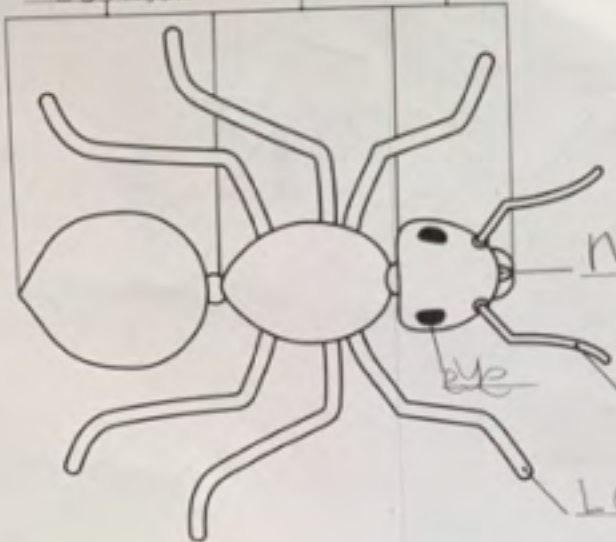


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Identifying the External Features of an Ant

Select a word from the vocabulary box to name the different body parts of an ant.

Abdomen Thorax Head



Vocabulary

head
thorax
abdomen
leg
eye
antenna
mouth

St Brigid's

Thursday 26 March, 2020

Keep smiling everyone!

Dear Parents,

I have been sending through updates via our school app (there have been 4 of them so far) and I hope amidst the information 'overload' you have had the time to read them. I do encourage you to keep reading them to keep yourself informed of what is happening at St Brigid's and sincerely thank you for following processes, procedures and responses that have been introduced as a response this global crisis.

May I take this opportunity to thank all staff members. I have been totally in awe of their commitment, dedication and diligence in responding to these difficult times. They are all to be highly commended. At the forefront of all our decisions is the safety and dignity of our children, staff and all community members.

Please check our school app and the Parents of St Brigid's Facebook today for the latest update (#4) which covers what our school will be doing in the final weeks of this term.

Can I please draw your attention to today's announcement by the Premier Mark McGowan, stating parents with children in schools in Western Australia should keep their children at home from the close of school tomorrow (Friday 27 March).

Working at school or from home

I can appreciate that there is some confusion amongst families on what is expected from working at home and what we are doing in school over this transition period. Hopefully you will find this breakdown provides more clarity.

Yesterday all families were emailed a page of passwords pertinent to each child (Year 1 to Year 6) for access to learning programs which the teachers can set tasks. Programs which these passwords will be required for include Study Ladder and Prodigy with years 4/5/6 using their Office 365 login for See-Saw.

From this **Monday** 30 March, school iPads for children from Year 1 through to Year 6 will be available for collection at the front of the school. Parents will be

required to read the one page IT policy and also sign this form before taking their child's device. This is simply our agreement entered into which acknowledges parents will take care for the iPad and ensure cyber-safety is maintained while the device is in your possession. All school iPads must be returned to school on request.

Here is what to look for in the respective year groups starting next week:

Kindy to Year 2:

Revision work will be encouraged and the teachers will explore the use of See-Saw to do this. Packs for these class groups have been made to cater for the hands on nature of Early Childhood Education.

Year 3 to Year 6:

From Monday, these classes will begin full on-line digital learning for all learning areas through See-Saw. There will not be packs going home (except an exercise book).

Please be patient with the class teachers as we are all learning as we go. There may be glitches, but you are encouraged to let us know via See-Saw. Please note, parent communication will be checked during school hours (8.30am - 3.00pm) and staff will endeavour to reply within 24 hours.

The Resource Pack for Parents (Assisting Students when Learning from Home) has been added to the school app today. Please use this as an 'extra' support to the See-Saw learning programs. This is a list of educational websites that have been previewed and offer an extension to the learning programs from home.

Thank you for the tremendous encouragement and support families have given St Brigid's at this time. Please remember to consider your child's heightened anxiety due to the changes around them at this time. Your child's well-being is critical to their success as a learner.

Reconciliation Postponed

Under advice from the Health Department, Rev Bishop Gerard Holohan (Bishop of Bunbury) announced this week that all church gatherings, including sacraments will cease for the immediate future. Please note, this has meant First Reconciliation for our Year 3 class will take place at the next available opportunity and not as planned next

week.

Parent Meetings

Due to the closure of our school after Friday 3 April, parent one-to-one interviews will not take place. For many of us now, it is important to remain at home with your family and reduce unnecessary travel and appointments. Our apologies for this being yet another casualty of the Corona Virus. Once again, thank you for your understanding.

Library books

We ask all library books be returned so we can stock take in preparation for the new term. There will be no more book borrowing this term. Thank you.

Absentee lodgement

Please use the school app to lodge absences (and be sure to give a date range if your child will be away for more than one day). See-Saw is not a method to notify the school your child is away.

Tulips with a Difference

Orders are still coming in! Please get your orders in for this great fundraiser. You have until Friday 3 April so deliveries can be received early next term....in time for Mother's Day.

Paint me a Rainbow Week

The idea behind this week was to raise money for the 'Paint Me a Rainbow' Organisation as well as build community awareness. Due to our low numbers, the impact of this week will not have the same effect so we will look at an alternative time in the future. The Autism Association would like St Brigid's to jump on board with this venture when we have all returned to school and for this, we thank them for their flexibility in holding off.

Canteen is still on!

For many of you still unsure about canteen, I can happily announce that we will still host canteen tomorrow (Friday 27 March). There will not be canteen operating in week 9 (next week).

In these very surreal times, may all our families stay well and I pray blessings of the Lenten season are upon you as we approach Easter.

Enjoy the weekend ahead!

Carlo Pardini
Principal



Canteen

Fri 27 Mar	Shelley Karafilis Shannon Fraser-Butler
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Names in bold are cake makers

What's coming up at St Brigid's?

Wk	Date	Time	Event
9	Friday 3 April		Final Day of Term 1

Community Notices

