FROM THE PRINCIPAL: MR. PETER GUTTERIDGE

Dear Parents,

Welcome to our second newsletter of 2017. It is only a week since students have started and it is most pleasing to see the student cohort settling into their work programs so readily. The Year 7 students should be proud of their endeavours to experience new things. Learning should be challenging and does not always feel comfortable. I commend our new families on the support they have offered their young people to have the courage to face new learnings in a new school environment so effectively.

VCE ACADEMIC ASSEMBLY

Next Wednesday we will celebrate the achievements of our dux, Charlotte Frost and our VCE students who achieved Study Scores of 40+, placing each student in the top 8.8% of all Victorian students who enrolled in that subject. Each of these students demonstrated academic excellence through dedication, application and commitment to study. A full list of these students will be published in next week’s newsletter.

I am delighted to announce that the work of Jessica Handisides (Yr 12) which was completed last year as a Year 11 student studying Unit3/4 Product Design and Technology will be exhibited in this year’s Top Designs exhibition as part of the VCE Season of Excellence 2017. The exhibition will run from Saturday, 18th March until Sunday, 16th July at the Melbourne Museum, Carlton. This is a remarkable achievement and Jessica is to be congratulated on her excellent production piece. Well done, Jessica.

PEOPLE TO CONTACT AT ST BRIDG’S COLLEGE

To assist members of the College community to make contact with staff who hold a position of leadership, I have taken the opportunity to list the various positions and the person to contact. Should you have questions in regard to the pastoral care support for your child or any of the College expectations, please contact your child’s Teacher Advisor or the following:

Year 7 Co-ordinator: Mrs Cathy van Dyk
Year 8 Co-ordinator: Mr Leigh McDonald
Year 9 Co-ordinator: Mr Cameron Pickering
Year 10 Co-ordinator: Ms Kate Farnham
Year 11 Co-ordinator: Ms Jess Giampaolo
Year 12 Co-ordinator: Mr John Lowes
Student Wellbeing Co-ordinator: Mrs Antonia Jeffery
Special Needs Co-ordinator: Mrs Antonia Jeffery
Should you have questions in regard to the learning and teaching program within the College, please contact your child’s subject teacher or the following:

Religious Education Co-ordinator: Mr Les Butler
Health and Physical Education KLA Head: Ms Naomi Gash
Humanities KLA Head: Ms Kate Farnham
Languages KLA Head: Ms Jeni Allen
English KLA Head: Mrs Michelle Dooling
Mathematics KLA Head: Mr Tom Magee
Science KLA Head: Mr Leigh McDonald
Arts/Technology KLA Head: Mrs Bogna Collins
VCAL Co-ordinator: Mrs Lesley Lannen
VET Co-ordinator: Mrs Chris Rook
VCE Coordinator: Mr John Lowes
TA Co-ordinator: Ms Kara Gough
Numeracy Co-ordinator: Mr Tom Magee
Literacy Co-ordinator: Mrs Bettina Bird
Faith and Mission Co-ordinator: Mr Les Butler
Careers Co-ordinator: Mrs Lesley Lannen
Director of Studies: Ms Rachel McGenniskien

Should you have any questions in regard to the extension or sport programs at the College, please contact:

Academic Extension Co-ordinator: Mrs Bogna Collins
Sports Co-ordinator: Mr Cameron Pickering

Other contact names:

Business Manager: Mr Tony Nield
Deputy Principal: Mr Kingsley Dalgleish
Principal: Mr Peter Gutteridge

Please feel free to contact any of the above staff if you have any concerns or questions.

YEAR 7 WELCOMING BBQ

We invite all Year 7 parents to our welcoming BBQ on Monday, 20th February at 6.00pm in our BBQ and passive recreational area. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet the staff of Year 7 and also make new acquaintances with parents. At approximately 7.15pm all Year 7 parents will move to our library where they will receive detailed information regarding our Parent Access Module, PAM.

OPENING AND INDUCTION MASS

Preparations are well under way for our Opening Mass to be held on Friday, 24th February at 9.30am at Ss Michael and John’s church. Parents are invited to be part of all liturgical celebrations throughout the year. Please do not feel intimidated or awkward if you are not a Catholic parent or regular Mass attendee. Our College liturgies are inclusive and the lived expression of our life as a faith community. We would love to welcome any member of our College community to this important gathering.

Investiture of our Student Leaders will occur at the conclusion of Mass. Student Leaders to be inducted include College Captains, Vice Captains and Leadership Team, House Captains and Vice Captains, SRC Representatives and our new Senior students. The Mass and Investiture of our students will be celebrated by Fr Peter Hudson.

