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We extend a very warm welcome to Ms Ruth Mackenzie who has joined our staff as Finance Officer. We are thrilled to have her join our Administration Team that continues to be supported by the Catholic Education Office staff. The office opening hours will be as follows: 8am - 4pm Monday to Thursday and 8.15am - 3.30pm Friday.

Yesterday all students and staff at St Brigid’s had the opportunity to participate in an Ash Wednesday Liturgy prepared by Mrs Plummer and Grade 6 students. Ash Wednesday signifies the start of the most important season in our Church calendar. Lent is the 40 days before Easter, a time in which Christians pray, fast, contemplate and engage in acts of spiritual self-discipline. Catholics do these things because Easter, which celebrates the Resurrection of Christ, is the most important Religious event in our calendar.

Below I offer a reflection our new director of Tasmanian Catholic Education, Mr John Mula, recently shared with colleagues.

On Ash Wednesday, our foreheads are marked with ashes. The ashes are made from the blessed palms left over from the Palm Sunday celebration of the previous year. These ashes are ‘christened’ with holy water and are scented by exposure to incense. Whilst the ashes symbolise penance and contrition, they are also a reminder that God is gracious and understanding to those who are of goodwill.

Lent is traditionally associated with a period of mourning. Mourning our sins is about calling attention to them so that we can discard them; it is about improving our spiritual lives and seeking a closer relationship with God.

However, Lent should also be about accentuating the positive influence of the Holy Spirit in our lives and to eliminate the negative influence of sin. So, the challenge for us as we enter Lent is to 'accentuate the positive and eliminate the negative'.

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DAMES TO REMEMBER

FEBRUARY

Monday 15th Parent Information Evening
Tuesday 16th Parent Information Evening
Wednesday 24th SRC Assembly 1:45pm
MARCH

Friday 4th St Brigid’s Swimming Carnival Gr3-6 Devonport
Sat 12th Show-gates Fundraiser Wynyard Annual Show
Monday 14th Public Holiday
Monday 21st Getting to know Your Child Parent/Teacher
Tuesday 22nd Getting to know Your Child Parent/Teacher
Friday 25th Good Friday
Wednesday 30th School resumes after Easter Break
APRIL

Friday 8th End Term 1

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ASH WEDNESDAY
Prep-Grade 6 classes participated in an Ash Wednesday Liturgy to gather together and celebrate the beginning of Lent. It was wonderful to see the reverent behaviour displayed by all students during the liturgy. Lent is the time leading up to Easter lasting for 40 days, the time in which we prepare for Easter and also a time for looking for acts of kindness or service toward others. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends with the celebration of the Easter Triduum, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. Ash Wednesday is the day on which ashes are blessed and put on our foreheads in the form of a cross. The ashes remind us to turn back to God and make Jesus real in our daily lives. Lent is a time to grow and change, work towards improving our Prayer experience and to fast, which means to give up something. We can also be of service to others such as donating towards a charity.

Our personal growth is one area that we can work on improving throughout Lent. Personal growth and development is a transformational process, in which improvements are made in your physical, emotional, intellectual, spiritual, social, and/or financial state. People are capable of growing, learning and improving throughout their entire lives, and the ability to do so has an impact on many areas such as in the workplace and in relationships. There are various components of personal development, including responsibility, learning, behaviour and attitude. Striving to improve these areas will lead to greater opportunities in life. We look forward to seeing the growth and change that takes place within individuals throughout Lent as we work towards making the small changes in life towards our own personal growth.

