Dear Parents,

For our VCE students, their examination period basically marks the end of Semester 1 and the beginning of the second half of the year. Students studying a unit 3/4 sequence this year have the General Achievement Task (GAT) next Wednesday, 14th June. This is the only VCAA sanctioned test to be held at this time. The internal examinations for Years 10 and 11 will commence next week and we hope that students continue to work diligently throughout this period. In line with our HEADSTART program, all students will commence their Semester 2 timetable on Monday, 19th June. On this date students will change over from their Semester 1 to Semester 2 pathways or elective subjects. Students will be encouraged to log onto SIMON on the weekend of 17th June to check their Semester 2 timetable in case there have been changes to the PE day, for example.

VCAL TRIVIA NIGHT

Congratulations to our VCAL students and teachers for organising and hosting the White Ribbon Foundation Trivia Night last Friday. It was wonderful to see such an enthusiastic and organised young team pull together a great event in support of The White Ribbon Foundation. Well done.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Congratulations to Rachelle Ough (Yr 9) on her selection in the Girl Power in STEM Program 2017. Rachelle was one of 30 students selected from over 300 applications. The program runs from July, 2nd - 5th at the University of Melbourne. We look forward to Rachelle speaking to our students after this program. Well done, Rachelle.

Also congratulations to Seb Dalgleish (Yr 11) on his selection in the School Sport Victoria Team Vic Australian Rules Umpire Team. Seb will officiate at the School Sport Australia Australian Football to be held from July 22nd – 29th in Perth and Mandurah. Well done, Seb.
LEGACY PUBLIC SPEAKING
Best wishes to the following Year 9 students: Kyra Clarke, Annabella Fort and Vanrika Heldt who will compete in the Legacy Junior Public Speaking competition next Friday. Many thanks to Danny Reyland for his expertise, training and assistance with our students involved in this competition.

STAFF NEWS
Best wishes to staff members, Julie Marchesini and Leigh McDonald who both begin periods of Personal Leave, Julie until the commencement of Term 3 and Leigh until the 4th week of Term 3. We are currently organising replacements for both staff. Congratulations to staff member, Kathy Mackley, on the recent addition to the family, a beautiful young grand-daughter, Melissa Sarah.

STUDENT RE-ENROLMENT FORMS
All families with students from Years 7 – 11 have received a re-enrolment form which gives an indication of their likely intentions for next year. Could parents please ensure these forms are returned as quickly as possible to the Front Office.

PROSPECTIVE YEAR 7 2017 INTERVIEWS
St. Brigid’s College Prospective Year 7 2017 interviews have been arranged for next week: Tuesday, 13th June, Wednesday, 14th June, Thursday 15th June and Friday 16th June (all interviews between 9.00am and 3.00pm) with a night session on Tuesday, 13th June from 7.00pm through to 9.00pm. Parents are asked to make an interview time with the Front Office staff. The interviews are an opportunity for the prospective student and parents to meet with a member of the College staff to identify learning strengths and challenges and to explore what a St Brigid’s College education may offer to each of the boys and girls who have submitted an enrolment application.

SYNOD ON YOUTH
Young people across Australia are being called to share their views about life, faith and their experience of Church through an online survey. Australians aged between 16 and 29 are encouraged to complete the survey which is seeking opinions and perspectives of young people as part of a national consultation process that will inform the world-wide Synod of Youth in October 2018 that Pope Francis is convening. Pope Francis has called young people to join this inclusive journey saying that the Church “wishes to listen to your voice, your sensitivities and your faith: even your doubts and your criticisms Make your voice heard, let it resonate in communities.” The online survey is open until 2nd July. Access to the survey on the Ballarat Diocese website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au. Contact Ballarat Diocese Youth and Young Adult Ministry for more information: youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au or 53377125

DATES
A reminder that Monday, 12th June is the Queen’s Birthday holiday with no classes on this day.

