

St Brigid's School Collie

Principal Letter 2 16th February 2017



Dear Parents and St Brigid's Community

I hope your family and child/children have settled in well to the 2017 school year. It was wonderful seeing so many of our parents in attendance at our Parent Information Evening last week and at the Kindy meeting yesterday. I hope you found the information sessions worthwhile and have an insight into the expectations and learning programs that are happening in each of our classes. It was great hearing some parent point of views and feedback about the many great practices and programs happening in our classrooms. Our staff will shortly investigate broadening these successes across our classes.

Our Faith: We invite our community and parents to join our school at St Brigid's Church at 9am, 1st March for Ash Wednesday Mass. The ashes symbolise the dust from which God made us. As the priest applies the ashes to a person's forehead, he speaks the words, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return". The ashes are made from blessed palm branches, taken from the previous year's Palm Sunday Mass.

Our Families: It was heartening that so many of our parents have volunteered to help at our school this year. Many parents nominated to contribute at our Parent Information Evening. Volunteers will be contacted by coordinators shortly (if you haven't been contacted already). A special mention to our volunteer bus drivers for their wonderful support during swimming lessons. Just a reminder that all parent helpers can log their "Volunteering" in one of the P&F folders across the school (Kindy/PP, Canteen & Office). Volunteers are reimbursed \$10 per session from the P&F Levy charged at the start of the year (up to 80% (\$80), by the P&F at the end of the school year. Any help you offer us, no matter how big or small, is greatly appreciated!

Our Student Leaders: I congratulate our 2017 School Leaders:

- Head Boy Archie Boyle and Head Girl Emily Battista
- Our Councillors will be part of a team looking after our Ministries: Environment, Recreation, Pastoral and Engagement.
- Our Council Leaders Earl Madridenos, Jordan Valenta and Isabella Evans-Beard
- Faction Captions: Briody Captain- Phoebe Stocks, Edmund Captain- Hunter Smith & Treacey Captain- Ella-Rose Furler



Parent Communication: Next week our teachers will be trialling our new school communication APP and it is expected that parents will be provided the opportunity to connect the following week- stay tuned! It is also expected that the next fortnightly newsletter will be in our new and improved HTML format! Parents will be emailed the HTML link and a summary of the newsletter will be handed to the eldest child every second Thursday. For those parents and families who use Face Book please follow our school: St Brigid's Collie! Our school calendar is now live on our school website and regularly updated and can be found at: www.stbrigidscollie.wa.edu.au.

AGM: I encourage members of our parent community to join our Staff, School Board and P&F Federation at our AGM on Thursday, 23rd February at 7:30pm in the Library. Coffee/Tea from 7:15pm.

Uniform Committee: Thanks to all our volunteers of our newly formed Uniform Committee, Staff Members: Dionne Blaney-Murphy, Pia Chiellini & Daniel Graves. Parent Members: Carina Hickson, Kristy Smith, Nicole Tate, Mel Elks and Nicole Martin.

External Links: Please visit our website for communication from: Dr Tim McDonald (Executive Director CEWA), Bishop Gerard Holohan and Mr Laurie Sutherland (St B Chaplain)

Principal- Daniel Graves



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