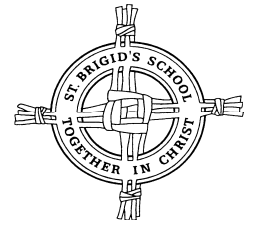


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From the Principal's Desk...

Dear Parents /Guardians,

Welcome to the new school year. It was fantastic to see so many parents in at school on Wednesday to wish their children well. Everyone seems to be settling in and coming to terms with new routines.

I would like to welcome our new students, families and teachers to St Brigid's. May your stay be a wonderful experience. Today's newsletter is a little overwhelming with so many attachments but please take the time to read them and complete the necessary forms.

Yesterday we celebrated St Brigid's Feast Day with a Mass for Years 4-7 and we heard about some of the incredible work that St Brigid did with the poor, starting convents and schools in Ireland which soon spread to other parts of the world. Thank you to Marie Hicks who presented each of our students with St Brigid's prayer cards.

God Bless

Mr Cronin

Term 1 Important Dates

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| Feb | 08 | •Altar Servers Training 11am |
| | 13 | •Swimming Lessons Yr 1-7 |
| | 15 | •Parent Information Night |
| | 16 | •AGM P & F and Board 7.00pm |
| | 22 | •Ash Wednesday Mass 12.30pm |
| | 24 | •P & F Family BBQ 5pm |
| | 25 | •Family Mass Yr 1 & 4 6pm |
| | 29 | •Yr 7 Immunization |
| | | •Yr 4 & 6 Class Mass 10am at School |
| March | 02 | •Yr 6 Assembly |
| | 05 | •Labor Day Public Holiday |
| | 07 | •Yr 7 Reconciliation 10am |
| | 14 | •Parent Meeting 3.30pm for Reconciliations Yr 3 |
| | 16 | •Yr 7 Assembly |
| | 17 | •Family Mass Yr 3 & 6 6pm |
| | 21 | •Yr 5 Reconciliation 10am |
| | 22 | •Yr 6 Zoo Camp |
| | 28 | •PP & Yr 1 Class Mass |
| | 29 | •First Reconciliation 6pm |
| April | 05 | •Stations of the Cross 9.30am |
| | 05 | •Last Day Term 1 |

PRAYER CORNER

St Brigid's of Ireland Prayer

I would like an abundance of peace.

I would like full vessels of charity.

I would like rich treasures of mercy.

I would like cheerfulness to preside over all.



Hunga Busta Roster

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| Feb 06 | Monday | Help Required |
| Feb 08 | Wednesday | Sandra Pitts |
| Feb 10 | Friday | Taryn Battista |
| Feb 13 | Monday | Help Required |
| Feb 15 | Wednesday | Help Required |
| Feb 17 | Friday | Help Required |



St Brigid's Feast Day

What a way to start the year! Students from Years 4 to 7 joined parishioners in celebrating St Brigid's Feast Day on Wednesday morning. Thank-you to Mrs Hicks who worked hard to make reflection cards for the students. It was also great to see staff taking on various roles during the mass. Our next whole school mass will be on Ash Wednesday starting at 12.30pm.

Altar Servers Roster

Yes it's that time again. Here's the opportunity for students to decide whether they would like the experience of assisting Father Jaybee with Parish and School Masses by volunteering to go on the altar server roster. A note was sent home with all Year 4 to 7 students with details about altar serving. If your child/children are interested, please return the form by Monday February 6.

Mrs Cronin



Class Masses

Keep an eye out for parent notes regarding class Masses, both here at school and Saturday night Parish Masses. Please put the dates in your diaries. They provide a great opportunity for you to share in your child's faith journey.

Mrs Cronin

Playgroup

St Brigid's is offering playgroup for children 0-4 years of age. Sessions will run on Thursdays from 9am -11am beginning on 16 February in the Kindergarten classroom. Children will have the opportunity to build, draw, paint, play, experiment and climb in a friendly, semi structured environment. Children can also borrow books from the school's library with guidance from parents. The cost for the morning is a gold coin and children are asked to bring a piece of fruit to share. Further questions can be answered by contacting the office.

