Never stop learning, because life never stops teaching

- Anonymous

Dear Parents and Carers,

In this week's newsletter I offer a reflection on a key challenge in education today of how teachers cover what is described to be an 'overcrowded' primary curriculum?

In January 2014, following strong criticism the Australian Government established a review of the Australia Curriculum. In December last year the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) released a new version of the Curriculum with reduced and rebalanced content in English, Mathematics, Science, Humanities and Social Sciences, The Arts, Technologies, and Health and Physical Education. However, with Catholic Education Tasmania endorsing the Arts and Technologies Curriculum to be reported on in 2017 and 2018 respectively the challenge still remains for teachers.

An approach that schools and teachers are increasingly adopting is integrated curriculum design. Sometimes referred to as the inter-disciplinary approach, integrated curriculum design allows teachers to connect different learning areas, emphasising key concepts. Some examples of these key concepts include: continuity and change, cause and effect, perspective, pattern, sustainability, belonging and identity. Teachers are enabled to make meaningful connections for students that encourage them to engage in relevant activities that are connected to the real world. For example, the new Humanities and Social Sciences Curriculum encourages teachers to connect learning areas such as History, Geography, Civics and Citizenship and Literacy. As students enter the primary and middle school years it becomes increasingly important for them to make connections between learning areas and develop deep conceptual understandings. In contrast, the early years (Prep - Grade 2) call for a greater emphasis on skill development where students and teachers focus on developing foundational literacy and numeracy skills for learning.

Integrated curriculum design is an approach practiced at St Brigid’s. Where appropriate our teachers map the Australian Curriculum descriptors to make meaningful and relevant connections. We understand that the fragmented, subject specific approach on its own puts too much pressure on both students and teachers. With this in mind we aim for quality of teaching and quality of learning over the quantity that is taught. If content is covered at a rate that students cannot consolidate then we have missed our main objective, for students to learn.

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ANZAC DAY
Students are invited to join staff members and the SRC march on Anzac Day Monday 25th April. We will meet at 10:30am at the Gutteridge Garden steps wearing full winter uniform (no leavers jackets). The march will proceed from Gutteridge Gardens to the Cenotaph.

BIRTHDAYS
Happy Birthday to the following students celebrating their birthdays this week and during the school holidays: Ruby, James, Alexander, Flynn, Eve, Samara, Brydie, Fraser, Cooper, Stephanie, Christopher, Mrs J Sealey and Mrs A Stevens.

ST BRIGID’S BUDDIES
We had a beautiful sunny Monday morning on the last day for term 1 at St Brigid’s Buddie so we spent the entire morning exploring outside. The children played and cooperated together with respect and enjoyment as they role-played shops: buying milkshakes and biscuits in the cubby. We discussed the beginning of Autumn and how we will watch the leaves on the trees turn yellow and eventually fall off. However, the most exciting part of the morning was our surprise play in the BIG sandpit! The children loved the feel of the sand on their feet as they played together digging holes and filling the wheelbarrow. We have had a wonderful term learning and exploring together and I wish everyone a happy and safe holiday and hope to see you next term. A big thank you to the parents for your continued support and help.
K McNamara

DANCE FEVER MULTISPORT
Each Monday during Term 2 students will have the opportunity to take part once again in a Dance Fever Multisport Program. Over the last few years students have participated in the ‘Dance’ Program. This year however we are excited to announce that students will participate in the Dance Fever Skipping Program. Students will be required to wear their sports uniform on Mondays for dance fever and also Fridays for Weekly PE.
This program will provide:
* high impact work out for students and improvements in fitness levels
* engaging lessons, with every child having a skipping rope
* music in each lesson to maximise student engagement
* skipping in pairs and in groups, with short ropes, long ropes and multiple ropes!
At the end of the program, students will have the opportunity to showcase their abilities at an end of Term School Community Performance.

HEADLICE AND NITS
We ask parents and carers to check for head lice on their children. We all know the louse particularly likes clean heads of hair and they transfer very readily. The local chemists can advise treatment.

FULL WINTER UNIFORM
Full Winter Uniform will be worn from the start of Term 2. As there is no transition from summer uniform, students will need all winter uniform items before the start of term.
Opening Times for the uniform shop are: Thursday morning 8:15am-9:15am and Friday afternoon 2:45pm-3:30pm.

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**MOTHER'S DAY STALL**

Due to an overwhelming desire by our school community, the Parent Community group have decided to continue the annual Mother’s Day Stall.

