Dear Parents,

Third term holidays. An opportunity to recharge our bodies and minds as we overcome the colds and coughs experienced throughout third term. The wet weather has certainly tested the endurance, stamina and patience of staff, students and parents alike.

VCE STUDENTS

We wish our Year 12 students well as they embark on a two weeks "study vacation" in preparation for their final run home to examinations beginning on Wednesday, October 26th with the English examination. All students who are undertaking a Unit 3 & 4 sequence this year are able to sit a trial examination, supervised by staff, during the holidays. We thank John Lowes for his organisation of these trial examinations and the VCE staff for their support of our students.

CAPTAINS AND VICE-CAPTAINS, 2017

On Monday our 11 student candidates presented their speeches to all staff and students at assembly. The next day these candidates then fronted an interview panel where each candidate was asked to expand upon their thoughts concerning Student Leadership at St. Brigid's. After due discussion and deliberation I am very pleased to announce that for 2017, the Student Captains of St Brigid's College will be Claire Burke and Ethan Jolley, Vice-Captains: Rani Hogan and Dalton Clough with Kathryn Op de Coul, Imogen Chesterfield, Madeleine Trudel and Matthew Maroske completing the Student Leadership Team. I also take this opportunity to thank our 2016 Leaders: Lily Murray, William Mackley, Olivia Morris, Jay Hogan, Emilie-Rae Woodhead, Alana Hermans, Olivia Wills and Taylor Butler for the work and leadership that they have undertaken this year. Well done to you all.

Claire Burke  Ethan Jolley  Rani Hogan  Dalton Clough
ACTION FOR ETHAN
Thank you to everyone for helping us to raise $5403.50 for Wimmera Against Cancer in Kids. Well done to teachers Jess Giampaolo, Tom Magee and students Axel Fischer and Mitchell Johnson for sacrificing their locks. We wish Ethan Jolley a very speedy recovery.

The beginning
The end!!

GIFTED AND TALENTED SEMINARS
On Wednesday, October 5th St Brigid’s College will be hosting the Victorian Association of Gifted and Talented Children (VAGTC) Rural Seminars - Gifted & Talented Identification which are being conducted in conjunction with the Department of Education. The program has been designed and will be presented by the gifted education experts, the Victorian Association for Gifted and Talented Children. The sessions will cover identification of gifted students and guidance and resources for teachers of highly able students. The seminar for teachers is VIT accredited and will run between 1-4pm whilst the parent seminar will occur between 7-9pm. Light refreshments will also be available.

For more information visit the Facebook page, http://www.facebook.com/VAGTC and book your place to the seminar via www.vagtc.info.

LEGACY PUBLIC SPEAKING
Well done to Kyra Clarke (Yr 8) who competed in the Regional Legacy Junior Public Speaking competition on Tuesday in Bendigo. Kyra delivered powerful performances in both her prepared and impromptu speeches and was awarded runner-up in this competition. Congratulations on your fine effort, Kyra.
END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS

Due to the extremely wet weather currently being experienced, the fete day to be held tomorrow has been postponed and will now be held on **Friday 28th October**. There will be no Mission Mass tomorrow with normal timetabled classes running from Periods 1 through to 5. Students will be dismissed at 2.30pm tomorrow.

**All students will return on Monday, 3rd October.**

BEST WISHES

We wish staff members, Helen Wills and Graeme Chenoweth a relaxing time as they both commence periods of Long Service Leave next term. We are currently finalising replacements for them both.

HATS

A reminder to all parents and students that it is a uniform requirement for Term 4 that all students must wear an approved hat when in the sun. St. Brigid’s College approved hats are available from “Lowes” in the Plaza.

I would like to wish each and every family associated with St Brigid’s a safe and restful holiday.

Yours in the community of St Brigid’s College,

Peter Gutteridge
Principal

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**Year 10 Retreat**

On Sept 5th, all the Year 10 students boarded the bus ready to experience a different perspective of the Melbourne city life. We all experienced and visited the Immigration Museum, Holocaust Museum, the Big Issue Classroom, Melbourne Islamic Council Mosque, Melbourne Museum, Shrine of Remembrance, Bounce, MSAC and we all enjoyed a City Night Walk tour around Melbourne.

One of the prominent highlights for all students was being able to experience the gratitude that was expressed from the homeless by just giving a simple donation of food or money to them. This reinforced our view of how we are so blessed to not only be fortunate in having a warm home with plenty to eat, but to also have the opportunities to help others and be educated on this social justice issue. Our mass on Tuesday night reinforced all that we had focused on.