SWIMMING SPORTS

The St Brigid’s College Swimming Sports will be held on Tuesday, 21st February at the Aquatic Centre. Could this be the first success for TARA?

YEAR 7 CAMP

The opportunities currently being offered to our Year 7 students are outstanding in their formation. The Year 7 Orientation camp at Tandara focuses upon a positive spirit being generated amongst our students. Thanks to Cathy van Dyk, who organised the camp and coordinated activities and to the staff members who are supporting Cathy – Jeni Allen, Kate Farnham, Ebony Cramer, Les Butler, Kingsley Dalgleish and Darcy Taylor.
REMINDER: SCHOOL CLOSURE

Next Tuesday, 14th February, all staff will be participating in a "Professional Learning Communities" inservice, facilitated by Solution Tree Australia, formerly Hawker Brownlow Professional Learning solutions. Solution Tree Australia works collaboratively with schools to ensure high levels of learning for all through the provision of exemplary professional learning and ongoing in-school support.

Yours in the community of St. Brigid’s College,

P. Gutteridge
Principal

Conveyance Allowance

While the transport of students to school is primarily the responsibility of students’ families, the DEECD recognises the need of some students for assistance with getting to and from school. Therefore the Department provides financial support in the form of a conveyance allowance to assist some families.

The Conveyance Allowance contributes to the cost of transporting children to attend their closest appropriate school/campus in rural and regional Victoria. The Conveyance Allowance is generally restricted to students attending schools located in rural and regional Victoria in recognition of the often limited public transport options to travel to and from school.

To be eligible, students must live in regional and rural Victoria and live more than 4.8km by the shortest practicable route from their nearest appropriate government or non-government school. The shortest practicable route is defined as the shortest distance by road from a student’s house to the school gate.

An allowance may be payable if students are conveyed to school by private car, private bus (usually school chartered) or public transport.

Private car reimbursement is calculated on a one-way travel distance between the student’s place of residence and the school bus stop. A private car conveyance allowance is not available if the journey could have been made using a public transport service or free school bus.

Those eligible families who have already completed a claim form do not need to re-register for the payment.

You will need to complete and lodge a claim form however if you have a new student to St Brigid’s in 2017 and have not already completed a claim form for that particular student.

Application forms are available by contacting the school (03) 5382 3545, or by downloading from the DEECD web site (see below)

Completed Claim forms must be submitted to the school no later than 28th February 2017 for Semester One.

TRANSFER BUS

The two buses that collect students after school and take them to Horsham College is a service provided for country bus travellers.

Students that live in town can only access these buses once country bus travellers have been seated. If there is any room left then town students will be able to access this bus service.

Country Buses

To use the country buses arrangements must be made with the Bus Coordinator Megan Merlo at Horsham College prior to travel.

Ph 5381 7100. Thank you.
VCAL OUTCOMES 2016

Last year we had great success within our VCAL Program. We started 2016 with 27 VCAL students (Year 11 & 12). With students working at all three levels: Foundation, Intermediate & Senior.

At the end of Semester One, one of our Year 11 students gained a full time plumbing apprenticeship and during Term Three another Year 11 student started a school-based apprenticeship in engineering.

At the end of 2016 we had four year 11 students gaining full time apprenticeships in the areas of Building, Engineering and Electrical. Another year 11 student gained a full time traineeship in Hospitality. Two other Year 11 students moved into full time employment.

The outcomes were also great for our Year 12 students. At the end of the year 5 year 12 students moved from school based apprenticeships in the areas of Building, Electrical, Engineering and Diesel Mechanics into full time apprenticeships. One year 12 student gained a plumbing apprenticeship and others have moved into full time or part time employment.

All of these opportunities for apprenticeships and employment are a result of structured work placement, which is an important part of our program.

The success we have with the students is also a reflection of the quality of the VCAL program that we aim to deliver at St Brigid’s College with the dedication of the VCAL staff.

Mrs Lesley Lannen (VCAL Coordinator)
YEAR 12 RETREAT

Year 12 is the biggest year of our schooling life. During this time we will grow tremendously and require support from all those around us. We were lucky enough to start this massive journey off together, on a Retreat, in Halls Gap.

Gutters and ‘Phsycology is a science’, Butters and ‘Buster McThunderstick’, Nickel Brack and ‘Bracky’s Big Bad B’s’, Gashy and ‘Triple J, Black & Gold’, Rach McG and ‘The Package’, Ema-Lee and ‘Rose’, James and ‘Andy’s Toys’, Laura and ‘KAMBAZL’, J-Low, Father Peter and then KD made a slight appearance (late). We all left, except for KD, after homeroom on Wednesday the 1st of February 2017, and took a bus to Halls Gap, where we meet Ema-Lee, James and Laura who lead the retreat for us.

