Next Wednesday, 19th October we will be conducting our Jumps & Throws Carnival on the school oval. Students from Years 1-6 will compete in events such as Turbo-Jav, Shot Put, Long Jump and Triple Jump. Our amazing athletes have been in training for weeks now, and I have been super impressed with the way in which they have approached their events. Unfortunately, I am still significantly short of parent help on the day. If anyone can spare a few hours to measure and marshal it would be most appreciated. Please see me ASAP and I will slot you in. We are all set to go for Friday 21st October for our Athletics Carnival and I know all our students are busily training with excitement, training during their recess and lunch breaks on our newly marked oval. We look forward to seeing everyone cheering on their child and House and generally soaking up the great atmosphere. Thank you very much to all the parents, siblings and grandparents who have volunteered their time to help this day run smoothly.

Mr T

Welcome back to Term 4, another busy term. Only two messages of note from your P&F this week;

**Please return your Bridgetown Blues volunteer form to the school office, as soon as possible.** We have had a swag of campers book the oval, so it would be great to have a big group of volunteers to help set up the grounds, make them feel welcome and cater for breakfast on each day of the festival. Once we have the volunteer rosters finalised, we’ll send a copy home, advising you of your timeslot. Thanks in advance for being generous with your valuable time!

Our next P&F Meeting is Monday 17th October at 2pm in the staff room. All welcome, our main agenda items will be finalising details for the Blues at Bridgetown, but there are always upcoming events and plans that need fresh ideas and input!

Warmest wishes, Sharon Gardner 0417 902 095

**Sports News…**

**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 Four. The sunshine made a glorious start to our new term - the spring weather and the holiday break seem to have given vitality to us all! Our students, in their summer uniforms and with many sporting smart new haircuts, arrived looking happy and enthusiastic to be back at school, as were staff, after a refreshing break.

We welcome back Mrs Williams to Year One and we give thanks to Mrs Mitchell and Mrs Royce for teaching Year Four and Year One in Term Three. An awesome job ladies! We also welcome back Father Wally who had been on Long Service Leave since late Term Two.

**Year Six Students**

This term the School Community is focused on our wonderful Year 6 children as they prepare for their graduation from primary school culminating in a Graduation and Thanksgiving Mass at the end of the term. We ask Jesus to be with our children and families during this time.

**Staffing 2017**

After careful reflection, Mrs Williams has decided to teach part-time next year therefore, I will be interviewing for a new Assistant Principal next week. Sadly, Miss Thresher will be returning to teach in Perth. We will have an opportunity to farewell Teagan and thank Kris at the end of the year, for their fantastic contributions to our school.

**Term Four Calendar**

Please make sure you have a look through Term Four’s Calendar as it is action-packed. Mr T is still liaising with Bridgetown Primary to work out swimming lessons, which are proposed for Weeks 7 and 8. The hold up is obtaining swimming instructors to teach the lessons. Also, in the calendar is our Pupil Free Day on Monday, 14 November (after the Blues Weekend).

Keeping our Children Cycle Safe in School, Education Program: This Tuesday, 18 October, Kindy to Year 6 will be involved in a cycle safety workshop to highlight the importance of road safety. Children do not need to bring their bikes for this incursion.

**Confirmation Commitment and Children’s Mass and Supper**

This Sunday at 4pm Riley in Year Six and her parents will be making their commitment to Fr Wally and the Parish community, as she will be Confirmed the following Sunday by Bishop Holohan, from the Bunbury Diocese. After this Sunday’s Mass, parishioners will be cooking a very yummy supper for all those who attend. I would like to invite everyone in the school community to join us for Mass and supper afterwards.

Andrew Kelly
Principal

Please pray for the members of our community who are sick and in need of our prayerful support at this time.
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### Awesome Jessica!

Jessica (Yr6) travelled to Perth over the holidays to compete in the PCYC State Gymnastics Competition. The event was held in Fremantle and spread over three days.

Another incredible effort, given Jess only started gymnastics in May of this year! Due to the size and number of competitors, Jess only competed on bar and floor, placing third on floor.

Competitors came from as far away as Kalbarri, Kalgoorlie and Albany as well as numerous city teams.

Well done Jessica, you have come so far in such a short period of time!

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**To kick off our term, I would like to feature a very lucky and talented young man. James (Yr2) was awarded the Round 17 AFL Auskicker of the Year nomination, due to his lightning abilities on the football field as a Bridgetown Bulldog. I hope you enjoy the following interview with James:**

Mr T: So James, how did it all start?
James: I flew to Melbourne with my Mum and Dad. The first thing we did was attend the AFL Auskicker Awards Dinner where I got to hang with one of my favourite players, Joel Selwood from Geelong. Then the next day I walked in the Grand Final Parade through the streets of Melbourne.

Mr T: Wow! How did you feel doing that?
James: Nervous, but I was excited to be involved.

Mr T: Tell me about Grand Final Day.
James: We got to sit and watch the game with my Mum and Dad and then at half-time we had to go to the change rooms, where I put on a Western Bulldogs jumper. We then played a game on the ground during half-time. After that I went back to Mum and Dad and watched the rest of the game, until we were called to get ready for the presentations. I was the second Auskicker to go up on stage and I presented Mathew Boyd with his Premiership Medal. I was really nervous being in the middle of the MCG on Grand Final Day!

Mr T: What was your favourite part of this experience?
James: Watching the game!

Well done James, it was quite surreal sitting watching the game in Bali and then there you were on the television! We are all so proud of your achievement and can’t wait to see what magic you perform next season.

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**Year One**

As part of Maths and Health we have set up a Pool Kiosk in our dramatic play area. We have been practising setting the time for the shop to open and counting in tens to give and receive change. Now we know that 10 ten cents make $1. Later this term we will go and buy a real ice-cream at the shops!!