Dear Parents,

“And he gave it for his opinion, that whoever could make two ears of corn, or two blades of grass, to grow upon a spot of ground where only one grew before, would deserve better of mankind, and do more essential service to his country, than the whole race of politicians put together.”

Jonathan Swift, Gulliver’s Travels

It was great to see so many families attend the Family Life session last Thursday for the Year 1/2 students. Tomorrow night is the session for the Year 3/4 students commencing at 7.00 p.m.

Planning for our new vegetable garden is underway, with detailed plans drawn up, and we have many interested parents and grandparents who are prepared to give up their time to see this project come to fruition. I thank them all for their input giving valuable ideas and sharing their skills to enable our garden to come to life.

At this stage we are planning a fenced area that is rustic that will provide a specific place to cater for raised vegetable beds, a chicken coop, storage shed, citrus trees, composting and mulch area, a sheltered seating area and flower plantings with access through a sensory walk and vehicle/machinery access.

We hope that this space becomes another opportunity for learning and a place that students will visit as an alternative option for recess and lunch breaks.

What vegetable did Noah not take on the ark?
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:

‘The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower, all who come to him will live for ever.’

In this coming Sunday’s Gospel (Mark 4:26-34) Jesus compares the Kingdom of God to a little mustard seed, which grows from a tiny beginning into a large and sturdy plant. The Kingdom of God started as something very small with a handful of faithful followers and it has grown to reach out and touch every corner of our world today.

Jesus would often use a short, simple story to explain an important truth or teaching to the people. He would use things and events that were common to the people so they could understand better and relate it to their everyday lives. These stories are called parables.

When we listen to the Scriptures and live our lives as Jesus taught us we grow in our relationship with God. Our relationship with God needs to be fostered and nurtured. The challenge for us is to share this relationship with others so they may also share in God’s love. It is in this way the Kingdom of God grows too.

Every year at this time we make a special response in prayer and donations for the needs of others. Through our expression of love and compassion we can make a real difference in the lives of others. We will celebrate Jesus’ faithful love for all people at our assembly on Friday, June 12th at 2.30 p.m. All our donations will be distributed by the local volunteers of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Thank you to those who have already sent items to school. Please continue to send in non-perishable food items for those who are in need in our community.

“In whatever way, great or small, that we can touch someone’s heart with even a little bit of love, we are all being missionaries of the Sacred Heart.” Fr. R Diesbourg
Foundation Year Enrolments

If you know anyone who is considering St. Brigid’s School for their child please encourage them to contact the school prior to the close of applications. Applications for Enrolment close on Monday, June 15th 2015 for families outside St. Brigid’s existing families.

Family Life Education

The Diocese of Sale Family Life Education program is being held at St. Brigid’s School throughout June. The Year 1/2 session was last week and details for the upcoming sessions are as follows:

Years 3/4 Thursday, June 11th at 7.00 p.m.
Years 5/6 Thursday, June 18th at 7.00 p.m.

The Family Life Education program aims to give the children an appreciation of the unique family unit to which they belong and to enhance communication in the important area of human development, human relations and sexuality. Emphasis is placed on Christian values and the dignity of the human person.

The sessions have been designed appropriately for each age group and their level of development. Your child and at least one parent or guardian is invited to attend this program, which is an ongoing process, building on the presentations from earlier years and can be used to support your discussions at home.

End of Term 2 Arrangements – Friday, June 26th

Term 2 concludes for students on Friday, June 26th at the earlier time of 1.00 p.m.

Teachers will use this afternoon to prepare and plan for the beginning of Term 3. Our teachers work exceptionally hard to provide rich learning opportunities for all our students and this time is used extremely wisely to ensure we cater for the individual needs of our students.

Beginning of Term 3 – Monday July 13th 2015

Term 3 commences for staff and students on Monday, July 13th 2015.

School Assembly – Friday, June 12th at 2.30 p.m.