Each of the three days of retreat had a different theme. Day one was aspirations, day two was relationships and day three was the year ahead. Each day we reflected on our past and our relationships with each other. We also talked about what the future holds and how to help and support each other through this year. This retreat was great to bond together in time for this final year. Although friendships had already been made since year 7 or even before, this retreat helped to get to know a side to each other that we may not have already seen.

We shared many special moments together and have many funny memories that will last a lifetime. The fellas got pulled up by the cops for riding scooters recklessly through Halls Gap, in a style that only the fellas will be able to achieve. Alanna was teaching everyone how to whip, while Tara took it a little too far by taking her new found skills to the kitchen with a tea-towel; but Mr Lowes (J-Low) was there supervising, so no one got hurt... other than Lintang’s leg. Thursday night got a bit chilly as Cam found out that tight womens tops don’t always keep you warm, Trent had a better idea by embracing his feminine side in a bra. Kathy O found her new dream job at Woolies and Louise showed everyone who not to mess with. KD didn’t get the memo that the camp started on Wednesday and showed up on Thursday. Gutters was left on edge as he left Harslett in charge of the school while we were away. Ash Price broke a shower while trying to shift the blame to Abbey, Mitch J realised that he “is the captain now” and Butters realised that he can’t live without Geordie as he forgot to pack an extra blanket and the camp food was clearly just not as good as his wife’s cooking. Chloe was fortunate enough to celebrate her 18th birthday on the final day of retreat, where we all ran into her room at midnight to sing happy birthday and I’m sure that it will be a moment she will never forget. The boys serenaded the girls with a well known song around the year level, ‘Beautiful Girls by Sean Kingston’ while showing their “boyfriend material”.

The retreat will always remain a massive part of our year and the memories made will stay with each of us forever. Its safe to say that this awesome group of people are one big, crazy family. There is not one part of the retreat that we would change and we are extremely grateful to have this opportunity. As some say you can’t choose your family but I’m glad to say that I would never change this amazing second family of my.

CLASS OF 2017!!

- Claire Burke
Horsham Saints Football Netball Club invite all interested junior players to attend the 2017 JUNIOR Netball Tryouts to be held at St Brigid’s College Stadium:

Thursday 16 February, Tuesday 21 February & Thursday 23 February 2017

13/U: 3:45pm – 4:45pm
15/U: 4:30pm – 5:30pm
17/U: 5:15pm – 6:15pm

Players are encouraged to attend as many sessions as possible.

Horsham Saints Central Park Teams Registration:
Tuesday 28 February – St Brigid’s Stadium
U/10 & U/12: 3:45pm – 4:15pm

Please attend to register your child to play in a Horsham Saints team in the Horsham City Netball Association competition at Central Park.

For more information please contact Josh Burgess 0408 508 225

* All interested Senior players are encouraged to attend pre-season training at 6pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the St Brigid’s Stadium. Senior Selection details to be advised at a later date *

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School Sport at St Brigid’s College

– How does it work?

Level 1: House: Our own school sports where a day is allocated for Swimming and Track n Field for the whole school to attend. Year 7-10 have trials in age groups and qualifiers compete at whole school House Swimming and Athletics. Yr 11/12 students participate in events of their choice. Miss Burdett co-ordinates House Sports.

Level 2: Black Ranges: Inter School Sport against local schools such as Horsham College, Lutheran, Murtoa, Stawell, Marian, Ararat, Warracknabeal. You progress to this level if you win events in your age groups at House Swimming and Track and Field, or are selected for St Brigid's Teams Sports.

Team Sports are games such as netball, tennis, football, basketball, soccer etc. Students make selections of what they would like to participate but are restricted to how many they can play. This information is used to invite students to trial and/or participate. The selection process and organisation of St Brigid's teams and individuals is organised by Mr Pickering. Miss Burdett co-ordinates the running of all Black Ranges sports.

Level 3: Greater Western: Individual or team winners from Black Ranges level competing against other individual and team winners from across the Greater Western Region. E.g From Warrnambool to Ballarat, Apollo Bay and Colac. Dave Keating from Goroke co-ordinates these events. Mr Pickering organises St Brigid's teams and individuals competing.

Level 4: State: Individual or team winners from Greater Western Level progress to State level competitions competing against winners from other divisions across the state. School Sport Victoria co-ordinate these. Mr Pickering organises qualifying St Brigid's students.

