Dear Parents,

While the end of the year rapidly approaches, life at St Brigid’s has never been busier. We are now heavily into the preparation of a number of key events for this term: Our Year 10 Presentation Ball, our HEADSTART preparation, the 2017 Timetable and examination preparation and revision for our Unit 3/4 students.

STAFF NEWS

We welcome into our community Rhiannon Abernethy who has been appointed to the position of School Development Officer and commences in this role on Monday. Rhiannon is replacing Anna Ferguson who has resigned due to the growth of her video production business. We sincerely thank Anna for her commitment, enthusiasm, leadership and support of St Brigid’s as our School Development Officer and wish Anna well in her life away from St Brigid’s College.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Congratulations to all students who entered the Write4fun 2016 Schools Writing competition. Notification has just been received that over 10 of our students have successfully progressed past the initial judging in this competition. Given there were over 10,000 entries, St Brigid’s College students have been recognised for outstanding writing as less than 10% of all schools demonstrated this level of achievement. The overall winners will be announced on Wednesday, 26th October. Many thanks to our KLA Head of English, Michelle Dooling for coordinating this competition. Well done!
MARGARET SIMONDS BURSARIES

These bursaries honour the memory of Margaret Simonds and we give recognition to her visionary work in the adult educational field. The late Margaret Simonds was the founder of On Track Learning in the late 1980s and she established a network of local literacy coordinators around the region to provide volunteer tutors to literacy students. Margaret possessed the following qualities and attributes: Faith, Leadership, Innovation, Inner strength, Vision, Perseverance, Communication, Lateral thinking, Humour and Enterprise.

The recipients of these bursaries will possess and demonstrate these attributes and qualities. Margaret Simonds bursaries cover tuition fees to the value of $1000 for students enrolled at St. Brigid’s for the 2017 year. These bursaries are available to any currently enrolled student from Year 7 through to Year 11 in 2016. Application forms can be obtained from either the Front Office or on our website under “School Community” and must be returned by Friday, 11th November. Late applications will not be accepted.

YEAR 12 2016

Next Thursday is the final day of classes for Year 12 students and our College community will farewell the graduating class of 2016 at an assembly commencing at 12.20pm. This has traditionally been a very enjoyable event, marking the contribution of our Year 12s over six years to the College community.

The completion of Year 12 can also be a time of significant anxiety for families and school staff. Students have been made well aware that any damage to property, individuals or the reputation of the College will result in seeking another venue for their final examinations and exclusion from the final graduation ceremony in December. In speaking to our Year 12 cohort with Mr Lowes, we believe that our Year 12 students will act responsibly and celebrate the culmination of six years of secondary education in a most appropriate fashion.

REUNIONS

Last Saturday, our Year 12 classes of 2001 and 2006 celebrated their 15 year and 10 year Reunions respectively. While their hairstyles may have altered, there was no doubting the unchanged, fond memories of these groups. It was a very humbling experience for me to feel the sense of gratification and respect that these people possess for the Brigidine Sisters and St Brigid’s College.

COLLEGE ADVISORY COUNCIL

The AGM of our College Advisory Council will be held in the meeting room on Wednesday, October 19th commencing at 7.00pm.

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY

Advanced warning that Monday, 31st October will be a School Closure day. There will also be no classes on Tuesday, 1st November due to Melbourne Cup Day.

DEEPEST SYMPATHY

We offer our prayerful support to the following families: to the Connelly family on the recent death of John Connelly, grandfather of Mackenzie (Yr 11) and Montanna and Jonah (both Yr 8) and to the Goldsmith family on the recent death of Hector Dickie, great grandfather of Alex (Yr 10). Our prayers and thoughts are with you all at this time.

Yours in the community of St Brigid’s College

Peter Gutteridge
Principal

YOUNG MEN INTERESTED IN KNOWING ABOUT THE PRIESTHOOD?

A Priesthood Vocations Retreat Day for any young students/men around the diocese hosted by St Patrick’s College Ballarat will take the form of pilgrimage on Saturday 12th November. Bus will leave 10.30 am from St Patrick’s College to Scarsdale for a 13km walk to Linton followed by Mass and lunch concluding at 3.00 pm. Fr James Kerr and two Melbourne seminarians from Corpus Christi College will participate in the Retreat Day to answer questions about life in the seminary. For more information or to register attendance please contact Fr Ed Moloney Vocations Director Edward.Moloney@cam.org.au
Well done to all our students who qualified to compete at Greater Western Track and Field in Ballarat last Friday. In particular we congratulate the following winners who will progress to state finals in Melbourne Monday 17th October.

Corey McKerron, triple jump, Kaleisha McKerron 200m and relay, Aily McAuliffe javelin, Jordie McAuliffe javelin, Bailey McQueen hurdles, Tara Jasper 100m, Jess Whitworth, Maggie Caris and Lily Olver relay.

Tara Jasper in full flight streaking the field in a time of 12.58sec to win the 100m.

Ben Severin jumping 1.55m to come second in the 14yr old boys high jump.

Corey McKerron accepting his medal after jumping over 12.5m to win the triple jump.

Maggie Caris 'scissors' 1.40m to come second in the high jump.