Each year we have a Fundraiser for Caritas, which is an International Aid and Development Organisation of the Catholic Church in Australia that assists people in poorer countries. Project Compassion boxes will be available in classrooms during Lent. Caritas uses this money to fight poverty and promote social justice in vulnerable communities worldwide. For further information visit: http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion

BURNIE/WYNYARD PARISH MASS TIMES
Saturday 6:00pm St Brigid’s Church, 37 Goldie Street, Wynyard
   Good Friday: 3:00pm (Passion of Our Lord)
   Easter Sunday: 10:00am (Mass)
Sunday 8:00am Sacred Heart Church, 7 Pelissier Street, Somerset
Sunday 10:00am Star of the Sea Church, 96 Mount Street, Burnie
   Holy Thursday: 7:00pm (Mass of the Lord’s Supper)
   Good Friday: 10:00am (Stations of the Cross)
   Holy Saturday: 7:00pm (Easter Vigil)
Sunday 5:00pm, St Josephs, 1566 Murchison Highway, Yolla
   5:00pm (Mass 2nd Sunday), 5:00pm (1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays – Liturgy)

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BIRTHDAYS
Birthday wishes to the following students celebrating their birthdays this week: Ava and Jake.

UNIFORM SHOP
Opening Times for the uniform shop are as follows: Thursday morning 8:15am-9:15am and Friday afternoon 2:45pm-3:30pm. The uniform shop is only available at these times during the day. For out of school times please phone Alison at home.

PARENT INFORMATION EVENINGS
Parent Information Evenings will be held on Monday 15th February and Tuesday 16th February.

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PARENT HELP AND VOLUNTEERS:
We really appreciate the parent help that we receive in classrooms and around the school. If you are able to volunteer you are required by law to have a 'working with vulnerable people' card before being permitted to do any parent help. The online application process is available from the following website http://www.justice.tas.gov.au/working. Parents are also required to 'sign-in' at the office when coming in for parent help and must wear a visitor's badge and their working with vulnerable people card, then 'sign out' after parent help.

I encourage you to communicate regularly with your child’s teacher and to feel free to come and speak with me about any concerns that you may be experiencing. We also would love to hear about things we are doing well!

St Vincent de Paul Society
The St Vincent de Paul Society (Vinnies) is seeking volunteers to reach out to people in the local area who are in need of Emergency Relief assistance and basic home budgeting support. Training is provided for people who have few spare hours a fortnight and have compassion for those in need.

Further enquiries to Melissa White 6333 0822 or melissa.white@vinniestas.org.au
Volunteers are also being sought for the Vinnies shops in Burnie, Somerset and Wynyard. Further enquiries to Shane Guy 6435 2323 or 0447 788 441.

WYNYARD CONCERT BAND
Learn to play an instrument with the Wynyard Concert Band; come and try some instruments, for all ages from 10 - 100. Thursday 18th February from 5 - 6pm (or any Thursday at 5:30pm) in the Band rooms, Johnson Place, Wynyard (near the Squash Courts). For further information, please phone Alison: 6438 1285 or 0408 354 574.
CDF SCHOOL BANKING
Weekly banking is conducted each Friday. Information and application forms are available from the school office. For more information: http://www.cdftas.com/kookaburra_club.html

GUITAR LESSONS - Clinton Hutton
I am a local guitar teacher (electric or acoustic) and would like to offer my services to any interested students at St Brigid’s. I am passionate about sharing my knowledge (all styles and genres) for learning the instrument. For more information - 0417 146 482

WYNYARD AGRICULTURAL AND PASTORAL ANNUAL SHOW
12th March 2016
Primary age students will have free entry to the show and this year there will be a Pet Parade. There is a special Students Show Schedule catering for children from pre-school to 16 years of age. Details are available from the school office, Wonders of Wynyard, Council Offices, Nuts about Health and Roberts. Student entries need to be delivered to the Showgrounds Wednesday 9th 2:30-4pm or Thursday between 7:30-9am.

Wynyard Show Gatekeeping Fundraiser 2016

Each year volunteers from St Brigid's man the Wynyard Show gates and receive a percentage of gate takings as a fundraiser for the school. Having five gates to man over an eight-hour period requires many volunteers. This year's Agricultural Show is on Saturday March 12th.

If you would like to be pencilled into the roster please leave your name at the office. Some of our keener volunteers have already put their names down! The early shift only has a few spots left so be quick if you would like one of these shifts. Time slots are 2.5 - 3hours. For more information, please contact Alison Stevens.

Thank you for your assistance.

