

St Brigid's School Collie

Principal Letter Week 7, Term 1

16th March 2017



Dear Parents

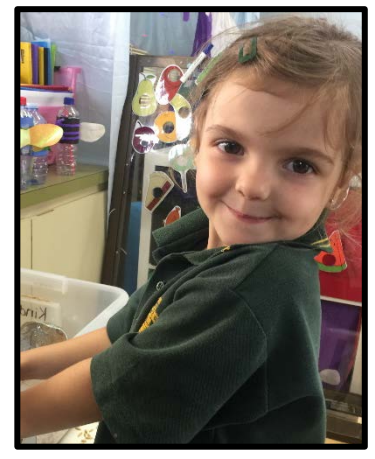
It was lovely seeing so many parents at our first assembly of the year earlier this week. It was the first time we have held our assembly on a Wednesday, and it was changed to assist our timetable and routines, so that all our masses and assemblies are held in the same timeslot. It was wonderful to see some of the great things happening in classrooms and to celebrate the achievements of those students who received merit awards.

Our Faith: Thanks to our staff, families and parish for your participation in the school Commissioning Mass on Sunday. Yesterday, we had our Year 4 First Communion parent meeting and we thank parents and teachers for their support of our school Sacramental Program. We invite all families to our Year 1/2 (Mrs Dittmann and Mr Sarre) and Year 6 (Mrs Crapella) Parish Mass at St Brigid's Church on 25th March at 6pm.

Our Learning: Our teachers and students have been busy doing many assessments during Term 1. These assessments are undertaken so that as a school we can measure our progress, but most importantly, they are used to inform our teaching. Pre-primary have just completed On-Entry Assessments and all our students Reading Levels have now been assessed. Parents will be kept informed of their child's progress throughout the year, commencing with our first formal parent meetings in Week 10 (3rd April). Parents who are connected to us on Facebook, will have seen some of the great things happening at our school including; Year 5 Technology and Enterprise game designs, Year 4-6 Biodiversity Sci-Tech workshops, Science viscosity experiments, Year 3 healthy eating designs, our Making Friends (anti-bullying) incursion and our rocking assembly.

Our Families:

At St Brigid's we are again offering a support program that may be helpful to some students and families. **Seasons for Growth** is a peer support group program that can help your child learn skills and strategies to be more resilient in facing change in their lives. Change is a constant in all our lives and children will often experience this as a type of grief over the loss of someone or something significant in their lives. Children can be profoundly affected by changes and loss such as the loss of a pet, death of a grandparent, separation of their parents, moving house and leaving friends behind, starting at a new school, and many other changes in their lives. Further information and a registration form can be found on our website link or from our front office.





Steven Kinsella, Jason Payne and Bruce Wolfe for getting our footy goals back in action just in time for footy season- we are all delighted and most grateful!

Parent Communication:

Newsletter: After much waiting our new HTML newsletter is now set up and ready for our next newsletter. The HTML newsletter is designed to be read on a tablet or a phone but also works well on computers and can be printed. It will be automatically emailed to all parents every fortnight and can also be accessed through "Connected" (see below). If you wish to receive a printed copy, please email [davidson.lara@cathednet.wa.edu.au](mailto: davidson.lara@cathednet.wa.edu.au) and this will remain in place, until you notify us otherwise. Our first version in Week 9 will be printed for all families and also emailed to all parents. It will include; rosters for altar serving and parish, school rosters, P&F communication, Board communication, community notices as well all the usual happenings in our school.

Connected APP (St Brigid's in your pocket): We are delighted to announce our new connected APP is operational. Connected is a great way to stay informed about what is happening at St Brigid's. It contains; online absence form, contact us section, latest newsletter, important upcoming dates and updates from your class teacher (when you subscribe). Shortly the APP will have additional updates including a live ongoing calendar and an e-uniform order. A "Drop-In Session" to support parents navigating/setting up this APP has been scheduled below. We will seek regular feedback with parents over the year to ensure "Connected" is meeting the needs of our families. See attachment or enter: <http://q-r.to/baixCA> Please ensure you "Allow Push Notifications" when you are prompted.

Coming Up:

- 17 March Swimming Carnival
- 22 March "Connected App" Parent Support: Drop in between 2:30- 3:10@ Library
- 23 March Board Meeting
- 24 March Yr 6 GRIP Leadership Excursion and Sleepover
- 25 March Yr 1/2 and Yr 6 Parish Mass
- 29 March Yr 6 Assembly and First Communion Meal
- 31 March Yr 6 Camp Fundraiser Carwash
- 1 April Commitment Mass Yr 3,4 and PP Parish Mass
- 3 April Parent Teacher Meetings
- 6 April P&F Easter Raffle
- 7 April Parent/Teacher/Student Footy Match- organised by Recreation Ministry



External Links: Please visit our website for additional communication:

- [Bunbury Catholic College Scholarships and Bursaries](#)
- [2017 Student Residential Address Collection form Aus Gov](#)
- [Seasons For Growth Registration](#)
- [Connected APP @ St Brigid's School Collie- Access Sheet](#)

Have a great week!

Principal- Daniel Graves