We encourage all students interested in school sport to become familiar with the School Sport Victoria website at www.ssv.vic.edu.au. This website has links to Black Ranges, Greater Western and State Level divisions. School Sport Victoria also have an app and are on facebook/instagram/twitter. Links to these can be found on the webpage.

Any further questions, please contact Mr Pickering or Miss Burdett.

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Please note that YR 7 SWIMMING TRIALS are next Monday 13th February in the afternoon. You will need to bring your swimming gear, including: bathers, towel, cap and googles (if you have them), a hat, sunscreen etc...
After School Position

DMD request applicants for an After-School position in our Rural Merchandise department. After-school one day per week, the role involves helping out where required with sales and inventory management. The role requires some physical lifting (up to 20kg), good communication and computer skills. Minimum age is 16.

Applicants can attend the site (140 Stawell Road Horsham) to get a better understanding of the position and applications in writing can be emailed to jamesmurphy@dmdagent.com.au.

Closing date: 17/2/2017

Year 7 vaccinations in 2017

The Secondary School Vaccine Program offers free vaccines to Year 7 students. These vaccines provide protection against:

- Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (whooping cough) – one dose
- Human Papillomavirus (HPV) – three doses
- Varicella (chicken pox) – one dose

Parents/guardians of year 7 students should look out for the vaccine consent card booklet coming home from school with your child. You need to read the booklet and complete and return Part A regardless of whether your child is being vaccinated at school.

The Horsham Rural City Council immunisation service may contact you about the Secondary School Vaccine Program. Schools are authorised to provide basic parent/guardian contact details to local councils for this purpose. Contact the school by 16 February 2017 if you do not want your contact details given to the Horsham Rural City Council immunisation service.

To learn more about the Secondary School Vaccine Program, the vaccines, the diseases they protect against, or how you can prepare your child for vaccination, go to betterhealth.vic.gov.au or immunehero.health.vic.gov.au.

IMPORTANT CHANGES FOR STUDENTS USING PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Please note the following changes to student travel this year.

- From 1 January 2017, we renamed the Victorian Public Transport Concession Card (VPTCC) to PTV School Student ID.
- From 30 January 2017, we increased the age limit for a Child myki concession to 18 years.

PTV School Student ID

From 1 January 2017, the VPTCC was renamed to PTV School Student ID.

The application process and purpose of the ID haven't changed. You can download this form at ptv.vic.gov.au/tickets/fares/concession/students or call 1800 800 007 to place an order. As you're aware, we can't accept school issued student ID cards for travel on public transport. This is because many ID cards issued by schools have varying information and no expiry date.

Child myki

From 30 January 2017, the child age range will change to 5 to 18 years inclusive.

This means students can use a Child myki until they're 18, up from 16. If a student has a Concession myki they can continue to use this, it gives them the same concession fare as a Child myki.

When in school uniform students won't be asked proof of age. However, when not in school uniform, 17 and 18 year olds may be asked to verify their eligibility to travel on a Child myki.

Authorised Officers will accept the following proof of age:

- PTV School Student ID (previously the VPT Concession Card)
- Driver Licence
- Learners Permit
- Proof of Age card (www.vcair.vic.gov.au/utility/community/young+people/proof+of+a+age)
- Passport

We strongly recommend that students register their myki online at ptv.vic.gov.au or by calling 1800 800 007.
In Japan now it’s the beginning of the spring holiday season, and two of our Japanese “sister students”, Airi Takahashi and Yumi Nakaruya, who completed Year 12 in Japan a few weeks ago, are using this precious break between finishing school and beginning university to visit their beloved Australian families, the Binneys and the Kemps’s, and their beloved Australian school, St Brigid’s. They’ve spent a few of their ten days with us renewing friendships, marvelling again at our wonderful school with its crazy Japanese lessons, delicious Food Tech classes, and wonderfully friendly staff and students. We hope to see more visits like this as the years roll on, and students who have stayed and studied with us make the choice to visit us again!
Dimboola Road, Horsham
Largest discount pre-mix bottle shop in town. Full TAB facilities.
200 seating for meals.
Your hosts: John and Sally Brennan
5382 1162

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DR. DANIEL DELANEY AWARDS

Year 11/12
Abby Nagorcka and Katie Morris—for their exceptional work ethic and creative Puberty Guides.

Year 9/10
Gerald Schier—for his great start to the year.

Year 7/8
Kris Kennett—for his positive start to the year.

Congratulations!

Broken your iPad screen?
Students get 10% off iPad screen repairs. Call us on 53824150