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NEWSLETTER

13th March 2020

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear Parents/Guardians,

The coronavirus Covid-19 is a source of significant media attention, and as part of society, we need to consider the genuine implications for our school community. Our priority at St Brigid's College is the health and safety of our school community.

Our school community is continuing to follow the national public health guidelines and current information from the Australian Chief Medical Officer and Victorian Chief Health Officer in relation to the COVID-19 outbreak. At the present time there is no evidence of transmission in the community in Victoria so we have been advised to go about our school business as usual.

As a precaution, we are following the Health Officer advice about effective hygiene and the Australian Bishops' advice about celebrations of Mass. The Department of Health and Human Services recommend ten ways to reduce your risk of coronavirus. These can be found at <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/victorian-public-coronavirus-disease-covid-19>

If you or your child come into contact with COVID-19, please contact myself or a member of the Executive Team at the College so that we can be proactive in assessing the risk in relation to our school community. If your student becomes ill with cold or flu-like symptoms, please keep them at home until you are able to seek medical advice. This applies to all illnesses.

We continue to follow the advice of the best health professionals and that hygiene precautions protect us best.

We have highlighted through posters etc. that practising good sneeze / cough hygiene is the best defence against most viruses.

You should:

- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water, before and after eating, and after going to the toilet.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Wed 18th Mar

Parent Teacher Interviews 2.00pm - 7.00pm
SAC Meeting 7.00pm

Thu 26th Mar

Last day of term for Yrs 7 - 10

Fri 27th Mar

Last day of Term for Yrs 11 - 12

Fri 10th Apr - Mon 13th Apr

Easter

Tue 14th Apr

Students return Term 2

Thu 16th Apr

Athletics Day

Wed 22nd Apr - Fri 24th Apr

Yr 9 Retreat

Fri 24th Apr

ANZAC Day ceremony

- Cover your cough and sneeze, dispose of tissues, and use alcohol-based hand sanitiser where available
- And if unwell, talk with parents and caregivers about avoiding contact with others (staying home) and gaining medical advice.

As parents/guardians, you have a critical role in helping the school manage this situation:

- Exercise good judgment by keeping children home if they are feeling unwell for any reason
- Talk to children about the situation, as they may be feeling anxious or stressed. You have a key role in helping students feel prepared and safe
- Continue to encourage children to be proactive and committed to their schoolwork (as always!!).

I will keep you informed if there are further developments.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL continued...

RELAY FOR LIFE



**Celebrate.
Remember.
Fight Back.**

Today we received notification that unfortunately "Relay for Life" has been cancelled due to the public health risk of the Coronavirus. So far, our amazing team has raised over \$1800 towards the fight against cancer.

STUDENT SUCCESS

Congratulations to Tom Netherway (Year 12) who last Friday night was presented the Wiltronics Research Award for excellence in his studies in VET Certificate II in Electrotechnology (Career Start) at the Federation Uni Award Night, held in Ballarat. Congratulations, Tom.



PUNCTUALITY

A number of students have been arriving late for homeroom in the morning. We wish to remind parents that students are expected to be at school at the start of homeroom, which commences at 8:50a.m. We consider homeroom a valuable time to impart important information about the events occurring at the College, as well as being a time for the Teacher Advisor to foster positive relationships with the students in their homeroom. We trust that parents will support us in teaching their children valuable lessons about the need to be punctual.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent/Teacher meetings to discuss student's progress will be held next Wednesday, 18th March from 2.00pm - 7.00pm. Interview times can now be booked through the Parent Access Module (PAM). Should families not have access to the internet, a parent is welcome to contact the school (telephone: 53823545) so that a booking can be made through the Front Office.

SCHOOL CLOSURE

Please be aware that Friday, 27th March (last day of Term 1) will be a student free day for all students apart from those students undertaking Unit 1 and 3 studies. These students will have their normal timetabled classes on this Friday. This day will be utilised by staff to finalise preparations for our STEAM Centre which will be used by students and staff at the commencement of Term 2. These are certainly exciting times at St Brigid's.