Our next school assembly will be held on Friday, June 12th at 2.30 p.m. Our Junior Learning Community will lead us in prayer and share their learning with us. You are most welcome to join us.

St. Brigid’s Catholic Primary School, Officer
School Board Meeting

The next meeting of the School Board will take place on Tuesday, June 16th at 7.00 p.m.

Parent/Teacher Interviews – Tuesday, June 23rd

Parent/Teacher Interviews will take place on Tuesday, June 23rd. Due to the large amount of interviews to take place students will be dismissed at the earlier time of 1.00 p.m. on this day. Interviews times will commence at 1.30 p.m. Online Booking will be available soon. Please note that if you required After School Care on this day contact Mission Australia directly.

Sacrament of Confirmation

The ceremonies for the Sacrament of Confirmation for our Parish children begin on Thursday, June 11th, in particular, for our St. Brigid’s students. Please pray for all the Confirmation Candidates and their families at this important stage in their faith journey.

Important Notice – Before and After School Care

Camp Australia will hold a Parent Information Meeting on Tuesday, June 16th at 7.00 p.m. in the Before and After School Care room. Please refer to the Camp Australia insert in this week’s newsletter. Camp Australia will be the provider of our Before and After School Care from Term 3 2015.

Correct School Uniform

A reminder that students are to wear the correct school uniform to school each day. Students may only wear runners with their sports uniform. Only plain, simple stud or sleeper earrings and watches may be worn. The wearing of bracelets, chains and dangling earrings are not permitted as these pose a safety risk, especially on the playground. Make up and nail polish are also not to be worn to school. If your child is wearing the incorrect uniform a note will be sent home and you will be asked to ensure the correct uniform is worn. If you are experiencing difficulty with regard to the correct uniform, please contact the school office or myself directly.
2015 Parent Teacher Interviews
Tuesday 23rd June

Dear Parents

Parent Teacher interviews will be held on Tuesday 23rd June 2015
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 are now OPEN.

CLOSING time for bookings will be Monday 22nd June 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.
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Social and Fundraising Committee News

Annual General Meeting - Friday, June 19th at 9.00 a.m.

Social and Fundraising Committee
Annual General Meeting
Friday 19th June 2015 at 9.00am

The Social and Fundraising Committee Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Friday 19th June 2015 and is open to all parents, staff and parishioners of the school and Parish Community.

Nomination forms are due back by 9.00 a.m. on Friday, 5th June 2015.

Nominations are now being called for the following positions on the Social and Fundraising Committee:

**Executive Committee:**
- Deputy Chairperson
- Assistant Secretary

**Tenure:**
- One year

**Office Bearers:**
- School Board Representative

**Tenure:**
- One year

Role descriptions are available. Please contact the School Office to request a copy.

*Note: Executive Members and Office Bearers may not hold the same office in the Social and Fundraising Committee for more than two (2) consecutive terms.*

The Social and Fundraising Committee meets twice per term, generally during school hours.

The Social and Fundraising Committee aims to:
- Foster a spirit of community among parents and friends by providing opportunities for people to meet socially.
- Raise funds to provide additional resources for the School.
- Provide support and assistance to the School where needed.

If you are interested in any of the positions listed above, please fill out the attached Nomination Form and return it to the school office by no later than 9.00am on FRIDAY 5TH JUNE 2015. The Nomination Form needs to include a short summary outlining your name, your child/children’s name and grade, the position you are nominating for and the reason why
you would like to take on this role on the Social and Fundraising Committee. Should the multiple nominations be received for this position, an election by ballot must be held at the AGM.

**Social and Fundraising Committee General News**

The S & F Committee AGM will be held next month - on Friday 19th June at 9am. Please refer to the information included in this newsletter for the positions available and the process for nomination and election to the committee. Please consider joining us, it’s a great way to get involved in the St Brigid’s community.

**Trivia Night Help!**

Preparations are well and truly underway for the Trivia Night on Saturday 25th July and we need your help!

