Dear Parents,

In Flanders Fields
by John McCrae, May 1915

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

During the Second Battle of Ypres a Canadian artillery officer, Lieutenant Alexis Helmer, was killed on 2 May, 1915 by an exploding shell. He was a friend of the Canadian military doctor Major John McCrae. John was asked to conduct the burial service owing to the chaplain being called away on duty elsewhere. It is believed that later that evening John began the draft for his famous poem ‘In Flanders Fields’.
It was French YMCA Secretary, Madame Guerin, who in 1918 conceived the idea of selling silk poppies to help needy soldiers. Poppies were first sold in England on Armistice Day in 1921 by members of the British Legion to raise money for those who had been incapacitated by the war. The practice began in Australia the same year, promoted by the Returned Sailors' and Soldiers' imperial League of Australia (now known as the returned & Services League of Australia, or RSL). In the lead-up to November 11th each year, the RSL sells red poppies for Australians to pin on their lapels, with proceeds helping the organisation undertake welfare work. Since 1921 wearing a poppy has enabled Australians to show they have not forgotten the more than 102,000 Australian servicemen and women who have given their lives in wars and conflicts during the past 100 years.

In Australia the November 11th is a day to remember those who died in war. The 11th of November 1918, saw the end of the First World War. Remembrance Day was originally called Armistice Day. After the end of the Second World War in 1945, the Australian and British Governments changed the name to Remembrance Day as an appropriate title for a day which would commemorate all war dead. Australians observe one minute's silence at 11.00 am on Remembrance Day. We reflect on and thank the many brave men and women who served during the war, many of whom made the ultimate sacrifice ensuring the freedom of our great land. On Friday, 11th we will remember those who gave of their lives at a whole School Assembly.

EXAMINATIONS

With only a few examinations remaining the reactions from our Year 12 students have varied significantly with some examinations proving to be quite difficult while others have had few surprises. Congratulations to all students who have either completed or almost completed their secondary education. Results will be released by the VCAA on Monday, 12th December.

YRS 7-12 GRADUATION MASS

Our final whole school celebration of the year will be held at Ss. Michael and John’s Church, Roberts Ave, on Tuesday, 13th December commencing at 6.00pm. All students must be seated by 5.50pm, dressed in full summer uniform. Our College magazines will be distributed by Teacher Advisors at approximately 7.45pm following the conclusion of Mass and the award presentation.

STUDENTS NOT RETURNING

The Front Office has exit forms for students not returning in 2017. These forms need to be completed, signed and returned to allow us to offer places to other students, finalise our classes for next year and complete transfers to other schools.

Yours in the community of St Brigid’s College

P. Gutteridge
Principal
Great Extension Opportunities Really Good Experiences

Congratulations to students Rachel Kemp and Jessica Handisides! Rachel entered the national photographic competition the ‘Pixel Prize’, and Jessica submitted her VCE Product Design and Technology – Textiles work for ‘Top Designs’. Both students have been shortlisted, identifying them as some of the highest achieving submissions from thousands of entries! Congratulations and well done!

Lions Youth of the Year 2016-17 is up and running once again.

St Brigid’s College has a notable history of successfully participating in the Lions Youth of the Year. The program is open to everyone between the ages of 15 and 18. Participation involves an interview, a prepared speech on a topic of your own choice and 2 impromptu speeches. The aim is to promote good citizenship and qualities including leadership, personality, sportsmanship, public speaking and community involvement. For more information see the GEORGE board, go to: www.lionsclubs.org.au.yoty and look out for meetings which will be announced on daily messages in SIMON. Mrs. Collins will be organising this opportunity and will provide opportunities for you to practice and develop your speaking skills in the lead up to the competition in February 2017.

Want to know what stuff you can do with coding?

The organisers of the NCSS Coding challenge have another competition to develop your thinking skills. Called the Micro:bit challenge, students learn to apply their coding to control a small computer called a BBC Micro:bit. The competition will be run over 5 weeks, starting Wednesday 2nd November. As with the Coding Challenge, there are 4 levels of expertise and no prior coding experience is necessary. If you are interested contact Mrs. Collins or come to Room 7 at lunch, Tuesday to Thursday to have a look at what the coding competition is. Grok Learning also has lots of different coding courses available. Once again, ask Mrs. Collins for more details, check out the GEORGE board or go to: www.groklearning.com
At the start of the week, ten Year 10 students were fortunate enough to spend the day with an organisation called Halogen at a Youth Leadership Conference in Melbourne. The Halogen Foundation exists to inspire and influence young people to lead themselves, and others, well. Throughout the day we formed an understanding of this by listening to many amazing speakers who exposed us to real-life stories about what they do and past experiences of how they grew up to become the leaders they are today.

