? Write!
7. Keep the faith
8. Learn to say to graciously
9. Understand the power of discipline
10. Surround yourself with positive people

OUR VISION

We are a progressive learning community, which nurtures the holistic growth of all children within a supportive Catholic environment.
Book Fair
Thank you to the many parents who took the opportunity to purchase books for their children at Book Fair. It was wonderful to see students so excited about reading. Reading is our school focus this year and we have a number of programs operating to encourage students to read.

School Bus for Sale
The bus the school is looking at purchasing comes out of contract and will be available to us in the July holidays. Consequently, our current bus is up for sale for $10 000. It still drives well, is reliable and it would make an ideal motor home. Please contact the school if you know anyone who might be interested.

Term Dates
Term 2 ends on Friday 1 July
Term 3 begins on Tuesday 19 July
There is a Pupil Free Day for students on Monday 22 August (Week 6 Term 3)

UNIFORM SHOP ROSTER
8.30am—9.00am
Friday 10 June Nicole Martin
If you would like to have your name added to the Uniform Roster for please contact Nicole 0417 347 278

Altar Serving Roster
Cross: Dempsey Bells: Jye Candle: Brydie Candle: Tavesha
Earl: Cai Erfan Quinn
Sat 11 June Sun 12 June Sat 18 June Sun 19 June
Hunter Sm Jordan Abbie Mathew Ella R Emily B
Confirmation
St Brigid’s Church Cleaning Roster
10 June Daniella and Pelni
17 June Karena Rankin & Family
24 June Fiona, Sheree, Rochelle & Lara

School Holidays
1st July Kris Payne (Denise M, Lynne B, Dionne S, Denise S)

Canteen Roster
Fri 10 June Lara Davidson
Mon 13 June Help Required
Wed 15 June Help Required
Fri 17 June Trish Stocks
Mon 20 June Help Required
Wed 22 June Leonie Davey
Fri 24 June Nicole Tate

Upcoming Events...

Sacramental News
The Year 6 students will be involved in a retreat at school next Friday which will be run by an external facilitator on Friday 17 June that finishes at lunch time. After lunch, Fr Tony Chiera will be visiting to speak to the students about Confirmation in preparation for Sunday 19 June.

National Catholic Education Commission Conference
Mr Paul Cronin, Ms Zoe Furler and Mrs Marcie Collins will be attending the National Catholic Education Commission Conference from Sunday 19 June to Wednesday 22 June to be held in Perth. This year’s conference is titled ‘Faith to Lead, Lead to Faith’. The NCEC Conference is the only gathering that brings Catholic education leaders from across the country together in one place. Held every five years, a record number of more than 1,000 delegates – including primary and secondary school principals, teachers, parents, administrators, school system leaders, bishops and priests are expected for the conference. Mrs Renae Shea will be in charge while we are away.
Upcoming Events...

Pirate Day Friday Free Dress Day
Tomorrow, Friday June 10 you will not be sending your child to school but instead you will be sending a PIRATE on a VOYAGE. By participating, your child will be partnered with Telethon Adventurers in their fight with childhood cancer by raising funds for vital research into childhood brain cancer. The day will include activities in educating your child on the issue and important values of empathy, leadership and community giving. So please ensure that your pirate child is dressed up and has a gold coin donation. For further information or if you wish to donate yourself please visit www.piratedayfriday.com or give your child more treasure to contribute to their schools treasure chest (donation box).

Movie Night
The P&F Movie Night is back due to popular demand. Families are invited to come along tomorrow night, Friday 10 June in the hall to watch ‘Oddball’. The cost is $10 per family (includes parents and grandparents). Hotdogs, juice boxes, hot chocolate and popcorn will be for sale. Don’t forget to bring your bean bags, pillows and blankets. The movie will start at 6.30pm.

Reconciliation Parent Meeting
A meeting for parents whose children will be making their First Reconciliation will be held on Tuesday 14 June at 3.15pm in the Year 3 classroom.

Communion Parent Meeting
A meeting for parents whose children will be making their First Communion will be held on Thursday 16 June at 3.15pm in the library.

Interschool Cross Country
Students who finished in the top five at our Cross Country will have the chance to represent St Brigid’s at the Interschool Cross Country to be held on the Allanson Primary Oval on Wednesday 15 June. Students involved are asked to wear their sports uniform and bring a drink bottle. Students will leave St Brigid’s to arrive in Allanson at 9.40am. Ms Furler is keen to take the students out to Allanson on Tuesday 14 June after lunch to familiarise the students with the track. Year 3 students will be competing for the first time. The students will be back at school in time for lunch.

Year 5 Assembly
Some of the Year 5 students’ many talents will be on display on Friday 24 June. Everyone Welcome!

Board Meeting
The next board meeting will be held on Thursday 16 June in the staffroom starting at 7.30pm.

Three Year Olds
Our three year olds program is providing the students with an array of activities designed to prepare them for Kindy next year. If you are interested in finding out more, please speak to Mrs Jackie Robinson or myself through the office. The cost is $40 for a morning or $65 for a full day and runs on Tuesdays.

Youth Group
Youth Group will be held for Year 5 and 6 students on Friday 24 June. The cost is $5 per session and runs from 6.30pm-8.30pm. Supper will be provided. Please let me know if you are able to assist on the night.

Reading Program Being Extended
We have been overwhelmed with the number of parents and grandparents who have volunteered to read with students on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. The program is proving to be very beneficial and the students are enjoying the extra opportunities to read to adults. We are looking for more volunteers to extend the program into Year 4 and 5. If you would like to go on the roster to help, please leave your name at the office.

The Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart
Warmly invite you to celebrate 150 years since their foundation in Penola South Australia in 1866. Mass will be celebrated in St Patrick’s Cathedral, 11 Money Street, Bunbury, on Sunday, 7 August 2016 at 10.00am. This will be followed by morning tea and a display in the Hall. Stalls will be available to purchase gifts. Please rsvp to Pauline Dundon by 22 July 2016. email: Pauline.dundon@sosj.org.au, Phone 9791 7302.
Mr Obern visited this week with three cast members from Bunbury Catholic College to run 90 minute Drama workshops for Year 5 and 6 students. Mr Obern is the Drama teacher at BCC Mercy Campus and he is involved in this year’s stage production of ‘The Addams Family’. The students were given a taste of what Drama will be like for those going to BCC and have been offered free tickets when the show opens later this year.
Congratulations to all of the students who competed in the recent Cross Country held at school. We saw some fine performances and close tussles at the finish line. It was terrific to see so many parents cheering the students on.

Special thanks to Ms Furler for organising the event.

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Winter Carnival

Last Thursday, the Year 5 & 6's travelled to Bunbury to compete in various team sports including Netball, Soccer and Hockey. There was great sportsmanship shown amongst the students and also towards the other schools they were competing against.

Thankyou to all the parent helpers who assisted on the day.

Bunbury Catholic College Mercy Campus

QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 17th September
Brunswick Hall, South West Hwy
(only 10 minutes from BCC Mercy Campus!)

Doors open 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start
Cost: $150 for tables of 10 (only $15 pp)

- Fully Licensed Bar – 18+ event
- BYO Supper
- Raffle
- Silent Auction
- Door Prize
- Games
- Mystery Items

Book your table by calling
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