We are looking for anyone who might have a friend or family member who has connections to a party shop or has access to a helium cylinder for balloons.

We are also looking for donations of small gift boxes or shoe boxes with lids. If you can please drop off any of these in the box provided in the office, that would be much appreciated.

Many thanks,
Kylie Moylan & Beth Andrews

We wish the children who have celebrated or are celebrating a birthday shortly all the best for a great day.

**JUNE**

- Jayden 2/6
- Jack Y 3/6
- Oliver M 8/6
- Anya S 17/6
- Ashah A 30/6
- Mia G 2/6
- Harrison B 5/6
- Luke G 12/6
- Mia W 17/6
- Rachel R 2/6
- Sophie S 5/6
- Alice-Rose R 15/6
- Nathan G 20/6
- Brodie A 3/6
- Isabella S 7/6
- William O 15/6
- Alexander T 28/6

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St. Brigid's Catholic Primary School, Officer
Administering Medications at School

If students require medications to be administered during school hours please complete the Permission to Administer Medications form and return this form to the school office with the prescribed medications. All medications MUST be in their original packaging, enclosed in a snap lock bag with your child’s name and class clearly written on the front.

The Permission to Administer Medication form can be downloaded from our school website: www.stbofficer.catholic.edu.au in the News and Events>School Forms and Notices Section or copies can be collected from the school office. If your child requires considerable medication to be taken during school hours there is a good chance that they are not well enough to be attending school. Please endeavour to manage your child’s antibiotic intake outside of school hours.

Illness and School Attendance

As we come into the colder winter months and spend considerably more time indoors the spread of illness becomes much more common. In an attempt to reduce this, if your child is too unwell to attend school, please keep them at home to recover.

If your child is away from school for 3 or more days: Please phone the school office to advise us.

For ALL school absences: When your child returns to school, please send along a note to your child’s classroom teacher explaining their absence.

St. Brigid’s School App

Please consider downloading our free school app onto your smartphone. The school app provides families with instant notifications and reminders. Simply search St Brigid’s Officer in the App Store or on Google Play to download.

Working with Children Checks

Parents wishing to attend any excursions with St. Brigid’s Primary school must hold a current Working with Children Check. The checks are free of charge for volunteers to obtain. Applications can be downloaded online at http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/home/ and then completed and lodged at a participating Australia Post Office. You will need to supply two passport sized photos and appropriate ID to lodge your form. Cards can take from 3-12 weeks to be issued. Further information can be obtained at the above link.
Leader of Learning and Teaching - Religious Education

– Mr. Damian O’Bryan

Ask the children in 5/6 and they may recall one of the phrases, “If you wonder just outside the school gates, you’ll find the rest of the world”. Since arriving in Jerusalem, the reality of what the Jerusalem version of the “rest of the world” looks like has exceeded my expectations.

This ancient city, roads, rocks, walls are the very same that Jesus would have walked on and I find that I have to periodically “pinch myself” as a reminder that I’m actually here! Sure, these sites have had to be maintained with modern technology and architecture. Yet, the city has maintained its charm with the continued use of limestone, sandstone as its building blocks to maintain the historical integrity of the place. This is even the same in the new city.

We are woken at 3:30am each morning by the Muslim community who have erected large speakers around the city. While I tend to roll over and go back to sleep, many are getting out of bed at this hour and praying to our father (yes we believe in the same God). Our mornings are spent in classes studying and breaking the Gospel of Luke. We then usually head out into the city and its surrounds which brings these stories to life. It is quoted that the “land is the fifth Gospel”. When you take the time to connect with the land, it really gives the stories, parables and historical teaching, a whole new meaning.

