



ST BRIGID'S
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College Values

Courage Honesty Inclusivity Thankfulness

Message from the Head of Junior School

Dear Parents

The past fortnight started with a real highlight when we celebrated **World Teacher's Day** on **Friday, 30 October**. My sincere thanks to those parents in our community who provided a special morning tea for the staff. It was a very tangible way of the parents in our community showing their appreciation for the work the teachers do and I can assure you, it was very much appreciated by the staff.

The performance of our **Interschool Athletics Team** last Wednesday, 4 November at the Interschool Carnival held at the new athletics track at Challenge Stadium was outstanding. It was quite a warm day for the children and the way they performed was magnificent. The boys came **1st**, the girls came **2nd** and overall, **we WON the Carnival**. Not only was there a range of fantastic individual performances but our team games provided some very successful results too. All the children, whether it be as individuals or as a team, prepared themselves really well and their performances matched the preparation. Congratulations to everyone involved, particularly Shannon Trend for coordinating the team.

We have had a **Book Fair** in our Junior School Library during the last week, finishing yesterday. It presented as a great opportunity to look at a wide variety of reading material for junior school aged children, particularly as Christmas approaches quickly. My thanks to Rob Whitehead and Rose White for facilitating the Book Fair and allowing this opportunity to occur.

Tomorrow is also our **Kindy Information Day** for all the parents of our new Kindy cohort for 2010. The session will begin at 1:30pm in the Performing Arts Centre and we will be moving to the Junior School Library at 2:30pm for some light refreshments and the opportunity for an informal chat. If you see some anxious looking parents at school tomorrow afternoon, please reassure them that they will be fine!

I would like to commend our **Year 3 children** on the construction of some well-known **Australian Landscapes and Icons**. This has been part of their Technology & Enterprise and Society & Enterprise Programmes. The children have constructed Ayres Rock, The Great Barrier Reef, Ned Kelly's Armour and even Lesmurdie Falls. We have some on display in the Junior School Office, Junior School Library and I'm sure the children and staff would not mind if you went to check out some examples in the classrooms. Well done Year 3's!

Yesterday was **Remembrance Day**, a day when we reflect on the consequences of war, the bravery of those who fought to protect our freedom and we pray for peace. Just after recess, we sat for a few minutes in the classrooms and listened to a reflection over the PA led by some of our older students, and coordinated by Rob Whitehead. It is important that we acknowledge these occasions with the children as part of living in Australia. We are very fortunate!

TERM 4 CALENDAR

WEEK 5

09.11.09 – 13.11.09

Friday, 13.11.09

Crazy Hat Day

Years 1-6



Kindy 2010 Information Day

1:30pm – Performing Arts Centre

Fine Art Exhibition & Sale

Opening Night

(Tickets on Sale at Door - \$20 each)

7pm – College Gym

Sat. 14.11.09 & Sun. 15.11.09

Fine Art Exhibition & Sale

10am – 3pm – College Gym

(No Charge)

Sunday, 15.11.09

Monster Fair & Twilight Concert

WEEK 6

16.11.09 – 20.11.09

Wednesday, 18.11.09

Year 3 Liturgy

9:15am – Heritage Chapel

Year 5 Excursion

Perth Hills National Parks Centre

Parent Forum Meeting

7pm – Senior School Staffroom

Thursday, 19.11.09

Zero Waste Lunch

Friday, 20.11.09

5 Green Assembly

2:30pm – College Gym

WEEK 7

23.11.09 – 27.11.09

Monday, 23.11.09

Interm Swimming Commences

Years 1-5



Wednesday, 25.11.09

Year 6 Mass

9:15am – Heritage Chapel

We have a very **BIG weekend** planned in our school community, which includes our **Monster Fair** and the **Art Exhibition**. As our way of building up some spirit and focus towards the big event, the children in Years 1-5 have the opportunity wear a **“Scary Hat”** on **Friday 13th November**. Scary could be interpreted in a few different ways!! If children would like to participate, they are asked to donate a bottle for the bottle stall that the Year 3 classes will be coordinating on Sunday or provide a gold coin donation which will go towards purchasing bottles for the stall. Looking forward to seeing many of you there on Sunday.