This retreat was a great opportunity to begin preparing us, to have an open mind and establishing the theme 'it’s not about me' for the Year 11 Social Justice Retreat to come.

We would like to thank the staff who attended: Les Butler, Kate Farnham, Cathy van Dyk, Geordie Butler, Cara McRae, Kingsley Dalgleish, Jessica Curtis, Darcy Taylor, Matt Butler and Father Peter Hudson for supervising.
To further develop our school community six students from the St Brigid's Young Vinnie's travelled down to Monivae College in Hamilton to join other young Vinnie school groups at a St. Vincent De Paul Society conference. The conference involved interactive games, a mass and a direct way to help families around the Hamilton area. Sarah and Felicity, ambassadors of St. Vincent De Paul Society, talked and explained the difference between charity and justice. People can give to charity and that may physically change a life for a while but justice in society is everlasting and cannot be measured or compared. Gaining awareness like this from the conference and being surrounded by like minded people that are passionate in improving society created a great atmosphere. We are looking forward to bringing these ideas into our school to further help our community. The students that attended the Young Vinnies Conference were; Gerard Natividad, Jess Pretorius, Mia Panozzo, Raechel O'Donnell, Kellsie Anderson and Tayla Nagorcka. We thank Mrs Cathy Van Dyk and Mr Les Butler for taking us and supporting the work we do.

Our VCAL Literacy students have been busy developing business ideas based on either their interest areas or their chosen career pathways for VCAL Literacy this term. The students have developed business proposals and delivered their ideas in the form of a formal presentation to our very own St Brigid's 'Shark Investors'. There were some fantastic business ideas and the students should be commended for their effort, enthusiasm and innovation. Well done!
This seminar will be held at St Brigid’s College
**Upcoming Information Evenings!**

**Seminar for the identification and support of Gifted and Talented children**

The Victorian Association for Gifted and Talented Children (VAGTC) is a for-purpose organization that provides learning support for both parents and educators towards creating home and learning environments for gifted and talented children to grow and flourish. The VAGTC are visiting St Brigid’s Secondary College in Horsham on the 5th of October 2016 to deliver free-of-charge learning and parenting strategies, and offer resources to support the education for the gifted and talented child.

The parent seminar is held between 7-9pm, at St.Brigid’s College. Light refreshments will also be available. For more information have a look at the detailed flyer also in this newsletter or visit the Facebook page, [http://www.facebook.com/VAGTC](http://www.facebook.com/VAGTC).

To book your place to the seminar, go to [www.vagtc.info](http://www.vagtc.info).

**VCE Plus Information and Offers Evenings**

La Trobe University runs the VCE Plus Extension program and is running information evenings to provide detailed information to applicants. They allow time for prospective students to ask questions, hear from current VCE Plus students and apply on the night and receive a conditional offer for the 2017 intake.

Information evenings are being held in Shepparton, Bendigo, and the Bundoora campus in Melbourne.

**Applications are open for the 2017 Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars Program!!!**

The Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars Program is an academic enrichment program design to support high achieving Victorian Year 11 and 12 students. What does it give you? The program gives you access to resources, including specialist subject resources of the University of Melbourne. There are exclusive events including leadership and decision making workshops, on-campus lectures and VCE Exam preparation lectures. You will be eligible to participate in an overseas study program and relocation allowance once you enrol in a University of Melbourne undergraduate degree.

Applications are open from August 29 to October 10. Selection occurs in Year 10 on the basis of a school endorsement, academic performance, community contribution and leadership skills. If you are interested, contact Mrs. Collins.

For more information see the GEORGE board and visit: [futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/kld](http://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/kld)
ATTENTION VCE STUDENTS!!!!! Look out for upcoming exam preparation classes for VCE Unit 3 and 4 subjects. Covering areas of Business, Design and Art, Engineering, Health, Law and the Sciences, there are too many options to show here. Go to https://www.leap.vic.edu.au and see what is on offer for yourself.

Lions Youth of the Year 2016-17 will be beginning soon. The Youth of the Year program provides incentive to develop general qualities in youth. It is open to everyone between the ages of 15 and 19. Participation involves an interview, a prepared speech and 2 impromptu speeches. The aim is to promote good citizenship and sought after qualities include leadership, personality, sportsmanship, public speaking and community involvement. For more information, see the information on the GEORGE board, or go to: www.lionsclubs.org.au.yoty If you are interested in participating, contact Mrs. Collins.

