Dear young people,

Do not bury your talents, the gifts that God has given you!

Do not be afraid to dream of great things!

Pope Francis

Dear Parents and Carers

Yesterday St Brigid’s went through our school Validation process. As a school community we welcomed the validation panel consisting of Mr Damien Brennan, Dr Sandra Harvey, Mr Peter Douglas and Mrs Michelle Wootton. During the day, several students from Grade 1- Grade 6, parent, community and board representatives, as well as staff members, met with the panel in several discussions. It was wonderful and so rewarding for myself and the leadership team to hear that parents, community representatives, students and staff were very affirming in their praise of the goals and processes currently being undertaken so successfully in our continual school improvement.

I know how hard all our staff work to meet the high expectations that we set for ourselves, and this was acknowledged by the panel as a result of discussions with both students and parents. The panel praised the educational leadership of the school. They commented on the positive culture that enveloped our school community and the happy environment that permeated around the school.

We were thrilled that the highlight for the panel was the time spent with our students – their confidence in communicating, mature conversations, well thought-out ideas and school improvement contributions were outstanding. We look forward to receiving the validation report and sharing this with you all.

ASSEMBLY

As previously advertised in the ‘dates to remember’, our next Presentation Assembly is on Wednesday 25th May in the School Hall beginning at 1:45pm. Prep, Grade 2, Grade 4 and Grade 6 will be presenting. Parents and friends from all Grades are welcome!

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following students and staff celebrating their birthdays this week: Jaiya, Adara, Noah and Mrs Licandro.

CANTEEN NEWS

Soup of the Week!

This week’s ‘Soup of the Week’ canteen special is pumpkin soup for $1.50 a cup, $2 for soup and a roll.

Please write your favourite soup on a piece of paper and put it in the lunch order tub.

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CROSS COUNTRY
St Brigid's Cross Country will be held on Friday 27th May. Parent Help is essential for our Cross Country to be successful. If you can assist please phone the school office on 64422167.

HOT CHOCOLATE
Thanks to my fabulous hot chocolate team this morning - Holly, Genevieve, Ari, Mrs Diprose, Mrs Smith and Mrs Wells.
Don't forget our there's free tea or coffee facilities available for parents in the Discovery Room Thursday mornings.

ENROLMENTS 2017
We are now accepting enrolments for our 2017 Kindergarten class. If you have a child, or know of a child who will be entering Kindergarten next year, enrolments are now being taken. There are also places available in other classes. If you would like an enrolment pack or a tour of our wonderful school or know of anyone else in the community who would like this please contact the school office.
Pre-Kinder sessions for enrolled 2017 Kindergarten students will commence in Term 3.

LOST PROPERTY
A near-new rugby top clearly named 'Dakota Crawford' has still not been located. If found could Dakota’s jumper be returned to the school office or Grade 3.

PARENT COMMUNITY MEETING
Our next Parent Community Meeting will be held this Wednesday 25th May at 9am in the staffroom. The focus of this meeting will be the school fair to be held late October. The previous PC Meeting minutes are displayed on the Parent Community Noticeboard.

PARENT HELP
We ask that all parent/carer helpers when signing as visitors at the office to please enter your Working With Vulnerable People registration number.

SCHOOL CALENDAR EVENTS
Just a reminder that school events are advertised well in advance on the school website under the tab 'calendar' as well as in the sections of our weekly school newsletter under ‘Dates To Remember’. We have made this section more of a ‘feature’ on the last page of the newsletter.

ST BRIGID’S BUDDIES
It was a lovely sunny morning for our ‘Buddies’ this week as they enjoyed learning how to care for animals. There was a surprise visitor from the Kinder bunny, ’Bear’! All the children enjoyed having pats and cuddles of Bear while learning how to care for him. We shared photos and books of our pets and favourite animals before heading outside for a much needed run around and explore in the sun. It was great to see everyone and again we enjoyed welcoming a new family to our playgroup! I hope to see all the children again next week as we learn to make healthy snacks!

