



St Brigid's

Thursday 14 February, 2019

"Olympic Gold medalists in the making!"

Parent Information Evening

Thank you to our families who made it to the parent information sessions on Tuesday evening. All teachers produced a handout, so if you have not received this, please contact the school.

At the parent evening, I was able to 'touch on' our school priorities for 2019:

- **Numeracy** - This year, the staff will be directing professional learning time (meetings) to the area of numeracy and specifically, the style of maths teaching which occurs during this time. As the major focus, we will be creating a data wall to plot the maths progress of every child.
- **Writing** - To ensure we maintain improvements in this area which were obvious in 2018, we have included this again as a focus area. Teachers will moderate writing samples through the year to constantly improve your child's writing.
- **Capital Development** - Our School Board has set in motion a small capital development build to improve some of the physical areas in our school. These include a new classroom (multi-purpose area) and an administration block upgrade. We await the Catholic Education panel's decision on whether this will proceed.
- **Religion** - Classes will work on ensuring all children are familiar with the mandated prayers to be used during the school day.



P&F and School Board Meetings

Calling all interested parents for our upcoming P&F meeting. This meeting will take place on Monday 25 February at 6.00pm.

School Board will convene on Tuesday 26 February at 7.00pm in the staffroom.

Swimming lessons (PP-Year 2)

I know there are some very tired children this week with the double swimming lesson occupying a large 'chunk' of the day. Thank you parents for preparing your children for these lessons as I know you will sleep well on Friday night when they are over also!

Assembly - change of day

You may have already noticed on the term planner, we have changed the day when we host assemblies. We will now gather on selected Friday afternoons at 2.30pm for our assemblies. We hope this alteration will suit you. All assemblies take place in the hall. Our first assembly for the year will be on Friday 22 February at 2.30pm.

Big Bash Cricket Evening

It's on again! Please see the note included with this newsletter about our family friendly cricket evening on the oval. Last year it was a big hit and we all enjoyed a great twilight event. This year we have called in the 'big guns' from the WACA to assist us. A free sausage sizzle will be on offer so we look forward to seeing you on Friday 15 March at 5.00pm on our school oval.

Electronic newsletters

By the end of this term we will begin phasing out printed newsletters. In an effort to maintain a sustainable school, we will soon only be publishing our



newsletter via the website (which is currently being upgraded), email and our St Brigid's Parent Facebook page. I am committed to promoting our newsletter on these various platforms to ensure everyone is kept up to date and no-one is disadvantaged.

March long weekend

A reminder that Monday 4 March is a public holiday. School will commence on Tuesday 5 March in this week.

Kearnan College

Any Year 5 or year 6 families who are considering enrolling their child into Middle School at Kearnan College for 2020 / 2021, you are asked to make an appointment with the Principal, Mr Jason Meynell for an introductory meeting. Mr Meynell will be able to arrange a tour of the school for interested families. Application for enrolment forms may be found on the College website or accessed via the front office on 9777 0677.

Commissioning Mass

On Sunday 17 March, we celebrate our Opening School Mass at 9.00am. At this Mass it would be lovely to see families attend so we can gather together and celebrate the student leaders of our school as well as the Staff, School Board, P&F and Parish who make up our St Brigid's Community. A morning tea will follow Mass in the hall.

Have a great weekend everyone and enjoy the sunshine!

Carlo Pardini
Principal





P&F

Thank you to everyone who attended our parent information night on Tuesday.

As Mr Pardini discussed, we are seeking Class Representatives to help your P&F in the fundraising for the event that is allocated to each of your child's class. This is a great way to meet other parents and to have an active role in raising money, all of which is used to purchase items for St Brigids. This will not take up much of your time nor require any special skills!! You will find more information attached to this newsletter.

Just a reminder our **next P&F meeting** will be held on Monday **25th February at 6pm** in the staff room. We would love to see you there everyone welcome.

Hoping everyone is settling in nicely to term one.

Yolande Wendt
P&F President

MJR

This year we continue to celebrate all the wonderful aspects of our school through a program called Making Jesus Real (MJR). This program occurs throughout the school day and is a seamless fit with our Religious Education program.

An award is given along with MJR, where an individual who has been identified by school members as 'making Jesus real' is acknowledged at selected assemblies. Of course, we celebrate as a whole with the handing over of Brigid the Bear.