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CARPARK SAFETY GUIDELINES

In November last year Carpark Safety Guidelines were written due to increasing concern over student safety at the end of the school day. To ensure that our students are safe please follow the guidelines below.

1. Do not park in the Bus Zone.
2. Accompany your children across Jackson St. Please do not call them over to cross on their own.
3. Do not park across the entry or exit driveway of the Jackson St staff car-park.
4. Only staff cars are to be parked in the Jackson St car-park.
5. A ‘Drop-off and Pick-up’ area is now provided in the Jackson St Staff car-park. Please read carefully the guidelines below if using the ‘Drop-off and Pick-up’ area.
6. Please do not be upset with staff members on bus and car-park duty if you are reminded of the rules. They have a duty of care to keep all students safe.

ST BRIGID’S CATHOLIC SCHOOL
DROP OFF AND PICK UP GUIDELINES

• Do not leave your vehicle
To assist with traffic flow, drivers should remain in the car whilst children get in and out. Children should travel with bags in the car (not in the boot).
• Be timely
If your child does not get in or out of the vehicle within 2 minutes, you must leave and re-enter the No Parking zone.
• Stay in sequence
Don’t cut in the queue. Drop off or pick up your child close to the top of the zone (gate), allowing vehicles following you to enter the zone in an orderly manner.
• Child safety
Please ensure children get in or out of the vehicle on the kerb side. The back seat is the safest seat for children to travel in, regardless of the make of vehicle. Ensure children have their restraints securely fastened before driving off.
• No overtaking
Do not do overtake in busy school zones. They are dangerous and put children at risk.
• Do not double park

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Visit to Parish
by
Bishop Vincent Long

Bishop Vincent Long OFMConv DD will be in our Parish in February to celebrate Masses and visit our schools.

Bishop Long is the Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of Melbourne. He is also the Chair of the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council.

Bishop Long will preach at Masses on the 20th & 21st February 2016. He will also speak at an ecumenical forum to be held in the Parish Centre, Burnie on Saturday morning (20th February). Please join us and anyone wanting to come will be most welcome.

Bishop Long was born in Gia-Kien, Vietnam, (near Ho Chin Minh City). He was the fourth in a family of five sons and two daughters. In 1972, he joined the diocese of Xuan-Loo’s minor seminary, Long-Khanh, later disbanded by the communist government. He escaped from Vietnam as a boat person in 1980, finally arriving in Australia in December 1981. As a result of the fall of Saigon, his family is scattered around the world: he has three brothers in Holland, one sister in Vietnam, and his parents, a brother and a sister live in Melbourne.

Bishop Long knows first hand how ‘tyranny and cruelty’ can leave desperate people with no choice but to seek refuge ‘elsewhere in any way possible’. At the launch of the Annual Catholic Social Justice Statement in September 2015, Bishop Long said “I brought nothing, in terms of material possessions. But I brought myself and my drive for a better future, my determination to make a life for myself in Australia. That resourcefulness is the priceless gift that refugees bring to Australia.”

Details

Ecumenical Forum: 10.00 a.m., Saturday 20th February, Parish Centre, Burnie

Main Celebrant & Preacher:

6.00 p.m. Vigil Mass, Saturday 20th February, St Brigid’s Church, Wynyard
8.00 a.m. Mass, Sunday 21st February, Sacred Heart Church, Somerset
10.00 a.m. Mass, Sunday 21st February, Star of the Sea Church, Burnie

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- Tuesday 16th Parent Information Evening
- Wednesday 24th SRC Assembly - 1:45pm

March
- Friday 4th Swimming Carnival (Devonport) Grades 3-6
- Monday 14th Public Holiday
- Monday 21st ‘Getting to know Your Child’ - Parent/Teacher
- Tuesday 22nd ‘Getting to know Your Child’ - Parent/Teacher
- Friday 25th Good Friday
- Wednesday 30th School resumes after the Easter Break

April
- Friday 8th End Term One
- Monday 25th Anzac Day Holiday
- Tuesday 26th Term Two commences

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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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