Dear Parents,

We warmly welcome you back to school for the beginning of Term Three. Staff have returned refreshed and enthusiastic and looking forward to the term ahead. I hope all our students are also rested and ready for Term 3.

We will have a very productive term ahead with many great events, activities and most of all - great learning. Some of these events include:

Grandparents/Special person Day

Interschool sport

First Communion

Fathers’ Day breakfast

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As a Catholic School we are a community, which celebrates our Catholic Story and traditions and recognise Christ is at the centre of our lives:

“Let them grow together until the harvest.” Matthew 13:24-49

In the Gospel story this Sunday (Matthew 13:24-30) Jesus tells us not to judge other people and for God’s kingdom to become a reality calls for faithfulness, tolerance, patience and understanding.

A man sows good seed in his field but during the night an enemy comes and sows darnel. Darnel is an annual grass that is commonly found in grain fields as a weed. It looks like wheat. It is the same colour and size of wheat. The good seed and the weeds grow together – the good and the bad. The servants want to pull up the weeds immediately but the wise farmer cautions – “If you pull the weeds you might also pull some of the wheat. Leave them grow together until harvest time and then it will become apparent which is weed and which is wheat.’

Jesus uses this parable to lead us to think to the future and to show us that we cannot tell the weeds from the wheat. It is not possible for us to tell the good from the bad. Jesus recommends caution and patience. Only at harvest time (Judgment Day) will the weeds be separated from the wheat. God alone will be the judge.

It is very common for people to act impulsively, to do something or be quick to judge someone without knowing the full story. Patience and understanding is needed before we make rash decisions. We all have temptations (weeds) presented to us that can keep us from being faithful. God gives us a choice!

Are we wheat or weeds?
What sort of fruit do we produce?
God always give us the opportunity to change and walk closer to him.
Reflect on the ways we can choose love and inspire hope.
Ask God for forgiveness and a generous heart that is prepared to listen and not judge others.
News about Mr Gale

During the holidays our Principal, Mr Ken Gale was required to undergo an operation. He is feeling well and his doctors are very happy with the progress he is making. He will be away for approximately 4 weeks. In the interim Simon Greely will be Acting Principal and will be conducting the Prep Interviews for our 2015 preps.

School Closure Day – Monday, July 28th

Please be advised that there will be a School Closure Day on Monday, July 28th. Teachers will be participating in a CEO led Professional Development in the area of Religious Education with other Catholic schools in our area. There will be NO School for students on this day.

Parent/Teacher Meetings – Tuesday, July 22nd 2014

Early Dismissal for Students – 1.00 p.m.

Parent/Teacher meetings will take place in Term 3 on Tuesday, July 22nd. Students will be dismissed at the earlier time of 1.00 p.m. on this day. After School Care will be available if required. Please contact Mission Australia direct on 5943 2425. On-line booking can be done for interviews up until Monday 21st July at 3.00pm. If a booking is not made, a time will be automatically allocated to you.

Grandparents/Special Person Celebration Friday July 25

We be will holding a Grandparents/Special person Celebration in Term 3 on Friday, July 25th. Traditionally, Grandparents Day is celebrated around the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, the parents of Mary. Please mark this date in diaries.

The day will start with a mass at 10am in our new multipurpose room. Grandparents/Special people are then invited to stay for morning tea while the children are at recess. After recess we will gather again in the multipurpose room for a short presentation before grandparents and special people will be invited to visit their grand children in their learning centres. We are looking forward to seeing all our wonderful Grandparents and special people.
Our School Concert is being held in Term Three on Thursday, 18th September (Week 10) at Berwick Church of Christ, 446 Centre Road, Berwick. Tickets will be sold online 2 to 3 weeks before the show. The limit is 5 tickets per family and at this stage the ticket prices will be between $12 to $15 (depending on hiring costs).

The concert is being professionally filmed by Video Essentials. DVDs of the show are being sold for $22 and ordering will be available from forms sent home to you 2 weeks before the concert. Once filled in, the orders come back to the school and will be picked up by Video Essentials and should be ready for you by early Term Four.

DVD purchases are for private use only and are not to be copied or put online.

If you have any questions about the concert please notify the school. More information will be sent via newsletter early Term Three. If for some important reason your child will not be attending the concert please inform Mr. Gale as soon as possible.

Theresa Ray

Help Needed

Help needed to give a lift home to two children to Beaconsfield (off O'Neil Rd) from Monday to Thursday for four months. Mum is willing to pay. Please contact Sally on 0405006106 if you can help.
We wish the children who have celebrated or are celebrating a birthday shortly all the best for a great day.