With just over a week down we’ve experienced many ancient sites including the Garden of Gethsemane, visiting the Church of Nativity in Bethlehem, the Mount of Olives, the tomb of Jesus and Golgotha (the place where Jesus was Crucified). My camera has had a fair work out with photographs & videos of these ancient sites but we’ve also experienced the sights and sounds of everyday life in the old city streets. We’ve been lucky enough to attend the Jerusalem light show and during our afternoon off, we simply wonder the streets and see what it has to offer.
The footprint prayers, written by our children, have been placed in various locations around the city and more videos and information can be found on my blog which is updated every couple of days. While we created footprints, St. Francis Xavier had created hands with their own prayer intention on the back. During one of our masses, all of our intentions from both of our schools helped form the sacred space at the foot of the altar. A beautiful sentiment to think that St. Brigid’s and St. Francis Xavier were represented in the Holy Land of Jerusalem. We’ve been blessed with such a great group of people to share this Journey with and we’ve had plenty of laughs along the way. Over the next week, we will be wondering into the desert for a couple of days for reflection. We’ll be swimming in the Dead Sea and further on down the track, we’ll be spending some time in Galilee and exploring our neighbouring religious communities to appreciate their contribution to Jerusalem.

Pictured: Damian, Angela Kelly & Jenny Benbow (St. Michael’s) and Lisa Piasente (Don Bosco).

I look forward to sharing more of the journey in upcoming newsletters. Until then, make sure you check my blog for videos and a few photos.
http://56obryan.global2.vic.edu.au/

Shalom, Damian
Dear Families,

We are excited to be partnering with your school to deliver Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) from Monday 13 July, 2014.

We will partner with your school community to deliver a tailored before and after school care that is focused on bringing out the very best in kids. The program combines active games with structured and unstructured play, quiet time and a healthy snack. Every day is an adventure led by enthusiastic Camp Australia educators who are on a mission to make kids smile.

Continuity for children and families is important and we will endeavour to make sure that the transition across to our program, account management and administration is as smooth as possible. There will also be some familiar faces amongst educators and we will continue to use the current OSHC room and facilities that your children know and enjoy.

Parent Information Session
To help families understand how the program is structured, to meet our educators, and to find out how to make bookings and manage your account, a Parent Information Session will be held at the school.

When: Tuesday, 16th June 2015 at 7:00pm
Where: St Brigid’s Primary School OSHC Room

We understand time is valuable to working parents and you may not be able to attend this information night. If this is the case, please visit [www.campaustralia.com.au](http://www.campaustralia.com.au) and use the school finder to find out all you need to know about the program.

Register and Book
Through your school page on our website you can request an information pack, or register and book your children into the program.

If you have any further questions, you can call our friendly Customer Service Team from Monday to Friday (8:00am-6:00pm AEST) on 1300 105 343.

We look forward to seeing you in OSHC soon!

Yours sincerely,

Vicki Dobson
Camp Australia
Operations Manager

Manage your Bookings
Register for an account and manage your bookings at [www.campaustralia.com.au](http://www.campaustralia.com.au) or call the Customer Service Team on 1300 105 343.
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Closure Days and early dismissals will be advised throughout the course of the year.

**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 between 6.30am until 8.30am in the morning and 3.30pm and 6.00pm in the afternoon.

There is an information pack available at the School Office for anyone who is interested.

Any inquiries need to be made directly to the Mission Australia Early Learning Centre and they can be contacted on 5943 2425.

Please note Before and After School Care is not run by staff employed by St. Brigid’s School. Mission Australia is the provider of the care not St. Brigid’s.

**School Uniform Shop**

The Uniform shop is opened Mondays and Fridays from 8:45-9:15am in the MPR.
News from St. Michael’s Parish Berwick

St. Michael’s Parish Social Justice Group
St. Michael’s Social Justice group meets on the 4th Thursday of each month at St. Michael’s Church, Berwick. Anyone interested in social justice is invited to be part of the group.

St. Michael’s Parish Sacrament Program Dates 2015

**Confirmation**
Ceremonies

- Thursday 11th and Friday 12th June at 7.30pm
- Saturday 13th June at 2pm
- Thursday 18th and Friday 19th June at 7.30pm
- Saturday 20th June at 2pm

Catechist Classes

- Thursday 21st and 28th May at 4-5pm in the School Stadium.

