This week we celebrate Children’s Book Week. It is a wonderful time when staff and students particularly share in the beauty of reading. Thank you to families for preparing student’s Book Week costumes, the children were all so delighted wearing their outfits.

Yesterday staff, students and parents gathered in the School Hall for the annual Book Week Assembly. The staff performed a hilarious puppet show of one of this year’s shortlisted books ‘Piranhas Don’t Eat Bananas’ by Aaron Blabey. The story was brought to life with the creative voice-overs of staff, sound effects and props. The children were highly entertained, as were many of the parents.

Assisting children to enjoy reading is one of the most important things we can do as parents and teachers and is well worth the investment of our time and energy. We know from research that the more children are exposed to a language rich environment from a very young age the more successful they are likely to be in their reading throughout school. Encouraging children to read books of their choice for pleasure has a strong influence of whether they develop a positive attitude towards reading. The development of reading skills is also essential for children's motivation to read, but the development of skills must be coupled with the fostering of a curiosity and love for reading.

Reading aloud is a proven strategy for not only developing in children a love for reading but also in promoting vocabulary and overall oral language development. Both at home and school reading aloud to children of all ages is crucial. Children can read aloud to their parents practising their fluency and expression. Simply having a variety of texts around the home will help children to appreciate them as part of daily life and your example of reading frequently and enjoying it will reinforce that view.

The graph below shows how vital children’s oral language development is prior to their entry into Kindergarten. It has a significant impact on their ability to understand sounds and read. Starting last year, St Brigid’s teachers have been engaging in Professional Learning to develop their ability to assist students in their oral language development.
**BIRTHDAYS**
Birthday greetings to the staff and students celebrating their birthday this week: Connor and William, William, Hayley and Ms Willcox.

**CANTEEN AND SUBWAY**
There will be changes to canteen day and subway starting Week 7 on Wednesday the 31st August the School Canteen will be opening on Wednesdays instead of Thursdays. To balance the week Subway day will be changing to Fridays.
For the next week Subway and canteen days will remain on Tuesday (Subway) and Thursday (Canteen) respectively.

**CHILDREN’S BOOK WEEK**
The Children’s Book Week 2016 “Australia: Story Country” is this week. The Book Week Assembly in the school hall was a great success.
The Book Fair continues today and tomorrow, Friday 26th August - 8:30am - 3:30pm. Items are supplied by ‘Books and Gifts Direct’ with cash and credit card facilities available. There will be multiple copies of items, but in the event of popular items selling out, items can be ordered and paid for during the fair and the orders will be filled as soon as possible.

**FATHERS DAY LITURGY AND SAUSAGE SIZZLE**
Parents, Grandparents, Carers and Parishioners are invited to our St Brigid’s Father’s Day Liturgy and Sausage Sizzle. Kinder and Grade 6 students will be co-ordinating the liturgy.
**Where:** St Brigid’s Catholic School Library and then outside for a sausage sizzle and ‘Kick the Footy’.
**When:** WEDNESDAY 31ST AUGUST
**Time:** 12:20pm
For catering purposes please phone the school office on (03) 6442 2167

**FATHER’S DAY DONATIONS**
The Fundraising Committee will be holding a Father’s Day stall on Friday 2nd September. The school community is asked for donations of items that may include: wrapped chocolates and lollies, AFL themed items, golfing/fishing/gardening/bbq items, mugs or cash donations.

**FATHERS DAY STALL WORKING BEE:**
Fundraising committee members will hold a working be on Thursday 1 September from 9-11 am to price and organise items for the stall. All helpers welcome.

**GYMNASTICS**
Prep - Grade 6 students are asked to wear their sports uniform on the Thursday that their class has gymnastics this term.

**HEAD LICE**
Unfortunately we continue to have problems with Head Lice and Nits.
We ask parents and carers to regularly check for head lice on their children. We all know the louse particularly like clean heads of hair and they transfer very readily. The local chemists can advise treatment. Students should not return to school until all lice and eggs have grown out and are completely removed from a child’s hair.

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HOT CHOCOLATE
Thanks to Mr McCulloch’s helpers this week: Amy and Nate.
Next week Hot Chocolates rostered helpers are Tyahna-Rose, Imogyn and Sophie.

KINDERGARTEN 2017
If you have a child due to start Kinder next year please contact the office for an enrolment pack. Some 2017 Kindergarten acceptance letters have been sent out including information regarding 2017 Pre- Kinder information.

LATE ARRIVALS
Sometimes late arrivals are unavoidable, however it is very disruptive for the class when students consistently arrive after the 8:55am chimes.

MPower Girls-Parent Information Meeting
The MPower Girls program will be conducted over two days in September and parents are invited to attend an information session to be held in the School Library 7pm Tuesday 30th August. Interested parents please advise the Office (6442 2167) of your intended attendance.

Prayer
Our thoughts are prayers are with Michelle and Amelia Wells as their husband and father John has had surgery in Hobart and continues to recover. We ask Christ to protect John and thank Him for His healing mercies. We wish John a speedy recovery over the coming weeks.

Student Medical Detail Changes
We ask that if your child’s medical information has changed and the office hasn’t yet been advised or if previously supplied epi-pen, other medication, or similar which may have expired, please update or replace as necessary.

Warm regards

Ben

Preparations are in hand for St Brigid’s Fair which will be held on Friday 28th October 5pm-8pm. The School Community is asked to support the fair by donating homemade craft items to sell.

