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NEWSLETTER

11th Oct 2019

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Fourth term brings mixed emotions to our Year 12 students. The feelings of rapture as the end of an era draws nigh tempered by the harsh reality that this also brings their final VCE examinations closer. We wish our students well for their remaining time at St Brigid's and hope

that their focus and effort never wane from the ultimate purpose of many long years of secondary education.

It is an exciting time as we bring one school year to an end while concurrently planning for 2020. It was most pleasing to see our Unit 3/4 students actively engaged in extra classes, seminars and trial examinations during these holidays. Successful students will complete at least 10 trial papers in each study they undertake. From today the students have 8 school days remaining and I wish them well as their 13 years of formalised school educational experience draws to a close. I thank VCE Coordinator, John Lowes for his organisation of the trial examinations over the holidays and to the many staff who assisted with the supervision and with extra classes.

JAPANESE TRIP

Japan has survived the visit by our staff and students over the holidays! In talking to a number of the staff and students who participated in the trip, it was a most moving, exhilarating, exhausting and eye-opening adventure. The numerous photographs on our Facebook page clearly illustrate the wonderful experiences had by all. Congratulations to all participants and to staff members: Jeni Allen, Naomi Gash and Adam Clusker who planned, supported and supervised our students. Well done to you all.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Tue 15th Oct

Black Ranges Tennis - Yr 7/8

Fri 18th Oct

Student Free Day - Staff PD

Tue 22nd Oct

Greater Western Volleyball - Yr 7/8

Yr 12 Liturgy 1.00pm

Fri 25th Oct

Yr 10 Presentation Ball

Greater Western Tennis - Yr 7/8

Wed 30th Oct

VCE exams commence

Fri 1st Nov

All Souls Day Liturgy

Tue 5th Nov

Melbourne Cup - student Free Day

Thu 7th Nov

Student Free Day - Staff PD





YEAR 10 RETREAT

Our Year 10 students are currently undertaking their three day Year 10 immersion-style retreat. Based in the City of Melbourne, our students are provided with a unique opportunity to engage with groups of disadvantaged and marginalised people and also be given an opportunity to discover cultural aspects of Melbourne. In addition to engaging with people from different walks of life, the Retreat also exposes our students to the social and cultural perspective of the impact of various events on the development of Australia, with visits to places and organisations of historical importance.

TIDY TOWNS AWARDS

We are excited that St Brigid's College school production of *The Little Mermaid* has been shortlisted as a finalist in the 2019 Tidy Town Awards for 'Resource Recovery & Waste Management'.

It is fantastic to have all the hard work of our staff, volunteers, families and students recognised for the use of recycled and reused items to design and create the sets, props and the elaborate costumes in our school productions. Although our annual school production is a chance for students to explore their musical theatre passions, we also use the opportunity to teach our students and our audiences about environmental sustainability - which was a significant theme in our College's 2018 production of *The Little Mermaid*.



STEAM BUILDING UPDATE

Over the holidays, there was significant earthworks carried out in terms of sewer, water, gas and electrical with some excavations back-filled with crushed metal only at this stage, to allow time for the subsoil to settle before top-dressing, and/or for further works later in the year.

The STEAM Building itself is progressing well and is scheduled for completion on or about 28th February 2020. Plasterwork continues and joinery has mostly been installed on the ground floor. External windows are installed, and fitment of internal windows and doors has begun. External cladding is well underway, and painting of some areas has already commenced.

Next Friday, October 18th will be a school closure day for all students apart from our Year 12 students who will attend their normal timetabled classes. All staff will be participating in STEAM Professional Development facilitated by Monash University as we develop/adapt our curriculum in preparation for 2020.

SUNSMART

Our clear expectation is that all students must own a College hat and wear this hat at recess and lunch-times. I urge parents to ensure that their children possess an approved hat or purchase one from Lowes in the Plaza. These hats are not meant to be a “fashion statement” but a functional protection against the sun.

DEEPEST SYMPATHY

We offer our prayerful support to staff member Cathy van Dyk and her family on the recent death of her brother-in-law, Fr Anthony van Dyk. Our prayers and thoughts are with you all at this time.

COLLEGE ADVISORY COUNCIL

The AGM of our College Advisory Council will be held in the boardroom on Wednesday, October 16th commencing at 7.00pm.