Finally, we have our last **Parent Forum** meeting for 2009 on **Wednesday, 18 November** starting at **7pm** in the **Senior School Staffroom**. I encourage you to come along, enjoy a glass of wine and some light refreshments and spend some time listening and contributing to conversation about a range of different aspects of St Brigid's College and the direction our school is moving in.

A Prayer taken from our St Brigid's College 80th Anniversary Prayer Book, written by one of our children.

Dear Jesus,

*Help me Jesus to start the day and be kind to everyone, to not sin,
to respect and to make the right decisions.*

I will try to do these things but I just need your help to follow and obey.

Just help me and I will be okay. Light my way.

I'll try to tell the truth and always be good to you.

I will not put your name in vain or curse the rain because we need it.

Help me Jesus to start the day,

for this I pray just help me and I will obey.

Amen.

Best wishes for the coming fortnight.

Paul Hansen

Head of Junior School

PARENTS CORNER

Parents let kids give in too easily

Parents can sometimes let children give up a learning or leisure activity too easily. Research shows that resilient learners link success with effort so allowing kids to give in too easily is poor parenting practice. Resilient learners don't give up because they don't like a teacher or when they're confronted with multi-step or more complex activities. Similarly, they don't bail out of a sporting team half way through the season because the team is not winning or they are not enjoying it.



Ref: Michael Grose
Australia's No.1 Parenting Educator
(www.parentingideas.com.au)

**FINAL PARENT FORUM MEETING FOR 2009
7PM, 18 NOVEMBER 2009, SENIOR SCHOOL STAFFROOM**

FROM THE K-6 CLUSTER LEADER

It is amazing that we are halfway through Term 4 already. Where has the year gone? Last week the 4-7 Interschool Carnival was held at Challenge Stadium and the children who represented SBC achieved excellent results. Thank you to Shannon Trend for all of the time and effort she put into training these students. A big thank you also to Paul Hansen, Stephanie Taddei and Melissa Rickman for taking the time to train our Leaderball Teams.

This week we celebrated **Remembrance Day** with a small ceremony over the PA System. Thank you to Mr Whitehead, Alessandro Paduano and Emily Guerinoni for organising and presenting such a reverent ceremony.

A reminder to parents in our Community who have a child commencing **Kindy in 2010**, about the **Parent Information Day** to be held tomorrow. The venue is the **Performing Arts Centre** and will commence at **1.30pm** with refreshments being served in the Junior School Library at approx. 3pm. We look forward to seeing you there.



Jacquie Fox
K-6 Team Leader

CRAZY HAT DAY – TOMORROW, FRIDAY THE 13TH

Children in **Years 1-6** are reminded that tomorrow, **Friday, 13 November** that they can wear a



SCARY HAT/MASK



for a **donation of a bottle** for the **Monster Fair Bottle Stall** or a **gold coin donation**, which will go towards purchasing bottles for the stall.

The donations could be anything, ranging from a bottle of tomato sauce, wine, dishwashing liquid, just as long as it is unopened and within its use by date.

SWIMMING LESSONS YEARS 1-5

Interm Swimming Lessons commence for all students in **Years 1-5** on **Monday, 23 November** 2009 and will run for ten consecutive days, concluding on Friday, 4 December 2009.

An **enrolment form** was sent home earlier in the Term. An enrolment form is required to be completed for each child and **returned** to class teachers by **tomorrow, Friday, 13 November** 2009.



Shannon Trend
Junior PE Specialist

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Thank you to all those families who have already put their donation to the **St Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal** under the tree in the Junior School Library.

We still have a couple of weeks left for families to donate a small gift to a child less fortunate. You would have received a tag with a child of a certain age and gender to buy for.

The St Vincent De Paul Society has requested that the gifts be **UNWRAPPED** this year for safety reasons.

It would be appreciated if gifts could be returned with the tag attached to the Junior School Library no later than **Friday, 27 November** 2009.