TRY, REGISTER & GRADING NIGHT
WEDNESDAY 19TH OCT 5.30-6.30PM
Squash is a Fun & Easy way to keep fit!
ENTRIES CLOSE FRIDAY 21ST OCT 2016

6 Week Comp:
- Tues 25th October 2016
- Tues 1st November 2016
- Tues 8th November 2016
- Tues 15th November 2016
- Tues 22nd November 2016
- Tues 29th November 2016

STARTS: 4.15pm - 5.30pm
Arrive by 4.05pm
COST-$30 per player
(Family discount available- 3 or more family members)
Equipment supplied
Fun and Fair for EVERYONE
Weekly Career News !!!

- Health Information Management- for students interested in health, business and IT
- Learn about the ATAR
- Would you like to be a counsellor?
- New Commerce specialisations at Australian Catholic University
- Become a high level elite athlete sports scientist
- New careers counselling artificial intelligence app from Deakin
- Study and exam preparation tips
- Concerned about student attrition rates at university?
- Four new resource engineering degrees at Monash University
- Monash University Indigenous Entry Scheme
- Trinity Young Leaders Summer School
- VTAC Scholarship applications close this Friday
- Early Entry at Australian Catholic University will close on Monday
- Key resources


UPCOMING EVENTS

VCAL in the SPOTLIGHT

An Information session for the Year 10 students starting their VCAL program next year will be held on Monday 24th October at 7.30pm in the school library. Students and a parent/s are required to attend. Further information will be sent home with the relevant students.

The session will cover the following areas:

- A VCAL Program: What does it look like? How is it different to a VCE program? Different learning environments.
- Expectations
- VCAL Literacy
- VCAL Personal Development Skills
- Employability skills
- Completing a Certificate II- what is required?
- Apprenticeships & School Based Apprenticeships/Traineeships: What is required? How to create an opportunity?
- What is an RTQ? Their role in Apprenticeships/SBAT?
- Structured Work Place Learning
- Setting a Goal and creating networks
- Q&A Session

YEAR 10 MOCK INTERVIEW PROGRAM

The Year 10 Mock Interview program will be running again as part of Pathways to the Future. The Mock Interviews will be held on Wednesday 9th November. Students will be expected to submit a job application letter and updated resume. They will also be covering interviewing techniques in class. Stay tuned for further information.
**DR. DANIEL DELANEY AWARDS**

**Year 11/12**
Tara Jasper—for her marked improvement in English.

**Year 9/10**
Daniel Werner—for gaining after school employment from his Work Experience.

**Year 7/8**
Ella Janetzki—for consistent high level engagement with her study of Italian and Japanese.

Congratulations!

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**TA REPORT SCHEDULE**

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**LIBRARY NEWS**

**THE GIRL ON THE TRAIN**
(now a motion picture)

The debut psychological thriller that will forever change the way you look at other people’s lives.

EVERY DAY THE SAME Rachel takes the same commuter train every morning and night. Every day she rattles down the track, flashes past a stretch of cozy suburban homes, and stops at the signal that allows her to daily watch the same couple breakfasting on their deck. She’s even started to feel like she knows them. Jess and Jason, she calls them. Their life—as she sees it—is perfect. Not unlike the life she recently lost.

UNTIL TODAY And then she sees something shocking. It’s only a minute until the train moves on, but it’s enough. Now everything’s changed. Unable to keep it to herself, Rachel goes to the police. But is she really as unreliable as they say? Soon she is deeply entangled not only in the investigation but in the lives of everyone involved. Has she done more harm than good?

**STUDY SLAM**

17/10: Mr Wren
18/10: Ms Giampaolo, Ms Allen
19/10: Mr Hose, Mr Taylor
20/10: Ms Curtis

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**Masquerade**

Featuring DJ Ace
TP: Armageddon
Troy Schmidt
Cardiac Chaos

Friday Oct 14th
$5 entry

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**NEXUS YOUTH CENTRE**

THIS IS A DRUG AND ALCOHOL FREE EVENT
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

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

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

Calendar of Events — Oct/Nov 2016

Fri 14th Oct
• Yr 7/8 Tennis Black Ranges

Mon 17th Oct
• Minyip Shoot

Wed 19th Oct
• VET classes finish
• Advisory Council AGM 7.00pm

Thu 20th Oct
• Last day for Yr 12’s

Fri 21st Oct
• Yr 10 Presentation Ball

Mon 24th Oct
• VCAL 2017 Information session 7.30pm
• Yr 9/10 Super 8’s cricket

Tue 25th Oct
• Greater Western Junior Volleyball

Wed 26th Oct
• VET 2017 Induction Day
• Yr 12 exams commence

Mon 31st Oct
• Student Free Day
• PTF Melbourne Cup Eve Gala Night

Tue 1st Nov
• Melbourne Cup - Public Holiday

Thu 3rd Nov
• Yr 7/8 Super 8’s cricket

Mon 7th Nov—Fri 11th Nov
• Yr 9 Outdoor Ed camps

Thu 10th Nov
• Yr 7 Immunisations

Mon 21st Nov—Fri 25th Nov
• Yr 9—11 Exam week