Parents and Carers
Over the last few weeks Grade 5 have had many opportunities to represent St Brigid’s Catholic School and have done so with considerable amounts of maturity and respect. As you are all aware Grade 5s have dedicated a substantial amount of hard work and time into researching, thinking scientifically and creatively, and applying reasoning to their entries for the Utas Science Awards. Not only did their hard work stand out alongside the entries from other schools, but their passion, composure and confidence when communicating their learning with the judges was commendable.
Regards
Laura Willcox

Reading
Grade 5s have been refining the skills required to summarise using key words and phrases. During and leading up to Book Week, Grade 5 unpacked some hidden themes and deep meanings buried in some of the picture books that had been short listed for awards. Grade 5s are currently reading and interpreting different styles of poetry. They are learning about some of the different styles of poetry and exploring the way poetry can manipulate reader emotions.

Writing
In addition to reading poetry Grade 5 students are having a great time writing some poetry of their own. So far they have been experimenting with the use of metaphors and personification to create some detailed, thought-provoking pieces. Grade 5 students are enjoying having some ‘literary freedom’ through poetic writing and gaining a deeper understanding of how word choice can add depth and humour to their poems.

Religious Education
As a continuation of their unit on Church, Grade 5 students have been engaging in meaningful discussions about the deeper meaning of ‘church’. With these ideals in mind students have been working individually and in small groups to discuss how they can best convey this message through the next step in the design process of their ‘Buddy Seat’. Students are also exploring the physical structure of our local church and have been learning more about the symbols and sacred objects that can be found in the church. Grade 5 has been working with their buddy class Prep, to create their own model churches incorporating this knowledge.
Maths Investigations

This term Grade 5 students have begun a new investigation called Finals Fever. Students are enthusiastic about applying the Mathematical skills of decimal addition and subtraction to tenths and hundredths, decimal estimation, interpreting and creating financial plans and records, reading and interpreting timetables and using 24-hour time to their investigation. The investigation requires students to choose a grand final in a sporting event of their choice and plan a cost effective and time efficient budget and itinerary for their whole family.

We are Scientists!

Students have been continuing with their Science investigations over the past 4 weeks, with some outstanding results and valuable learning experiences. The work that the students have been doing throughout this Science Unit has offered learning experiences across a range of subjects including: Science, English, and Maths as well as fostering deeper thinking, critical thinking and creativity. Feedback from students is that the learning for this unit has deepened their understanding of the process involved in conducting a fair science experiment, and the importance of research and re-testing to ensure accurate results. This has certainly been proven in the high standard of work that has been completed.