



ST BRIGID'S
Catholic Primary School
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ST BRIGID'S NEWSLETTER

WEEK 2

TERM 4

2024

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome back to Term Four! A special welcome to all our new families and students. We hope your first week has been an exciting and enjoyable beginning, and we look forward to sharing many more wonderful moments with you.

As we reflect on the year, it's incredible how quickly time has flown by. With only 8 and a half weeks remaining, we anticipate a very busy and productive term.

Important Updates:

- Swimming Lessons and Carnival: Please note that important correspondence has been sent out regarding swimming lessons and the changes to the structure and carnival for this year. It is crucial to read this carefully to stay informed about the schedule and details.
- New School App - ParentOrbit: We are transitioning to a new school app called ParentOrbit. This app links directly with your Parent Lounge and provides easy access to important information, including your personal and your child's school information. Instructions on how to download the new app can be found on the last page of this newsletter. Please note that SZapp will cease use at the end of this term.

Attendance Reminder: Given the short duration of Term Four and the interruptions due to the swimming block, it is essential to ensure that your children attend school every day. Consistent attendance is key to making the most of this term.

To help make Term Four the best it can be for our students, please click the link below to view our Consistent Predictable Routine video: [Watch the Video](#)

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation. Let's make this term a memorable and successful one for all our students.

Warm regards,

Tegan Green

Principal



REMINDERS

- Please log onto Parent Lounge to read and accept terms and conditions for swimming lessons.
- Please ensure all students are wearing correct school uniform - a reminder that girls are not permitted to have dyed or coloured hair.
- Cut off time for tuckshop is now 9:00am TUESDAY's- no late orders will be accepted.

FROM THE A.P.R.E

Socktober - Crazy Sock Day

October is Catholic Mission Month and is a special time when Catholics around the world focus on helping others and sharing their faith. It encourages prayer, reflection, and taking action to support communities in need, especially in poor and remote areas. During this month, Socktober is also held, which is a fun way for schools, families, and young people to get involved. Through activities like wearing crazy socks and learning about how children in other parts of the world live we can raise money and awareness to help with things like education, healthcare, and community support. Both Catholic Mission Month and Socktober remind us of the Church's mission to spread kindness and help those in need around the world.

St Brigid's will have a Crazy Sock Day on Friday 11 October. Students are asked to bring in a gold coin to donate to Catholic Mission. If you can, bring in some more small change for a chance to kick a goal past the Year 6's at lunch time.

Term 4

There is so much happening this term, particularly in the religious life of our school. Keep an eye on our notices for the various masses and other celebrations.

God Bless

Meaghan Tucker

CURRICULUM NEWS

Our Year 5 students recently returned from an inspiring leadership development camp at Fairbairn Dam. The camp provided a wonderful opportunity for our students to engage in activities that fostered teamwork, resilience, and leadership skills. We are incredibly proud of their willingness to reflect on and grow their interpersonal skills, demonstrating maturity and a commitment to personal development.

In the coming weeks, students from Years 1 to 6 will be participating in PAT (Progressive Achievement Tests) in reading, numeracy, and spelling. This testing is crucial as it helps us triangulate our understanding of student progress, allowing us to make precise adjustments to learning plans to best cater to each individual student's needs.

Looking ahead, we have a range of exciting activities planned for this term. Our swimming block is set to begin soon, providing students with essential water safety skills and physical exercise. Additionally, we are thrilled to announce a reimagined version of "The Race That Stops St Brigid's," on Melbourne Cup Day. Stay tuned to our social media accounts for more details shortly.

Finally, we would like to emphasise the importance of reading with your children. Reading together not only enhances oral language development and vocabulary but also strengthens the parent-child relationship. We encourage all parents to make reading a daily habit, fostering a love for books and learning in their children.

Mr Francey



STUDENT PROTECTION

At St Brigid's any concerns or reasonable suspicions about a student's safety and wellbeing or the behaviour of a staff member or volunteer which a student considers to be inappropriate, will continue to be managed in accordance with Rockhampton Catholic Education Student Protection Processes.

The Student Protection Contacts at St Brigid's are:

- Mrs Tegan Green - Principal
- Mrs Meaghan Tucker - Assistant Principal – Religious Education
- Mrs Josephine Carew - Year 6 Teacher
- Mr Michael Smale - Counsellor

Further information about Rockhampton Catholic Education's commitment to Student Protection is available on the link below.

