I would like to thank Mr McCulloch, Mrs Plummer and Mrs Smith for their dedicated leadership and staff members who also went above and beyond their normal duties whilst I was on Personal Leave. My children and I would also like to thank St Brigid's staff and school community for all their support, prayers and love during the past few weeks.

Yesterday Kinder and Grade 6 led a beautiful Father's Day Prayer Liturgy. This was followed by a sausage sizzle and 'kick the footy' session in the schoolyard. It was great to see so many Fathers and Grandfathers join us for this special occasion and I would like to take this opportunity to wish all Fathers and Grandfathers a very Happy Father's Day on Sunday.

I would like to share our Director of Catholic Education, Mr John Mula's weekly reflection…

With less than a week to go till Father's Day our newspapers, television and shopping centres are heavily promoting the commercial side of the day. Helen Steiner Rice writes of fathers:

"Fathers are wonderful people
Too little understood
And we do not sing their praises
As often as we should."

If the media is to be believed, society tends to value the bond a child has with its mother to be more important than with the father. Also, the manner in which society is structured makes it easier to use one’s career to perhaps mismanage time and be absent from home during important times. However, eliminating society’s barriers begins in the home with a father’s choice to be a full and willing partner in all aspects of home life, especially contact time with children.

Commitment to family is the greatest gift that a father can give to his children. His commitment is the under guiding security that will be like a rock on which his children's future is built.

"A child's father is the first man in their life and probably the most influential. Absent or involved, loving or rejecting, what he is or was leaves a lasting imprint"

David Jeremiah - Counsellor

**BIRTHDAYS**

Birthday greetings to the staff and students celebrating their birthday this week: Alice, Jay-C, Simone, Paul and Ms MacKenzie.

**CANTEEN AND SUBWAY**

The School Canteen is now open on Wednesday and Subway day is on Fridays. Subway Orders will need to be placed in the class Subway tub on Thursday.

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EMERGENCY PRACTICE
Within the next four weeks we will hold an unannounced emergency practice with staff & students to test our response to a potential scenario that staff may identify as a threat warranting the school to go into lockdown procedure (opposite to evacuation).
As with fire evacuation drills, we recognise the worth to test this process.
We have plans in place to make this practice as least disruptive as possible.
If you have queries please phone Safety Officer, Simon Natoli on 0400 105 476.

GYMNASTICS
Prep - Grade 6 students are asked to wear their sports uniform on the Thursday that their class has gymnastics this term. Next week Grade 1 will be participating in Gymnastics.

FATHER'S DAY STALL
Thankyou to all the mums who generously gave their time today to prepare for the Father's Day stall which will be held tomorrow.
We are still in urgent need of small value items for the Father's Day stall, eg, cheap fishing lures and hooks, golf items, gardening tools and seeds, cooking utensils, and homemade cooked cakes, etc.

HOT CHOCOLATE
Thanks to Mr McCulloch's helpers this week: Imogyn Bramich, Arlo Taylor and Isabella Jarvis
Next week Hot Chocolate rostered helpers are Noah Lamont, Isabella Jarvis and Mason Anderson.

POKEMON CARDS
Children have been asked not to bring Pokemon cards to school and we would appreciate parent support in this matter.

PRAYER
Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with Michelle and Amelia Wells as their husband and father John recovers from recent surgery. 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.

SUMMER UNIFORM CHANGEOVER - TERM 4
From 10th October (first day back for Term 4) all students will be required to wear full summer uniform. The uniform shop is open on Thursday mornings from 8:15 to 9:15am and on Friday afternoons from 2:30 to 3:30pm. If you have any questions or need to place an order please contact Alison Stevens at alison.stevens@catholic.tas.edu.au or leave a message with the school office.

THANKYOU
On behalf of St Brigid's school community we would like to thank Barry Murray (a St Brigid's Parishioner) for his generous donations of an extensive array of wonderful items we can use for the school fair.

