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NEWSLETTER

20th Nov 2020

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear Parents and Guardians,

The season of Advent is almost upon us and it is very timely to reflect on this important season of the Church's Liturgical calendar with the understanding that Christmas is around the corner. As parents, we can reflect on the greatest gift of all – human life in the form of our own children. And

we may ask, "How can a gift that is so wonderful cause such anxiety?" We are comforted by the thought that we are doing our best and that the gifts should be enjoyed!

STAFFING 2021

As the end of the year rapidly approaches it is an opportune time to inform all within our community of departing staff. Leaving St Brigid's will be two staff members, Jenna Argall who has accepted a teaching position at Holy Trinity Lutheran and Graeme Chenoweth who will be retiring. Gabby O'Brien and Jarred Crabtree have sought and been granted 12 months leave without pay whilst Janine Kemp has been granted 6 months as leave without pay. In addition to the above, Kara Gough will be undertaking Long Service Leave during Term 1, 2021. Returning from maternity leave in a part-time capacity will be Jess Giampaolo.

We will welcome to St Brigid's for 2021, Miss Ashlee Grace, a graduate teacher from Federation University who will be teaching Mathematics, Outdoor Education and Physical Education. I am currently advertising for a contract replacement teacher in Mathematics and Science.

HOUSE CAPTAINS 2021

I am pleased to announce the following students who will lead their Houses in 2021:

Clontarf:

House Captains – Lauren Leaver-Schwarz and Grace Camilleri
Vice-Captains – Delie Rowe and Jack Scott

Kildare:

House Captains – Ashton Murray and Zenith Wearne
Vice-Captains – Ebony Glare and Josh Dunn

Melleray:

House Captains – Ruby Purcell and Judah Hobbs
Vice-Captains – Ella Taylor and Jasmine Smith

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon 23rd Nov - Wed 25th Nov
Yr 8 Camp

Mon 30th Nov - Fri 4th Dec
Headstart - Yr 11 and Yr 12 2021

Tue 1st Dec
Yr 7 2021 Transition Day -SMJ students

Wed 2nd Dec
Yr 7 2021 Transition Day -other Primary schools

Mon 7th Dec - Fri 11th Dec
Yr 11 Street Retreat

Tue 8th Dec
Students finish

Wed 9th Dec
Parent Teacher Interviews

HEADSTART

On Monday, 30th November we commence our HEADSTART program for all students undertaking a VCE study next year. The reason why Years 7 – 9 students are not participating in this program is to balance the time available in both Semester 1 and Semester 2 to complete the academic program set out at the commencement of this year.

For VCE 2021 students this program will establish the tone, expectations and procedures in readiness for entry to VCE, and are therefore a requirement for all VCE students 2021 to attend. Teachers will outline the required holiday homework that needs to be completed prior to their return in 2021.

YEAR 8 CAMP

Our Year 8 students next week will enjoy the thrills and spills of their Year 8 Camp at the Roses Gap Recreation Centre. The camp's objectives include opportunities for our students to experience fun, adventure, exploration of the outdoors, attainment of skills in the outdoors and the development of teamwork amongst all. Many thanks to Leigh McDonald for his organisation of the camp and to the many staff who supported Leigh on the camp.

Yours in the community of St Brigid's College,

Peter Gutteridge
Principal



Parent-Teacher Interviews

End of Semester Reports and Parent Teacher Interviews

End of Semester reports will now be released on Friday December 4th at 5pm. We are hopeful that this gives enough time for the reports to be looked at and interviews booked if families wish.

We are opening up evening time slots on Tuesday December 7th from 5pm until 7.30pm for Parent Teacher Interviews for working families to be able to access the teachers they wish to see.

DR DELANY AWARDS

YEAR 11 & 12

Will McGenniken

Awarded for his commitment demonstrated in successfully completing his VCAL Intermediate Certificate.



YEAR 9 & 10

Kane Hallam

Awarded for his preparation and participation in the mock interviews.



YEAR 7 & 8

Lucy Avery

Awarded for her hard work and diligence during remote learning.



TAReport	Schedule Term 4
Week ending	Interviews this week
Week 7 Nov 20th	Yr 9
Week 8 Nov 27th	Catch up on Interviews
Week 9 Dec 4th	No interviews
Week 10 Dec 11th	No interviews

Weekly Career News

Topics this week include:

- Change of Preference online expo (Yr 12)
- Free and low cost TAFE courses (Yr 12)
- NSW and Canberra university early entry programs (Yr 10)
- Career websites
- Career articles on Fashion and Psychology
- The University of Melbourne – Fine Arts and Music
- Apprenticeships and Traineeships – information session
- Sport courses
- How you can increase the chances of gaining employment after completing a uni degree.



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SUN PROTECTION

Please note that all students must own a College hat and wear it at recess and lunch times. We urge parents to ensure that their children possess an approved hat or purchase one from Lowes in the Horsham Plaza.



STUDENT NEWS

PHOTOGRAPHY | Some of the images from our Year 10 photography students are currently on display in our STEAM Centre ground floor foyer. We are in awe of the creativity that our students have portrayed in their photos!

This series was taken by Year 10 student, Jakob Cook.



YEAR 7 IN 2021 | Transition Days
Our Grade 6 Transition Days for our 'Year 7 in 2021' enrolled students will be held in the coming weeks:

SMJ Horsham - Tuesday 1st December
Other Primary Schools - Wednesday 2nd December

Further information will be available soon through your schools Grade 6 teachers. We look forward to welcoming our new students to St B's!



YEAR 9 FOOTBALL | It was great to see the boys back out on the field running around playing football with their mates on Tuesday.

We started off with a win by defeating Horsham Lutheran with Jordy Keyte and Judd Wright playing blinders.

Our next two games we played against Horsham College who had some much bigger and stronger players. The boys tried hard all day and represented the school well.

Well done to Jordy Keyte for being awarded the medal for best player over the three games.



COVID-19 Parent and Carer Webinar | Supporting young people with mental health

We invite families to join this webinar hosted by your local headspace centre in partnership with headspace National and delivered by a Mental Health Education Consultant.

Information presented will:

- * Strengthen your understanding of mental health and mental health literacy.
- * Build skills and strategies to support the mental health and wellbeing of your young person, including their transition to work and study.
- * Build awareness of local, state and national supports available to young people.
- * Showcase local headspace centre community resources.

The webinar includes a presentation on mental health followed by a panel discussion with guest speakers.

YEAR 10 MOCK INTERVIEW PROGRAM

Congratulations to the Year 10 students who participated in our Mock Interviews on Tuesday. It was a fantastic learning opportunity! Each of the students will receive feedback from the panel member who interviewed them. This feedback can be used to improve their job seeking skills.

Thank you to the following panel members who volunteered their time to run the interviews. Your support is greatly appreciated.



PANEL MEMBERS:

WDEA: Alison Butler

MADEC: Dee Devlin

MAS Experience: Hamish Gawith

Fed Uni Skills & Job Centre: Denise Hanaphy

Skillinvest: Chris Barber & Simone Fagan

WASM LLEN: Vanessa O'Loughlin & Di Dent

The students who were unable to participate on Tuesday will have the opportunity to reschedule their interview. Students can contact Mrs Lannen if they would like to do this.

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