Dear Parents and Carers

Most children form many friendships throughout their school life and these friendships grow and change as a child does. A natural part of friendship is conflict. For most children, friendship issues are resolved quickly and relationships move on. However, for some children and families, friendship issues can cause great distress and concern. As adults, we set examples for our children. Working together as a partnership between home and school we can be both role models and coaches to help children develop key relationship skills. ‘Kids Matter Australia’ outlines some very useful strategies for teaching our children positive social and relationship skills.

Four key points are outlined to support children’s friendship skills:

1. **Provide children with opportunities to play with peers**
   Children gain experience and learn important social skills from playing with friends. For children who are still learning how to get along, it can be helpful to plan what to do before having a friend over for a play date. This could involve deciding whether to share all of their toys or only some, or encouraging them to think about what games the other child would like to play when they arrive.

2. **Teach positive social skills**
   Observe your child to work out the negative social behaviours your child uses too often and the positive social behaviours they could use more. Little things like smiles, looking at the person, knowing names and using a confident, friendly voice can make a big difference when making friends. Being able to better control negative emotions and paying attention to the needs and wants of others are also very important. Teach one behaviour or social skill at a time and make sure the child is able to do it before introducing another skill. Show your child what to do. You may act out the situation and even demonstrate what to say. Take turns ‘acting’ until your child can demonstrate what to do. Don’t be too serious. Make it a fun experience.

3. **Be a coach**
   Coaching is critical for helping children use new skills in real-life situations. Coaching involves prompting, reminding and encouraging (but not nagging!) children to use the skills they have learned. Coach your child to practise positive social skills in everyday situations with family members and friends. Support children’s learning by giving

"You can't solve problems until you understand the other side."

**Jeffrey Manber**

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positive feedback and praise.

4. **Help children solve friendship conflicts**
   Talking problems through with a supportive adult helps children to think about what happens, how they feel about it and what to do next. Thinking things through like this helps to build more mature social skills.


**BIRTHDAYS**
Birthday greetings for the following staff and students celebrating their birthday this week:
Maya, Isaac, Mason, Genevieve, Jorja, Mrs M Harrison.

**HOT CHOCOLATE**
Thanks to my amazing hot chocolate team yesterday morning – Tully, Imogen, Amelia, Hollie and Mrs Wells. 51 hot chocolates were made in total! Well-done team! It was also great to see children enjoying the board games provided as they sipped on their hot chocolates! Looking forward to next Wednesday morning... I wonder if we can break our Term record of 54!!! Good luck Mr McCulloch!

**MID-YEAR REPORTS AND PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS**
Mid-Year reports will be sent home with all students from Prep to Grade 6 on Monday 27th June. Parent Teacher interviews will be held on Wednesday 29th June and Thursday 30th June. Interviews will be 15 minutes duration. Please book your preferred time on the Interview Timetable Sheets that will be placed this Monday in the foyer near the Uniform Shop. We strongly urge all parents to take this opportunity to meet with your child’s class teacher.

**PARENT COMMUNITY MEETING**
A Parent Community Meeting to discuss the future direction and structure is scheduled for Tuesday 28th June at 7pm to be held in the school library. We would love to see as many parents, friends and parishioners as possible attending.

Warm regards

Annette
Preparations are well in hand for St Brigid’s Fair, which will be held on **Friday 28th October** 5pm-8pm. Yesterday at our fair meeting, bookings were confirmed for the ‘Giant Slide’, Classroom stalls (Lucky Jars/Recipe Jars, Wendy’s Food Stall/Nachos/Fishing for money/Guessing Booth/Pot Luck/Show Bags/temporary tattoos), Slip Stream Circus Display, Entertainment, Lego Competition and Class Art Auction. Other activities and food stalls are also in the planning stage.

**This fortnight our donation focus is:**

*Clean, medium sized jars with lids.*

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**TERM 3 LEARN-TO-SWIM**

Ensure that your child has the skills to survive in the water; enrol in an accredited Austswim school and also enjoy the comforts of our beautifully equipped heated indoor pool and small personalised classes.

- **Classes commencing from 23rd July.**
- **Infant Aquatics and Preschool** (Smths – 5yrs) SAT 9.00am - 2.00pm
- **Swim and Survive** (5yrs-14yrs) – 3.15pm-5.30pm MON-THURS
- $145 pp per term
- Registrations close Friday 15th July at 12.00 noon.