The stall will be held on Friday 6th May 2016 and we would greatly appreciate donations of unused/good quality items such as:

- homemade crafts, craft supplies (scrap booking paper, ribbons, decorative tape, beads, etc.),
- soaps, candles, knitted items (beanies, scarves or coat hangers),
- note pads and pens, homemade book marks, mugs, tea towels, kitchen utensils, gardening items, hand and or face cloths,
- sweets (packets of marshmallows, chocolates, individually wrapped sweets) and small plastic bottles (can be purchased from Reject Shop).

Alternatively, a cash donation to help purchase items would also be appreciated.

All donations will be gladly accepted at the front office.

A Mother’s Day Stall Working Bee will be held on Thursday 5th May from 9am. Any baked goodies (with listed ingredients attached) can be brought in Thursday afternoon or Friday morning.

All monies raised will go towards this year’s school fair. Our next fair meeting will be held on Wednesday 4th May. Please come and join us for a cuppa.

**SRC UPDATE**

Term 1 has been a busy time for our school leaders. They have been involved in a number of initiatives to raise funds for our school and have been involved in weekly behaviour reflections as part of Weekly Welcome. Talking regularly on the microphone in front of a listening audience has increased their confidence and speaking skills and they have been admirable role models for their classmates.

Some of the activities students have been involved with include:

- Making jelly for St Pat’s Day:
  - Preparing and leading House groups during St Patrick’s Day Sports Afternoon.
  - Baking for the Bake Sale.
  - Being ready and willing to participate in the Anzac Day March before the start of Term 2.
  - Rostered on to sell Hot Chocolates in Term 2.
  - Scheduling a Superhero Dress-up Disco for Term 2 - Thursday 2nd June 6:30pm.
  - Leading ‘Dive in and Discover’ sessions commencing in Term 2.
  - Cooking a Sausage sizzle on Friday 13th May to raise money for our playground equipment.

We thank Mrs Wells for her incredible mentoring during the cooking sessions as well as the time she has spent organising and preparing for the events.

Virginia Smith

Warm regards

Ben McCulloch

**TRY SKILL 14 - 11TH APRIL - 22ND APRIL**

This year TRY SKILL 14 will operate in the first school holidays of the year.

The activities offered are: BMX, Golf, Ju Jitsu, Lawn Bowls, Out-Rigger paddling, Photography, Sailing, Squash, Surf Life Taiko Drumming and Tennis

Full program details and enrolment forms will be distributed to schools in the municipality are also available on the Waratah-Wynyard Web site. (www.warwyn.tas.gov.au) and from the Council Offices.

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We will be holding our Anzac Day Prayer Liturgy on Tuesday 26th April at 11:45am in our school library. Grade 6 will be facilitating the Liturgy with the assistance of Mrs Plummer and Ms Reynolds. All parents, grandparents, carers, parishioners, family and friends are warmly invited to attend.

Mother’s Day Prayer Liturgy
We will be holding our Mother’s Day Prayer Liturgy on Thursday 5th May at 10:00am at St Brigid’s Church. This will be followed by morning tea to be held at 10:30 in our school hall. Prep and their Grade 5 buddies will be facilitating the Liturgy with the assistance of Mrs Bryan and Mrs Martin. All parents, grandparents, carers, parishioners, family and friends are warmly invited to attend both the Liturgy and the morning tea.
An RSVP return slip will be sent home soon to allow us to cater for those attending appropriately.

BURNIE/WYNYARD PARISH MASS TIMES
All Parishioners Welcome / All Masses
St Brigid’s, Wynyard
Tuesday, 9:30am
Saturday 6:00pm St Brigid’s Church, 37 Goldie Street, Wynyard

Umina Park
Wednesday, 10am North Lodge, Umina Park (2nd Wed of month only)

Sacred Heart, Somerset
Sunday 8:00am Sacred Heart Church, 7 Pelissier Street, Somerset
(1st, 3rd, 4th Sundays – Mass, 2nd Sunday – Liturgy)

Star of the Sea, Burnie
Thurs: 9:30am
Sunday 10:00am Star of the Sea Church, 96 Mount Street, Burnie
All are welcome to share a cup of tea in the Burnie Parish Centre after the 10:00am Mass each Sunday

St Joseph’s, Yolla
Sunday 5:00pm, St Josephs, 1566 Murchison Highway, Yolla
5:00pm (Mass 2nd Sunday), 5:00pm (1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays – Liturgy)

