Dear Parents and Carers

St Patrick’s Day is probably one of the most popular Christian feast days generally known in the secular world outside Easter and Christmas. It has, of course, become more of a fun celebration of Irish culture, than a remembrance of Christian salvation coming to the Irish people. There was, however, a time when Catholics of Irish descent worked against great odds and discrimination to build up our Australian Catholic Community and our Catholic Schools. Let St Patrick’s Day give us pause to offer a prayer of thanks for their sacrifice.

As many of you know probably know, St Patrick’s day is dear to my heart and brings back many fond memories of both my child and adulthood. My father was born in Ireland and emigrated to Australia when he was 22. My dad was a passionate Irish Musician and we grew up amidst Irish Music and Irish dances held both at the Gaelic Club in Sydney and in our home! It was a regular occurrence to have at least half a dozen Irish musicians and their followers gathered in our family home. Dad even purchased a three-piece wooden dance floor to accommodate these sessions - the carport was cleared and the dance floor set up and we would dance the night away! Luckily we had very understanding neighbours! You can imagine then what St Patrick’s Day was like in the Doyle household!! Needless to say the tradition continues in the McCulloch household!

This morning my mother phoned me at 7am ‘just to get in early’ she said. Later I spoke with my dad who at 89 was rushing around to get ready to head off into Sydney’s St Mary’s Cathedral. They both had been invited by their old friend Bishop Terry Brady to the St Patrick’s Day Mass. It will be a lovely start to their day and I know it will be followed by an Irish Music session in one of the many Irish pubs in Sydney!

Also, one of my cheeky brothers text me this morning to say “please don’t tell you have dyed the little hair you have green”!!!

Happy St Patrick’s Day to you all to be sure to be sure!

An Irish proverb
May the roof above us never fall in, and may we friends gathered below never fall out.

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**ASSEMBLY**
Our next School Assembly is our Easter Assembly to be held on Wednesday 23rd in the School Hall commencing at 1:40pm. Our Easter raffle will be drawn at this Assembly.

**BIRTHDAYS**
Happy Birthday to the following students celebrating their birthdays this week: Mason, Isla, Emily and Imogen.

**BAKE SALE DAY**
Under the supervision of Mrs Wells, SRC children will be preparing and cooking items for the SRC Bake Sale. Butterfly Cupcakes, Coconut Rough, M&M Cookies and Teddy Bear Cars will be on sale for $2 each at 1pm 6th April in the Discovery Room.

**CONGRATULATIONS NWCPSSA CARNIVAL**
Congratulations to all the students from Grade 3 - Grade 6 who were chosen to compete in the Northwest Catholic Primary Schools Swimming Carnival tomorrow in Devonport. We know you will represent St Brigid’s admirably and with great sportsmanship and we look forward to reporting on their day in next week’s newsletter!

**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 ticket books and money. All raffle ticket books and donations need to be at the office by Monday. The prizes will be drawn at our Easter Assembly on Wednesday 23rd March.

**PARENT COMMUNITY MEETING**
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.

‘GETTING TO KNOW YOUR CHILD’
These valuable Parent/Teacher meetings will be held on Monday and Tuesday. Booking schedules are available in the foyer near the uniform shop. Please take this opportunity to have an individual conversation with your child’s teacher. Just a reminder to return all questionnaires by tomorrow.

**SKOOL BAG APP**
St Brigid’s has a Skoolbag iPhone and Android App to help communicate more effectively. To install the App, search for our school name St Brigid’s Catholic School Wynyard in either the Apple App Store, or Google Play Store. For Windows Phone, and Windows 8.1 or 10 users, search for Skoolbag in the Windows store, and install the app and find our school news. Thank you to Mrs Alison Stevens for researching and implementing this communication app.

**SPORTS POLO TOP**
St Brigid’s new sports polo top is on display on the Parent Community Pin Board. Our new tops should arrive and be available for purchase for $30-$33 early Term 2. Students are still able to wear their current sports polo top until they need replacing.

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WYNYARD SHOW

Thank you to parents, carers, grandparents and students who assisted with our Show gates fundraiser: Adrian and Emily Dixon, Aimee Summers, Rhatri Miller, Roger Jaensch, Michael & Danah Collins, Kylie and Ben Johnson, Melissa Williams, Anna Welsh, Hayley Williams, Chris Campbell, Samara, Belinda Middap, Bruce Welsh, Robyn Krabbe, Alex, Christine Willsher, Bronwyn Folden, Paula Cornish, Sarah Onions, Isaac, Olivia Onions, Richard Glover, John Glover, the Thomson family, Jodi Sturzaker, Mandy Fowler, Andrew Scott, Renice Billows, the Koop family, Helen Strickland, Gary Neil, Scarlett, Sarah Robertson, Josh, Lottie, Sandra Halfacre, Paula Mathews, Claire Mathews and Ben Sandow. Special thanks to Chris Campbell who spent the day as a gate keeper and supervisor. Maxine Ewington, show secretary, expressed her appreciation for everyone’s help. The amount raised will be advised at a later date.

Warm regards

Annette

DATES TO REMEMBER

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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 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

Sreymom's story - Cambodia

Learning more, helping many

Education and training have helped Sreymom transform from an inexperienced young midwife into a confident healthcare worker. Now she has the skills to provide vital healthcare, support and information to indigenous mothers and children in remote Northeast Cambodia.