Mr C



P & F Family BBQ

School families and staff are invited to come along to a barbeque at school on Friday 24 February, starting at 5pm. The evening is an opportunity to welcome new families and staff. You are asked to bring your own: cutlery, plates, meat, drinks and chairs, as well as either a salad or dessert to share. Families with a surname starting with the letters A-L are asked to bring a dessert to share and M-Z a salad.

Mr C



Notes for Absences

It is a legal requirement that all student absences are explained. This can be done by a simple note to the teacher listing the date or dates and the reason for the student being away. The State Government has introduced an audit on student attendances for schools and if schools do not have notes to explain student absences, the school can miss out on funding for that student. Notes are required from Kindergarten to Year 7.

Mr C

Sacraments

Students in Year 3 will make their First Reconciliation on Thursday evening, 29 March. Miss Skeffington will prepare the students during RE lessons in class time. More details regarding the evening will be given out closer to the date.

Confirmation for Year 7s will take place in Term 2 and First Holy Communion is set for Term 3.



Canteen

If any parents would like to offer their services in the canteen between 10am 12 noon on Monday, Wednesday and Friday please see Mrs Higgins in the canteen or fill in the form that is enclosed in the envelope.

Thankyou

Mrs Higgins



Staff News

At the beginning of the holidays, Mr Maher accepted a job in Bunbury and will not be returning to St Brigid's. Miss Courtney Langley has been appointed to the Year 5 teaching position.

Ms Suzanne Ray, who was been our School Chaplain has resigned due to personal reasons. We are in the process of finding a replacement.

Mrs Chris Harnby will work an extra day this year and will teach Drama which will start in Week 5 after swimming lessons.

Mr C

Family Detail Forms

Full family detail forms have been distributed today. Parents please check details and make relevant changes. Can emergency contacts please be within the Collie area. Return forms to the office as soon as possible.
Krys Loftus and Sonya Mumme

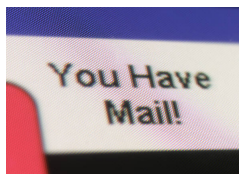
Combined Board and P&F AGM

On Thursday 16 February at 7pm in the Library we will be holding a combined Board and P&F AGM. Parents and guardians are invited to attend and may like to consider nominating for a position on the Board or P&F Executive can speak to Jodie Hanns (P&F), Sue Maree Wilks (Board) or myself. Drinks and nibbles will be provided.

Mr C

Emailing of Newsletter

Parents may like to register to have the newsletter emailed to them. It is also available on the school's website at <http://stbrigidscollie.wa.edu.au/>.



Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons will run from Monday 13 February to Friday 24 February. Year 1—3 students may wear their sports uniform and sandals for the two weeks of swimming lessons. Other year levels can wear their bathers under their usual uniforms and may wear sandals to school so change into their shoes after swimming. Please ensure that all clothing is labeled and it helps if children have a plastic bag with their names on to put their wet items into. It is important that parents who are at the pool to watch their child during lessons and not interact with them during this time.

Swimming is compulsory.

Lesson Times: 9.25am Years 1, 3 and 5
10.10am Years 2, 4, 6, and 7

Mr C



First Friday Assembly

With swimming lessons starting soon, the first assembly for the year has been postponed until 2 March when the Year 6 students will be displaying some of their many talents.

Mr C

Parent Information Night

On Wednesday 15 February parents are invited to attend group meetings with each classroom teacher from Years 1-7. Teachers will outline details such as classroom expectations, homework, diaries and Sacraments. Every effort has been made to accommodate families with more than one child but some clashes are unavoidable.

3.15pm Years 1 and 7
3.45pm Years 3
4.15pm Years 2 and 6
4.45pm Years 4 and 5
Mr C

Tracey Johnson's Statix Dance Group

Confidence, fitness and fun.
Specialising in all aspects of Jazz Ballet.

Classes start mid February, catering for boys and girls ages 3years—adult.

For more information contact Phone 97345051



Sports Uniform

Sports uniforms will need to be worn on Mondays and Fridays again this year.

Mr C