MJR seeks to recognise people doing their best, not only for themselves but also for others in the community. All students, staff, parents, parishioners and helpers are eligible for the MJR Award and we encourage everyone to fill out nominations which are located in the front office.

If you see anyone going that little bit 'extra' please nominate them. Our first award will be presented on Friday 22 February at 2.30pm

Sunday Mass

17 Feb - 5.00pm

24 Feb - 9.00am

3 Mar - 5.00om

10 Mar - 9.00am

Canteen

Mon 18 Feb	Mel Clements <u>Abbie Fetter</u>
Fri 22 Feb	Sharon Gardner <u>Sam Baker</u>
Mon 25 Feb	Amy Doust <u>Simone Taylor</u>
Fri 1 Mar	Aleisha Fullam <u>Geoff Herbert</u>
Names in <u>bold and underlined</u> are the 'cake makers' for the day.	

A look ahead at the week...

Wk	DATE	TIME	EVENT
3	Fri 22 Feb	2.30pm	MJR Merit Certificate Assembly in the Hall
4	Mon 25 Feb	6.00pm	P&F Meeting - All welcome!
4	Tues 26 Feb	7.00pm	School Board meeting in the staff room
	Fri 1 Mar	TBA	Cricket Cup (Years 5 and 6)
	Mon 4 Mar		PUBLIC HOLIDAY
	Tues 2 Mar		Strove Tuesday



Community Information

CLASSICAL AND CONTEMPORARY DANCE SOUTHWEST

This is a new dance studio set to open in Manjimup. The studio has a thriving branch in Bunbury where it has been operating for 20 years, but now owner, Amy Barningham and former student, Tianna Webb, want to expand its outreach.

We are so excited to be able to provide professional dance lessons to country students. The studio offers classes in classical ballet, pointe, lyrical, contemporary and zumba for students aged 2+ through to adults. Whether you're looking at learning to dance just for fun or pursue a more professional approach via ballet exams and competitions, the studio has a class for you! Dance lessons are a great way to make new friendships and stay active and fit whilst also learning valuable skills such as discipline and team work.

For enrolment information, visit the studio's website at www.studioccdance.com/ or contact **Tianna Webb** on 0437 116 257 or via email at studionccdancesw@gmail.com



BRIDGETOWN
STROKES & STRIDES SWIM SCHOOL
 11 FEBRUARY - 8 MARCH 2019



Day	Times	Stages
Monday & Wednesday	3:15-4:55pm	Stage 1
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Monday & Wednesday	4:30-6:10pm	Stages 2
Monday & Wednesday	4:30-6:10pm	Stages 4 & 5
Monday & Wednesday	4:45-6:25pm	Stages 6 & 7
Monday & Wednesday	4:45-6:25pm	Stages 8, 9 & 10

Day	Times	Lil Fishes
Friday	3:30-5:00pm	Swim (3-4 years)
Friday	10:00-10:30am	Dory (1-2 years)
Friday	10:30-11:00am	Home (6 month-1 year)

Enrolment forms now available @ BLC
 Enrolments close: Monday 4 February 2019
 Term fees: Stage lessons \$68 (2 classes per week) Lil Fishes \$34 (1 class per week)
 Full payment due 12pm Friday 8 February 2019
 Lessons require a minimum of 5 participants to run

Corner Gifford Rd & Stevie St
 Bridgetown
 PH 9951 2900

**Bridgetown
Leisure Centre**

SATURDAY 23 MARCH 2019

Rotary Tour of the Blackwood <https://www.blackwoodtour.info/>

RIDE FOR YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH

Now in its third year, the Rotary Tour of the Blackwood is one of the most challenging rides in Western Australia. Starting by the banks of the mighty Blackwood River, the [Full Tour](#) meanders some 130km through stunning countryside between beautiful Bridgetown and the magical town sites of Balingup and Nannup, and features over 2000m of climbing including a Category 4 ascent toward the finish line.

The beautiful [Half n Best](#) or [Cozy](#) courses are great fun too!

All proceeds from this ride are donated to [Blackwood Youth Action](#), who provide much needed psychological support services and mental wellness programs for at-risk youth in the Blackwood region.