I wanted to increase my skill and knowledge with support from the other health staff.”
Sreymom

Sreymom, now 26, lives in the remote Mondulkiri province of Northeast Cambodia, where extreme poverty has led to many health issues for the region’s indigenous population.

When she started work at the local Health Centre, Sreymom was eager to use her three years of midwife training to help care for indigenous mothers and children in the surrounding villages. But soon she realised she lacked the practical experience she needed to safely assist in childbirth. “When I had to assist a delivery,” Sreymom recalls, “my body and knees were trembling. I was sweating and losing confidence.”

Seeing Sreymom’s difficulties – and her true potential – a local healthcare worker helped Sreymom to enrol in the Mondulkiri Community Health Program. Established by Caritas Cambodia and supported by Caritas Australia, the program empowers and trains local health centre staff in pre- and post-natal care, safe delivery practices and children’s health.

The course not only improved Sreymom’s skills as a midwife, but also gave her information on broader health issues, which she could take back to the indigenous women in her community.

These days, Sreymom delivers one or two babies each month and is trusted by the indigenous community. “If we did not have the program, more pregnant women would face death,” Sreymom says. “I hope Australian people will support my communities more in building awareness in healthcare, hygiene, nutrition and sanitation.”

It is very important to share knowledge with others... It is useful to the community and this sharing will increase the villagers’ knowledge on children’s health care. - Sreymom

HAPPY ST PATRICK’S DAY!!!

Parents and Friends were invited to our whole school St Patrick’s Day Liturgy held in the school library today at 11:45am Thursday, 17th March. Grade 3 and Miss Maher co-ordinated the Liturgy with the assistance of Ms Reynolds. We continued celebrating St Patrick’s Day with our ‘St Patrick’s Day Sports’ held after lunch. Students enjoyed ‘green jelly’ today and the funds go towards our Project Compassion fundraiser. We look forward to seeing the photos from the liturgy and sports in our next newsletter.
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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, 12:00 noon, 23rd March, Grade 4 co-ordinating.

Easter Assembly
To be held in our School Hall - all parents and friends welcome, 1:40pm, 23rd March, Grades 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.

Yaraando Chapel, Burnie
12 noon, First Friday of Month only

The purpose of human life is to serve, and to show compassion and the will to help others.
  - Albert Schweitzer

We can't help everyone, but everyone can help someone.
  - Ronald Reagan

“THE BEST WAY TO PURSUE HAPINESS IS TO HELP OTHER PEOPLE, BECAUSE THERE'S NOTHING ELSE THAT WILL MAKE YOU HAPPIER.”
  - EDITH EISEN"
**WYNYARD AGRICULTURAL SHOW PRIZES 2016**

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*Special Prize for receiving the most points in the Home Produce section - Scarlett*

| Garden Section | First Prize - garden vegetable, chicken eggs, for creating Anna’s frozen garden | Scarlett |
| Gumboots       | First Prize                      | Ebony and Ruby |

**Gumboot Encouragement Awards:** Isobel and Ruby, Amira and Lilyana, Sammy, Jayda and Isla, Rebekah, Lottie, Eve, Caitlin, Halle, Indiana Phoebe, Ebony and Claire.

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**RIVERBEND YOUTH CENTRE**
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email: admin@riverbend.org.au  Address: PO Box 768, Smithton 7330.

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**WARATAH-WYNYARD JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECT**

**TRY SKILL 14 11th April – 22nd April 2016**

This year TRY SKILL 14 will operate in the first school holidays of the year, 11th April until Friday 22nd April.

As in previous years the aim of the project is to encourage active participation by young people in the sports and cultural activities provided by clubs and organisations in the Waratah-Wynyard municipality. It is open to all young people from grades five, six and seven regardless of where they live.

At this stage eleven clubs have expressed their intention to take part, each offering a number of one-hour sessions during the two weeks The activities offered are BMX, Golf, Ju Jitsu, Lawn Bowls, Out-Rigger paddling, Photography, Sailing, Squash, Surf Life Taiko Drumming and Tennis

Full program details and enrolment forms will be distributed to schools in the municipality are also available on the Waratah-Wynyard Web site. (www.warwyn.tas.gov.au) and from the Council Offices.

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WYNYARD NETBALL NEWS
Students from Grades 2-6 interested in playing netball this season are invited to attend training Wednesday 23rd March at the Table Cape Primary School Gym from 4:30-5:50pm.
Previous players and any new players are welcome to attend.
For further details, please contact Katrina 0417 156 896

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

S.R.C Bake Sale

Butterfly Cupcakes
M&M Cookies
Coconut Rough
Teddy Bear Cars
$2.00 Each
6th April 2016
Discovery room
1pm

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How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

For iPhone and iPad users:
1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. You will see your school appear, click "Get" then "install".
4. The app is FREE to download.
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.

For Android users:
You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.
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Please Note: Some brands of Android phones need the setting in "Notification Manager" changed to "Allow" instead of "Notify" in order for the push notifications to work. The phone must also be running at least version 4 system software to run the app.

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3. Install the Skoolbag app
4. Find your school either by using the keyword search or location service.
5. Click the "Pin" icon to pin the school tile to your Windows Phone home screen.
6. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
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Find out more at www.skoolbag.com.au

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