Dear Parents and Carers

It is hard to believe that this Monday 28th November is 12 months since our dear friend Mrs Robyn Pitt passed away. Throughout the year we have often spoken of Robyn with great sadness and much affection, remembering the dedicated, warm and welcoming person she was. On Monday, in place of our usual ‘Weekly Welcome’, we will hold a special Prayer Liturgy in remembrance of Mrs Pitt. Parents and friends are most welcome to join us in the Library at 9:05am.

The month of November is the month that our Catholic Church traditionally remember our relatives and friends who have died.

I would like to share a reflection that my elderly aunt recently sent to myself and my children.

I have personally found it to be very moving and consoling:

Death is nothing at all—I have only slipped away into the next room.
Whatever we were to each, that we are still.
Call me by my old familiar name,
speak to me in the easy way which you always used.
Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes we enjoyed together.
Play, smile, think of me, pray for me.
Let my name be the household word that it always was;
Let it be spoken without effort.
Life means all that it ever meant.
It is the same as it ever was;
there is absolutely unbroken continuity.
Why should I be out of your mind because I am out of your sight?
I am but waiting for you, for an interval, somewhere very near just around the corner.
All is well. Nothing is past; nothing is lost.
One brief moment and all will be as it was before—
only better, infinitely happier and forever—
we will all be one together with Christ.

**BIRTHDAYS**

Birthday greetings to the students celebrating their birthday this week: Mia, Shane, Tully and Jason.

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AN OPPORTUNITY TO SAY THANK YOU
On Monday 5th December, an opportunity for the school staff and students to thank and show appreciation to ALL parents and carers who have supported, helped out, and contributed in any way throughout the 2016 school year is being organised by way of a morning tea in the Discovery Room at 10am. Whether it has been classroom support, excursions, assistance with student group work, contribution to the school Parent Fundraising Group, Fair assistance, canteen, school garden and Advisory Board. The list is absolutely enormous, the day-to-day help of parents and carers has been absolutely overwhelming and an invaluable source of support to each of us who work with the students in our care and we would love to say thank you. An invitation is included in this newsletter. For catering purposes please RSVP by Thursday 1st December.

BRIGID FACTOR
On Wednesday 23rd November our school held one of the most exciting events of the year......the 'Brigid Factor'. There were 9 finalists and all of them showed a tremendous amount of courage and effort presenting with amazing talent. The audience were thoroughly engaged for the entirety of the event. Our guest judges were Ms S Gray, Mrs R Bryan and Ally who all gave amazing, positive feedback to the contestants. Congratulations to all the participants and a special congratulations to our 'Brigid Factor' winner Miller, and an Honourable Mention to Scarlett and Charlotte. Thank you to everyone involved and to all the staff, students and families that came to watch. Thank you also to Mrs Harrison and Mrs Martin for organising this event.

CANTEEN
The last canteen day for Term 4 2016 will be 7th December. I would particularly like to thank Kim and Kristy who have successfully re-established and coordinated the canteen, ably supported by Michelle, Hollie and Krystal. On behalf of all our students, their parents and staff....THANKYOU!!!

END OF YEAR REPORTS
Parents and carers will receive end-of-year student reports on Thursday 8th December, outlining levels of achievement attained over the school year. Although interviews will not be organised formally, parents and carers are always most welcome to contact individual class and specialist teachers should they wish to discuss their child/ren's development. In maintaining the belief that education is indeed a partnership between parents/carers and teachers, we trust that you will remain supportive of efforts to continue ongoing communications.

SCHOOL FEES 2016
Thank you to all those families who have finalised their fees for 2016. If you are experiencing genuine financial hardship, please make an appointment to discuss your situation with Mrs McCulloch. Your situation will be treated with compassion and confidentiality.

SCHOOL FEES 2017
Information and forms detailing school fees and levies for 2017 were posted to all families last week. **If you did not receive this information please contact the school office.** Please return your completed Payment Arrangements Form and relevant direct debit forms to the school office no later than **Friday 2nd December**. If you have any queries in relation to these forms please contact Mrs McCulloch to discuss.
CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the Walker family on the birth of their daughter and sister Ivy Grace. How special to be blessed with five beautiful girls!

RETIREMENT NEWS

I would like to announce that after 20 years of service at St Brigid’s, Mrs Hill will be retiring at the end of 2016. Mrs Hill has developed strong relationships with many children in this time and has made a wonderful contribution to the culture of our school as a Library Technician, Teacher Assistant, ICT Tech Aid, School Newsletter collator and co-ordinator, administrator, book club co-ordinator, student-banking facilitator, and of course a well respected colleague, mentor and friend. I would like to thank Mrs Hill on behalf of the students and families and ask for God’s blessings upon her as she undertakes this new stage in her life - especially as she enjoys her seven grandchildren and retirement years. We certainly are going to miss her, however I have not given up hope of enticing Mrs Hill back each year to organise her annual Book Fair during Book-week. It just would not be the same without her!

