Dear Parents and Carers,

A happy childhood is one of the best gifts that adults have in their power to bestow upon their children. If we make a child happy today, we will make the child happy twenty years on by the memory of it. Happiness isn't something that you can give all wrapped up like a present. If we were to shower our children with gifts of toys or shield them from emotional discomfort, they are more likely to grow into adulthood as people who are bored and joyless. The best gifts for happiness are internal not external, an inner set of tools they can rely on for life. There is no way that parents can make children happy all the time. Children need to learn how to deal with some distress and to determine how to cope with it. Learning how to deal with life's frustrations and set backs is essential for future happiness. A parent's role in many of these situations is to help children find solutions, not provide them. What's more, children need to know that it's all right to be unhappy sometimes; it's part of life. If we try to eliminate authentic unhappiness, we might be giving the message that it's wrong to feel sad; children need to experience the whole range of human feelings including sadness. However, parents can encourage children to be happy about what's going okay, or what they have, instead of being sad about what's not going okay or what they don't have. Likewise, conflicts and disagreements are a normal part of life and are important in as much as they allow for the statement of differences and the expression of feelings.

**BIRTHDAYS**

Birthday wishes to students celebrating their birthday this week: Lincoln, Summer, Imogyn, Lily, Imogen and Charlotte.

**CAI**

Next Thursday 17th March, our school canteen is re-opening!! A copy of the Canteen menu, including ordering instructions, will be sent home tomorrow.

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EASTER RAFFLE
Thank you for those who have already made donations towards our Easter raffle. We are asking that each family donate an Easter egg, soft toy, Easter book or similar. Donations may be sent to the school office. Please continue to return Raffle books and money. The prizes will be drawn at our Easter Assembly on Wednesday 23rd March.

PARENT COMMUNITY MEETING
Thank you to parents who attended our Parent Community meeting on Monday. St Brigid’s Twilight Fair will be held on Friday 28th October. Our School Fair is held every second year and is a major fundraiser for the school. A Parent Community Fair meeting will be held on Wednesday 30th March at 9am in the Discovery Room. We would love to see as many parents as possible come along and share ideas for this major event.

PLAYGROUP- ST BRIGID’S BUDDIES
On Monday morning at St Brigid’s Buddies we were very active participating in movement to build our muscles. In the classroom we went on a bear hunt and explored different body movements to tell the story, ‘We’re Going On A Bear Hunt’. During mat time we learnt about what an obstacle course is, before heading outside to use our muscles to jump, climb, weave and crawl under and through obstacles in the playground.

SPORTS POLO TOP
St Brigid’s new sports polo top is on display on the Parent Community Pin Board. Discussions took place in 2015 at Parent Community, (previously known as Social Committee), Advisory Board, Leadership and Staff meetings. Our new tops should arrive and be available for purchase for $30-$33 at the beginning of Term 2. Students are still able to wear their current sports polo top until they need replacing.

THANK YOU
Last Friday, the Grades 3-6 children had a wonderful time at the swimming trials and fun day. Thank you to Mrs Liz Murton for her organisation and preparation. It is not an easy task when a specialist teacher is at school one day a week and that one day is teaching one class after another. We appreciate the after hours time you put in Mrs Murton. Thank you to the parents who volunteered their time to assist Liz with the smooth running of events. Thank you also to the Grade 3-6 staff who accompanied the students. I think swimming carnivals are the hardest of events to supervise in more ways than one and staff did a great job!

WYNYARD SHOW GATEKEEPING
Thank you to all the people who have volunteered to fill the Show Gate Roster. This major school fundraiser will contribute to our current Grade 4 and 5 school trip to Canberra next year. A sincere thank you to Mrs Alison Stevens for her huge commitment in coordinating and organising this school fundraiser.

Warm regards

Annette

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LENT – Project Compassion

During 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). We will send all donations to Caritas who use this money to fight poverty and promote social justice in vulnerable communities worldwide. The money raised during our St Patricks Day “Jelly” fundraiser will go towards Project Compassion - Caritas. It is wonderful to know that through our combined efforts we will help empower communities to learn more and create change.

