Congratulations to all our amazing runners who participated in last week’s St Brigid’s Cross Country at the River Park. It was great to see everyone putting all their training and hard work into action. I was super impressed with the encouragement and support all our students gave each other.

Next Friday 27th May we will be taking our Interschool Cross Country team to East Manjimup Primary School. Things kick-off at 10:15am and if you would like a copy of the schedule, please see me. Last Friday, Patrick and Charlie Butler competed in the Geraldton State Round in Motor Cross. Patrick achieved a First in the 50cc event and 6th out 40 competitors in the 65cc…wow! He actually, beat the current Australian Champion! Charlie, who is 5 years old by the way, zoomed around the course in the junior 50cc Demonstration event. Congratulations to these two extreme sportsmen and we wish both boys all the very best for the upcoming Manjimup 15000! If you can get down there, the boys will be racing on the Saturday for Australia Day.

Thanks to those who were able to attend the P&F Meeting on Monday afternoon, we had a small group but productive discussion. Two main fundraising activities that the Committee will welcome volunteers for:

- Vintage Fair to be held in the Town Hall on Saturday 25th & Sunday 26th June
- Street Market Stall opening of the Winter Festival on Saturday 2nd & Sunday 5-7pm.

Please give myself or Fran Wilson a call to put your hand up for one or both of these events. If you can’t donate time on the day/evening, we’d welcome those handy cooks to supply cakes, slices, savoury muffins and soups. More information to follow, but please put these dates in your calendar!

The Committee also discussed producing a St Brigid’s Cooking & Garden Book. Any parents who would be keen to help out with the production of this book, please contact Shannon Fraser Butler for details via school to discuss throwing your weight behind this great project - it will hopefully also be a great fundraiser!!! Sharon 0417 902 096

REBECCA COOL ART WORKSHOP

We are very fortunate to have Rebecca Cool a wonderful WA artist visit our school on Wednesday 1 June to paint a mural. She will also bring along a collection of postcards and other collectable for sale.

Parents are welcome to attend.

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,

Yesterday there was a buzz around the school as the Executive Director of Catholic Education in Western Australia Dr Tim McDonald came to visit us. This was a wonderful opportunity to showcase our school, acknowledge the outstanding hard work and commitment from all the staff and for the children to share their learning journeys. Dr McDonald visited classrooms, watched learning in action and shared lunch with staff, Board Members, P&F Exec and Parish Councillors. We thank Dr McDonald for making the journey to our school and sharing the day with us.

National Reconciliation Week: (NRW) is celebrated across Australia each year between 27 May and 3 June. The dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey—the anniversaries of the successful 1967 referendum and the High Court Mabo decision.

Reconciliation reminds us of the responsibility we each have to walk with Indigenous people in our local community and establish relationships of understanding and friendship.

In 1986, the late Pope John Paul II met with Indigenous people in Alice Springs. He said to them: “the Church herself in Australia will not be fully the Church that Jesus wants her to be, until you have made your contribution to her life and until that contribution has been joyfully received by others”. One of the most important challenges of National Reconciliation Week for us, is to reflect on what we can do, to encourage the participation of Indigenous people in our local faith community, so that we can become more fully the Church that Jesus wants us to be.

In recognition of National Reconciliation Week our school will be holding a Cultural Diversity Day on Tuesday 31 May. If there are any families who would like to showcase their culture with each class on this day, please contact me to discuss how you can help. I have organised some families and community groups to help, but would love to see other parents sharing their cultures with us. This can be done through storytelling, food sharing, clothing, heirlooms/artefacts.

Andrew Kelly
Principal

August’s Eucharistic vegetables from our school garden will be displayed on the Sunday 28th May. Please come along and help yourself to our vegetable bounty.

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Prayer

Most Holy Virgin Mary, Help of Christian, how sweet it is to come to your feet
implying your perpetual help.

If earthly mothers cease not to remember their children, how can you, the most loving of all mothers forget me?

Grant then to me, I implore you, your perpetual help in all my necessities, in every sorrow, and especially in all my temptations.

I ask for your unceasing help for all who are now suffering.

Help the weak, cure the sick, convert sinners.

Grant through your intercessions many vocations to the religious life.

Obtain for us, O Mary, Help of Christians, that having redeemed us on earth we may live and eternally thank you in heaven.

By St. John Bosco

St Brigid’s Parish Sunday Mass times
22 May 9.00am
First Holy Communion Mass 5 June 5.00pm

Notices Accompanying this Newsletter
Article Distribution
Article from the School Nurse All Families
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Week | Date       | Time    | Event                                    |
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5    | 23-27 May  |         | Book Fair in the library                 |
25   | 9.00am     |         | Yr 3 Class Liturgy                      |
27   |           |         | Interschool Cross Country—Manjimup      |
28   | 5.00pm     |         | First Communion Mass                    |
6    | 31 May     |         | Cultural Diversity Day                  |
1    | 1 June     |         | Rebecca Cool Art Mural Workshop PP—Y6   |
7    | 7 June     |         | PUPIL FREE DAY                          |

Thank you to all who attended our Early Years Maths Morning Tea on Tuesday! The children had an opportunity to share with their loved ones, the types of games and activities they play, to learn and reinforce mathematical concepts. Maths, particularly in the Early Years, involves the manipulation of concrete objects to develop understanding. A focus on the language of Mathematics also enhances children’s learning. A wonderful morning for all involved!