Yours in the community of St Brigid's College,

Peter Gutteridge
Principal

AEROSOL DEODERANTS

A friendly reminder that aerosol deodorants are not to be used by students at school as it poses a health risk to other students. Eg. Asthmatics
We encourage students to use roll-on deodorants instead.
Thank you



Glass slippers are
so in right now

Cinderella

COMING TO THE HTH THEATRE IN JULY 2020
PROUDLY PRESENTED BY ST BRIGID'S COLLEGE

GETTING THE MOST OUT OF YOUR NDIS PLAN

NDIS Information Session – Horsham

What is the session about?

If you find yourself saying “I have my NDIS plan; what are the next steps?”, then this session could be for you! We have developed an information session for people with disability and their families or carers, called “Getting the Most Out of Your NDIS Plan”. The information and resources you will receive at the session have been designed to assist you to gain maximum benefit when putting your plan into action.

During a two and a half hour session, you will gain knowledge about key NDIS concepts, be given many useful suggestions and tips, and feel more empowered and confident in how to implement your NDIS plan.

We use accessible venues and materials, and we provide a break and refreshments. We’ll also have a guest speaker from Grampians Disability Advocacy (www.grampiansadvocacy.org.au) sharing their valuable insights.

When and where is the session being held?

When: Thursday 26 March 2020 from 10:00am to 1:00pm.

Where: Horsham International Hotel, 118 Baillie Street, Horsham VIC 3400.

Who is running the session?

The session is designed and delivered by staff with a disability from the Disability Loop team at AFDO (Australian Federation of disability Organisations). AFDO and its member organisations are run by and for people with lived experience of disability. Disability Loop is a program that aims to make information about the NDIS easier to find, understand, and use.

There are lots of NDIS sessions, how is ours different?

As people with lived experience of disability ourselves, we are better able to focus on the needs of people with disability. The workshop was written using plain language, which makes complicated concepts easier to understand. We aim to make the workshops a safe space where people can share their questions and concerns without worrying about any judgement. All workshops are held in wheelchair accessible venues, near public transport where possible, and are free for people with disability and their families! We are also providing a wide range of accessibility supports for attendees with disability, free of charge, to make it easier to participate. This includes Auslan interpreters or captioning if requested.

You will receive a detailed information pack to take home.

Bookings are essential for catering and accessibility purposes. Please register by 19 March 2020. For more information and to register, visit:

www.disabilityloop.eventbrite.com or Call: (03) 9662 3324

DR DELANY AWARDS

This week's recipients of the Dr Delany Award are:

YEAR 11 & 12

Corey Aristides

Awarded for his excellent work ethic and enthusiasm in VCAL Literacy.



YEAR 9 & 10

Kevin Peterson

Awarded for his outstanding teamwork in Media.



YEAR 7 & 8

Danielle Laurie

Awarded for her dedication and commitment towards her studies.



CONGRATULATIONS!!

TA Report	Schedule Term 1
Week ending	Interviews this week
Week 7 Mar 13	Year 10
Week 8 Mar 20	Year 9
Week 9 Mar 27	Year 8

CANTEEN ROSTER

TIME: 9.00am - 11.00am

Mon 16th Mar	Danielle Luciani
Tue 17th Mar	Susie Hedt
Wed 18th Mar	Emelia Sudholz
Thu 19th Mar	Rachel Dunn
Fri 20th Mar	Beau James
Mon 23rd Mar	Jackie Kennett
Tue 24th Mar	Amanda Carracher
Wed 25th Mar	Kelly Trebicki
Thu 26th Mar	Claudia Moretti
Fri 27th Mar	Dianna Blake

Thank you!!
 We thank Sharon Creasey for her kind donation to the Textiles Department which has gone towards the purchase of new equipment.
 Thank you Sharon!



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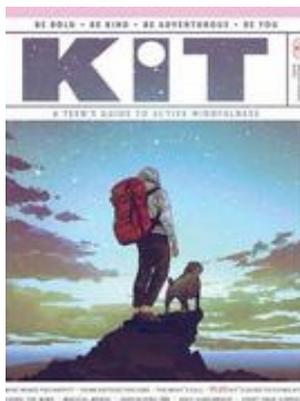


COMMUNITY CONNECT PLUS | As a part of our commitment to building a stronger school community, we would like to welcome you to Community Connect Plus.

