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BRIGHTON BUGLE

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*Lord, please bless all our teachers, friends and relatives as they make their way back to their classrooms for another year.
Help them to feel excitement and joy in the promise of a new start.
Give them everything they need to start their classes.
Give them all they need all year.
Give them imagination and creativity to make wonders out of what they do have.
Help them stretch their budgets and their supplies.
Give them wisdom all year.
Help them quickly spot the little souls who are going to need something extra from them this year.
Help them have just the right words of encouragement for each student.
Give them loads of love.
Help the love in their hearts just overflow so they always have plenty to spare.
We can't conjure it up Lord, but you give in abundance... please supply all the love teachers need.
Please supply them energy too, Lord.
Please let them sleep well at night so they are rested and refreshed each morning.
Don't let them take their problems and worries to bed with them at night.
Give them patience with students, with parents, and with their administration.
Again, Lord, it's you who supplies in abundance.
Please keep the students and teachers safe this year.
Keep them safe from accidents or evil intent.
Let the students be excited about this wonderful world and all there is to learn about it.
Help them to be interested in each other, for there's a wealth to learn about and from each other, and this is true
for teachers and parents as well.
Give the parents willing hearts, both to help in the classroom if they can, and certainly to be involved in their children's
homework and in their stories as the year goes on.
Let this be a truly wonderful year for everyone involved in education.
Let everyone feel, at the end of the year, that they learned all they could and gave the best they had.*



Dear Parents, Children and Friends,

It was so pleasing being able to watch the excitement on the children (and parents) faces as they came into school on Wednesday to start the new school year. Welcome back to all families and special welcome to the 26 new children that started with us yesterday. We would like to welcome all our new students and families from our PP – Year 6 students and all our new kindy children into our community. I would also like to welcome three new staff members Miss Caitlin McCarthy, Miss Carmen Mirto and Mrs Rebecca Freeman to our community.

Attendance at school is vital for the children to be able to fulfil their ability to learn to the best of their ability. Barring serious illness, children should be at school for a minimum of 98% of the school year. Consider a child, who misses 20% of the school over a five year period, they would have missed out on a whole year of learning over that time. If you take this from Kindy to Yr.10 they would have missed at least two years of learning, a great concern. Please address this issue with a great sense of importance. Another issue relating to this is getting your children to school on time. It is very difficult for teachers to start the formal part of the day when children are staggering into class over a 30 minute period. Being tardy with time can also form poor habits in children in relation to being on time. Please assist us by getting your children on time.

This year we are endeavouring to become a Sun Smart School and part of this process is to review our uniform policy. When looking through the guidelines suggested we noted that our children don't come to school with hats on and they don't wear them home. We are now asking all children to come to school wearing their school hat and they will leave the classroom at the end of each day with their hat on, ready to be picked up. We have drafted a Sun Smart Policy for the school and Miss Quinn and I will present the draft to the parents at the first P&F meeting to be held in the staffroom on Tuesday 7 February. If you can't make the meeting and would like to review the draft please contact the office and we will email you a copy home. All ideas are welcome.

While on the subject of uniforms please ensure your children come to school in their correct uniform. With the above in mind could you please ensure the following uniform items are correct? Sports shoes need to be all black lace up shoes, no other colour on the shoe or sole of the shoe. No coloured laces. School shoes must be black lace up shoes, no velcro unless for medical reasons. Medical certificate to be provided if velcro shoes to be worn. You can buy all black sports shoes at the following places; Big W, Target, Kmart, Betts Kids, Williams, Foot Locker and The Athlete's Foot. Finally please ensure your children are wearing their hair correctly with no radical haircuts or styles, this includes hair highlights and/or colouring.

Towards the end of last year Catholic Education Western Australia informed all schools that they needed to introduce a Code of Conduct into their community. This Code of Conduct has implications for all community members, staff, children, parents and visitors to the school. The staff have completed an induction into the code, this will be followed up with the School Board, P&F, children and community members. Two parent workshops will be held in the coming weeks, one during the day and one evening. More details will be in forthcoming newsletters.