The guest speakers included Samantha Skinner (Halogen), Alex Malley (CPA, The Naked CEO), Poppy Starr (World Champion Skateboarder, Entrepreneur), Kate Austin (Entrepreneur, founder of Pinchapoo), Bianca Chatfield (former Australian Netballer), and Melissa Doyle (Television presenter).

As you can see there was a variety of people who all work in different fields sharing their stories and inspiring us to pursue our dreams. There were stalls set up around the exhibition centre for us to visit which involved career opportunities including the Police Force, the Air Force, World Vision and Rustic Pathways. It gave us the chance to explore different ways in which we can help out people all over the world.

We met Melissa Doyle!  
Bianca Chatfield from the Diamonds netball team.

Jess and Mia present Bianca with a thank you gift.  
The team!
This weeks topics are:

- New Victorian chiropractic course at CQUnderstanding
- 11 surprising jobs you can pursue in the music and entertainment industries
- VCA and MCM summer intensives in areas such as acting, visual arts and dance
- New STEM accommodation scholarship for regional students at Australia National University
- Are you suited to a career in physiotherapy?
- Fieldwork for science students at Australia National University
- Science News from RiAUS
- Careers in natural health and scholarships at Endeavour College
- Studying agriculture - Pre-Ag Club at the University of Melbourne
- Australian Defence Force news
- University news for future students
- Secondary teaching at Australian Catholic University, Ballarat campus
- Focus on courses and careers in Human Geography
- Focus on careers in the water industry
- Upcoming events
- Key resources

If you would like to read more please click on the following link: http://www.stbc.vic.edu.au/news-and-events/5/news

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**DIPLOMA OF NURSING INFORMATION EVENING**

Find out how you can begin your career in nursing with a Diploma in Nursing at FedUni TAFE at our information night.

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YEAR 10 MOCK INTERVIEWS

Congratulations to the Year 10 students who participated in the Mock Interviews this week. It was a valuable learning opportunity for them to gain a better understanding of what is required when job seeking. Thank you to the following panel members who volunteered their time during the day to support the program.

Ian Clough and Elaine Rudolph - WDEA Employment
Kellie Hogart - Skillinvest
Hamish Gawith and Rose-Ann Heron - MAS Experience
Melissa Powell and Mary Bysouth - LLEN
Glenn Carroll - Horsham Sports and Community Club
Sharron Keating - Epicure Coaching and Café Jas.
The bad decisions playlist

A stranger rolls into town, and everything changes…

…especially for Austin Methune, when the stranger turns out to be his father, presumed dead, and his father turns out to be Shane Tucker, a bigtime musician—just the role Austin wants for himself. Austin has a long history of getting himself into trouble, with the assistance of weed, inertia, and indifference. And he's in deep trouble now—the deepest ever. He's talented, though. Maybe his famous father will help him turn his life around and realize his musical dream. But maybe Austin has inherited more than talent from Shane, who also does drugs, screws up, and drops out. Austin is a tour guide to his own bad decisions and their consequences as he is dragged, kicking and screaming, toward adulthood.

STUDY SLAM

14/11: Mr Harslett, Ms Cramer
15/11: Ms C McGennisken, Ms Allen
16/11: Ms Curtis, Ms Farnham

ALTernative SChoolies 2016

CAMBODIA

This year 8 Year 12 students and a staff member are heading to Cambodia for 10 days. The group flies out on the 24th November and return on the 3rd December. Flying via Bangkok they will arrive in Phnom Penh. After spending some time exploring the city the group will head to Kampong Cham where they will stay for a number of days. During this time they will be volunteering and completing their service project and also teaching English to the children of the community. This will be a great opportunity to make a difference and experience the Cambodian culture. From Kampong Cham the group will travel to Siem Reap, where they will explore the Temples of Angkor before departing for home.

DR. DANIEL DELANEY

AWARDS

Year 11/12
Jessica Handisides—for being short listed in Top Designs for Textiles.

Year 9/10
Gerard Natividad and Tayla Nagorcka—for their excellent management and leadership in the construction of “The Dooling Daily” class newspaper.

Year 7/8
Gerald Schier—for his excellent work in English.

Congratulations!
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5:00am Start
Bacon & Egg Muffins for brekkie from 8.30am
### Canteen Roster!!

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