Yours in the community of St Brigid’s College

Peter Gutteridge
Principal
TRIVIA NIGHT- FANTASTIC SUCCESS!

Last week was White Ribbon Week at St Brigid’s College. The focus was on promoting the White Ribbon Foundation and raising awareness against Domestic Violence. The week was planned and organised by the Year 11 and 12 VCAL students. It started with a ‘Better that your average BBQ” organised by the VCAL Numeracy students, this was followed up by the White Coloured Clothes Day, White Ribbon School Assembly and the VCAL Trivia night on Friday.

At the assembly Simone O’Brien spoke to the students and staff about her own personal journey as a victim of Domestic Violence, two Year 9 students Tom Butler and Zach O’Brien also presented further information about Domestic Violence, including the statistics for the Grampians region. The assembly finished with the entire school community standing up to Take the Oath- to speak out against men’s violence against women. To watch the assembly please check out the following link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9H2OM1M1KEk

The Trivia night on Friday night was a great success with 15 tables and approximately 145 participants. The VCAL students approached a number of Horsham Businesses and received wonderful support, with all prizes being donated. The night was planned, organised and ran by the Year 11 and 12 VCAL students and VCAL staff, it was a great team effort. The students can be very proud of their efforts. The trivia night raised just over $2,000.00

What have the VCAL students achieved? They have helped to further raise the awareness against Domestic Violence and through their fundraising activities they have raised $2,784.00. This money will be donated locally to support women who are in crisis due to Domestic Violence.

The students have also been able to meet a number of outcomes for Literacy, Personal Development Skills and Numeracy. Check out the photos from the Trivia Night!
**Intermediate Football**

On Tuesday 30th May, the St Brigid’s Intermediate football team travelled to North Park in Stawell to participate in the Black Ranges Football Competition. The side was led by Mr Butler and Mr Pickering. The captains for the day were Matt Lloyd and Jack Butler. St Brigid’s first game was against Horsham College which after a competitive first half saw St Brigid’s victorious by 9 points. The second game was against Stawell Secondary College with St Brigid’s recording a comfortable victory of 36 points. The final clash was between St Brigid’s and Marian College with both teams undefeated vying to determine the winner of the competition. St Brigid’s started well with two quick goals by the co-captains. Unfortunately a clash in the middle of the ground resulted in a concussion for one of the Marian College players. An ambulance was called and the game was cancelled due to time constraints with St Brigid’s declared winner of the competition because or a superior overall percentage. Better players on the day were Jacob Glare, Jack Butler, Matt Lloyd, Brayden Gebert, Sid Welsh and Jayden Scott. St Brigid’s has now qualified for the Greater Western Intermediate Competition which will be held in Term Three.

**GWR Cross Country**

8 Athletes traveled to Warrnambool to compete at GWR Cross Country early Monday morning.

Year 7 Anna Sudholz and Eloise Wills
Year 8 Monique Kinsman, Joshua Dunn and Reuben Elliott
Year 9 Ben Severin and Alexander Kinsman
Year 10 Matthew Ough

Conditions were cool, with some scattered showers. The track was damp with a few long low hills. As the day progressed the terrain became difficult as more and more athletes travelled the same course.

The St Brigid’s students all pushed themselves against the other runners from across the region and competed well.

Full results are still to be published - due to some errors.

We had two athletes progress through to State Finals at Bundoora on Thursday 20th July, as they finished in the top 12 for their respective events - Anna Sudholz and Eloise Wills.

Well done to all athletes - a super job representing your school. It was wonderful to observe their support for each other when someone else was competing.

The Wimmera Region had some outstanding results. Quite a few top 10 finishes and four medals achieved. Thanks to parents who transported athletes to the event.

**Year 7 Netball**

Year 7 Black Ranges Netball was played at the Horsham City Courts on Tuesday 6th June. St Brigid’s College entered two teams - STBC A and STBC B.