In 2020 we are concentrating our efforts on providing catering for our College and Parish events, as well as organise a social function for our school community. We invite all families and staff to get involved as much or as little as you like. We value and appreciate all help, large or small! There is no pressure to commit to assist with every event, but any help (in the form of time or donations of food items) goes a long way.

We have two catering events coming up in the next few months and are calling out for assistance both on the day for a short period of time and in the form of food donations.

Please [click here](#) if you are able to help out in some way.



MINDFULNESS MAGAZINES IN LIBRARY

Filled with inspiring articles on how Teens can strengthen their courage and creativity, develop emotional resilience and intelligence, defeat negative self-talk and build their self-confidence, plus information on inspirational community groups, sports and hobbies, and entertaining science facts, KIT is your teen's guide to active mindfulness. Perfect for: Teens and tweens with an active mindset who enjoy sports, hands-on activity and outdoor adventure. COMING SOON

Be Happy. Be Brave. Be Kind. Be Yourself.

At Teen Breathe we believe mindfulness forms the basis of a happier, healthier, more authentic life; and we're putting you centre stage. So, what is it that you're interested in? Social media, sport, making friends... making flowers?

We provide tips, fun activities and inspiring ideas to help you explore how paying attention to everything you do, being curious, kind and staying positive can bring out the very best of you.

This magazine is aimed for teens aged 9-18 years old.

Frankie is like that best friend you had growing up – the one you could always trust to honestly inform and entertain you.

Filled with fashion, art, design, travel, photography, music, craft with real-life inspiration and stories, every issue will leave you surprised, intrigued, informed and laughing out loud at the same time.

You'll find fashion pages that are a unique mix of streetwear and local designer clothes, crafty and creative features on design, trends and emerging artists, plus hip DIY projects. And check out the latest on the music scene with interviews, reviews and features on upcoming talent here and overseas.



"Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things, with great love." (Saint Teresa of Calcutta)

GENERAL NEWS

Weekly Career News

- 2021 Applications now open for University of New England and Australia National University (Yr 12)
- University of Melbourne and Australia National University -- high achiever scholarships open (Yr 12)
- The University of Melbourne -- Meet Melbourne program
- Werribee Open Range Zoo -- Keeper for a Day program
- Deakin University -- Step on Campus program
- Charles Sturt University -- Explore Days
- La Trobe University -- Experience Clever program
- Introduction to Fashion Illustration day
- Australian Defence Force -- applications for the Gap Year program are now open
- Dates for your Diary



1 DAY KIDS RETREAT

LITTLE DESERT NATURE LODGE
9.30AM-3.30PM | WEDNESDAY 1 APRIL | 2020

WHAT TO EXPECT

NATURE WALKS
MINDFULNESS
TEAM BUILDING
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WIMMERA FEST

YOUTH WEEK
SUNDAY APRIL 5TH, 4-8PM
HORSHAM SOUNDSHELL, SAWYER PARK

ARE YOU A SINGER, DANCER, MAGICIAN,
MUSICIAN, OR JUST HAVE A QUIRKY
TALENT YOU WANT TO SHARE?

WE'RE LOOKING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 12-25 TO BE
A PART OF OUR LOCAL TALENT SHOWCASE DURING
WIMMERA FEST

To register your act, visit:
bit.ly/wimmeratalent

There will be great prizes up for grabs, including
People's Choice Award





Early Childhood Education and Care Certificate III

(CHC30113) Free TAFE*

Study in 2020 at our Wimmera Campus, Horsham.

Do you enjoy working with children? With this qualification, you will develop the skills and knowledge you need to commence working in the Australian childcare industry, providing care for children from birth up to 12 years old.

Early childhood services plays an important role in nurturing the development of all children attending childcare. Early Educators support the implementation of approved learning frameworks, and assist in supporting children's wellbeing and development.

This course covers a number of core skills, including how to plan, implement and evaluate educational early childhood programs, support healthy meal times for children and foster individual development. You will also learn how to comply with legal and industry requirements.

Once you graduate, you can work in pre-school centres, long day care, family day care centres and more - or you may choose to further your knowledge and study our Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care (CHC50113).

Information Session

Thurs 19 March
Wimmera Campus
Horsham

12pm-1pm
Auditorium, Building C

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