Setting an example is not the main means of influencing others; it is the only means.

Albert Einstein

Dear Parents and Carers

Do you think that you are a model for your children, as to the type of person they will grow to be? It would seem that even if we don’t see ourselves that way, there is no escape for us: “It’s not only children who grow. Parents do, too. As much as we wish to see what our children do with their lives, they are watching to see what we do with ours.” Joyce Maynard.

Human beings learn primarily through modelling; in fact, we can’t avoid being an example to our children, whether good or bad. So, being a good example is indeed important to our children.

Through parent modelling, children gain information that helps them to identify themselves. A boy is able to see that he has certain things in common with his dad and a girl with her mother. Somewhat subconsciously, they learn that there are different sexes in life with differing strengths and abilities. Importantly, in adolescence this learning focuses more on behaviour, what is acceptable and responsible and what is not. Parents have a lot of influence in helping their children to become responsible people not only within their family but in society; through their influence on their children, parents do have an influence on society.

Children cannot develop a moral compass unless the people closest to them use the clear, unambiguous language of right and wrong. We should help our children to develop their moral compass by promoting moral activities through our self discipline, our good work habits, our kind and considerate behaviour to others, our community involvement. As parents, we want our children to be responsible for their own character development; our responsibility is to provide the physical and moral environment. This little ditty says it all: “Parents can tell, but never teach, unless they practise, what they preach.” Arnold Glasgow.

BIRTHDAYS
Birthday wishes to those celebrating their birthday this week: Mrs N Martin

CROSS COUNTRY
Tomorrow selected students from Grade 3 – 6 will be competing in the Northwest Combined Catholic Primary Schools Cross Country event at Stella Maris. We wish you all the very best and know you will represent St Brigid’s with pride.

HEADLICE AND NITS
We ask parents and carers to check for head lice on their children. We all know the louse particularly likes clean heads of hair and they transfer very readily. The local chemists can advise treatment.

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**HOT CHOCOLATE**
For this week only, Hot Chocolates will be sold tomorrow morning in the Discovery Room between 8:20-8:50am.

**ENROLMENTS 2017 – KINDERGARTEN ACCEPTANCE LETTERS**
Kindergarten acceptance letters were mailed out last week and included information about Term 3 and 4 Pre-Kinder sessions.
Our kindergarten Information evening will be held on Tuesday 26th July in the school library.

**PARENT COMMUNITY FAIR MEETING**
Fair updates will be included in the Newsletter over the coming weeks. The next meeting will be held this Wednesday 15th June at 9am in the Staffroom. All school community members are welcome.
A letter to all parents was sent home this week in regard to the recent parent interest in further developing the structure and purpose of our Parent Community Meetings. A meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 28th June at 7pm to be held in the school library. We would love to see as many parents, friends and parishioners as possible attending.

**ST BRIGID’S BUDDIES**
It was fantastic to see many families attend Brigid Buddies this week. We have several families with younger children coming along regularly to our weekly sessions so we are purposefully planning sensory experiences that allow all children to be involved. Moving to music, playing instruments to elicit new sounds, touching and feeling different textures and exploring the natural environment are great ways to engage children of all ages.
If you know of any families that would like further information on our Birth to 4 program please encourage them to make contact with the school office. Everyone is welcome.

Warm regards

Annette

**RIVERBEND YOUTH CENTRE**
The Riverbend Youth Centre will once again be conducting holiday camps for school students.
Camp 1 Grades 3/4/5: 3rd July - 8th July
Camp 2 Grades 5/6/7: 10th July - 15th July
For further information: Ph 6452 1635 0457 809 700
admin@riverbend.org.au www.riverbend.org.au
PO Box 768 Smithton 7330

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Attending Mass at St Brigid’s Catholic Church

This week Grade 6 attended Mass facilitated by Father John at St Brigid’s Catholic Church on Tuesday 7th June at 9:30am. Students enjoyed being part of the service and particularly how Father John came out after Mass to explain to the students some things in further detail. Students listened well as Father John spoke about the significance and importance of the Monstrance and also of the different Liturgical season colours and why the colour of the robe he was wearing during Mass was green. Each week different grades will be attending Mass on Tuesdays throughout the remainder of the year. Next week Grade 5 and Prep will be attending Mass together.