In weeks two and three, we have just completed week one, classes will be holding their 'Parent Information Evenings', dates of the meetings are below.

- Tuesday 7 February - Pre Primary and Years 3&4
- Wednesday 8 February - Years 5&6
- Monday 13 February - Years 1&2

Each class teacher will send home a letter informing families of times and any other relevant information relating to the evening.

The P&F will be holding their annual 'Meet and Greet' on Friday night 10 February 2017 commencing at 5pm and concluding at 7pm. The P&F will be sending a note home on Monday outlining the evening. During the evening I will be conducting a Q & A session in the library covering topics such as the Sun Smart Policy and the Code of Conduct. I am expecting the session to last approximately 45 minutes and I would welcome your input. If you would like any items addressed at the session please send your questions in an envelope with the heading Q & A and I will endeavour to answer them on the night. The 'Meet and Greet' is a great night for everyone so please come along and join in the fun.

From what I hear and read there are numerous families in our country, state and within are community that are struggling financially for many various reasons. If you are having a difficult time financially and believe this could impact on your ability to pay school fees and charges, please make a time to come and see me. No child will be exempt from a Catholic Education if that is what you want for your child/children. We are always willing to work with you to ensure your child remains at Brighton Catholic Primary School.

This year the school, thanks to West Coast Music School, will once again be offering the children the opportunity to learn a musical instrument or voice lessons. For further details please see the advert in the body of the newsletter, this will only come through in the electronic copy of the newsletter.

For our children's safety please drive carefully and at the correct speed when you are coming to pick up and drop your children off. We remind parents to please not park in the Butler College carpark. Please always be courteous when driving, it sets a great example for your children to follow.

The first newsletter of the year has been printed so that we know all families will get a copy; it will also be available on the school website. If you are a new family or a family that has changed your email address please make sure the office has your email address as this is how future newsletters will be sent home. Limited number of printed copies will be available at the office for those who don't have an email address. Your support in valuing the communication between home and school is greatly appreciated.

Take care and God bless,

James Danaher

STAFF FOR 2017**Principal** Mr James Danaher, **Assistant Principals:** Mrs Fiona Christie, Miss Dee Campbell, Mr Michael Morris**Office Staff:** Mrs Debbie Brunton, Mrs Sonia Goor**Finance:** Mrs Geneve Bastian**IT:** Mrs Tammy Hunter**Maintenance:** Mr Mark Hughes **Uniform Shop:** Mrs Gemma Clinton **Groundsmen:** Mr Jim Gullen, Mr Karl Glenn

Year	Teacher	Education Assistance
Kindy 1	Mrs Gina Pusey	Mrs Sonia Goor Mrs Lisa Kerr
Kindy 2	Miss Ember O'Brien	Miss Calli Hedley Miss Esther Cuesta
PPB	Ms Jodie Scholte Mrs Emma Coad	Mrs Melissa Carroll
PPW	Mrs Katherine Simon	Mrs Claudine Holdsworth
Year 1B	Miss Kayla Swinny	Mrs Suzie Baker Ms Jodie Dux Mrs Linda Howell Mrs Linda Finnegan Mr Bradley Barbuto
Year 1W	Mrs Katherine Anderson	
Year 2B	Mrs Melissa Rossi	
Year 2W	Miss Kaitlin Albrecht	
Year 3B	Miss Ashlee Gugiatti	
Year 3W	Mrs Nicole Bond	
Year 4B	Mrs Fiona McDonald Mrs Christina Smith	
Year 4W	Miss Caitlin McCarthy	
Year 5B	Mrs Rebecca Freeman	
Year 5W	Miss Carmen Mirto	
Year 6B	Mrs Joslyn Selyer	
Year 6W	Miss Laura Quinn	
Literacy & Numeracy	Miss Dee Campbell	
Reading Recovery	Mrs Jane O'Reilly	
School Counsellor	Ms Julie Ford	
Physical Education	Ms Amanda Croxall	
Drama	Mrs Kathryn Dolbel	
Science	Mrs Gina Vescovi	
Italian	Mrs Josephine McDonald	
Library	Mrs Anne Versteegen	

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

An invite is extended to any baptised Catholic child in Years 4 – 6 who have not made their first Reconciliation to be part of the preparation for the reception of the Sacrament. Please notify the class teacher ASAP. For more information, please see Mrs Fiona Christie in the School office.



