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NEWSLETTER

20th Sep 2019

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Third term holidays. An opportunity to recharge our bodies and minds as we overcome the colds and coughs experienced throughout third term.

VCE STUDENTS

We wish our Year 12 students well as they embark on a two

week "study vacation" in preparation for their final run home to examinations beginning on Wednesday, 30th October with the English examination. All students who are undertaking a Unit 3 & 4 sequence this year have the opportunity to either seek assistance from their teachers or sit a trial examination during the second week of the holidays. We thank John Lowes for his organisation of these trial examinations and the VCE staff for their support of our students.

TONY DALTON AND PARENT FEEDBACK

As mentioned in an earlier newsletter, St Brigid's has engaged the services of Tony Dalton, "Parent Engagement in Learning" Consultant to assist in improving the engagement of parents in the learning of their children. Tony has been working with our staff and identified the key differences between family involvement and family engagement. Through Tony's interactions with staff, we are now developing opportunities for much improved family engagement.

Tony also presented to both our School Advisory Council and our School Enhancement Advisory Committee outlining the key messages obtained from the parent forums held earlier this year.

The key messages and feedback from the forums include:

- Widespread appreciation of the value that school size adds in building strong relationships for learning and in the personalisation of communication and mutual support
- The Catholic identity of the school, the values in action and that the school lives up to its mission. "STBC practices what they preach (caring, social justice, community)"
- The Bright Spark Program and the engagement with primary school students has favourably influenced a number of enrolments that were doubtful.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Fri 13th Sep - Wed 2nd Oct
Japanese trip

Fri 20th Sep
Catholic Mission Fete Day

Last day of term- students dismissed at 2.25pm

Mon 7th Oct
Students return Term 4

Wed 9th - Fri 11th Oct
Yr 10 Retreat

- The Teacher Advisor concept and Vertical Home groups are highly valued and there is an expectation they are part of the future process of the school
- Parents want the school to be at its best and to be building a sustainable future for greater subject choices and support for VCE and VCAL students
- For St Brigid's to be at our best; forward looking, innovative with evidence based and research driven improvement
- Improve communications and build greater role clarity and consistency. 'All playing the same tune' relevant to all school life but was emphasised in relationship to Student Wellbeing processes
- The strongest and most overwhelming message is "Engage parents more in their children's learning"
- Strengthen the partnership with Ss Michael and John's Primary school
- Renew the schools transition program, processes and relationships with feeder schools - "sharpen up the school's outreach to new families"
- Promote the school in Horsham and in the wider community

As we now work through these key messages with Tony, we are determined to act on the above to make St Brigid's College the absolute best we can be for our students' learning.

FUNERAL CATERING

As part of our outreach with our Parish, we have been asked by the Parish Funeral Catering committee to seek out staff/parents who would be interested in helping this committee in any small way such as making a cake, slice or sandwiches, simply donating food or helping out on the day of the funeral. If you believe that you are able to assist this committee, please fill in the form, found later in this newsletter, and return to our Front Office staff. Every little assistance helps a grieving family in more ways than we think. This assistance would be on a rotational basis only. If you require any further information, please contact Anita at the Parish office on 53821155.

MISSION MASS

Whilst our annual Catholic Fete was postponed until next term, our celebration of our Mission Mass with Fr Peter clearly emphasised the reason why this school exists. It is in our service to others less fortunate than ourselves that epitomises the work and teachings of Jesus.

Given it was also a “footy colours” dress day, I was very pleased to see nearly all staff and students wearing Collingwood football jumpers!

All students will return on Monday, 7th October.

STEAM CENTRE

Our new STEAM centre is taking substantial shape and much work is to be completed over the holidays. Plastering of the groundfloor has all but finished and the new cabinetry has been installed. Plastering of the upstairs level will commence during the holidays. Whilst the centre is being built, our staff have been busy behind-the-scenes further developing their understanding of STEAM in state-of-the-art facilities at Ballarat Tech and will be receiving valuable professional development from such places as Monash University.

We are excited for what the future holds for St Brigid's College STEAM education and opportunities for our students.



TRANSITION DAYS

For the last three days we have welcomed our new Year 7 students from the Government Primary schools and Holy Trinity Lutheran and also the Grade 5 and 6 students from Ss Michael and John's for their orientation days. It was most pleasing to see these nervous young people settle into life at a Secondary school as the days progressed and now appear more comfortable in their new surrounds. Many thanks to Bettina Bird who has coordinated these days and all staff who assisted in providing wonderful experiences for our new students.

HATS

A reminder to all parents and students that it is a uniform requirement for Term 4 that all students must wear an approved hat when in the sun. St. Brigid's College approved hats are available from “LOWES” in the Plaza.

I would like to wish each and every family associated with St Brigid's College a safe and restful holiday.

Yours in the community of St Brigid's College,

Peter Gutteridge
Principal

On Thursday 19th September the Young Vinnies hosted their annual Vinnies Sleepout. 25 students and 5 staff attended as they enjoyed soup and sandwiches prepared by Vinnies members Pat and Leon. After the meal the students congregated in Room 1 for a talk and discussion about Homelessness. The students were told that the most vulnerable people to homelessness were teenagers and older people. Once the presentation was over everyone gathered their belongings and headed over to the College Stadium for the Sleepout. In the cold stadium everyone enjoyed a chance to talk, relax and prepare for the night ahead. After watching a film everyone settled into their sleeping bags, swags or portable mattresses. After a long, cold night everyone arose at 7.30am, packed up their belongings and walked over to the Foods Room for a hearty breakfast of bacon and eggs again prepared by Pat and Leon. The homeless experience enabled the students to gain a greater understanding of the challenges faced by people who aren't able to live in a stable environment. A big thank you goes to Miss Farnham, Mrs Van Dyk, Mrs Butler, Mr Lowes and Mr Butler for their encouragement and support.