STAFFING CHANGES

I would like to inform the school community of staff changes prior to the end of 2016. Grade 5 Parents were informed recently that due to medical reasons Miss Willcox was unable to continue teaching Grade 5 for the remainder of the year. We welcomed Miss McNamara who commenced teaching Grade 5 students last week. Students and staff will have the opportunity to farewell Laura tomorrow and thank her for her wonderful contribution to our school.

Ms Mackenzie will finish in her role as Finance Officer on December 1st. We thank Ruth for her expertise and commitment to St Brigid’s. Students and staff will have the opportunity to thank Ruth prior to her finishing.

We warmly welcome Ms Summers who will commence her position as Finance Officer on December 5th.

UNIFORM 2017

Parents wishing to purchase uniform items are reminded that the Uniform Shop is open every Thursday morning 8:15-9:15am and Friday afternoon 2:30-3:30pm. The last date for 2016 is Thursday 15th December 8:15-9:15am.

The Uniform Shop will also be open prior to the 2017 school year on Thursday 2nd February from 9am-2pm. If you have any queries please email Alison Stevens: alison.stevens@catholic.tas.edu.au

WELCOME!

We warmly welcome Fidelis Udousoro to our school community. Fidelis is a delightful young man who is a Seminarian returning to our Parish to carry out some pastoral work as part of his training for the priesthood. He will be assisting Mrs Murton during PE lessons each Friday for the remainder of the year. Fidelis is looking forward to getting to know the children, staff and parents. If you see Fidelis around the school please introduce yourself and make him feel welcome!

Warm regards

Annette

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Our special Liturgy in Remembrance of Mrs Pitt
On Monday 28 November, in place of our normal weekly welcome gathering, we will be celebrating the wonderful memories we have of our lovely Mrs Pitt, as we respectfully and mournfully reflect on the wonderful person and friend to all that she was, her life and the significant contribution that she made to St Brigid’s and the wider community. Please feel free to join us in reverence at 9:05am, Monday 28 November in the library to pay your respects.

Vinnies 2016 - Christmas Appeal
Over the next two weeks, we will be asking for final donations for our Christmas Appeal. Our goal is to fill our crate with new and unused items to be donated to the Christmas Appeal for the St Vincent de Paul Society in Tasmania. Items can be left at our school office and all goods will be donated to the St Vincent de Paul Society in Tasmania Christmas Appeal. By supporting the Society in Wynyard they will, in turn, be able to provide assistance to people within our local community by providing hampers and gifts to those in need.

We have almost reached our goal with some very impressive donations. Keep them coming in over the next two weeks and we can present our donations to a representative from St Vincent de Pauls on Monday 5th December.

To the right is a photo of Tully and Toby OMara with their donation of items for the Appeal. What a fantastic effort – well done.

Advent
On Monday 21st November, we had our whole school Advent Liturgy led by Grade One students and Mrs Harrison. Students presented with confidence and it was wonderful to hear our Grade One students reading so clearly and with fluency. We thank Mrs Harrison and her Grade One students for the effort they put into preparing and presenting the Liturgy.

Advent was originally a time to reflect and prepare for Christmas similarly to how Lent is in preparation for Easter. Many Christian churches in Australia, particularly Catholic churches, celebrate the start of the Advent season on the First Sunday of Advent. Its length varies from 22 to 28 days, starting on the Sunday nearest to St Andrew’s Day and encompassing the next three Sundays, ending on Christmas Day.

A NATIONAL DAY OF CELEBRATION -
30th ANNIVERSARY OF ST JOHN PAUL II’S ADDRESS TO ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PEOPLE IN ALICE SPRINGS.
November 2016 marks 30 years since (now Saint) Pope John Paul II issued his ground-breaking address to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. To commemorate the event, NATSICC, in conjunction with the Bishops Conference has announced a national day of celebration on 27th November 2016.

“As Saint John Paul II spoke, a windstorm picked up the red soil from the Earth and swirled it amongst our people. The dust seemed to intertwine with the words of love, hope and empathy. The message touched our souls and it touched our skin. Never before had we felt so welcome in the house of Jesus.”

John Lochowiak- NATSICC Chairperson.