**First Holy Communion**

Parents only meeting

- Tuesday 28th July – 1.30pm or 7.30pm in the School Stadium

Commitment Masses

- Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd August (at all parish masses)
- Tuesday 1st, Wednesday 2nd, Thursday 3rd
- Tuesday 8th, Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th September at 7.30pm in the School Stadium

Parent/child workshops

- Tuesday 8th, Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th September

Blessing of children masses

- Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th September (at all parish masses)

Reflection day

- Tuesday 6th October

Ceremonies

- Saturday 10th, Sunday 11th October
- Saturday 17th, Sunday 18th October
- Saturday 24th, Sunday 25th October
- Saturday 31st October and Sunday 1st November (at all parish masses).

Catechist Classes

- Thursday 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th August, 3rd and 10th September at 4-5pm in the School Stadium.
Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre offers the opportunity to study locally in a supported, small class with exceptional trainers. We will help you get a National qualification.

**Phone 03 5944 3484**

**CHC30213 Certificate III in Education Support (Teachers Aide)**
Classes: Friday 9.30am to 2.30pm
Begins: 7th August Concludes: 27th November

**CHC30113 Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care (Children’s Services)**
Classes: Tuesday & Wednesday 9.30am to 2.30pm
Begins: 14th and 15th July Concludes: 1st December

**CHC30212 Certificate III in Aged Care AND CHC30312 Certificate III in Home & Community Care**
Classes: Monday 9.30am to 2.30pm
Begins: 13th July Concludes: 30th November

**TAE40110 Certificate IV in Training & Assessment**
Classes: Wednesday evening 6.00pm to 9.00pm
Begins: 15th July Concludes: 14th October

*Contact us now to take the first step towards your new career*

Government funded and concession subsidised places are available to qualifying student enrolments. Payment plans offered.

Early Learning Centre on site for childcare needs. Subsidised child care costs available for student parents and carers. Contact the centre for eligibility on any subsidy.
St. Brigid’s Community

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2/59 Station Street, Officer
If interested please call 9943 2422
Or email resw@jxswax.com.au

St. Brigid’s Catholic Primary School, Officer
Looking ahead...

Thursday, June 11\textsuperscript{th}  Family Life Year 3/4 7.00 p.m.
Friday, June 12\textsuperscript{th}  The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Sunday, June 14\textsuperscript{th}  11\textsuperscript{th} Sunday in Ordinary time
Mark 4:26-34
Tuesday, June 16\textsuperscript{th}  Camp Australia Parent Meeting 7.00 p.m.
School Board Meeting
Thursday, June 18\textsuperscript{th}  Year 5/6 Family Life 7.00 p.m.
Sunday, June 21\textsuperscript{st}  12\textsuperscript{th} Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mark 4:35-41
Tuesday, June 23\textsuperscript{rd}  Parent/Teacher Interviews
Early Dismissal 1.00 p.m.
Wednesday June 24\textsuperscript{th}  Birth of John the Baptist

Brainteaser

The answer to our last brainteaser was ‘No one understands.’ This week’s is:

Lord Jesus Christ,
Your heart broke open
with such a depth of love
that you gave your very life for
your people. May we love others
as you have loved us.
Gentle our hearts
so that we, too, may bring Life
to the world.
We ask this prayer in the Spirit of your love.
Amen.

Yours in friendship and unity,

Ken Gale
Principal

St. Michael’s Parish
125-129 High Street, Berwick 3806
Parish Priest: Fr. Peter Slater
Assistant Priest: Fr. Jeff Klenyjans
(03) 97071355

Weekend Masses
Saturday:  6.00 p.m.
Sunday:  9.00 a.m., 10.30 a.m. and 6.00 p.m.

http://www.stmichaelsparish.org.au