**THE NEXT JUNIOR SCHOOL ASSEMBLY
WILL BE HELD ON
FRIDAY, 20 NOVEMBER 2009
AT 2:30PM IN THE COLLEGE GYMNASIUM
PRESENTED BY 5 GREEN**

CPSSA INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL RESULTS

The **Interschool 'A' Division CPSSA Athletics Carnival** was held at the State Athletics Stadium on Wednesday, 4 November. It was fantastic being at the brand new venue, with much better seating and viewing from the stands, as well as the wonderfully improved track surface.

St Brigid's students revelled in this new environment with so many outstanding results. We finished **FIRST** overall and **FIRST** in the overall boys!! This is the first time ever St Brigid's has managed to 'clean sweep' the competition – **winning the Swimming, Cross Country AND the Athletics!!**

It was the depth of the team that won the Carnival; not just having one good athlete, but many who would place in each division and combine to give us amazing relay teams and leader ball teams. It has been the commitment and dedication of so many students over the duration of the year that has lead to these fantastic results.

Congratulations to the following teams that performed extremely well:

1 st Place
Year 7 Leaderball Team
Year 6 Leaderball Team
Year 5 Leaderball Team
Grand Relay Team (record)
Year 6 Girls 4 x 100m relay (record)
Year 6 Boys 4 x 100m relay (record)
Year 5 Boys 4 x 100m relay (record)



2 nd Place
Boys Open 4 x 100m relay
Girls Open 4 x 100m relay
Year 4 Girls 4 x 100m relay
Year 4 Leaderball Team

Congratulations to the following Individuals that achieved top 2 finishes on the day:

YEAR 7	
Lockie Burmas	1 st 100m 'A' Division (record)
	1 st 200m 'A' Division
Chantal Whitsed	1 st 100m 'D' Division
Kori Pisani	1 st Turbo Javelin
Claudia Salas	1 st Long Jump (record)
	2 nd 100m 'C' Division
Andrew Doyle	2 nd 100m 'C' Division
Kayla McMillan	2 nd 400m 'B' Division
Sasha John	2 nd 200m 'B' Division
	2 nd Shot Put
Riley Burke	2 nd 200m 'B' Division
Luke Mills	2 nd Turbo Javelin

YEAR 6	
Kale Eldridge	1 st 100m 'A' Division (record)
	1 st 400m 'A' Division
	1 st Long Jump (record)
Kathryn Pickett	1 st 100m 'A' Division (record)
	1 st 400m 'A' Division (record)
Eliza Gelmi	1 st 100m 'B' Division
	1 st Long Jump (record)
	2 nd 200m 'A' Division
	2 nd Shot Put
Xavier West	2 nd 100m 'B' Division
Reece Fenlon	2 nd 100m 'D' Division
Robert Joseph	2 nd OPEN 800m

YEAR 5	
Mason Langham	1 st 100m 'A' Division (record)
	1 st 400m 'A' Division
	1 st 200m 'A' Division (record)
	2 nd Long Jump
Noah Roderick-Smith	1 st 100m 'B' Division
	1 st 400m 'B' Division
	1 st 200m 'A' Division
	1 st Shot Put (record)
Tom Jebb	1 st 100m 'C' Division
	1 st 400m 'B' Division (Open)
	1 st Long Jump (record)
Chloe Smolenski	2 nd Turbo Javelin

YEAR 4	
Tanisha Cayley	1 st 100m 'A' Division (record)
	1 st 200m 'A' Division (record)
Matthew Russo	2 nd 100m 'D' Division
Kristal Whitsed	2 nd 100m 'B' Division
Holly Gelmi	2 nd 200m 'B' Division

Congratulations to **every student** involved in the **Interschool Athletics Carnival**, and I look forward to seeing the same dedication and enthusiasm with the interschool teams next year... to hopefully repeat the fantastic results!!