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Prep Prayer Boxes
Mrs Martin and her Prep class have created some beautiful prayer boxes.

"During terms 1 and 2, the Prep students have been thoroughly enjoying prayer time and they especially love to set up the prayer area, often choosing to use the prayer box during play time. They decided it would be wonderful to create prayer boxes of their own to take home and use on their own or with family. They brought in boxes from home and filled them with prayer mats, candles, a portrait of Jesus and other special items. As they grow, they can add to their prayer box and fill it with symbols of God."
(Mrs Martin)

NAIDOC Week Liturgy
NAIDOC stands for National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee. Its origins can be traced to the emergence of Aboriginal groups in the 1920’s, which sought to increase awareness in the wider community of the status and treatment of Indigenous Australians. NAIDOC Week is held in the first full week of July, however, as this is the first week of our term holidays, our school will be celebrating and acknowledging NAIDOC week during the last week of Term 2.

Grade 4 students with the support of their teachers Mr McCulloch and Mrs Macgregor will be presenting our whole school NAIDOC Week Liturgy on Monday June 27th at 11:45am in our school hall. All parents, friends and parishioners are welcome to attend.

We look forward to seeing you there.

BURNIE/WYNYARD PARISH MASS TIMES
All Parishioners Welcome / All Masses

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<td>Star of Sea, Burnie</td>
<td>Thursday: 9:30am; Sunday 10am Star of Sea Church, 96 Mount Street, Burnie; All welcome to share a cup of tea in after the 10am Mass in the Burnie Parish Centre each Sunday</td>
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<td>Umina Park</td>
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Finding Dory - Movie Fundraiser

North West Academy of Ballet Fundraising Committee

Date: This Sunday 19th June
Time: 2:30pm for 3:00pm screening
Venue: Metro Cinema Burnie

Tickets can be purchased from the Fundraising Committee on the day at the Metro Cinema (we will have a table set up inside the foyer).

Prices:
Child 14 years and under $11.50
Students 15 years plus $14.00
Concession holder $10.50
Adult $16.50

There is also a Special Deal offered for the movie - small popcorn and small soft drink for $8.90.

Metro Cinema is kindly donating a percentage of the prices from the screening and the special popcorn and drink deal to the North West Academy of Ballet Fundraising Committee to help with costs towards our end of year concert Peter Pan.

If you have any queries please contact Sally Pearce on 0499 980 159

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The Wynyard Concert Band invites you to their Mid Year

Band Classics Concert.

Featuring:

The Wynyard Concert Band

and the cool sounds of

The Wynyard Big Band.

Sunday June 26th. 2pm
At the Band rooms Johnson Place, Wynyard.
Door Sales: $10 and $5 concession.
Afternoon tea included.
Enquiries ph Alison 0408354574.
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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_We love Mum’s morning - Mother’s Day_

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_Let’s learn to make a healthy snack_

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_Cross Country fun_

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_Caring for our ocean environment_

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_Queen’s Birthday_

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_Circus Play_

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_Celebrate Aboriginal culture_
DATES TO REMEMBER

JUNE
Tuesday 21st Parish Weekly Mass - Grades 4 and 2
Tuesday 21st St Brigid’s choir - Eisteddfod
Wednesday 22nd All schools Cross Country: Symmons Plains
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
Tuesday 28th Parent Community Meeting - 7pm
Wednesday 29th NAIDOC Week Assembly 1:45pm
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
Tuesday 26th 2017 Kindergarten Information Evening: 7pm
Thursday 28th Pre - Kinder 9am-10:30am
Thursday 28th Friendship Mass Prep - Grade 2: 11:45am

AUGUST
Tuesday 2nd School Photos
Monday 8th Mary Mackillop Feast Day
Thursday 11th Pre - Kinder 9am-10:30am
Saturday 20th Book Week ‘Australia! Story Country’
Wednesday 24th Book Fair viewing
Thursday 25th Pre - Kinder 9am-10:30am
Thursday 25th Book Fair 8:30am - 3:30pm
Friday 26th Book Fair 8:30am - 3:30pm

SEPTEMBER
Sunday 4th Father’s Day
Thursday 8th Pre - Kinder 9am-10:30am
Thursday 22nd Pre - Kinder 9am-10:30am
Friday 23rd End Term 3

OCTOBER
Saturday 8th Tulip Festival
Monday 10th Term 4 begins
Friday 28th St Brigid’s School Fair: 5pm-8pm

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