Please visit the website: http://www.natsicc.org.au for more information

BURNIE/WYNYARD PARISH MASS TIMES
All Parishioners Welcome / All Masses

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**DISCO**

On Wednesday 30th November St Brigid’s staff, SRC and Class Captains are running a disco for St Brigid’s students.

Kinder - Grade 2 Disco will be from 11:30am-12:50pm. Games we will include: Limbo, Musical Statues, What’s the Time Mr Wolf?, Red light - Green light and Spin the Bottle.

Grades 3-6 Disco will be from 1:30pm-2:50pm. Games will include Spin the Bottle, Red light - Green light, Bridge Riverbank and Dance battle.

Food and drinks for purchase:
Water Poptops: $1 and Icypoles: $1.

Students may wear casual clothes for an entry fee of $1. Money raised will be donated to the Ronald McDonald Charity.

**FAIR LEFT OVERS**

On Friday 2nd December during recess we will hold a special ‘sale of items’ remaining from our school fair from the canteen. There is limited stock so items may sell out fast. Items and prices - Show bags $8 and $1 each for the remaining items: donut, icy pole, ice cream, soft drink, jelly cup.

**WYNAYRD UNITING CHURCH – ANNUAL MONSTER FLEA MARKET**

The Wynyard Uniting Church will be hosting their Annual Monster Flea Market at the Uniting Church Hall, Dodgin Street, Wynyard on Saturday 26th November 9am-1pm. This is an ideal opportunity to purchase great Christmas gifts from a wide range of stalls in the friendly market atmosphere. Jams, sauces, craft, produce and plants. Devonshire teas and sausage sizzle. Funds raised support the activities of the Uniting Church at a local, national and international level. Further enquiries: Mavis – 0418 484 159 OR Helen – 0427 345 386

**CHRISTMAS FAMILY NIGHT**

Bunning's Burnie are having a FREE FAMILY EVENT Thursday 8th December 6-8pm with a sausage sizzle, Refreshments, Jumping Castle, Face Painting, Craft Tables, Puppet making Workshop, Balloon Artist, Fairy Characters, Recycled Christmas Tree Competition, Puppet Show, Burnie School of Irish Dance, Burnie Highland Pipe Band, Burnie SES & Santa will be in Attendance

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FANTASTIC RAFFLE PRIZES

1st prize: $500 Jetstar Voucher
2nd prize: Book of 10 children’s tickets for Metro Cinema.
3rd prize: Pack of 12 vouchers from In the Zone, Burnie
4th prize: Wings Wildlife Park Family Pass
5th Prize: Family of 4 meal voucher from Burger Bar, Hotel Federal, Wynyard
Bookseller’s prize: 4 vouchers for In the Zone, Burnie and 2 movie tickets for Metro Cinema

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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Raffle Books will be sent home to each family tomorrow. Please return all books (sold and unsold) and money to the office by 7th December

The raffle will be drawn at the Concert on Friday 9th December.
ST BRIGID’S

THANK YOU MORNING TEA

Please accept our thanks for your help throughout the year by attending our Volunteers’ Morning Tea

**DATE:** Monday 5th December

**WHERE:** Discovery Room

**TIME:** 10:00am to 11:00am

**RSVP:** Michelle or Sharon 64 42 2167 or email: michelle.wells@catholic.tas.edu.au

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NOVEMBER

- Friday 25th: Christmas Raffle Tickets sent home!
- Monday 28th: SPC v St Brigid’s Sports Challenge
- Tuesday 29th: Presentation Assembly - All Grades
- Wednesday 30th: SRC Disco and Games: 11:30 - K-Gr 2; 1:30 - Gr 3-Gr 6

DECEMBER

- Friday 2nd: School Fees and Levy Forms to be returned to school
- Monday 5th: Volunteers Morning Tea - Discovery Room: 10am
- Monday 5th: SRC Thankyou Afternoon Tea - Library: 2pm
- Tuesday 6th: Grade 6 Graduation Liturgy and Assembly
- Tuesday 6th: Grade 6 Graduation Dinner
- Wednesday 7th: Christmas raffle tickets and money to be returned
- Wednesday 7th: Parent Fundraising Committee Meeting - 9am
- Thursday 8th: 2017 Class Orientation
- Thursday 8th: End Of Year Reports
- Friday 9th: Christmas Concert
- Wednesday 14th: End of Year Picnic - Kinder - Grade 5
- Wednesday 14th: Final day of Term 4

FEBRUARY

- Thursday 2nd: Uniform Shop Open: 10am - 2pm
- Wednesday 22nd: Parent Fundraising Committee - 9am (planning for whole school and also Gr 5 & 6 Canberra Trip)

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