Warm regards

Annette

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National Sorry Day
Thursday May 26th

National Sorry Day is an Australia-wide observance held on May 26 each year. This day gives people the chance to come together and share the steps towards healing for the Stolen Generations, their families and communities. Stolen generations refer to Indigenous Australians who were forcibly removed from their families and communities.

The Aboriginal flag and the Torres Strait Islander flag are often seen on National Sorry Day. The Aboriginal flag is horizontally divided into two equal halves of black (top) and red (bottom) with a yellow circle in the centre. The black symbolizes Australia’s Aboriginal people and the yellow circle represents the Sun. The red represents the Earth and people’s relationship with the land. It also represents ochre, which is used in Aboriginal ceremonies in Australia. Harold Joseph Thomas designed the flag, which was first flown at Victoria Square in Adelaide on July 12, 1971.

The Torres Strait Islander flag represents Torres Strait Islanders’ unity and identity. It features three horizontal stripes, with green at the top and bottom of the flag and blue in between, divided by thin black lines. A white dharri or deri (a type of headdress) sits in the centre, with a five-point star underneath it. The colour green represents the land. The dharri symbolizes all Torres Strait Islanders. The black represents the people and the blue represents the sea. The five-point star symbolizes the island groups. The star is white, which symbolizes peace in this case. Bernard Namok designed the flag.

National Reconciliation Week
Each year National Reconciliation Week (NRW) celebrates and builds on the respectful relationships shared by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and other Australians.

The dates that bookend the week are significant milestones in the reconciliation journey.

27th May—Marks the anniversary of Australia’s most successful referendum and a defining event in our nation’s history. The 1967 referendum saw over 90 per cent of Australians vote to give the Commonwealth the power to make laws for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and recognise them in the national census.

3rd June—Commemorates the High Court of Australia’s landmark Mabo decision in 1992, which legally recognised that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have a special relationship to the land, a relationship that existed prior to colonalisation and still exists today. This recognition paved the way for land rights or Native Title.

This year, 2016, is particularly momentous, with Reconciliation Australia celebrating a number of anniversaries—including 25 years of formal reconciliation in Australia with the establishment of the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation in 1991. It is also 15 years since Reconciliation Australia was formed and 10 years of success in its Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) program.

The theme for NRW 2016 is Our History, Our Story, Our Future. ‘Our History’ reminds us all, that historical acceptance is essential to our reconciliation journey. Historical acceptance will exist when all Australians understand and accept the fact that past laws, practices and policies deeply affected the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, often having devastating immediate impacts and causing much of the disadvantage that exists today. It is also a commitment to ensuring these wrongs are never repeated in the future.
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‘Our Story’ reflects the fact that the journey towards reconciliation forms a significant part of Australia’s story, as do the stories of both trauma and triumph told by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. It also encourages each and every one of us to make reconciliation part of our own story.

‘Our Future’ reinforces that reconciliation must live in the hearts, minds and actions of all Australians as we move forward, in the knowledge that we believe in fairness for everyone, that our diversity makes us richer, and that together, we are stronger.

PRAYER AT ST BRIGID’S
This week each grade received an beautiful updated prayer box including a candle, four beautiful silk prayer cloths (in the different liturgical season colours), a decorative cross, an olive wood cross (hand carved in Bethlehem and handmade by persecuted Christian Palestinian families living in the West Bank region of Bethlehem. Our support helps provide the livelihood for these families and their communities and helps provide trade opportunities for disadvantaged communities throughout the world), a Children’s Mass booklet guide and an ornamental boutique set of flowers to add to their prayer resource collection within their class.

Students from Prep are featured above demonstrating their excitement and appreciation by seeking out and thanking a staff member for their role in providing them with the new resource.

Our beautiful prayer boxes.

Students in Grade 6 using their new prayer items.

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

Yaroondoo Chapel, Burnie
12 noon, First Friday of Month only
Cross Country
Outdoor running race
Friday 27th May 2016
Classes to leave school at 12:00pm

Cross country running is a sport in which teams and individuals run a race on open-air courses over natural terrain. Part of cross country running’s appeal is the natural and distinct characteristics of each venue’s terrain and weather.

