**Sports News...**

Hello Sport Lovers,

I wish to thank all the parents, siblings and grandparents who helped out with the Jumps and Throws yesterday. We couldn’t have done it without you! We are all set to go for tomorrow’s Athletics Carnival and I know all our students are buzzing with excitement. We look forward to seeing everyone cheering on their child(ren) 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 make tomorrow run smoothly.

Mr T

**P&F News...**

A Big Thank you to all the families that donated cakes and slices for the catering of the funeral, which was held today. With the expected numbers in attendance to be 300, without your support, this would have not been possible.

**BLUES FESTIVAL CAMPING** - if you have not already done so, please return your blue form advising of your availability to help over this weekend.

We are also still in need of someone willing to camp on the school oval, over the weekend and act as a Caretaker. We will provide a free ticket to the Blues Festival and a yummy cooked breakfasts.

**NEXT P & F MEETING:** MONDAY - 7 November 2.00pm

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**Bridgetown Family & Community Centre INC**

- **Monday 14 November** $10 per family
- No Creche available
- Bookings essential—Call 97 612139

**Kids and parents activity morning**

Cook up a delicious breakfast and create some exciting sensory toys. Open to children 0—12 years, but they must be accompanied by an adult.

Bring an apron and a plastic container with a lid

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**Magic News**

Hi Everyone - With the Blues Festival only a few weeks away, all of us here are busy getting ready to perform and hear and see some amazing music. Here are some important dates, times and places to remember:

- **Friday 28th October:** Compulsory band practice for all band members - 3.30 to 5.00 PM
- **Friday 4th November:** Compulsory band practice for all band members - 3.30 to 5.00 PM
- **Friday 11th November:** Free School’s Concert for local school students and teachers - 9.30 to 10.30 AM @ The Blue Owl’s Nest - featuring everyone’s favourite band 19-Twenty!
- **Friday 11th November:** Compulsory band practice for all band members - 3.30 to 5.00 PM
- **Saturday 12th November:** The St Brigids’ School Band Perform at the Blues - 10.00 to 10.45 @ The Youth Stage (shire car-park stage)

Get Excited!

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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,

As a parent, you play an incredibly important role in your child’s educational success. Research shows that when families are informed and involved, children do better at school. Whether it’s reading with your child, helping with homework, volunteering at the school or getting involved with the School Board or Parents & Friends, your involvement is a critical part of your child’s learning and development.

St Brigid’s would not exist without the outstanding dedication and contribution of parents. We believe that the Catholic Education our school offers your child is profoundly strengthened by the collaborative relationship between Home, School and Parish.

You are the primary educator of your child and St Brigid’s complements the educational and faith development that you have begun and are continuing with your children. Research clearly indicates that good schools become better schools when there is a strong connection with parents as part of the learning community!

Last Tuesday, we had our monthly School Board meeting. Our next meeting on Tuesday, 8 November will be the final one for the year. The Annual Community Meeting will be on Wednesday, 16 November at 7.00pm. I sincerely thank all of the members of the School Board for their commitment and contribution throughout the year as we worked together to plan and provide for excellent learning opportunities and facilities for our students.

Taking on a position with the School Board is a wonderful way for parents to get involved and help shape their child’s school. In addition to the normal Executive roles, School Boards can also appoint a range of sub-committees, giving parents a chance to leverage their business acumen or other specialisations.

The Annual Community Meeting is an opportunity for parents and guardians to gather to hear of the activities and achievements of the year through reports from the Board and the P&F. I also provide my own report to the community. At the meeting, nominations are also called for positions which become vacant for 2017, both for the School Board and the P&F. I encourage you to give serious consideration to offering your services to our school community during 2017.

Both of these groups carry out important tasks which enhance the educational facilities and learning environment for all students at our school and I encourage you to consider nominating to become actively involved in the school in either of these ways.

Further information and nomination forms have been included with this newsletter. After the formal proceedings, light refreshments will be available for a relaxing and social time - mark your diaries now!

Andrew Kelly
Principal
**Events**

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**KINDERGARTEN 2017 - Only 4 Places Remain!**

Parents are reminded that all students eligible for Kindy, 2017 (turning 4 by 30th June, 2017) require an Application for Enrolment form to be completed and returned to the School Office.

If you know any families or neighbours who have children of this age and may be looking for Kindergarten next year, please let them know.

**THREE YEAR OLD KINDY 2017 - Only 6 Places Remain!**

We are taking enrolments for children who have reached three years of age, or are reaching three years of age in 2017.

The programme is play based and provides meaningful experiences which promote the development of social and physical skills as well as early literacy and numeracy development.

We currently offer the option of one half-day session 8.40am-11.45am on Wednesdays.

For further information, please contact the office on 9761 1635.

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**Bike Safety Incursion**

Trevor Quick talking with the Year Two class about bike safety. Trevor reading to the children about safety habits that will have a positive impact on future road and bike path usage and reduce injury and hospitalisation from bike related injuries. Pre Primary to Year Six classes were involved.

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**Photo Gallery**

**Confirmation**

Year Six on their Confirmation Retreat today, working with Middle School Ministry from Perth.

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This Sunday morning at 9.00am, we will come together with the Parish Community to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. I ask you to keep Riley and her family in your prayers, during this special time in their faith journey. We welcome Bishop Holohan as the celebrant.

In order for us to fully support Riley, it is important to understand the significance of receiving the Sacrament. Confirmation is usually received as a teenager, several years after making first Communion. The Catholic Church considers it the second of the three Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism being the first and Communion the third).

Confirmation is regarded as the perfection of Baptism, because as the introduction to the Rite of Confirmation states, ‘by receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, we are more perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit.’

Hence we are, as true witnesses of Christ, more strictly obliged to spread and defend the faith by word and deed. Many people think of the laying on of hands, which signifies the descent of the Holy Spirit, as the central act in the Sacrament of Confirmation. The essential element; however, is the anointing of the person being confirmed with chrism (an aromatic oil that has been consecrated by a Bishop), accompanied by the words ‘Be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit.’ This seal is a consecration, representing the safeguarding by the Holy Spirit of the graces conferred on the Christian at Baptism.

As the Catechism of the Catholic Church points out, ‘the original minister of Confirmation is the Bishop. Each Bishop is a successor to the Apostles, upon whom the Holy Spirit descended at Pentecost—the first Confirmation. The Acts of the Apostles mentions the Apostles imparting the Holy Spirit to believers by the laying on of hands (see example, Acts 8:15-17 and 19:6). It is important to understand, that through Confirmation we are anointed with the same Spirit and the same power as Jesus. We ask Him to fulfill His promise and send the Holy Spirit to make us all witnesses before the world.'