For more information visit: http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion

Evangeline’s story - Australia

Creating new connections to traditional culture

When Evangeline left high school she had a limited vision for her future. But the training she’s received while working at the Djilpin Arts Ghumnarn Culture Centre, supported by Caritas Australia, has helped her develop new skills and ignited her passion for the maintenance and preservation of her Aboriginal culture.

“This opportunity has helped me turn my life into something more positive.” Evangeline

Evangeline is a proud young Ramingining woman living in the small community of Beswick (Wugularr) in the Northern Territory. Like many remote First Australian communities, Beswick faces a range of complex ongoing challenges, and many people in the town feel disempowered by poorly conceived policies and decisions.

When Evangeline left high school after Year 11 she tried a few career options without success and soon felt dispirited. “But by the time I was 22, I really started to think about doing something positive with my life,” she says.

So when she was offered a position as an Artworker at the Djilpin Arts Ghumnarn Culture Centre in Beswick, Evangeline recognised a path to a new future.

The community-owned venture is supported by Caritas Australia’s Development of Cultural Enterprise program. It brings together Elders and young people, like Evangeline, so new generations can learn traditional skills and understand cultural knowledge through sharing art, storytelling, dance and song – practices that are central to traditional culture.

In the three years since joining the Centre, Evangeline has truly flourished. “This opportunity has helped me turn my life into something more positive,” she says.

Now a Senior Artworker, Evangeline is committed to helping her community stay connected to its culture. “Culture is our identity and how we understand ourselves,” she explains. “It’s important for us young people to be able to learn these skills and then we can pass them on when we are old.”

“You are helping us to keep our culture alive.” Evangeline

St Patrick’s Day Liturgy

Parents and Friends are invited to our whole school St Patrick’s Day Liturgy to be held in the school library at 11:45am Thursday, 17th March. Grade 3 and Miss Maher will be coordinating the Liturgy with the assistance of Ms Reynolds.

St Patrick’s Day Sports

We will continue celebrating St Patrick’s Day with our ‘St Patrick’s Day Sports’ to be held after lunch at 1:30pm. All parents are warmly welcome to come and cheer our students as they participate in friendly team sports.

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Upcoming dates

Palm Sunday Liturgy
To be held in our School Library – all parents and friends welcome, 11:45am, 21st March, Grade 5 Co-ordinating.

Holy Week Liturgy
To be held at St Brigid’s Church – all parents and friends welcome, 12:00MD, 23rd March, Grade 4 Co-ordinating.

Easter Assembly
To be held in our School Hall – all parents and friends welcome, 1:40pm, 23rd March, Grade 1, 3 and 5 presenting.

BURNIE/WYNYARD PARISH MASS TIMES

All Parishioners Welcome / All Masses

St Brigid’s, Wynyard
Tuesday, 9:30am
Saturday 6:00pm St Brigid’s Church, 37 Goldie Street, Wynyard
Good Friday: 3:00pm (Passion of Our Lord)
Easter Sunday: 10:00am (Mass)

Umina Park
Wednesday, 10am North Lodge, Umina Park (2nd Wed of month only)

Sacred Heart, Somerset
Sunday 8:00am Sacred Heart Church, 7 Pelissier Street, Somerset
(1st, 3rd, 4th Sundays - Mass, 2nd Sunday - Liturgy)

Star of the Sea, Burnie
Thurs: 9:30am
Sunday 10:00am Star of the Sea Church, 96 Mount Street, Burnie
All are welcome to share a cup of tea in the Burnie Parish Centre after the 10:00am Mass each Sunday

Holy Thursday: 7:00pm (Mass of the Lord’s Supper)
Good Friday: 10:00am (Stations of the Cross)
Holy Saturday: 7:00pm (Easter Vigil)

St Joseph’s, Yolla
Sunday 5:00pm, St Josephs, 1566 Murchison Highway, Yolla
5:00pm (Mass 2nd Sunday), 5:00pm (1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays - Liturgy)

Stations of the Cross
Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday during Lent, at St Joseph’s Church, Yolla at 7.00pm. Everyone is most welcome.

Yaraandoo Chapel, Burnie
12MD, First Friday of Month only
Adrian Becker Memorial St Patrick’s Sports Day  
1:30pm Thursday 17th March 2016

St Brigid’s remember past student Mickaela Becker’s father through the Adrian Becker Memorial Trophy.