**JULY**

Taylor C 1/7  
Hayden W 2/7  
Lucas M 2/7  
Taylor T 4/7  
Mia C 5/7  
Caitlin O 9/7  
Emilia K 10/7  
Keely-Shaye S 12/7  
Jayden F 11/7  
Charlotte S 12/7  
Declan S 14/7  
Darcey C 14/7  
Mia W 17/7  
Shaylee W 17/7  
Zeke F 19/7  
James S 19/7  
Emmerson W 19/7  
Holly H 19/7  
Henry H 20/7  
Jordan DF 23/7  
Courtney C 24/7  
Emily L 29/7  
Jett F 30/7  
Keegan B 31/7

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**Social and Fundraising Committee News**

The next Parents and Friends Meeting this Friday, 18th July  
9am in the NEW Multi Purpose Room.

We will be discussing Grandparents Day, Father’s Day, The Disco and much more. We would love your help and feedback.  
Come along for a cuppa, food and a chat with other Mums and Dads.
Head Lice

We have had some cases of head lice reported to the School. Please take the time to check your children's hair regularly and ensure that eggs and lice are removed. This is a fiddly and time consuming job but if not done properly children will continue to get re-infected and the cycle will continue. We request that children be excluded from school until they have been suitably treated.

2014 Parent Teacher Interviews
Tuesday 22 July

Dear Parents

Parent Teacher interviews will be held on Tuesday 22 July 2014 commencing at 1.30pm.
All students will be dismissed at the earlier time of 1.00pm on the day.

Bookings are to be made online and will open on
Friday 27th June at 3.00pm
CLOSING time for bookings will be Monday 21 July at 3.00pm.

Go to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) and follow these simple instructions.

If you experience any difficulty regarding the booking process or have any questions, please contact the school office on 5943 2447.

Click on this link to book;


Enter the school event code. Then follow the 3 simple steps.

When you click **finish**, your assessment timetable will be emailed to you automatically - **check your junk mail folder** if you do not receive your email immediately.

You can return to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) at any time, and change your interviews - until bookings close. Use the same name and email address, you used when making your booking.
**Interschool Sports**

This year we have more Grade 6 students than in previous years so our interested Grade 5 students will go on a roster to join in and play against other schools. We have 1 football, 1 netball and 1 newcombe team at the moment.

The fixture is as follows:

- July 18th vs. St. Catherine’s Silver (AWAY)
- July 25th vs. St. John’s (HOME)
- August 1st vs. St. Therese’s (AWAY)
- August 8th vs. Trinity (HOME)
- August 15th vs. St. Patrick’s Green (HOME)
- August 22nd vs. Don Bosco Blue (HOME)
- September 5th – Lightning Premiership @ St. Francis Xavier and Pakenham YMCA

A yellow permission slip was sent home last term to all Grade 6 students and to the Grade 5 students who wanted to go on the roster for their chosen sport.

**Leader of Learning and Teaching - Inquiry and Innovation – Miss Elyce Birch**

Welcome back for Term 3 which is set to be another busy term!

Semester 1 saw many new and exciting changes take place to the way teaching and learning occurs at St. Brigid’s and we must celebrate what we have achieved so far:

- Creating engaging and flexible learning spaces for students to work and learn
- Implementing a ‘co-teaching approach’ which has seen teachers work together and collaborate to cater to the needs of the students
- Implementing the Daily 5 and C.A.F.E menu for reading from Foundation to Grade 6 which has allowed for differentiation of the curriculum through 1-1 student conferencing and goal setting
- Carefully considering the groupings of students and providing learning opportunities and tasks that are aimed at the students’ zone of proximal development
- Creating responsible and confident learners and allowing students to make some choice about their learning and work towards achieving their learning goals
Through inquiry learning, providing experiences that are authentic and connected to students' interests, experiences, talents and the real world

As we move forward into Semester 2, we keep in mind our goal for the next 4 years:

‘St. Brigid’s has a vibrant and collaborative learning culture’

For us to achieve this, we continue to acknowledge that St. Brigid’s is a 21st century contemporary school and we have a contemporary approach to teaching and learning. This means that we aim to:

- Embrace the diversity of all students by personalising and differentiating the curriculum
- Equip students with the skills to be 'workplace ready'

Have a great week and I look forward to an exciting Term 3.

Leader of Learning and Teaching - Religious Education
– Mr. Damian O’Bryan

Welcome back to another term. It certainly is shaping up to be a busy one, especially as our Year 5/6s return from camp in Sovereign Hill.

Our final sacrament for this year is 1st Communion. This is open for Year 4-6s but will primarily be aimed at our Year 4 students. For those wishing to enrol their child in the program it is essential that you attend the Parent Only meeting at St. Michael’s parish. This will be held on Tuesday 29th July. There is no need to book but sessions will be at either 1:30pm or 7:30pm in St. Michael’s Stadium.

Our new multi-purpose centre certainly looks impressive. I encourage you to have a look at the stain glass cross at the rear of the building.