<https://www.rok.catholic.edu.au/our-schools/student-protection/>

STUDENT WELLBEING

Welcome back to Term 4. We have been very busy over the past three terms and unfortunately, at this time, the school counselling schedule is full, and we will be closing off to new referrals for term 4. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to Leadership, Miss Galloway, Mrs Hardgrave or myself.

For online supports about a number of issues you can access the following webpages:

Kids Help Line <https://kidshelpline.com.au/>

Beyond Blue <https://www.beyondblue.org.au/>

Headspace <https://headspace.org.au/>

Locally there are services available for assistance as well including:

Anglicare: - 4897 0201 - School Lane, Emerald (servicing the Central Highlands)

Unitingcare Community - 4982 3730 - 142 Borilla Street, Emerald (servicing the Central Highlands)

Catholic Care CQ - 1300 523 985 - Servicing Emerald and Blackwater

Emerald Neighbourhood Centre - 4982 1696 - Yamala Street, Emerald

Remember, there is always help out there, if you know where to look.

Michael Smale
School Counsellor.



LEARNING INCLUSION

The Importance of Getting Your Eyes and Ears Checked Regularly

Children often assume their vision is just like everyone else's, which means that vision problems can easily go undetected. Poor vision can interfere with their ability to learn and meet their full potential, and can even compromise their physical, emotional and social development. Getting your eyes test is important for the following reasons:

- **Visual Discrimination:** The ability to identify differences and similarities in shapes, sizes, colours, and patterns, important for tasks like distinguishing letters and words. Children with poor visual discrimination may struggle with reading, puzzles, and noticing small details.
- **Visual Memory:** The skill of recalling what a shape, object, or symbol looks like. Children with weak visual memory may have trouble with math, reading, spelling, and copying information from the board.
- **Spatial Relationships:** Understanding how objects, letters, and shapes relate to one another. Children who struggle with this may confuse left and right, or reverse letters and words.
- **Form Constancy:** The ability to recognize objects, letters, or numbers even if their size, position, or context changes. Children with difficulties in form constancy may not recognize letters or numbers in different formats.
- **Sequential Memory:** The skill to remember and recall a sequence of events or objects in the correct order. Poor sequential memory can lead to trouble with spelling, reading, and recognizing patterns.
- **Visual Figure-Ground:** The ability to focus on important details without being distracted by irrelevant background information. Children who struggle with this may have difficulty concentrating on busy pages or copying notes from a cluttered board.
- **Visual Closure:** The ability to identify objects or words when only partially visible. It helps with fluent reading by allowing children to recognize words by their overall shape without needing to see every letter.

If it has been more than two years or if your child has never had their eyes tested, please consider getting an eye test soon.

Shannon Butler

CHAMPIONS OF THE WEEK

Prep Blue -

Prep Red -

1C -

1P -

2P -

2W -

3C -

3R -

4H -

4S -

5W -

5M -

6C -

6P -

**NO CHAMPIONS
WEEK 1**

Music Maestro -

Sports Champion -

TUCKSHOP

Every Wednesday

Orders close 9am Tuesday

Friday - Subway

Orders close Friday 8am

QC QuickCliQ

LIBRARY NEWS

Book Fair

Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November

St Brigid's is very excited to host Book Fair in Term 4! It's always a well-supported event and every purchase helps the library buy new books. Keep an eye out for more information as it gets closer.

OPENING HOURS

Monday 28th October - Thursday 31st October

8.15am - 8.45am

2.50pm-3.15pm

Friday 1st November

8.15am - 8.45am

Happy Reading

Mrs Strong



SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP

Opening Hours (Term Time Only)

Tuesday afternoon
2:00pm - 4:30pm

Thursday morning
8:00am - 10:00am

Email: stbrigids@wearitto.com.au



STEP 1 Download our ParentOrbit app on your mobile

STEP 2 Log in using Parent Lounge credentials

STEP 3 Access targetted communication & essential school info

STEP 4 Enjoy staying up to date with all communication in the one place!

New School App - ParentOrbit

We are rolling over to a new school app which is linked to your Parent Lounge account - download now: ParentOrbit.

School code: sbe

Szapp up will cease use at the end of 2024.

For more information contact the school administration.