Dear Parents and St Brigid’s Community,

During my first week at St Brigid’s it has been wonderful meeting so many of you and experiencing the joy, confidence and welcome of our students. It has been great speaking to our parents, teachers and students and learning so much about Collie and St Brigid’s School.

It is a very exciting time of the year as we work towards the conclusion of our school year. Our students are preparing for the Christmas Concert, our Year 6’s are preparing for their Graduation and all of students are looking forward to exciting end of year excursions. Plenty of fun for our students coming up tomorrow with the Crazy Shades Day (Free Dress with gold coin donation) and P&F Disco on Friday night. Funky Shades Day is a fundraising initiative of our Year 6 and Year 1 classes and all funds raised support the work of the Fred Hollows Foundation to prevent avoidable blindness in developing countries. As a Catholic community this is a wonderful initiative for us to support social justice.

Many thanks to the P&F for providing opportunities such as Friday’s Disco for our students. I thank all those involved in their commitment to build our community. A reminder to parents that as safety and duty of care of our students is paramount, all students will be required to be picked up from the hall. I thank parents in anticipation for your support of the safety of our children.

Teachers are also very busy ensuring reports are completed and provide parents with an accurate reflection of each student’s progress, efforts and achievements. I thank our teachers for their hard work during this busy time of year. In keeping with our vision statement to be a "progressive learning community that nurtures the holistic growth of all children" members of our leadership team and teachers are developing a new model of leadership program for our Year 6 students that will enhance our current program and align it more closely to our school vision. A parent consultation/development session has been planned so we can discuss and develop this model in partnership. The 2017 Year 6 leaders who are usually announced at the end of year mass or concert will be acknowledged and presented to the St Brigid’s community early Term 1 in 2017. Our current Year 5 parents will receive a note today with further information.

Advent, the joyous time of preparation for the birth of Christ, begins on December 3. May you and your family enjoy this time preparing yourselves for His arrival on Christmas Day.

Mr Daniel Graves
Principal

OUR VISION
We are a progressive learning community, which nurtures the holistic growth of all children within a supportive Catholic environment.
End of year Disco
The School Disco is on tomorrow night, 25th November in the school hall. Kindy to Year 3 students, 5.00pm - 6.15pm. Year 4 to Year 6 students are from 6.30—8.00pm. Entry will be $2 per student and there will be pizza, lollies, chips, drinks and glow sticks for sale. Any parents that are able to assist on the night can you please advise the front office.

Christmas Concert
Can all students please wear Christmas colours and shorts/pants for the night of the Christmas concert.

St Vincent de Paul Society
The local St Vincent de Paul society are in desperate need for cans of food and toiletries, leading up to Christmas. We are asking if St Brigid’s families are able to help. There will be baskets in each classroom for you to donate any items. Kindergarten to Year 3 are asked to bring in any canned food items and Year 4-6 are asked to bring in toiletry items. Toiletry items can include soaps, toilet paper, tooth paste, tooth brushes, nappies, sanitary items etc.

Thanksgiving Mass
The St Brigid’s Parish will be holding their annual Thanksgiving Mass on Sunday 4th December at 10am, at the Church to thank those who have supported the Church in any way this year. A free sausage sizzle will be provided for those that wish to stay. This is a wonderful opportunity to get together and celebrate as a community.

Altar Serving Roster

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St Brigid’s Church Cleaning Roster

25 November Michael and Sharee Mumme, Kristy Smith
2 December Battista Family
9 December Kirsty Dittman, Sam Cheng
16 December Christine & Ben Coman, Teagan Irving

St Brigid’s Parish Christmas Timetable

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Canteen Roster

Fri 25 Nov Amy Cocker
Mon 28 Nov Help Required
Wed 30 Nov Sarah Mounsey
Fri 2 Dec Trish Stocks
Mon 5 Dec Rochelle Piavanini

The last Canteen day for 2016 will be Monday 5th December.

UNIFORM SHOP ROSTER
8.30am—9.00am

Friday  25 Nov  Nicole Tate
       2 Dec   Jo Remelka
       9 Dec   Carina Hickson

If you are unable to attend, please contact Nicole 0417 347 278
My pimple is like a volcano about to explode. By Keira.

My blood is like a juicy strawberry. By Jett

My eye lashes are like birds wings flapping.  
By Jordan

My breath is like a gust of wind zooming through the air. 
By Tom

My legs are as hairy as a man's beard. By Bryce

My nerves are like a network server for my whole body. 
By Abbey

My veins are like a river stream flowing through my body. 
By Abbey

My veins are as green as the river flowing to the ocean.

My Lungs are as dirty as a dirty fish pond. 
By Mayra

My eyes are like a firefly's, bright in the night. 

My imagination is as big as an elephant. By Cai

My intestines are as big as a snake slithering through the jungle. 
By Grace

My bursting pimple is like a volcano erupting. 
By Jessey

My brain is as smart as a little fat

My breath is as disgusting as a pig, rolling in mud. 
By Toby

My soul is like the white snow in the midnight sky. By Nyah

MY BLOOD IS AS BROWN AS A BIG BROWN BEAR. 
By Isabella
Tennis Notes

This weekend the Collie Lawn Tennis Club will hold a Pick A Card tournament. Names need to be in by 2.15pm, so the draw can be done quickly.

This event is supported by Collie Chemart Pharmacy.

Last Saturday saw good numbers attending the afternoon session, with Ray & Gerald returning to the courts for the first time this season.

The day ended with a barbecue and fireworks.

Juniors continue on Saturday morning from 8.15 and Wednesday morning social tennis from 9am.

This Saturday the roster will be out to assist in the fundraising Christmas Wrapping, so please put your name down so that we can spread the load.

This event was successful for us last year.

Fees are due so please pay them as soon as possible.

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Summer is coming – enrol now for swimming lessons

Enrolments for December/January lessons are now open. It is important for every child to learn to swim and develop essential water safety skills. VacSwim’s school holiday swimming lessons are conducted by qualified instructors who teach children the skills to be confident swimmers and safe in the water. For further information and online enrolment visit education.wa.edu.au/swimming

I strongly urge you to encourage all families in your school to take part in VacSwim and thank you for your support.

FRAN WOOD
MANAGER
SWIMMING AND WATER SAFETY