Dear Parents and Carers

On Monday and Tuesday evenings teachers held their Parent Information sessions. These outlined curriculum information, classroom routines, homework expectations, classroom and behavioural expectations and allowed time for questions that parents may have had. Thank you to the teachers for their planning and preparation of these evenings. The teachers and I would also like to thank the parents who attended these sessions. Communication and parent/teacher relationships are integral to fostering growth in student learning and wellbeing.

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!

On Monday our School Captains, House Captains, Grade 3-Grade 6 SRC and Prep-Grade 2 Class Captains were announced. Their names are listed further down the newsletter. Congratulations to these students who were recognised and voted in by their peers for their outstanding leadership qualities.

Our SRC Assembly will be next Wednesday in the School Hall starting at 1:45pm. All members of our school and parish community are very welcome to attend.

**BIRTHDAYS**

Birthday wishes to students celebrating their birthday this week: Hunter, Kalin and Blake.

**BUS ZONE**

Please do not park in the bus zone between 8am-9am and 2:30-3:30pm. Police have been informed by both the bus company and myself of this illegal and unsafe practice and will be patrolling during these times and issuing parking fines. In the absence of police presence, number plates will be recorded and passed on to police.

**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

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**CHOIR**

Interested students from Grade 3 - Grade 6 have been invited to join the 2016 St Brigid's choir. These students will join Mrs Tammy Clarke every Friday from 12:50 - 1:15pm for Choir practice. The choir performs at different events including the Burnie Eisteddfod, assemblies, Synovum Care Wynyard and the end of year school concert.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations Mrs Hill on the birth of your beautiful new granddaughter Ayla Maria!

**HELP!!!**

We are in desperate need for volunteers to give Wess Koop a hand in the school grounds over the next couple of weeks!! (Whipper snippering, edging and weeding). Wess will be working on Mondays and Wednesdays so if you are able to assist please come and see him or contact the school office.

**ICT AGREEMENT AND ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY**

All students in Grades 3-6 were given their ICT Agreements and Acceptable Policy agreements on Monday and they are to be signed and returned to school by tomorrow. In this age group we had a section that is stated below on Social Networking sites. If you allow your child to use prohibited sites out of school hours please be aware of the school's position on this. These sites are not able to be accessed through our school Internet as they are blocked.

**SOCIAL NETWORKING**

Students under the age of 13 are prohibited by the online service providers from having social networking accounts such as Kik, Snapchat, Instagram and Facebook. Students who do obtain such accounts are strongly advised to be aware of necessary privacy settings and the accompanying dangers of social media usage and its impact on learning. The school takes no responsibility for instances of inappropriate use of social networking that occurs outside of school hours or off school premises. For further information on specific terms of use please refer to the following websites.

- [www.facebook.com/legal/terms](http://www.facebook.com/legal/terms)
- [www.snapchat.com/terms/](http://www.snapchat.com/terms/)

**OFFICE HOURS**

Office opening hours are: 8am - 4pm, Monday to Thursday and 8.15am - 3.30pm Friday.
If you have any fee queries or fee payments please speak with Ruth Mackenzie during office hours on Monday-Thursday.

**PLAYGROUP - ST BRIGID’S BUDDIES**

We had a fabulous first morning in St Brigid’s Buddies this week. We spent the morning making fishing rods and binoculars for our camping experience. We then set up camp in the playground! The children enjoyed exploring the campsite and creating a campfire, tent and using their fishing rods to fish in the ‘lake’ from the bridge. It was great to see three new faces in Buddies and we look forward to seeing everyone again next week for our ‘Beach and Water Play’ morning.

**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 appointments please phone Alison at home.

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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.

SCHOOL LEADERS

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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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Warm regards

Annette

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LENT - Project Compassion

During the six weeks of Lent each year, we hold Fundraisers for Caritas, (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. If you can spare any change please send this to school with your child to place in our Project Compassion boxes. We will send all donations to Caritas who will use this money to fight poverty and promote social justice in vulnerable communities worldwide. For more information visit: http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion

In Project Compassion 2015, $11.57 million was raised to help the world’s poorest communities. The theme for Project Compassion 2016 is "Learning more, creating change”. As Pope Francis says "Education is an act of hope", so this year Project Compassion celebrates the power of learning, and the many ways in which Caritas Australia is working with local partners around the world to provide vital learning and renewed hope to children, women and men most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice.
Throughout Lent we will share some inspiring stories from Malawi, Laos, Papua New Guinea, Australia, Cambodia and India to show how education, training and sharing knowledge can empower individual communities to transform their futures and create lasting change.
"Together we can empower the world’s poorest people with the opportunity to learn, grow and create change."
Bishop Greg O’Kelly

DONEY’S STORY - MALAWI

Doney is a quiet and humble woman, but thanks to an innovative program supported by Caritas Australia, she’s creating big changes - in her life and in her village.
Malawi in East Africa is one of the poorest countries in the world. Most people rely on farming small plots of land to produce food to feed their families. But many, like Doney and her family, have often gone months without enough food to eat.
Yet, when Caritas Australia and the local Caritas began working in Doney’s remote village, they saw beyond the community’s challenges. Together they identified the community’s strengths, and each family created their vision for a healthier, more sustainable future.