Kindergarten Prayer

Miss Hope and her Kindergarten class have created a wonderful prayer space. They are making use of a number of items that they use during prayer such as their beautiful handmade prayer stones and their class prayer booklet created by the students.
Move Well Eat Well

Make time for active transport!

Make time to regularly walk, ride, scoot or skate to:
- School
- Local shops
- Local play spaces

Active transport can add to the 1 hour of physical activity that children need every day!

For more information and for family ideas on healthy eating and physical activity visit:
www.movewelleatwell.tas.gov.au
Primary School Principals say it’s time for some long-term thinking

The Australian Primary Principals Association (APPA) believes the time has come to build our nation’s future by thinking long-term, focusing on the primary school years and acting now.

APPA President, Dennis Yarrington, said that national political leaders must prioritise investing in our primary schools before it’s too late for far too many children.

“As Australia hits the halfway point of this election campaign it is increasingly obvious that we must move away from the three or four year political cycles. Schools would be far better positioned to embed the innovation and flexibility needed in tomorrow’s world, if long-term thinking shaped today’s action.

“Long ago, someone could leave school unable to read and write and still get by. He or she could find a job and live a reasonable life. We know this is no longer possible.

“The research shows that, if a child experiences difficulties in these early years and has not received the intensive, ongoing support to achieve in the classroom, by Year 9 it is virtually impossible for that child to catch up. My high school colleagues know this, employers try and fill the gaps, and parents see the result in their homes.

“The intensive support that works does cost money today but saves money in the long run. We must challenge the notion that educating a primary student can be done on the cheap.”

Mr Yarrington said that at last week’s Trans-Tasman Principals Conference in Auckland, APPA’s National Advisory Council, made up of school principals representing over 7,200 primary school communities, reinforced its longstanding school funding position.

“Investment in early and sustained intervention reaps the greatest reward and is best met when the funding is needs based, sector blind, transparent and predictable. Funding certainty at the right level is crucial to providing this intervention in our primary schools.

“APPA recommends increasing the primary student base rate as a means of achieving this goal.”

APPA is the professional association representing over 7,200 Government, Catholic and Independent primary school principals across Australia.

7 June 2016

Media contact: Dennis Yarrington (APPA President): 0466 655 468
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS PARTNERS IN AUSTRALIA’S FUTURE

With $2,000 less government funding per student, on average, Catholic schools save taxpayers $1.6 billion annually

DON’T take government funding for granted

SchoolFundingFacts.com

Source: ACARA My School data 2014. Authourised by Ross Fox, National Catholic Education Commission, Level 9, 166 Gloucester St, Sydney

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St Brigid’s Buddies

Birth to 4 Program

St Brigid’s Buddies is a structured program focusing on early years learning and development, including sensory play, movement, social and emotional wellbeing with a literacy focus. This is a learning opportunity, not only for children, but for parents to socialise in a relaxed and fun environment.

Please phone 6442 2167 for further details

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*We love Mum’s morning - Mother’s Day* |
| **Week 4** | Monday 16th May 2016  
9 - 10:30am  
*Looking after animals* |
| **Week 5** | Monday 23rd May 2016  
9 - 10:30am  
*Let’s learn to make a healthy snack* |
| **Week 6** | Monday 30th May 2016  
9 - 10:30am  
*Cross Country fun* |
| **Week 7** | Monday 6th June 2016  
9 - 10:30am  
*Caring for our ocean environment* |
| **Week 8** | Monday 20th June 2016  
9 - 10:30am  
*Queen’s Birthday* |
| **Week 9** | Monday 27th June 2016  
9 - 10:30am  
*Circus Play* |
| **Week 10** | Monday 27th June 2016  
9 - 10:30am  
*Celebrate Aboriginal culture* |
## DATES TO REMEMBER

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