The **Seasons for Growth** program will be running again this year. This program is open for children in years 1-6.

Seasons for Growth is an innovative education program designed to help children cope with loss, changes and grief in a safe and creative way. Some areas of need maybe separation, loneliness, self-esteem issues, anxiety and loss.

Please take note that places are limited, and the program will commence in week 3 of this term.

If you feel your child will benefit from this program, or you would like more information, please contact the office or Kaitlin Albrecht (Year 2).

SCHOOL FEES

Dear Parents,

In the next couple of weeks, school fee statements will be sent out. In the meanwhile if you wish to pay the fees via Direct Debit or make payment plans for this year, please see me. Families on Health Care Card, please send me a copy of the updated card so you continue to receive the discount for this year. New families in the school who have a Health Care or Pensioner Card, please bring in your card to the Office so that you are able to receive a discount on the Tuition Fees.

Thank you.

Regards,

Mrs Geneve Bastian, Finance Officer

UNIFORM SHOP

The uniform shop hours are:

Tuesday afternoons	2.00pm – 3.00pm
Friday mornings	8.00am – 8.30am

- **If you cannot make these times, please come to the office and fill out an order form along with payment and the order will be filled on the next opening day. Orders will not be filled outside of these hours.**
- We can only accept cash or cheque – the school does not have facilities at all for Eftpos/credit card payments.
- Students in Pre-Primary have the option of wearing the sports polo shirts and school hat. **All students in Kindergarten do not wear the school uniform.**

MEDICATION

Requests for the administration of medication are serious and need to be duly documented. Children who are on long term, prescription medication, or those suffering a condition requiring the administration of medication must have a signed consent form outlining all the details. These also need to be signed by a doctor. Forms are available from the Office.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

All activities will begin next week for those students who registered last year. Please note dance will take place on Tuesdays in the library and will incur a cost of \$20 per person. Any outstanding money for all activities be paid to the office by Friday 10th April.

All children are to bring a drink bottle, hat and dress in suitable attire for the chosen activity. Students attending before school activities (7:30am), need to enter through the front pedestrian gate.

SPORT	DAY	TIME	LOCATION	COST	Activity Leader	Max Number
T-ball (pp-yr6)	Wednesday	3:00- 3:50pm	Oval	\$20 TBC	Kurt Tball WA	
Rugby League (pp-yr6)	Wednesday	7:30- 8:15am	Oval	Free	NRLWA	
Badminton (yr3-6)	Wednesday	3:00- 3:50pm	UCA	\$50	Badminton WA	15
Running Club (Yr 2-6)	TBC	TBC	IMCC oval	free	TBC	
AFL (pp-yr6)	Tuesday	7:30- 8:15am	Oval	Free	West Perth FC	
Swimming LEVEL 5 (yr2-6)	Friday	7:30- 8:00am	The Swim School Merriwa	\$45 per term	Sam Currie (Instructor from The Swim School)	
Dance (pp-yr6)	Tuesday	3:00- 3:50pm	Library	\$20	Meg	

If your child is interested in the following activities please contact the following clubs for further information and/or payment and enrolment. The following sports are open for registration all year round.

SPORT (PP-YR6)	CONTACT FOR REGISTRATION	COST	DAY/LOCATION
Martial Arts – SMART (weeks 1-10)	Ryan Rajendran info@smartmatkd.com 0450 098 118	\$50 per month	Tuesday & Thursday 2:50- 3:50pm (UCA)
Soccer - CF11 - club house football	info@cf11.com.au 9300 2050	\$70 per term	Friday 7:30am (Oval)
Tennis – Mike Roberts	0412 572 886 mroberts@iinet.net.au	\$130 per term or \$260 for siblings	Tuesday 7:35am (Courts)

Any further questions contact myself or the office staff.