Handmade craft ideas for the fair:
Ideas include: Knitted or crocheted hats and scarves, dolls clothes
Paper craft - bookmarks and cards

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“Church is who we are, not where we go…”

Grade Three has been learning about church and the meaning behind the word itself. The word church does not refer to the building, but the community of believers. The difference between a church and the church is that a church is where we go, the building in which we go to Mass; however the church is the community of believers who follow and demonstrate God’s word in their lives everyday. While exploring church as a community of believers, we have also visited our local St Brigid’s Church to explore the significant symbols located within. Grade Three students discussed the different symbols we find in a church, such as the baptismal font and tabernacle. By completing an activity of matching pictures from the church to descriptions and sticking the pictures on the back they created their own symbol cards. Using newfound knowledge, Grade Three students took their Grade One buddies to the church to search for some of these symbols. They assisted them to look around the church and take a photo of items they needed to find and anything that of interest they wanted to know more about.

Miss Maher (Grade 3 Teacher)

Assist-A-Student - Stress Down Day
Student Representative Council members invite all staff and students to wear their pyjamas to school for the day on Friday 2nd September for a gold coin donation. Students will enjoy afternoon activities led by teachers, designed to relax and reinvigorate the mind, including drawing, yoga, colouring, play dough, sand, water, slime and bubbles. The Gold Coin donation goes towards our St Vincent de Paul ‘Assist a Student’ initiative supporting children in Thailand achieve an education. We thank you for your valuable contributions because together we have greatly improved the life and opportunities of others less fortunate than ourselves.
Fathers Day Prayer Liturgy, Sausage Sizzle and Footy Afternoon

We will be holding our whole school ‘Fathers Day Liturgy, Sausage Sizzle and ‘Footy-kicking’ Session’.

When: Wednesday 31st August
Time: 12:20pm
Where: St Brigid’s School Library

This will be co-ordinated by both Grade 6 and Kindergarten students. We look forward to seeing you there.

Please return the RSVP slip from the note that was sent home ASAP for catering purposes.

2016 Confirmation/First Communion

Please join us on Wednesday, September 7th at 7pm (Star of the Sea Church – Burnie) as we gather together to support and celebrate with all candidates as they make their Confirmation.

It is an exciting and rewarding time for all those participating and I ask that you keep them in your prayers and thoughts as they continue to undertake the preparation towards making their Confirmation and First Eucharist.

IMPORTANT SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM DATES FOR PARTICIPANTS

Thursday 25th August 7-8 pm (St Brigid’s Primary School Wynyard) - Library
   Group Preparation Session for Confirmation
   Oil/Fruits of the Holy Spirit pages: 20-23

Sunday 28th August 10am Mass (Star of the Sea, Burnie)
   Children’s Mass/Group Preparation Session for Reconciliation
   After Mass, morning tea/ sausage sizzle then group session for candidates and parents. 11.00 – 2.00pm

Saturday 3rd September (St Brigid’s Church Wynyard)
   Group Preparation Session for Eucharist/Practise 3.00 – 5.30pm
   Sausage sizzle then 6.00pm Mass at Wynyard.

Wednesday 7th September 7:00 pm (Star of the Sea, Burnie) Confirmation

First Eucharist: Sunday 11th September 10:00 Mass Star of the Sea, Burnie.

If you have any questions please contact Janaya Plummer at St Brigid’s Catholic School office on 6442 2167 or email Janaya Plummer at janaya.plummer@caholic.tas.edu.au Alternatively you can contact the Sacrament Co-ordinator: Michelle Beskin-Clark: 0424986766 Parish: 6431 2216

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

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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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**Term 3 Overview 2016**

| Week 2 | Monday 25th July 2016
|        | 9:10:30am
|        | *Being a good friend - World Friendship Day*

| Week 3 | Monday 1st August 2016
|        | 9 - 10:30am
|        | *St Brigid Buddies family photo - How do we belong?*

| Week 4 | Monday 8th August 2016
|        | 9 - 10:30am
|        | *Community Helpers*

| Week 5 | Monday 15th August 2016
|        | 9 - 10:30am
|        | *Catholic Education Week - Giving to others*

| Week 6 | Monday 22nd August 2016
|        | 9 - 10:30am
|        | *Book Week - dress up as your favourite character*

| Week 7 | Monday 29th August 2016
|        | 9 - 10:30am
|        | *Get ready for Father’s Day!*

| Week 8 | Monday 5th September 2016
|        | 9 - 10:30am
|        | *Let’s visit the Library - walk*

| Week 9 | Monday 12th September 2016
|        | 9 - 10:30am
|        | *Treasure Hunt*

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*We are Learners – We are Respectful – We are Safe*
Encircle is a Somerset Rotary Club funded lunch held at Two Oaks Cafe on the last Friday of each month for mothers, fathers and anyone caring for a child with a disability.

It gives parents and carers of children with a variety of disabilities the chance to socialise and share ideas with others who understand the rewards and challenges of their daily life.

Rotary guests, politicians and community representatives also join in to increase their understanding of the everyday realities faced in families where one or more children have additional needs.

So come along and join in with a group that has a real sense of community. Unwind and share your experiences. By looking after your own well being, you are looking after your child.

Lunch and a drink provided

Where: Two Oaks Cafe, Somerset
When: 12pm Friday 26/08/2016
12pm Friday 21/10/2016
12pm Friday 25/11/2016
Please RSVP each month for catering purposes.
Contact: Dennis Austin M: 0419628783 E: dennisgaustin@bigpond.com
or
Marie Leicester M: 0419 007 992 mariel@bistec.com.au

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