Dear Parents,

And here we are at the final newsletter for 2016. No doubt in each and every St Brigid’s household there is the appropriate sense of joy that comes with completion. I congratulate all students on completing another year of education and I thank families and staff for your commitment to our College.

The season of Advent also recognises with a sense of joy the coming of Jesus in a special way. During Advent we are challenged to be open to the unexpected and ready for a few surprises! That is not always easy. The familiar is always more comfortable than the unfamiliar. God will not be boxed or labelled or “assumed”. God will be God and come amongst us in ways that we least expect.

GRADUATING CLASS OF 2016

Next Tuesday we celebrate the graduation of our Year 12 students and, while there is a sense of completion, it is always tinged with sadness as we farewell a group of students who have been part of the life of St Brigid’s for the past six years. We wish them well as they embark on the various pathways of the next chapter of their lives and thank them for their contribution to the school over that period of time.

ORIENTATION DAY

On Tuesday we welcomed our new Year 7 students for Orientation Day and it was most pleasing to see these nervous young people settle as the day progressed and appear more comfortable in their new surrounds. Many thanks to Cathy van Dyk who has co-ordinated the day and all staff who assisted.

HEADSTART

I have admired the way that students and staff continue to embrace our Headstart program and I thank everyone for their hard work in preparation for 2017. The challenge to our senior students is to complete the necessary holiday work and be prepared for the new learnings in 2017.

YEAR 12 RESULTS

Best wishes to our Year 12 students who will receive their VCE results 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.

BOOKLISTS

As you are aware, this year we moved our booklists and stationery to local business, Shelton and Lane who have randomly selected 5 students, one from each Year Level 8 - 12 for a $50 gift voucher. The lucky students were: Year 8 Zarli Hair, Year 9 Zac O’Brien, Year 10 Mitchell Hobbs, Year 11 Connor Healey and Year 12 Jacob Materne. Many thanks to Shelton and Lane for their support of our College.

DEEPEST SYMPATHY

We offer our prayerful support to the Reynolds family on the recent death of Simon Reynolds, Uncle of Zach (Yr 7). Our prayers and thoughts are with you at this time.

AND FINALLY.......... 

I wish to thank all of our students for their conduct and attitude towards their studies over the course of the year.

I also thank the hard working and dedicated staff of St Brigid’s. You will have noted the many extra opportunities that are provided to our students by our staff who, time and time again, keep giving of themselves to support the students of our College. To all of our staff and students, you deserve a well-earned holiday.

At St Brigid’s, we are very blessed to have students who value their education, teachers and staff who care for and support their students and their families, parents and friends who are actively interested in our school.

On behalf of the staff of 2016, I would like to wish each and every family associated with St Brigid’s a happy and holy Christmas and a restful holiday over the summer break. I look forward to catching up with you all in 2017.

Yours in the community of St Brigid’s College

Peter Gutteridge
Principal

Have a safe and Holy Christmas and best wishes for 2017!
SPORTS NEWS

School Sports Victoria State Team Trials—Registrations open. We encourage you to have a go!!! Please see Mr Pickering if you have any queries.

Australian Football—12 years and under and 15 years and under girls

Baseball—17 years and under

Basketball—12 years and under

Football (Soccer) - 12 years and under

Hockey—12 years and under

Netball—12 years and under

Tennis (Pizzey Cup) - 18 years and under

Touch Football—12 years and under & 15 years and under

Volleyball—16 years and under

All the Team Vic. Trial dates can be found on the State Team page of the SSV website

Stay informed as more trial dates open up. SSV facebook page

CAREERS NEWS

This weeks topics are:

- Casual employment websites
- Science news from RiAUS
- Careers at Victoria Police
- Australia National University - events for prospective students
- Work Experience - Royal Women’s Hospital
- Work Experience - Herald Sun
- Robertson Scholars Leadership Program
- What does it take to work as a music publicist?
- Health and Wellbeing Clinics at Victoria University
- Law internships at Victoria University
- Sport internships at La Trobe University
- Upcoming events

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

EMINEM: The real Slim Shady
This book presents Eminem's words, images, and music alongside comments from those who love and hate him, documenting why Eminem remains a cultural, spiritual, and economic icon in global popular culture.

STUDY SLAM
The library is available for quiet study until 4.30pm.
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

Ss Michael and John Parish, Reconciliation times, Christmas Mass Times and New Year’s Day Mass times.

Advent Reconciliation Service Tuesday December 20th at 7pm at SMJ Church. Hymns, Scripture, Examination of Conscience, Prayers and two priests to give individual absolution.

Individual Confession times.

Wednesday December 21st 10am, Thursday 22nd 10am.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:

Horsham: Christmas Eve Saturday 24th
Children’s Mass 7pm
Christmas Mass with Choir 10.15pm

Murtoa: Christmas Eve Mass 6.30pm.

Dimboola: Christmas Eve Mass 8.30pm

Horsham: Christmas Day Mass 9.00am

Natifuk: Christmas Day Mass 8.30am

New Year’s Day

Saturday December 31st Horsham 6.30pm Mass
Sunday January 1st Horsham 10.30am Mass
Dimboola 8.30am Mass
Murtoa 10.30am Mass

Calendar of Events — Dec 2016—Feb 2017

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Please note the Canteen will be closed for lunch on Monday and Tuesday next week. Recess will still be available.

Thank you.