Dear Parent/Guardians,

This weekend we celebrate the first Sunday of Advent. The liturgical season of Advent marks the time of spiritual preparation by the faithful before Christmas. We often miss Advent's power because the December weeks are full of Christmas parties and preparations for the festive season. Each year, the busyness of this period serves to distract us from having an Advent season that truly prepares us for the celebration of a spiritual Christmas, with all its meaning. Advent is an ideal time to reflect, appreciate and prepare for the joys of this time. It is a special time for us to appreciate our family and friends, to reflect upon the effect of our actions upon others and to prepare for the true meaning of Christmas.

RESIGNATION

Staff member, Cara McRae, has accepted a teaching position at Nazareth College, Noble Park, Melbourne in 2017. Cara commenced at St Brigid’s in 2010 and has taught predominantly in the Science, English and Religious Education faculties. We wish Cara well in her new pursuit and thank Cara for her commitment to our students.

ST BRIGID’S ADVISORY COUNCIL

Our College continues to have strong enrolment numbers and hence planning for the future development of our physical resources is well underway. Given that our College will find it extremely difficult to attract Government Capital funding we must ensure that we are in a position to fund future construction through a mix of school reserve and bank finance. To assist with this future development, the Council has ratified a recommendation made by the Finance Committee concerning the fee structure for 2017.

Ever aware of the current stresses and pressures upon all families, the Council has accepted that there would be a slight increase for 2017 to address the Educational CPI rise and future development. A weighted average of 4.1% has been applied to the current fee structure. Family discounts remain available for the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, …. child attending St Brigid’s and, as always, Tony Nield and Sharon Fedke are more than happy to discuss individual situations.
SS MICHAEL AND JOHN’S PARISH

Last Sunday, SMJ Parish celebrated 140 years of existence with Mass and Parish Dinner at the Coughlin Park Community Centre. It is interesting to note that the first Mass to be held in the village of Horsham was in 1857 by visiting Priest Fr Patrick Madden with our current Parish Priest Fr Peter Hudson celebrating Mass 140 years later. A special cake, in the shape of the first Church was baked whilst inside this Church was a second cake commemorating the achievement of our Parish.

Three of our students assisted with waitressing duties at this dinner and I congratulate and thank Madeleine Trudel (Yr 11), Mia Panozzo (Yr 10) and Lauren Bell (Yr 7) for their generous spirit and time.

A message from Anita Masiero, Parish Secretary

Hi Peter,
I would like to take this opportunity to thank Maddie, Mia and Lauren who volunteered their time to help serve at our Parish 140th Celebrations. We had a lovely day with over 80 people in attendance. On behalf of the Parish I extend a special thank you once again to the girls for their help throughout the day. They made the day run smoothly and were willing to help out wherever they were needed. It is people like them who represent your college so well and show the community what wonderful young adults they are becoming.

Regards,
Anita

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.

DEEPEST SYMPATHY

We offer our prayerful support to staff member, Dale Roberts, her son Matthew (Yr 10) and their family on the recent death of Kyle Bunting. Our prayers and thoughts are with you all at this time.

Yours in the community of St Brigid’s College

Peter Gutteridge
Principal
Our Year 8 Boys Volleyball team competed in the School Sport Victoria State Finals in Dandenong on Tuesday. Following their recent successes at Black Ranges and Greater Western Championships, together with their win in the Horsham Open Tournament the previous weekend, the boys went to Melbourne confident of their chances in the state finals.

Unfortunately the boys didn’t come away with the success we had hoped for as they lost to the eventual Grand Finalists in their first two matches and then struggled against Wodonga in their final match.

The team will re-group before heading back to Melbourne on Sunday week for the National Schools Cup.

Results:

Lost to Eltham 25-19, 25-20

Lost to Girton 25-9, 25-9

Lost to Wodonga 25-21, 26-24
ELERGY

In a small Australian town, the most epic love story in history is unfolding . . . again. Everybody knows everyone in Kincasey, and nothing ever happens. That’s what Jenny thinks when she moves there – until she meets the mysterious Michael Webster.

But when Michael gets into a fight with the town bully, long-held resentments simmer to the surface, loyalties are tested, and Jenny finds herself the centre of attention. Her situation isn’t helped by a deepening friendship with Michael’s stepbrother, Gabe, or her jealousy of Gabe’s beautiful but aloof sister, Caitlin.

Caitlin is the only one who knows the terrible truth: this isn’t the first life she and Michael have lived. They have a destiny to fulfil – and it’s time for Michael’s powers to awaken. But what use is power if it can’t give you what you most desire?

STUDY SLAM

The library is available for quiet study until 4.30pm.

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Calendar of Events — Nov/Dec 2016

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**Second Hand English Yr 7 novel needed!!!**

If any students have “Parvana” they would like to sell second hand can they please be brought up to the Front Office for us to on sell. Thank you.

create a kitchen

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