Kind Regards,
Amanda Croxall
Teacher

MOBILE TELEPHONES

Children are not permitted to have mobile telephones in their possession at school. If parents deem it is essential that a child has a mobile phone for use outside school hours, but requiring its presence at school, an official notification needs to be made (forms are available through the Office). The telephone must be turned off and handed into the office on arrival each day. Children then collect the phones at the end of the day. For safety's sake, all contact between students and parents during school time must be made through the school office.

SICK CHILDREN

Please do not send sick children to school as they are generally too unwell to cope. If you are unsure about the genuineness of an 'illness', send the child but let either the class teacher or the Office know, including a number where you can be contacted. Please do **NOT** tell the child to tell the teacher if they are unwell and you will come and pick them up!!! You can be assured that they will be VERY sick five minutes after you have left.

CONTACT DETAILS

A family contact list will be going home next week with the eldest child from each family. Please ensure that you take the time to fill this form in and get it back to the office ASAP with any changes marked clearly in pen. If there are no changes please just sign the form and send it back to the office. We need to have correct and up-to-date details in case of emergencies. If you have not supplied the school with your email details please do so ASAP, this is of utmost importance as the newsletter is electronically sent.

NITS/HEAD LICE

Please check your children's hair weekly in bright sunlight and follow the appropriate treatment plan if there are either eggs or live lice present. Please also notify the school so that we can issue a general alert to other parents.

BICYCLES

All students who cycle to school **MUST** have a lock and chain for their own bicycle. The bicycle racks are located at the front of the year 1/2 block and the year 3/4 block. Helmets must be worn **AT ALL TIMES**. Bicycles, scooters and other wheeled modes of transport may not be ridden anywhere in the school grounds.

WARNING WARNING WARNING - ALLERGY ALERT

We have children in the school with potentially fatal allergies to **NUTS**. Parents are reminded that the school is a **NUT FREE ZONE**. The children are therefore asked **NOT** to bring sandwiches or other food made with peanut paste, Nutella or any other nut product.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Friday 3 February	Whole School Mass (Yrs 1 -6) 8:45am
Tuesday 7 February	P&F Meeting (8:45am) PP, Yr 3 & Yr 4 Parent Information evening
Wednesday 8 February	Yr 5, Yr 6 Parent Information evening School Board Meeting (6:00pm)
Friday 10 February	Merit Award Assembly (8:45am) P&F Meet and Greet 5:00pm – 7:00pm
Monday 13 February	Yr 1, Yr 2 Parent Information evening
Wednesday 15 February	Reconciliation Parent Information Evening (St Andrew's Church @ 6.30pm)
Friday 17 February	Year 4 Mass (8:45am)
Saturday 18th/Sunday 19th February	Reconciliation Commitment Masses
Tuesday 21 February	Reconciliation Workshop @ BCPS (6:30pm)
Thursday 23 February	Reconciliation Workshop @ St Andrews CPS (6:30pm)
Friday 24 February	Year 4 Mass (8:45am)

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Congratulations to the following students who have recently celebrated a birthday or who will be celebrating their birthday over the next two weeks:

Blair Holmes, Riley Lowe, Liliana Tragianidis, Willow Leary, Mia Harms, Keira Lenihan, Cayden Protzman, Lachlan Dymock, Daniella Tragiannidis, Dakota Mountney, Owen Ward, Catherine McAuley, Billy Boschman, Deng Ajo, Zander McCartney, Amelia Trehearn, Kaye Fick, Upaja Ray, Ella Coles, Bridie Atkinson.

We wish you all a fantastic day!



ST ANDREW'S PARISH, CLARKSON (Cnr Belleville Gardens & Victorsen Parade)

Parish Priest: Father Robert Carrillo

9407 7512

Assistant Priest: Father Israel

Mass Times: Saturday

6.00pm

Sunday

7.30am/9.00am/5.30pm



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