Yaraandoo Chapel, Burnie
12noon, First Friday of Month only
DATES TO REMEMBER

APRIL
Friday 8th Class Newsletters
Friday 8th End Term One
Monday 25th Anzac Day Holiday
Tuesday 26th Term Two commences
Tuesday 26th Anzac Day Prayer Liturgy 11:45am

MAY
Wednesday 4th Parent Community Fair Meeting-9am
Thursday 5th Mother’s Day Prayer Liturgy and Morning Tea
Tuesday 10th NAPLAN - Grade 3 and Grade 5
Wednesday 11th NAPLAN - Grade 3 and Grade 5
Thursday 12th NAPLAN - Grade 3 and Grade 5
Friday 13th SRC Sausage Sizzle
Friday 20th Pupil Free Day
Friday 27th St Brigid’s Cross Country

JUNE
Thursday 2nd SRC Disco
Monday 13th Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday
Monday 27th NAIDOC Week Prayer Liturgy 11:45am
Monday 27th Mid-Year Reports

JULY
Friday 1st End Term 2
Monday 18th School Resumes - Term 3

RIVERBEND YOUTH CENTRE
For more information: Ph 6452 1635 or 0457 809 700. www.riverbend.org.au
email: admin@riverbend.org.au Address: PO Box 768, Smithton 7330.

WYNYARD UNITING CHURCH - FAIR, FLEA MARKET & GARAGE SALE
The Wynyard Uniting Church will be hosting a Fair, Flea Market & Garage Sale at the Uniting Church Hall, Dodgin St, Wynyard on Saturday, April 23rd from 9am until 1pm. There will again be a good range of Plants & fresh vegetables - always in demand. Devonshire Teas and a Sausage Sizzle will provide light refreshment throughout. Funds raised support the activities of the Uniting Church at a local, national & international level.

WYNYARD JUNIOR SOCCER CLUB SEASON 2016
Training will be 4.30pm - 5.30pm on Wednesdays at the Frederick Street grounds.
Please consider helping out if you are able to. Phone Steph 0438272638 or Craig 0407120238 if you would like to speak to either of us.
Stephanie Jaensch - President

BURNIE NETBALL ASSOCIATION
2016 BNA Development Team Selections
Player selections will be held at the BNA courts on the following dates.
11U & 12U Tuesday 19th April, 4.00 - 5.30 pm
13U & 14U Wednesday 20th April, 4.00 - 5.30 pm
15U & 17U Thursday 21st April, 4.00 - 5.30pm

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LEARN TO SWIM – TERM 2
We have swimming lessons running from babies to 12 year olds. Our classes are sizes of only 4-5 children so your child gets the best they possibly can get out of the lessons. Classes for Term 2 begin on Wednesday the 4th of May and go through to Wednesday the 22nd of June. Cost is $96 for 8 weeks of lessons. These can be paid lesson by lesson at $12.00 each.

For more information contact Wescombes & Burnie Physiotherapy – 6435 3366
130 Back Cam Road, Somerset

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ZGC Presents.....

‘KIDS NIGHT OUT’

When: Friday 22nd April
Time: 6.00pm—9.30pm
Age: For children aged 6—13 years. Members & Non-Members invited
Cost: $15 per child (includes pizza). Payable in cash on the night
A kiosk will be available for snacks/drinks ranging in price from $1-$2
Bookings essential! Please fill out a booking form and return to the gym or email it to lenglund.zodiacs@gmail.com

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St Brigid’s Buddies

Birth to 4 Program

St Brigid's Buddies is a structured program focusing on early years learning and development, including sensory play, movement, social and emotional wellbeing with a literacy focus. This is a learning opportunity, not only for children, but for parents to socialise in a relaxed and fun environment. Please phone 6442 2167 for further details.

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9:10:30am  
We love Mum’s morning - Mother’s Day |
| **Week 4** | Monday 16th May 2016  
9 - 10:30am  
Looking after animals |
| **Week 5** | Monday 23rd May 2016  
9 -10:30am  
Let’s learn to make a healthy snack |
| **Week 6** | Monday 30th May 2016  
9 -10:30am  
Cross Country fun |
| **Week 7** | Monday 6th June 2016  
9 -10:30am  
Caring for our ocean environment |
| **Week 8** | Public Holiday  
Queen’s Birthday |
| **Week 9** | Monday 20th June 2016  
9 -10:30am  
Circus Play |
| **Week 10** | Monday 27th June 2016  
9-10:30am  
Celebrate Aboriginal culture |

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