The National Computer Science Summer School

Following on from the NCSS Challenge, the National Computer Science School (NCSS) at the University of Sydney, is again running its summer school in 2017. It will run from Tuesday 3rd Jan to Thursday 12th January on campus at the University of Sydney. Designed for computing, science and maths students it is about challenging students to think like computer scientists. The week features lectures and lab sessions in the university itself, industry visits and mock job interviews as well as development of a project involving robotics, programming, web design and a presentation to industry professionals. The following clip provides more information:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HTPsMnJK368

The program is aimed at students who completed year 11 in 2016 and have an interest in mathematics, robotics or computing. High achieving Year 10 students are also encouraged to apply. Prior knowledge of computing is not required. The cost of the week is $440 but may be waived in the case of financial hardship. This cost includes accommodation but not transport to and from Sydney.

Apply online at ncss.edu.au/summer-school with applications closing on Friday 21st October
The following students will be participating in the Greater Western Athletics competition in Ballarat on the 7th of October, the first Friday back of term 4. The upcoming holiday is a good opportunity for these students to do appropriate training for the competition. Relay teams will be expected to attend a training session on the first Tuesday back of term. Good luck to the students competing!!

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12/13 Girls
Holly Ross – 80m Hurdles
Ella Friend – 800m

12/13 Boys
Sam Breuer - 200m, Triple Jump

14 Girls
Maggie Caris – High Jump
Sophie Fechner – Discus
Kaleisha McKerron – 200m, 100m

14 Boys
Ben Severin – High Jump, Discus
Becker Irwin – 100m Hurdles

15 Girls
Jordie McAuliffe – Javelin, 400m
Tarlie McCartney – 800m
Victoria Taylor – Discus, Long Jump

16 Girls
Tara Jasper – Long Jump, Shout Put, 100m

16 Boys
Corey McKerron - Triple Jump, 200m

17 Girls
Skye Davis – 800m, 400m
Coco Ledger – Long Jump, 100m
Aily McAuliffe – Shot Put, Javelin

17 Boys
Zac Smith – 100m

18/20 Girls
Claudia McRae – Long Jump, 100m
Courtney Guy – 800m
Chloe Brown – Javelin
Mia Guest – 1500m, 800m

18/20 Boys
Bailey McQueen – Long Jump, 110m hurdles
Riley Lenehan – Shot Put
Nicholas Tobin – 100m, 200m, 400m
Alex Ross – High Jump, Javelin
This weeks topics are:

- Have you considered studying at TAFE in the future?
- New partnership for Swinburne University and Adobe
- Country Education Foundation of Australia Scholarships and partnership with Swinburne University
- Forensic Science Careers Information Session at the Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine
- Access recordings of Open Day course information sessions for Victoria University and University of Melbourne
- Post Open Day information sessions at Federation University
- New Data Science and Environmental Engineering Systems majors at the University of Melbourne
- Changes to the Bachelor of Commerce at the University of Melbourne
- International student consultation sessions at the University of Melbourne
- Bachelor of Veterinary Technology at Charles Sturt University
- New Software Engineering degree at Deakin University specialising in Smart Systems and Robotics
- Upcoming career events

WITH MALICE – Wish you weren’t here

A chilling mystery where nothing is what it seems and everyone is a suspect. Eighteen-year-old Jill Charron wakes up in a hospital room, leg in a cast, stitches in her face and a big blank canvas where the last six weeks should be. She comes to discover she was involved in a fatal accident while on a school trip in Italy three days previous but was jetted home by her affluent father in order to receive quality care. Care that includes a lawyer. And a press team. Because maybe the accident wasn’t just an accident. But with no memory of what happened and what she actually did, can Jill really prove her innocence?

NO study slam during the school holidays

http://www.stbclibrary.com
DR. DANIEL DELANEY AWARDS

Year 11/12
Nic Tobin—for his commitment to his school work.

Year 9/10
Chloe McKinnon and Jess Pretorius—for waitressing at a special function on behalf of Young Vinnies.

Year 7/8
Holly Ross—for her outstanding effort in P.E.

Congratulations!
Darlot St
Ph 5382 6006
Open 7 days

Calendar of events — Sep/Oct 2016

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Congratulations to all our sporting teams and umpires who participated in Grand Finals over the last couple of weeks. Well done to all involved especially those who were successful.

Broken your iPad screen?
Students get 10% off iPad screen repairs. Call us on 5382 4150

St Brigid’s College is now on Facebook. Don’t forget to “Like” our page and keep up with the activities of our school. See us at: www.facebook.com/stbrigidshorsham