The teams were: STBC A L-R Anna Sudholz, Mia McGrath, Rylee Hateley, Catherine Ioelu, Kayla Kelm, Lotus Martin, Eloise Wills and Ebony Scott.

STBC B Back L-R Sophie Winfield, Lucy Heinrich, Jayde McKinnon, Front L-R Liberty Hobbs, Larnie Fischer, Kasey Venables and Ella Carls.

Both teams played against teams from Horsham College (and A and B team), Stawell Secondary College, Marian College (Ararat), Holy Trinity Lutheran and Ararat Community College.

STBC A played some great netball throughout the day, winning all of their games by good margins until the last one against Stawell. The girls had a slow start and fought back admirably to only go down by 6 at the end. The girls supported each other throughout the day and combined well as a team in whatever position they were put into. They displayed good sportsmanship and some terrific skills.

STBC B only had seven players for the day. They battled hard against some tough teams and managed to defeat Ararat Community College and the Horsham College B team. Despite some sore feet at the end of the day they enjoyed the competition and represented St Brigid’s College proudly.

A big thank you to Year 9 students Kyra Clarke and Chloe Kelm who umpired with considerable skill 7 games each for the day.
PLEASE CHECK OUT THE WEEKLY CAREERS NEWSLETTER. This week’s topics are:

- Have you considered studying Biosecurity?
- Arts Scholars program for high achieving students at Australian Catholic University
- Use the UniTest to boost your chances of gaining a place at Flinders University
- Courses and careers in Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences
- Collarts exchange programs to the US and Europe
- Fashion at RMIT - amazing work experience opportunities
- Changes to the Australia National University admission process
- Changes to the academic calendar at UNSW
- Internation Business at Monash University - global exchange
- Find an apprenticeship centre near you
- Box Hill Institute school holiday programs
- Upcoming events at the University of Melbourne
- Business at Monash University - Information Session
- Open Day at Endeavour College of Natural Medicine
- School holiday programs at the Academy of Information Technology
- Marine Careers Day at the 2017 Melbourne Boating Show
- Upcoming events
Rail Track Corporation is a major national organisation responsible for managing infrastructure maintenance, capital upgrades and the movement of trains on railway tracks across South Australia, Victoria, Western Australia, New South Wales and Queensland, as well as the Hunter Valley coal rail network.

Australian In proud partnership with MEGT, ARTC are now looking to recruit an Apprentice Signal Maintainer for their Ararat and Dimboola operations. As a 1st year Apprentice Signal Maintainer you will be responsible for providing professional services for the valued customers of ARTC, ensuring you set high standards for yourself, as you begin your journey towards a long and successful career as a Signal Maintainer.

You will learn how to assist the Signal Maintainers’ as they manage all Rail signal maintenance and signal construction activities, in accordance with ARTC rules and regulations.

You will be based at Ararat, with the expectation that you will embrace the opportunity to travel for work, to assist on other sites as required.

**With your team, some of your key duties will include:**
- Service, maintenance and construction of Rail Signals
- Liaising with and providing outstanding customer service to clients of ARTC
- Work across a variety of sites, and be prepared to live away from home from time to time
- Promote a safety culture within the team and conform to all Work Health and Safety regulations, relevant to Rail Safety legislation

**Requirements**

Our ideal candidate will have the following:
- Have completed Year 12 and completed a Certificate II in Electrotechnology
- Strong mathematical and literacy skills
- Fantastic communication skills and a strong desire to learn, and to commit to both learning on the job, as well as a strong commitment to all off the job learning responsibilities, which will include attendance at Trade School
- Excellent work ethic
- Physically fit, and prepared to undergo a rigorous Pre Employment medical, specific to the Rail Industry
- Ability to work within a small, tight knit team
- Have a valid White Card and have completed a First Aid qualification
- All candidates MUST be prepared to undertake extensive medical tests including drug & alcohol testing

This is an amazing opportunity to join a leader in Rail Signalling Services. You will be gain a trade qualification, on going job opportunities and the chance to learn from highly qualified and committed technicians.