St Patrick is the patron saint and national apostle of Ireland. St Patrick is credited with bringing Christianity to Ireland. St Patrick’s Day has come to be associated with everything Irish: anything green and gold, shamrocks and luck. Most importantly, to those who celebrate its intended meaning, St Patrick’s Day is a traditional day for spiritual renewal and offering prayers for missionaries worldwide.

Parents are welcome to come and spectate during this fun afternoon commencing at 1:30pm.

Children must wear PE uniform and house coloured t-shirt – Red: Brigid, Yellow: Joseph, Green: Patrick.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH

Saturday 12th Wynyard Show Gates Fundraiser
Monday 14th Public Holiday
Friday 18th NWCSSA Swimming Carnival - Devonport
Sunday 20th Palm Sunday
Monday 21st Palm Sunday Prayer Liturgy - Gr 5 Leading - Library
Monday 21st ‘Getting to know Your Child’ - Parent/Teacher
Tuesday 22nd ‘Getting to know Your Child’ - Parent/Teacher
Wednesday 23rd Holy Week Liturgy - Gr 4 leading - St Brigid’s Church
Wednesday 23rd Easter Assembly - 1:40pm School Hall
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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E-NEWS AT DIXONS
Dixons pharmacy is excited to announce that we now have an online newsletter. We will be sending the newsletter monthly via email, and invite you to subscribe so you don't miss out. You can subscribe by adding your email as prompted when you access our website at: www.dixonspharmacy.co.au

SOCCER
We are now taking registrations for the 2016 season for children born 2004 to 2010
Registration options:
Online at www.myfootballclub.com.au
In person on registration day 19th March at Burnie United Soccer Grounds from 9am
Email westernschoolssoccer@gmail.com for a form to download
All players must be registered before 20th March to ensure a place on the team
Any parents, carers or friends interested in being a team facilitator or for any other enquiries please contact us via our Facebook page or at westernschoolssoccer@gmail.com

Yolla District School Parents and Friends Association presents a movie under the stars!

Where: Yolla School
When: Friday 18th March 2016
Time: Gates/BBQ open at 7pm
      Movie starts at 730pm
Cost: $8.00 per ticket
      $30.00 family of 4 &
      $5 per extra child

Come and have a fun night with the family! BBQ, food and drinks available! PLUS Bump & Grind coffee van! BYO cushions, beanbags and small chairs!

For tickets please contact:
Yolla School  64381188
Ange Beamish  040965750
Or collect from Leading Edge Electronics Burnie

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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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*Let’s go camping!* |
| **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  
9 -10:30am  
*Nan or Pop Day - You’re the Teacher* |
| **Week 9** | *Easter Monday* |
| **Week 10** | Monday 4th April 2016  
9-10:30am  
*Let’s look at seasonal change* |
Expression Of Interest

for the following is invited

**ST BRIGID’S CATHOLIC SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD**

An opportunity exists to engage with St Brigid’s Catholic school community by becoming a member of the Board.

As described in the Constitution the Board will work collaboratively in an advisory and supportive role with the Principal within the broad parameters established by the Governing Council and TCEO. Particular responsibilities of the Board are:

- to advise on and assist with the formulation of policy for the conduct of the School in line with TCEC/TCEO policies and Governing Council directives;
- to co-operate with and support the Principal in maintaining the School as an institute of Catholic Education;
- to contribute, where possible, in matters regarded as major initiatives and/or changes;
- to liaise with the local Parish Priest/s and/or Parish Pastoral Council/s, in matters of mutual concern to the School and Parishes;
- to participate in and co-operate with the School on the planning, research, development, implementation and evaluation of the School’s Strategic Plan;
- to contribute to the planning and management of maintenance and building programs necessary for the recurrent and long-term welfare and effective development of the School; and
- to review the finances of the School, and the prudent use of funds, according to the provisions of this Constitution and the directions of the TCEO.

If you are interested in becoming an appointed member of the Board. Please email [annette.mcculloch@catholic.tas.edu.au](mailto:annette.mcculloch@catholic.tas.edu.au) for a nomination form and return by 25th March to: [annette.mcculloch@catholic.tas.edu.au](mailto:annette.mcculloch@catholic.tas.edu.au)