St Brigid's School

Term 1 Week 6 Newsletter 7th March 2019

We acknowledge the Kaurna people as the traditional owners of this land that our school is built on.

We thank the Kaurna people for sharing their land with us and together we will help to take care of it.

Parish Office: Father Leon Czechowicz 7 St Alban's Place Clearview (Wednesday - Friday)
Phone: 82621070 Fax: 82627951 Email: clearkilbparish@internode.on.net
Sunday Mass: 9:00am

Term One Diary Dates

Friday 8th Pupil Free Day.
Monday 11th Public Holiday
Tuesday 12th Students return to school
Wednesday 20th Harmony Day Mass 9am
Thursday 21st R1/V Hosting Assembly 2:30pm

2019 Term Dates

Term One	Tuesday 29 January -Friday 12 April
Term Two	Tuesday 30 April - Friday 5 July
Term Three	Tuesday 23 July - Friday 27th September
Term Four	Tuesday 15 October - Friday 13 December

From Leadership….

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Students,
The time is moving by at an accelerated rate and we welcome you all to Week 6, the half way mark for this term. We welcome **Rosemary Dubiel** to our school community in the role of **Financial Officer**. If you haven't already met Rosemary please come along and introduce yourselves to her, she is looking forward to meeting and getting to know you all. We also welcome **Catherine Holdcroft** as our **Community Hub Leader**. Catherine has made herself available in the mornings to meet and connect with you. She is based in the OSHC building and if you haven't already met please come along to meet her as she is keen to get to know you all and talk to you about her work and the service she provides for families in our community.

Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday
This week we celebrated two significant events in the Catholic faith, **Shrove Tuesday** also known as Pancake Day and **Ash Wednesday**. In preparation for Lent, pancakes were made and eaten on the day preceding Ash Wednesday because it was a way to use up rich foods such as eggs, milk, and sugar, before the fasting season of the 40 days of Lent. As a school we prepared and shared pancakes with students and families in the morning before school started. Classes also cooked pancakes as a part of their learning program. On Ash Wednesday, which marked the beginning of the Church season of Lent, students from Years 2 – 6 attended morning mass in the church to celebrate this event. The students in Reception and Year 1 participated in a Liturgy later in the day. Lent is a time for renewal where we strive to live the Gospel more faithfully each day. It is during this time that many of us sacrifice something in order to change old habits and be more like Jesus.

Annual General Meeting
We would like to extend an invitation to you all to attend our Annual General Meeting (AGM) on the evening of **Tuesday 19th March at 7.00 pm**. The AGM is held to reflect and report on the 2018 school year, including recognising the highlights and reporting on the school's performance both academically and financially. At this meeting we will also be electing new members for our St Brigid's School Board. As a school board member you will have the wonderful opportunity to meet as a group once a month to review school policies, financial reports and upcoming events. If you wish to nominate for a position on the School Board please complete the nomination form below and return it to the office as soon as possible. If you are interested, further information relating to the School Board and its responsibilities are also available from the school office. We look forward to seeing you there.

School Board Nomination Form 2019

Child's Name: _____Class: _____

I (name) _____am interested in nominating for the School Board.

Signed: _____

45 Way Street, Kilburn SA 5084 PO Box 287, Kilburn SA 5084
Telephone: 08 8262 3812 **Facsimile:** 08 8262 5011
Email Address: info@stb.catholic.edu.au **School Website:** www.stb.catholic.edu.au

Harmony Night
Our Harmony Night celebration this year will be held on **Friday 22nd March**. The evening's activities will commence at 5.00pm and conclude with a shared dinner at approximately 7.00pm. A notice with further information will be sent out shortly. Please keep this date free and join us for a wonderful evening's celebration of the rich diversity we share at St Brigid's School.

Flinders University Social Work Students
This term we welcome two new Social Work students to St Brigid's School community, Crispus Kirinya and Menghua Zhang. Both have been working in classrooms familiarising themselves with the context of school and getting to know staff and students. We are currently working together to develop plans to further enhance our work at St Brigid's in supporting the growth and development of our students.

Regards
Trish O'Toole and Vicki Rubino

ENROLMENTS For 2020
Families are reminded that ***Enrolments for 2020*** are now being accepted. If you have siblings expected to begin in ***Term 1 2020*** and you have not yet completed an ***Enrolment Form,*** please contact Josie as soon as possible.

Planning for ***2020 and 2021*** has commenced and families seeking enrolment at St Brigid's School are asked to see Josie and obtain the required enrolment package. *Thank you*

Now Accepting Enrolments for Term 3 Reception
If your child is turning five on or before October 31st this year they can commence school in term 3.
Please collect your enrolment pack from the front office.

NEWS FLASH
St Brigid's School is now on Face Book. Please Like us

2019 School Card Application Forms are now available from the front office

Harmony Night Celebration
Friday 22nd March

Community hubs
Connect. Share. Learn.