Yours in the community of St Brigid's College,

Peter Gutteridge
Principal

T.A. INTERVIEWS

TEACHER ADVISOR REPORT SCHEDULE

TERM 4 2019

Week 1	11th Oct	Yr 12
Week 2	18th Oct	Yr 11
Week 3	25th Oct	Yr 10
Week 4	1st Nov	Yr 9
Week 5	8th Nov	Yr 8
Week 6	15th Nov	Yr 7
Week 7	22nd Nov	No TA Interviews
Week 8	29th Nov	No TA Interviews
Week 9	6th Dec	No TA Interviews
Week 10	13th Dec	No TA Interviews

CANTEEN ROSTER

TIME: 9.00am - 11.15am

Mon 14th Oct	Michelle O'Connell
Tue 15th Oct	Pauline Barber
Wed 16th Oct	Shantelle Adams
Thu 17th Oct	Jenny Gaulke
Fri 18th Oct	Student Free Day

Mon 21st Oct	Caroline Geue
Tue 22nd Oct	Jane Elliott
Wed 23rd Oct	Belinda Avery
Thu 24th Oct	Julie Coutts
Fri 25th Oct	Sarah Campey

CAREERS NEWS

Weekly Career News

- * University applications – key closing dates: Victoria, NSW, ACT
- * Dates for your diary
- * Victoria Police Force careers
- * Train to become a flight attendant
- * Study food systems and gastronomy at William Angliss
- * Have you considered studying eye diseases and how to treat them?
- * Where can a social work degree take you?
- * Engineering exhibitions at RMIT and Monash University
- * FlickerUp Film Competition
- * Interested in architecture and the built environment?

To view the full Careers News please visit our website



LIBRARY NEWS



The Young Australians Best Book Awards (YABBA) was established in 1985 by a group of Victorians keen to see children engage in reading Australian books. It seeks to provide children a voice within the general Australian children's book industry. The YABBA Awards encourages children to recommend recent Australian published books, read all the recommendations for their peers, rate them against all others and then finally reward that book they feel is best. Voting for shortlisted books ends 18th October.

FICTION FOR YEARS 7-9

Booktalk will feature a nominated book each week to vote for. Go to <http://yabba.org.au> to vote.

"Everything I've never said"

Ava would like nothing more than to tell her family she loves them, particularly her big sister, Nic. But Ava has Rett syndrome - she can't talk, can't nod her head, can't even point at a communication card. She understands everything, but no one understands her. When tragedy strikes her family, Ava becomes even more determined to talk. But it's not until she meets occupational therapist Kieran and new friend Aimee that she is hopeful for change - and to find her voice at last. A powerful novel about a subject rarely tackled - young people with disabilities and the families who love and support them.



Recommend

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Welcome Back!



COMMUNITY NEWS

I was a stranger and you welcomed me...



Come along to hear

An Update on Asylum Seekers

Visiting Speaker:

Sr Brigid Arthur csb,
Co-ordinator of the Brigidine
Asylum Seekers Project

Monday 14th October, 2019
7.30 p.m.

SS Michael and John's Parish Centre.



Can You Help?

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange, Australia's oldest award-winning student exchange organisation, is looking for host families! International exchange students from Italy, France, Germany, Denmark, Norway, Sweden and Finland arrive regularly throughout the year and we are always on the lookout for welcoming volunteer host families.

If you have a kind heart, a warm bed and would like to be part of making a child's dream come true please contact us now for more information:

Your local coordinator is
Amanda Pederick -- 0412 224 276
Call or text for more information

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"This is our first time hosting and not only do we feel like we have gained a daughter, we also gained a family, her family in Germany who we regularly talk to. It has been an amazing journey so far. The experience has not only been good for Mira, but also for our two little ones. They absolutely adore her and can see how much she adores them".

The Wilson Family, 2019





healthy headspace

Drop in for a topic you're interested in

or...

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Wednesdays
Fortnightly
4-6pm

Mindfulness and Relaxation.....Sep 25

Body Image and Accepting Myself.....Oct 09

Mastering My Moods & Anxiety.....Oct 23

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Communicating With Confidence.....Nov 20

Problem-Solving Skills.....Dec 04

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