Warm regards
Annette

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Fathers Day Prayer Liturgy, Sausage Sizzle and Footy Afternoon
We held our whole school Father’s Day Liturgy, sausage sizzle and ‘footy-kicking’ session yesterday. The Liturgy was co-ordinated by both Grade 6 and Kindergarten students. Students enjoyed watching a heartfelt power point about the special male role-models in our Kindergarten student’s lives and who knew their Dad’s (according to them) age from 5-90. As a whole school we sang a wonderful song to celebrate Father’s Day and it certainly brought a smile to the faces of those in our audience. What a wonderful way to celebrate all the special men in our lives who we love, admire and respect. It was wonderful to have Dads stay behind after the liturgy and have a kick of the footy with the students, some even playing on the monkey bars and racing the students up and over the Spider Web Play equipment.

Assist-A-Student – Stress Down Day

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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. Activities include drawing, yoga, colouring, play dough, sand, water, slime and bubbles. The Gold Coin donation benefits 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.

2016 Confirmation/First Communion

Please join us at 7pm Wednesday, September 7th (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

Saturday 3rd September Group Preparation Session for Eucharist Practice 3.00 - 5.00pm Star of the Sea - Burnie

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

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

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 also 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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Children will be given the opportunity to purchase a gift for their father at our Father’s day stall tomorrow.

Gift price range: $1.00 - $5.00

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.

**STILL URGENTLY REQUIRED**

Handmade craft ideas for the fair:

**Ideas include:** Knitted or crocheted hats and scarves, dolls clothes

Paper craft - bookmarks and cards

Next Fair Meeting: 9am Wed 14th September - Staffroom

**HAWKS HEROES** - Rewarding our communities best and fairest

Be a Hawks Hero and you could fly to Melbourne with your parent or guardian for a special behind the scenes tour of Hawthorn Football Club’s training base at Waverley Park. Hawthorn Football club is searching for young Tasmanians with big hearts and creative minds who deliver benefit to the community.

For more information, visit www.hawthornfc.com.au/hawkheroes

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TULIP FESTIVAL COLOUR RUN
Details and entry forms available at the Waratah-Wynyard Council and the School Office.

WARATAH-WYNYARD COUNCIL
Waratah-Wynyard Council invites feedback on concept plans to improve a number of intersections on the Bass Highway.

The release of the concepts follows last week’s allocation of $700,000 of funding from the State and Federal Governments to improve the Bass Highway and Reservoir Drive intersection.

The concept plans are for the improvement of Bass Highway intersections with Reservoir Drive, Inglis Street, Wilkinson Street/Oldina Road, York Street/Calder Road and Deep Creek Road.

Copies of the concepts are available online at www.warwyn.tas.gov.au/yoursay or at Council’s Wynyard office.

An information session on the concept plans will be held at Waratah-Wynyard Council chambers, 21 Saunders Street on Monday 5 September from 5pm until 6pm.

Feedback can be made in person at Waratah-Wynyard Council offices, 21 Saunders Street, Wynyard and in writing to the General Manager, PO Box 168, Wynyard Tasmania, 7325, via email to council@warwyn.tas.gov.au, or posted onto Council’s Facebook page at www.facebook.com/WaratahWynyard. Comments close at 5pm on Friday 14 October 2016.

For more information or to comment on the plans please visit www.warwyn.tas.gov.au/yoursay

COME AND TRY TRACK CYCLING (3 Day Course)
Burnie Bikes are conducting a 3 day course Monday 26th – Wednesday 28th September and are targeting children from Grades 5, 6, 7 and 8. The total cost is $15 per participant (Numbers are limited). The program will be run by an accredited Cycling Coach and Burnie Bike Club members and includes bike safety and handling, bike set up and track racing skills. Please bring bike helmet/gloves (if you have them) and water bottle. For more information contact Debbie Archer 0499 902 225, Rodney Jones 0409 018 281 or burniebikes@outlook.com.au

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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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*Being a good friend - World Friendship Day* |
| **Week 3** | Monday 1st August 2016  
9 - 10:30am  
*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* |
## DATES TO REMEMBER

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