Shannon Trend
Junior School PE Specialist

JUNIOR SCHOOL BIRTHDAYS 15 - 28 NOVEMBER 2009



Year Four

Tyron Rotondo
Matthew Cranfield
Reilly Blumears
Joshua Mohren
Graycen Hannan

Kindy

Luca Masella

Pre Primary

Isabella Borja
Leo Rimmer

Year Oney

Emersyn Johnson
Asha Vivien

Year Two

Tahlia Croft

Year Three

Niamh Reidy
Brianna Bitt
Claire Engel

Year Five

Lane Meredith
Mitchell Hansen
Lucy Anderson



Year Six

Charlie Musca
Robert Joseph

FROM THE ITALIAN TEACHER

Mealtimes are something that Italians particularly enjoy. During week 7 and 8, students in Years 1 & 4 will have the opportunity to take part in some food activities as part of their Italian lesson.



Students in **Year 1** will enjoy a single scoop of Gelato ice cream and **Year 4** students will each bring in an Italian dish to share at recess with their fellow classmates as part of their "Food in Italy" topic.

Nataschia Morlotti
Junior School Italian Teacher

FROM THE CANTEEN IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please be aware that the St Brigid's College Canteen is **no longer able to supply the "Mrs Mac's Small Good Eating Pies"**, they are a discontinued line. Apologies to all our children who enjoyed the little pies.



A note to parents – could you please ensure your children have the correct amount of money enclosed with their order.

Also, the **Canteen** will be open for the **last time** on **Wednesday, 9 December 2009**, please make alternative arrangements for lunches for the last full day of Term 4, Thursday, 10 December 2009.

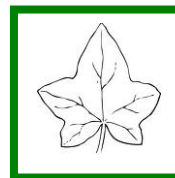
Kath Hazelton
College Canteen

URGENT REQUEST FOR "COMMON TRAILING IVY"

If you have any **"COMMON TRAILING IVY"** in your garden, we need loads of it to decorate the College Gym for the Fine Art Exhibition commencing tomorrow evening.

If you are able to help, please bring the IVY to the kitchen in the College Gym this evening (Thursday, 12 November).

Your help is appreciated.



Jenn Moody
Student Services

FROM THE UNIFORM SHOP

Just a reminder that all current Year 6 students need to come into the Uniform Shop and order their Blazers, Track Suits and Boaters before the end of November 2009

Uniform Shop Opening Hours:

Mondays – 3 pm – 4pm
Wednesdays: 8:30am – 4pm

Please note that the Uniform Shop will be closed from 3 December 2009 – 27 January 2010 inclusive.

ZERO WASTE LUNCH "LAST ONE FOR 2009"



The last **Zero Waste Lunch** for the 2009 School Year will be held next Thursday, 19th November. Let's try to break all the records!

Melissa Rickman
Waste Wise Coordinator

80TH ANNIVERSARY EXTRAVAGANZA WEEKEND

FINE ART EXHIBITION AND SALE



Official Cocktail Champagne Opening & Sale

7pm, Friday, 13 November 2009
Tickets \$20 available at the door



Saturday, 14 November and Sunday, 15 November
(No Charge)
10am – 3pm – College Gymnasium

MONSTER FAIR CAKE STALL “DROP OFF INFORMATION”



Please note that donations of cakes need to be dropped off at the following times:

Saturday, 14 November 2009: 9am-11am – to be dropped off at the **Boarding House Dining Room**. Cakes need to be clearly marked with all ingredients and wrapped in gladwrap.

Any cakes NOT dropped off on the Saturday; need to be taken **directly to the cake stall on Sunday morning before 9:45am.**

If any Mums or Dads can help at the cake stall on the day, please email tenna@westernstock.com.au with details of when you can assist.

Annamaria Cream
Director of Community Relations

MONSTER FAIR

ALL WELCOME, bring along family & friends, neighbours

10am – 4pm Sunday, 15 November 2009
SENIOR SCHOOL OVAL

Meet Western Force players between 11 and 12 noon, over 35 stalls and all the fun of the fair for young & old

TWILIGHT CONCERT

5PM, Sunday, 15 November

Featuring

Jay Weston

Supported by current and past students of St Brigid's College in a Leeuwin style concert!

FREE OF CHARGE