Welcome back sports fanatics! I hope you all had a fabulous time sharing the past few weeks with your mini-athletes! This term will start training for our Cross Country Carnival which will be held on Friday 13th May at a very special venue to be announced shortly. Dr Sarah Youngson and Mrs Sharon Gardner have kindly offered to conduct a Running Club this term on a Monday and Friday after school from 3:15pm – 4:15pm commencing at the River Park. If you would like your child to attend, please see me for further details. I would like to thank these two amazing ladies for their willingness to develop and support our students’ fitness and skills. I’m sure those who attend will thoroughly enjoy the sessions. To supplement this, I will also conduct a running training session during after-school sports on Wednesdays from 3:10pm – 4pm here at school. This will commence next week.

Other important sporting dates to add to your calendars are, Friday 27th May – Interschool Cross Country (East Manjimup Primary) and Friday 24th June – Interschool Lightning Carnival (Boyup Brook – various venues). Please pop in to have a chat if you would like further details, or come down on a Wednesday afternoon to run with your child. (Yes!) Mr T

Act of Love
O my God, I love you with all my heart, With all my soul, and with all my strength. Lord, increase our love. Help us to love one another.

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,

Welcome to Term Two. It was wonderful to see the children back safe, well and ready for a big term of work and play. Congratulations to all the children who were in full school winter uniform. Our children certainly represent our school with pride in the way they wear their uniform and conduct themselves in their everyday life. We are looking forward to a wonderful term of learning.

This Sunday the 5th Sunday of Easter, we are reminded of Jesus’ new commandment ‘Love one another as I have loved you’. This new commandment that Jesus announced is more than tolerance or mutual respect. It requires self-sacrificing love.

This term the School Community is focused on our Year 4 children as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. We ask Jesus to be with our children and their families during this special time. This Sunday is the First Communion Commitment Mass at 5pm.

I wish to welcome a new family to our school - Declan Kopp and his mum Stephanie and dad Troy. Please introduce yourself to them and share with them, our wonderful St Brigid’s spirit!

Tomorrow we commemorate ANZAC Day at 9am at the front of our school or in the hall depending on the weather. We will pray for all the service men and women who were examples of self-sacrificing love.

Celebration of our Mothers at St Brigid’s

Next week we come together as a community to celebrate our mothers, grandmothers and all the people who care for us. We will share a whole school Mass together on Friday, 6 May at 9am in the St Brigid’s Church. This will be followed with a morning tea in the undercover area, provided by our school. We encourage you to come along and share this special gathering with us.

In week 3 the students in Year 3 and Year 5 will sit the NAPLAN tests. Please avoid making appointments during this time. Tests will take place on the following days:

- Tuesday 10 May: Language Conventions, Writing
- Wednesday 11 May: Reading
- Thursday 12 May: Numeracy

Please find attached an updated Term 2 Calendar for changes and further important dates. Our school Cross Country Carnival will now be on Friday, 13 May and School Photo Day will now be later in the year.

Our Pentecost Soccer Match and BBQ on Sunday, 15 May will start at 4pm on our oval. This is a wonderful event, where our school and Parish vie to win the soccer trophy. Last year our school was victorious, and we are aiming for back to back success.

I wish you all a great term and urge all parents to keep informed with what happens in our school by reading our weekly newsletter and becoming involved in school activities.

Andrew Kelly
Principal
### Events

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### YEAR OF MERCY

Dear Young People,

With the grace of God you can become authentic and courageous Christians, witnesses to love and peace.

Your names are written in heaven in the merciful heart of the Father.

Be brave and go against the tide.

(Pope Francis)

### Music Tuition and School Band News

The school band will get into full swing this term, so if your child is musical, please keep Friday afternoons (relatively) free for after school band practice, as they will undoubtedly be receiving a tap on the shoulder from me. The dynamic of the band will change significantly this year with new students arriving and some of last years band members leaving for high school - so keep an ear out for what is going to be an exciting new sound!

Music tuition begins for term 2 next week. Most of you will be aware of any changes to the timetable for this term - there have been a few - but if you are unsure, please don’t hesitate to contact me on 0413 209 719 or via parkinson.dan@cathednet.wa.edu.au

Also, please be reminded that tuition fees are required to be paid at least four lessons in advance - in cash or via direct transfer. Thankyou for your understanding.

Regards, Mr P

### Me 2!

Me 2! is a BRAND NEW Program offered by The Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes.

Me 2! Activities will be available in the format of term programs over the next 18 months as a way of encouraging community members with all levels of ability to be involved in these activities.

Each term program offered under the Me 2! Banner will be FREE for all participants and will be offered once per week, over one term for each activity. Term programs will include supported vacation swimming opportunities, after school swimming lessons, fitball soccer, beach volley ball, aqua aerobics, Tell My Story at the Library, gymnastics, Zumba, and more!!

Each of the term programs will be facilitated by one of our shire facilitators, trained specifically to encourage participation in a non-competitive environment to cater for all levels of skill and ability.

Me 2! is all about FUN so the activities are designed to promote health, fitness and friendship in a non-competitive, stress-free environment.

The Me 2! is starting in second term with “fit-ball Soccer”

Where: Bridgetown Leisure Centre

When: Saturday 30 April to Saturday 25 June,

Age/time: 7 years to 11 years - 10.00am to 10.45am

12 years+: 11.00am to 11.45am

If you have any queries or wish to express your interest in participating please call the Bridgetown Leisure Centre on 9761 2966.