They worked with Doney’s community to harness their natural resources. Families were trained in new farming techniques, and already they’re producing more plentiful crops. "The problem of malnutrition in my household is an old song now," says Doney. They also worked with the community to install a borehole so Doney and her family now have access to clean water, dramatically improving their health.
Doney’s passion for education was recognised as a strength of the community, so she received training as an Adult Literacy Facilitator through the program, and is now teaching adults in her village.

These days, the people of Doney's village have access to clean drinking water, flourishing crops and are building their knowledge to create a better future. "My life has been transformed," smiles Doney.
The village is developing… I would like to thank the people of Australia. The support you provide to us is going to the right people, and is helping us." - Doney

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), 5:00 PM (1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays – Liturgy)
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.

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.

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

FEBRUARY

Wednesday 24th SRC Assembly - 1:45pm

MARCH

Friday 4th Swimming Trials (Devonport) Grades 3-6
Saturday 12th Wynyard Show Gates Fundraiser
Monday 14th Public Holiday
Sunday 20th Palm Sunday
Monday 21st ‘Getting to know Your Child’ - Parent/Teacher
Tuesday 22nd ‘Getting to know Your Child’ - Parent/Teacher
Thursday 24th Holy Thursday
Friday 25th Good Friday
Sunday 17th Easter Sunday
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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**TERM DATES 2016**

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**WYNYARD FOOTBALL CLUB AND WYNYARD AUSKICK CENTRE**

There will be a meeting to discuss the changes to Under 12 football this season. Under 12’s will now be part of the Wynyard Football Club and will play as part of the junior roster that includes Under 14’s and Under 16’s.

The meeting is important and we ask that all parents and players attend an information evening at the Wynyard Football at 7.00 p.m. **TONIGHT Thursday the 18th February**.

Darren Smith 0438 114 996        Adrian Dixon 0429 962 094.

**WYNYARD BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION**

The Wynyard Basketball Association local roster registration night will be this **Monday** February 22nd at the Wynyard Basketball Stadium from 5pm-7pm.

**WYNYARD BASKETBALL**

Local Roster Boys and Girls

https://reg.sportingpulse.com/regoform.cgi?aID=6034&pKey=1d64f25fefba7bd9be57dde56a621875&formID=54301

Sporting Pulse has updated the online registration system. This will allow for different sports that your child might be involved in all under the one email address. Wynyard Football and Burnie Netball are using this system now as well as some other sports. No Registration forms anymore!

Please use the above link and follow the instructions. One of the changes is that you will use your email address to sign in. At this stage you don’t have a password so you will need to choose “forgot my password” it will generate an email to allow you to change your password. If it comes back with unknown email - are you new? Just treat it as you are new player and follow the prompts. You can register yourself - if you are a volunteer and any children under the age of 18 can be all completed at the one time.

Registrations this year have increased by $5.00, total payable is $115 (Door fees included)

Please **DO NOT** register U10’s at this stage. We will be registering them in a few weeks’ time.

Registration night is **Monday 22nd Feb from 5pm to 7pm** at the stadium. There will be some laptops there so people can complete them online. You will need a debit or credit card. We can do manual payments for those that prefer cash.

Local roster will commence on the 7th March, games will be on a Monday depending on numbers.

**We do encourage for parents to complete registration on line** asap. It is an easy process, however if you need some assistance please contact 0417 009 921 after 1pm weekdays or anytime over the weekend.

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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
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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| **Week 4**           | Monday 22nd February 2016  
9 - 10:30am  
*Water & beach play* |
| **Week 5**           | Monday 29th February 2016  
9 -10:30am  
*Caring for our environment* |
| **Week 6**           | Monday 7th March 2016  
9 -10:30am  
*Obstacle course* |
| **Week 7**           |  
*Public Holiday - Eight Hours Day* |
| **Week 8**           | Monday 21st March 2016  
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*Nan or Pop Day - You’re the Teacher* |
| **Week 9**           |  
*Easter Monday* |
| **Week 10**          | Monday 4th April 2016  
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*Let’s look at seasonal change* |