We’re taking the event back to the Showground, through parts of Gutteridge Gardens and along the River Track to give all students an authentic all weather cross country experience. All children must bring a change of clothes and shoes.

Parents are welcome to come and spectate during this fun afternoon.
Children should wear house colours: Red - Brigid, Yellow - Joseph, Green - Patrick.
NB: Times are a guide only

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We are students from Wynyard High.
We are organising a world first, 24 hour Colourathon, to raise money to help prevent family violence in our community.
The 24 hour Colourathon is a friendly endurance event involving paper, pencils, mural artists, musicians, songwriters, video artists, food, community members, VIPs, local businesses, the media and a long fun sleepless night!

Each drawing at the Colourathon will be sponsored. The funds raised will help local women’s shelters to support the children who stay there. Families often arrive with nothing. Children need things to play with, to read, for comfort, for school. We’ve thought of a way to help. Please support us in this world first event!

**What:** A 24 hour Colourathon - an arts-based endurance event  
**Who:** Students from Wynyard High, community volunteers - maybe you?  
**Where:** Wynyard Wharf - on the grounds of The Waterfront Wynyard, 1 Goldie St.  
**When:** From 10 am Fri 20 May, till 10 am Sat 21 May.  
**How:** Sponsor drawings, sponsor by the hour, make a donation, volunteer!  
**Why:** Because we love our community, and family violence effects us.

The 24 Colourathon is a big part of Project O, our project at Wynyard High. It gives us a chance to learn new skills, to speak up, to have fun, and to make things happen in our community. Project O and the Colourathon are initiatives of Big hART.

We’d really like your help to get our event organised! Thanks in advance, from the young women at Project O.

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projecto.bighart.org
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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9:30am  
*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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## DATES TO REMEMBER

### MAY

- **Thursday 19th**  Marist Open Day - Guided Tours 9:15 & 1:15
- **Friday 20th**  Pupil Free Day
- **Monday 23rd**  ‘Cyber Awareness Week’ commences
- **Wednesday 25th**  Parent community Meeting - Fair - 9am
- **Wednesday 25th**  Presentation Assembly - Prep/Gr2/Gr 4/Gr 6 - 1:45pm
- **Thursday 26th**  Performance for Prep-Gr 6 - ‘Aboriginal Survival Technology’
- **Thursday 26th**  Advisory Board Annual General Meeting
- **Friday 27th**  St Brigid’s Cross Country

### JUNE

- **Thursday 2nd**  SRC Disco
- **Tuesday 7th**  Grade 6 Mass
- **Thursday 9th**  Master Chef - Grade 6
- **Friday 10th**  Combined Catholic Schools Cross Country
- **Monday 13th**  Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday
- **Thursday 23rd**  Master Chef - Gr 6
- **Friday 24th**  Class Curriculum Newsletters
- **Monday 27th**  NAIDOC Week commences
- **Monday 27th**  NAIDOC Week Prayer Liturgy 11:45am
- **Monday 27th**  Mid-Year Reports
- **Wednesday 29th**  Parent Teacher Interviews
- **Thursday 30th**  SRC Thankyou Afternoon Tea - Parents invited - 2pm
- **Thursday 30th**  Parent Teacher Interviews

### JULY

- **Friday 1st**  End Term 2
- **Monday 18th**  School Resumes - Term 3
- **Thursday 28th**  Friendship Mass Prep - Grade 2: 11:45am

### AUGUST

- **Tuesday 2nd**  School Photos
- **Monday 8th**  Mary Mackillop Feast Day
- **Saturday 20th**  Book Week ‘Australia! Story Country’

### SEPTEMBER

- **Sunday 4th**  Father’s Day
- **Friday 23rd**  End Term 3

### OCTOBER

- **Saturday 8th**  Tulip Festival
- **Monday 10th**  Term 4 begins

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