From the Acting Principal

Another hectic week has flown by with a Leaders’ Mass, Cross Country, Grade 3/4 excursion, Mothers’ Day gathering, an Open Morning, many sick students and staff, just to name a few things happening in our great school. A big THANK YOU must go to our Fundraising and Social Committee for catering our Mothers’ Day morning tea and to Mrs. Taylor-Smith, for leading our children’s performances in the Multi-Purpose Room.

It was a fantastic morning at the Cross Country at Endeavour Hills on Monday. We sent 20 children off in the bus with Mrs. Winder and our 3 parent helpers (Emma, Jenny and Sandra). Brendan, Kerri, Declan C. and Abbey will go through to the next level, with several others just missing the top-ten finish. Declan’s win in a very tight race was especially exciting.

Mr. Gale has emailed some updates on his Study Tour. He has visited many schools and been kept very busy by the Catholic Education Office Staff! On the weekend he saw a Toronto Maple Leaf Ice Hockey game and had a lovely visit to a beautiful lake area where they stayed in a ranch at Mac Tier.

Another busy time awaits us next week with NAPLAN (Grade 3 & 5), Confirmation Workshops, Grade 4/5/6 excursion to the Planetarium, among other things. Please continue supporting your child with their learning and keep our Confirmation candidates in your prayers.

Thank you for your support in my Acting Principal role – the children, staff and parents have been very helpful while I am doing this role. Have a wonderful week.
Around the School

Teaching and Learning: (Mrs Dianne Ahern)

Next Tuesday will begin 3 days of NAPLAN, National Assessment Program, testing. NAPLAN tests assess students knowledge and skills in writing, reading, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

The results of these tests provide information for students, teachers, parents and principals, which will be used to improve student achievement at Saint Brigid's.

ICT News

How to Comment On Blogs:
It's amazing how even just a few comments can make student realise they are writing for a global audience — for many it is incredibly motivating.

Comments are an important part of both the readers and blogger’s learning process.

Approved comments are displayed under the individual post or page. You just click on the post title to read the comments.

Writing a comment on a post
To leave a comment on a post just:
1. Click on the post title or the “comment” link at the top or at the bottom of the post.
   The comment link may say something like “3 comments”, “Comments (0)” or even “No Comments”.
2. Enter your name and email address — your email address is hidden and only the blogger sees it.
3. Enter your blog or website details (optional).
4. Write your comment.
5. Enter the anti-spam word.
6. Select the ‘Notify me of follow up comments via e-mail’ if you want to be notified by email to comments by other readers.
8. Now click ‘Submit Comment’
   To view and comment on our blogs, simply look for the blog link on our website under News.

Soundwaves

After the parent information session last week, a few parents asked about purchasing the student chart so they could be used at home.

The charts are around $5.95 each and can be purchased from either:
   Link Educational Supplies – 341 Waverley Road, Mt Waverley. PH: 9807 5422
   Landmark Educational Supplies – 1/5 Intrepid Street, Berwick. PH: 1300 658 641
Remember to ask for the Sound Waves Student Chart.
School Photos
29th May 2012

Photo envelopes have been distributed home to families today. Please follow the instructions on the envelopes. Family photo envelopes are available at the school office as well as discount vouchers for families with 3 or more children making an order.

Full Winter uniform is to be worn on this day.

Expression of Interest

If anyone is interested in starting a St Brigid’s netball team to play at the Pakenham YMCA. Boys and girls 8 years plus welcome

Narelle Brown
narellebrown1@bigpond.com
0417 010 672

Natarsha Smith
natarsha.smith@hotmail.com
0438 131 151

ST MICHAEL’S PARISH – BERWICK
STEWARDSHIP 2012

Dear Parents,

We are very grateful to all who helped or were involved in any way with the Stewardship Program. Thank you to all the parishioners and school families who completed a pledge card and signed on to financially support our Parish. We had a good response from the Masses on the weekend, and many more pledges have come in this week.

Our hard working teams of home visitors are out and about in the Parish contacting those parishioners who happened to be away last weekend. Please give them a warm welcome.

If you were away or missed out last weekend, it is not too late to complete a Pledge Card or a Time and Talent Sheet. Completed pledge cards and Time and Talent Sheets may be returned to the School or the Parish Office.

Anyone who has been involved or helped out in any way with the 2012 Stewardship Program over the past few weeks is invited to come along to the Stadium Foyer on Monday 21st of May at 7.30pm, for the Final Reporting and Social night of the Program.

Thank you once again

Fr Peter Slater
Parish Priest
Fundraising

Thank you to all the parents who supported the Slippery Jack’s social dinner. In a cosy setting and with lovely company, a glass of wine and a yummy meal; we all enjoyed the informal occasion. We raised just over $100 in the raffle and had a bit of fun with it too! Many Thanks go to Chris @ Slippery Jack’s, Sweeney Todd’s - Pakenham, Love Yourself Beauty- Berwick, The Spray Tan Lady (Fiona Drury), Rinoldi Pasta packs (Hockey family), Bondi Engines (Cachia family), Phoenix Trading (Kellie Cosgrove), AVON pack (Woolard family), O’Sullivan family & the Williams family for their donation of raffle prizes.

The Shinners Plumbing door prize of $50 cash went to Ralph Francois and just about everyone went home a prize winner!

St Brigid’s “Country & Western” Twilight Fair
Design a Poster Competition

This year St Brigid’s will be holding its first Twilight Fair. All students are invited to design a poster to be used as part of the advertising campaign for the Twilight Fair.

*Competition entry cost is a gold coin donation*

**Requirements:**

You need to design an A4 size poster using **bright colours** and **big writing** which will make people want to come to St Brigid’s “Country & Western” Twilight Fair.

You must include this information:

- **Date:** Friday 16th November 2012
- **Venue:** St Brigid’s Catholic Primary School, Bayview Rd Officer 3809
- **Time:** Gates open 4.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.

LOTS OF FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY.

**COMPETITION PRIZES:** The winning poster in each category will receive a rides wrist band to use at the Twilight fair.

Prizes will be awarded to the winner in each of the following four categories, Grade Prep, Grades One & Two, Grades Three & Four and Grades Five & Six.

DUE BY: Entries due by the Monday 21st of May 2012

Please write your Name and Grade on the back of your entry and submit to the school office along with your gold coin donation.