St Brigid Community Hub Kilburn
English classes are held every Thursday
Time: 9:30 -11:30 am
12:30 - 2:30pm
Where: Out of School Hours Care Unit, enter from LeHunte Street
(childcare available)

St Brigid's Playgroup
When: Monday & Wednesday,
Time: 9am - 10.30am
(during school term only)
Where: Out of School Hours Care Unit
enter from LeHunte Street
Please bring a piece of fruit to share
Thank you

Please contact the front office if your child/ren are away due to illness or going on a family holiday.
Thankyou

Religious Education News

Lent

We celebrated Ash Wednesday yesterday and that marked the beginning of the Lenten Journey of forty days, which will lead us to the Easter Triduum, the memorial of the Lord's passion, death and resurrection, and the heart of the mystery of our salvation.

Lent is a time of prayer, fasting and Almsgiving. It is a time of conversion where we devote more time to prayer and focus our hearts and minds back to God. During Lent we often fast or 'give things up' as a way to encourage our hearts and minds to be more focused on God.

In an address during Lent in 2014 Pope Francis said:

"Lent prepares us for this most important moment; therefore it is a "powerful" season, a turning point that can foster change and conversion in each of us. We all need to improve, to change for the better. Lent helps us and thus we leave behind old habits and the lazy addiction to the evil that deceives and ensnares us".

Reflection:
What are you doing for Lent this year?
How will it help you leave behind old habits and lazy addictions?

Project Compassion Launch

Last week I took a group of four students to the Project Compassion Launch at St Joseph's Parish Tranmere. The students participated in Mass along with other schools that was presented by Father Philip Marshall. During the Mass, the students received blessed Project Compassion boxes and candles and were reminded of this years theme through a video shown about a child named Thandowayo from Zimbabwe. All schools commented our how well behaved and respectful our students at St Brigid's were at this event, which we are all very proud of.

Project Compassion

As the season of Lent has begun, this also marks the beginning of the annual Caritas Australia Project Compassion appeal. Over the last few days, students would have brought home a Project Compassion box for families to place any extra coins to support the Caritas projects. The Project Compassion boxes can be returned after Easter.

Caritas Australia's annual Lenten fundraising and awareness raising appeal is an extraordinary, ongoing demonstration of the faith, love and generosity of the Catholic congregation and caring supporters throughout Australia to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity.

The theme this year is "100% Hope" how lives change when we all give 100%. Through your generous donations you are supporting people worldwide, empowering the most vulnerable people to grow strong and share their strengths with their communities.

Throughout Project Compassion 2019, inspiring stories show how education, training and sharing knowledge can empower individuals and their communities to transform their futures and create lasting change. If you would like to read some of these stories they can be found at https://lent.caritas.org.au/

Important Dates

Harmony Day Liturgy: Wednesday 20th March, 9am St Brigid's School

Sacramental Programme

1st Reconciliation Preparation Session Wednesday 13th March, 6.30-8pm, St Brigid's School

1st Reconciliation Wednesday 20th March, 7pm, Good Shepherd Church, Clearview

God Bless

Annette Diassinas
APRIM

Out of School Hours Care

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

The children have produced some amazing art over the last two weeks, including CD Sun Catchers and Sand Art made with salt, chalk and food colouring. The children enjoyed the process of making the different colours of sand (salt) using two different methods i.e. adding food colouring to the salt or rubbing the chalk into the salt and then creating their designs.

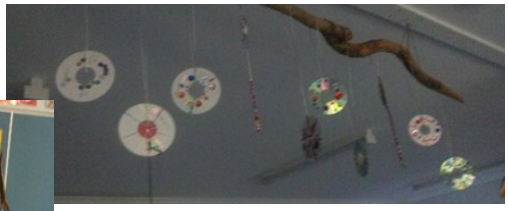
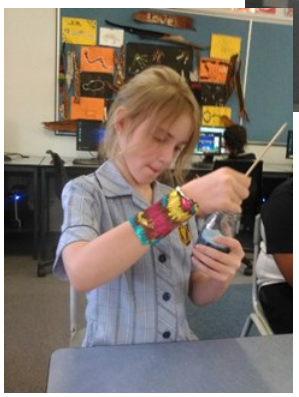
A reminder that Friday 8th March is a PUPIL FREE DAY and OSHC is available from 6.30 am – 6.15 pm.

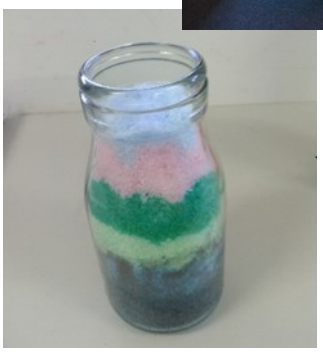
Bookings can be made through the front office or by contacting the school on 8262 3812 or OSHC mobile 0448 830 652.

If there is any way I can assist please don't hesitate to discuss it with me.

OSHC mobile number: 0448 830652
Email: gimbrogno@stb.catholic.edu.au

Regards
Giulia Imbrogno
OHSC Director



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Receiving the School Newsletter via email

Dear Parents/Caregivers, If you would like to receive the School Newsletter via email please complete the attached slip and returning to the front office. Thankyou.

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Student Name:_____Class:_____

If your child does not have a school hat, they can be purchased from the front Office $14.00