Welcome back Athletes!

I hope everyone had a fabulous holiday and thoroughly enjoyed the time with family and friends. Well there is no rest for the fit and healthy as we are straight into some serious cricket training during physical education! It was great to see everybody working on keeping their arm straight when bowling and the bowing skills of our students are second to none. We have a busy term ahead in regards to sport so here are some important dates to remember:

- **Swimming Lessons**: Mon 22nd Feb – 4th Mar at Bridgetown Pool (Please note: Further information will be provided shortly as we are currently liaising with the Department of Education as they are responsible for sourcing our swimming teachers). Please see school calendar for other sport dates this term.

After School Sport will commence next Wednesday 10th February from 3:10pm – 4pm. Also, if any of our super athletes have any holiday sporting achievements they would like to share let me know so we can have a Holiday Special feature in the next newsletter.

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**DIJEMBEMOVES DANCE CLASSES**

**Music and Dance for Kids**
- **Jazz, Afro, HipHop Fusion**
- Ages 2 – 5: Mondays 4.00 – 4.30pm
- Ages 6 – 8: Thursdays 3.30 – 4.30pm
- $50 for a 10 class pass valid for 2 terms
- $100 per term

**West African Drumming for Adults**
- All enquiries to Norma 0487 335 695
- Mondays 6.00 – 8.00pm

Visit www.djembemoves.com.au

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**BRIDGETOWN YOUTH THEATRE**

Have fun and learn acting skills!

- **Year 3 – 6**
  - Thursday 4.00 – 5.00pm
- **Year 7 – 12**
  - Wednesdays 4.30 – 6.00pm

Starts Wed 17th Feb & Thurs 18 Feb

AT THE BRIDGETOWN THEATRE

$30 for 3 Terms @ $7.00 membership fee

For Details — Meegan 0421 665 573 meeg71@yahoo.com

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**Fitness Term One**

All children in Years 2-6 will be involved in morning fitness every Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday for Term One starting next week. Fitness starts at 8.20am and class teachers will be supporting the fitness program organised by Mr T.

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**From the Principal**

St Brigid’s School acknowledges the Bibbulmun people as the traditional custodians of the land upon which our school is situated.

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community Members,

A big welcome to all our children, parents, staff and wider community to the start of the new school year. I am sure that it will be a happy, successful and rewarding one for each of us. We extend a special welcome to all our new children and families. We also welcome Miss Teagan Thresher - Year 2, Mrs Nova Dodson - Kindy and Mrs Emma Little - Art & Drama to our awesome St Brigid’s staff for 2016!

We pray that your journey at St Brigid’s is full of faith, hope and love. It is important at the beginning of each school year to focus on our Catholic school. Catholic schools have the spiritual dimensions of Christ as the teaching centre and model for all we do.

The aim of our Catholic school is to support all our people to integrate faith and life and to grow into the people Jesus intended us to be.

At St Brigid’s our vision is to:

- Encourage, in all its members, a true sense of Christian values within a respectful, nurturing and happy environment that encourages each child to reach their individual potential while aiming for a high academic standard.
- As we begin a new year of prayer and learning, I invite you to take some time to reflect on our school and why you have chosen to be here to share your journey with us all. I pray for God’s Blessing on all of our children, our staff and our community.

**Ash Wednesday**

Next Wednesday, Years 3-6 will join the parish for Ash Wednesday Mass at 9am. PP-2 will have a class liturgy and distribution of ashes. We invite all parents to join us and we look forward to sharing with you this special Mass in preparation for the Season of Lent.

**PROJECT COMPASSION—LENT CALENDAR**

Did you know that you can download a Lent Calendar for your smart phone, or use the web version and set it as your homepage, to ‘Learn More’ and ‘Create Change’ this Lent? Use the calendar to deepen your spirituality this Lent and learn about Caritas Australia’s work in six countries across the globe. Explore Project Compassion, meet inspiring people and reflect on the Lenten period through daily readings, prayers and social justice actions. A children’s version is available online also; reflect together as a class, whole school, family and parish! View or download at www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion/lent-calendar

School Library

Welcome back to the library for 2016. We are in desperate need of helpers in the library to put books back on the shelves after the children have read them and also to cover new books purchased for our library. If you can spare an hour or so, could you please contact Marg in the school office on 97611636.

Andrew Kelly
Principal

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Please pray for the members of our community who are sick and in need of our prayerful support at this time.
**Praying the Church's Year**

### The Presentation of the Lord – 2 February

The Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord which occurs forty days after the birth of Jesus and is also known as Candlemas Day, since the blessing and procession of candles is included in today’s liturgy. Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the temple 40 days after he was born. Jesus was greeted there by the prophets Simeon and Anna. They knew that he was the Messiah, the light of the world.

On this day candles are blessed and lit to show that Jesus is the light of our world. This light helps us to understand new things no matter how young or how old we are.

*Be a light to your people, Lord,*
*And lead them when the road is dark.*
*We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### What is the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy?

The Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy commenced on 8 December 2015—the 50th anniversary of the closing of the Second Vatican Council—and concludes on 20 November 2016. Pope Francis will open the door of St Peter’s Basilica to officially welcome the Jubilee Year. He has said that the door will become “a Door of Mercy through which anyone who enters will experience the love of God who consoles, pardons, and instils hope.” The Jubilee Year’s theme is: “Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.”

A jubilee year is a special year called by the church to receive blessing and pardon from God and remission of sins. The tradition started about 700 years ago and 26 jubilees have been celebrated since. Of those, only three have been “extraordinary” (including this Year of Mercy).

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### PARENT INFORMATION EVENING - Thursday 18 February 2016

- All Parents of children in Kindy to Year 6

This is a very important meeting for parents and all families are expected to join us and be informed on classroom and school management and teaching and learning procedures.

The agenda for the evening is as follows:

- **5:30pm Kindy-Year 2** teachers will explain classroom procedures and the educational program in their classroom.

- **6:00pm Principal’s Message** and Foci for 2016 in the hall.

- **6:30pm Years 3-6** teachers will explain classroom procedures and the educational program in their classroom.

- **7:00pm Stargazing Evening** with Astronomy Educator Richard Tonello on our school oval.

The canteen will be providing hot dogs, hamburgers and soft drinks/ juice for dinner.

This is always a good night for parents and teachers and we expect all parents to attend. It is a very important evening because it helps parents to understand and become familiar.

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### PLAYERS WANTED—ALL ABILITIES WELCOME

Blackwood United FC welcomes new and returning players for the 2016 season.

- **Junior training** will commence on 11 February at Balingup Oval
- **Senior training** will commence on 21st Jan at 6.00pm.

Registration day will start from 4.30pm on 11 Feb.

Any queries please call Club President Emma Lynas 0450 145 659

Or Vice President/Senior Coach Lucas Baker 0421 366 226