**So, what now?**

If you are interested send your resume to MEGT today! Please contact Mrs Lannen for any further information.
Free meningococcal ACWY vaccine for Years 10, 11 and 12

In 2017 the Victorian Secondary School Vaccine Program will offer free meningococcal ACWY vaccine to students in Years 10, 11 and 12. The vaccine provides protection against four strains of meningococcal disease (ACWY) and is administered as a single dose.

Parents/guardians of Year 10, 11 and 12 students should look out for the Meningococcal ACWY Secondary School Vaccine Program consent card coming home from school with your child. You need to read the information, complete and return the card regardless of whether your child is being vaccinated at school.

Adolescents are at increased risk of meningococcal disease. Although uncommon, it can become life-threatening, very quickly. There are different strains of meningococcal bacteria known by letters of the alphabet, including meningococcal A, B, C, W and Y. In recent years, the meningococcal W strain has increased across Australia, with Victoria experiencing 11 cases to date in 2017 and 48 cases in 2016, compared to 17 cases in 2015, four in 2014 and one in 2013. It is now the predominant strain in Victoria.

The Horsham Rural City Council immunisation service may contact you about the meningococcal ACWY vaccine program. Schools are authorised to provide basic parent/guardian contact details to local councils for this purpose. Contact the school by 30 June 2017 if you do not want your contact details given to the Horsham Rural City Council immunisation service.

To learn more about meningococcal disease, the meningococcal ACWY vaccine and how you can prepare your child for vaccination, visit [www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au](http://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au) or [www.immunehero.health.vic.gov.au](http://www.immunehero.health.vic.gov.au)
GENERAL NEWS

PARLIAMENT OF VICTORIA
The Parliament Prize 2017

The Parliament of Victoria is giving you the chance to say what you think about using technology to engage people in democracy.

You could win $500 and $1000 for your school, presented at a ceremony in Parliament House.

Get to choose how you want to address this topic. Write an essay, make a video, design a poster, create a multi-media presentation - it’s up to you!

Open to Victorian students in two categories: years 7-9 and years 10-12.

Entries close on Friday 14 July 2017

Visit parliament.vic.gov.au/education for details

PARLIAMENT OF VICTORIA

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Date Friday June 23, 2017
Time 7:00pm - 10:00pm

For more information, please contact Petra Hinch
Hearing Voices Regional Coordinator, Wimmera UnitingCare
petra@wuc.org.au | (03) 5362 2941

Navigating the Teens
Tips on effective communication

Join us for a FREE Family mediation Information evening for parents with young people between the age of 16-25

Wednesday, June 14 2017 at 5.30 until 6.30pm
28 Urquhart Street, Horsham

Limited spaces, please contact Stacey on 5362 4039 or staceyo@wuc.org.au to register or for further information.

Come along to find out more about mediation and how to positively communicate with your teen.

Wimmera UnitingCare offers Family Mediation to families with adolescents between the ages of 16 and 25.

Mediation workers meet with family members in an informal setting and help them to talk about and work towards solutions for the issues they are facing. Workers can also help with communication skills, parenting skills and liaise with schools and government departments to help young people stay in the home and engaged in education.

Co-ordinators: James, Yamin and Stacey

Wimmera UnitingCare Supporting and strengthening individuals, families and communities
Year 11/12
Aily McAuliffe—for her generous contribution to the Poor Man’s basket.

Year 9/10
Tom Netherway—for his excellent work in Media.

Year 7/8
Kristopher Kennett—for his exceptional work and effort in Maths.

Congratulations!

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**STUDY SLAM ROSTER**

Mon 12/06: No Study Slam
Tues 13/06: Ms Cramer
Wed 14/06: Mr Clusker
Thurs 15/06: TBA

**Important Dates 2017**

**Applicant Interviews, 19th – 23rd June**
Letter of offer before the end of Term 2
Orientation Day, Tuesday, 12th December
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