Next Friday we will be holding our first mass to celebrate Grandparents’ Day. We invite all grandparents and special people in our community to celebrate both the opening of our school chapel and to give thanks for our grandparents. Mass will begin at 10am and will follow with morning tea and an activity. Please make time during the week to remind your parents/grandparents of this special mass. We look forward to a memorable celebration.

Other dates to remember for this term:

Week 3: 31st July: Junior Learning Community Mass at 9am - School Chapel

Week 4: 8 August: St. Mary of the Cross Celebration with the 3 parish primary schools - 10am St. Michael’s Parish Hall/ Church
Week 5: 15 August: Feast of the Assumption - whole school - time TBC but will be in School Chapel/ MPC

Week 7: 28 August: Middle Learning Community: 9am: School Chapel

Week 9: 11 September: Senior Learning Community: 9am - School Chapel

Looking forward to a great term,

Damian O’Bryan - REC

Uniform Shop

Open Monday & Friday 8.45-9.15am

As you are aware the Uniform Shop is currently working from a shipping container. With the sudden onset of wet weather, conditions have become a little more difficult with families having to wait outside until they can be served.

Therefore, until the current building program is completed, we are asking families who require uniform items in the coming weeks to complete an order form and return to the school office. Orders will then be packed and ready for collection on the same day. Payment can be made at the school office directly or via telephone if that is more convenient.

We thank you for your patience and for the continued hard work from the uniform shop ladies.

Before and After School Care

Before and After School Care is now available at St Brigid’s School. Mission Australia Early Learning Centre is providing care in the Specialist’s Centre (the old Year 5/6 classrooms) between 6.30am until 8.30am in the morning and 3.30pm and 6.00pm in the afternoon. This is a temporary arrangement until the new Multipurpose room is completed. Before and After School Care will then be available in our new building.

There is an information pack available at the School Office for anyone who is interested. Any inquiries need to be made directly to the Early Learning Centre and they can be contacted on 5943 2425.

Found

We have had a pair of children’s glasses handed up to the office. They are from Spec savers and are a red/maroon colour and the arms are black. Please come and collect them if they belong to someone in your family.
Please remember to enclose a completed deposit slip with your child’s passbook.

New families will have an opportunity to sign up for School Banking with Bendigo Bank – Beaconsfield Branch in the coming weeks. Please check the next Newsletter for further details.

School Banking can be handed in at your Classroom every Tuesday with your money, deposit slip and passbook. Your books will be returned on Wednesday afternoons please don’t hesitate to call or pop in if you have any questions.

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*Closure Days and early dismissals will be advised throughout the course of the year.*
Weekly Lunch Orders Update

The Lunch Order Price List is on the St Brigid’s website for future reference.

Lunch orders (provided by Beaconsfield Village Bakehouse) will continue to be available on Wednesdays, however please note that orders will now need to be handed in by 9.00am on the Monday morning prior.

News from St. Michael’s Parish Berwick

2014 SACRAMENT FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

St Michael’s Catholic Church, Berwick, invites Catholic children in Year 4 or above to prepare for the sacrament of First Holy Communion. Preparation begins with an Enrolment/Parent Meeting on 29th July 2014, either at 1.30 pm or at 7.30 pm in St. Michael’s Stadium (no need to book).
This meeting is a compulsory part of the Program and failure to attend will mean your child will be unable to receive First Holy Communion this year.

For more information, please contact St Michael’s Parish, Berwick, on 9707 1355 or email sacramentcoordinator@stmichaelsparish.org.au

Parent only meeting: Tuesday, 29th July – 1.30 p.m. or 7.30 p.m. (School Stadium)

Commitment Masses: Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd August (at all Parish Masses)
Parent Child Workshop: Tuesday 2nd, Wednesday 3rd, Thursday 4th, Tuesday 9th, Wednesday 10th, Thursday 11th and Friday 12th September at 7.30 p.m. in the St. Michael’s School Stadium
Blessing of Children Masses: Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th September (all Parish Masses)
Reflection Day: Tuesday, 7th October
Ceremonies: Saturday, 11th and Sunday 12th October
Saturday, 18th and Sunday 19th October
Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th October
Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th November (at all Parish Masses)
Catechist Classes: Thursday, 7th 14th 21st 28th August, 4th and 11th September at 4-5 p.m. in the S. Michael’s School Stadium
Looking ahead...


Fri. July 25th Grandparents Day

Sat. July 26th Ss Joachim and Anne


Brainteaser

The answer to our last brainteaser was: Blue suede shoes. This week’s brainteaser is:

God of the universe, may your kingdom come! Lead us this day to live fully in the present moment and enjoy all that is good around us. May all that is life-giving remind us of your life and love that surround us now. And because you are with us we can wait in patience and in hope for the new life you bring. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Yours in friendship and unity,

Ken Gale
Principal

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