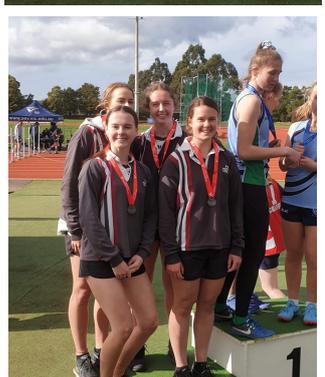
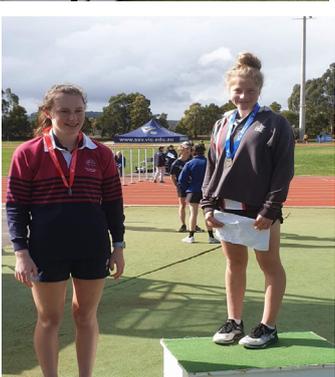


SPORTS NEWS

Results from Monday's Greater Western Athletics Carnival in Ballarat.

- Victoria Taylor 1st in Discus and Shot Put
- Kaleisha McKerron 2nd in 100m
- Joshua Dunn 2nd in Shot Put
- Daisy Sudholz 1st in 800m
- Kaleisha McKerron 1st in 200m
- Daisy Sudholz 1st in 1500m
- Kayla Kelm 1st in Triple Jump
- Under 17 Girls 2nd in Relay

Congratulations to everyone!



CANTEEN ROSTER

TIME: 9.00am - 11.15am

Mon 7th Oct Vernetta Taylor
 Tue 8th Oct Janine Schmidt
 Wed 9th Oct Theresa French
 Thu 10th Oct Sandie Simmons
 Fri 11th Oct Alison Butler

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

T.A. INTERVIEWS

TEACHER ADVISOR REPORT SCHEDULE TERM 3 2019

Week 10 20th Sep	No TA Interviews
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BLUE RIBBON AWARD |
 Congratulations to our Year 11 student, Georgia Pilgrim who was awarded the Horsham District Football Netball League, 17 & Under - 2019 Blue Ribbon Foundation Netballer, Player of the Year!
 Well done Georgia!



BREAD TAG COLLECTING | In case you were wondering, we are still collecting bread tags for Kirsten, a.k.a Crazy Breadtag Lady Wimmera, who is collecting bread tags from people across the Wimmera to help fund wheelchairs for people in need in South Africa. Bread Tags For Wheelchairs has been running since 2006.

Students are asked to participate in this worthwhile cause which has two benefits: recycling a product which cannot go into recycling and assisting people in need in South Africa. All you need to do is collect your bread tags, bring them to Homeroom and place them into the container provided. Let's see how many bread tags we can collect! This is just one breadbag full!



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.

A SONG ONLY I CAN HEAR

Introducing Rob Fitzgerald: thirteen years old and determined to impress the new girl at school, but it's a difficult task for a super-shy kid who is prone to panic attacks that include vomit, and genuine terror that can last all day. An anonymous texter is sending Rob challenges and they might just help. Or not.

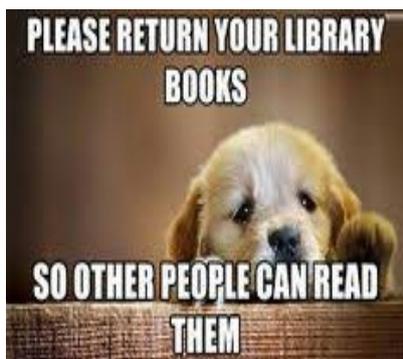
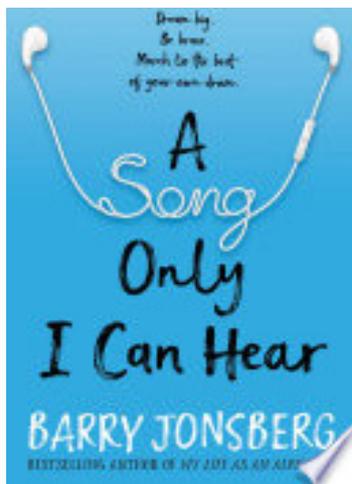
Beautifully moving and full of heart and humour, A Song Only I Can Hear is a delightful novel about dreaming big, being brave and marching to the beat of your own drum.

Recommend

Read

Rate

Reward



DR DELANY AWARDS

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

YEAR 11 & 12

Lachlan Downie

Awarded for his achievements in Hockey this season.



YEAR 9 & 10

Millie Jacobs

Awarded for her assistance and cooperation in Foods.



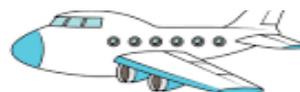
YEAR 7 & 8

Jasper James

Awarded for his exemplary behaviour and conduct in homeroom.



Happy
Holidays!





*Small School
Big Experiences*
JAPAN, SEPT 2019

Our group of students and staff over in Japan are having a ball, seeing the sights and sounds of Japan. We hope you are all having a great time experiencing the Japanese way of life!



Yr 7 2020 Transition Days! On Tuesday we welcomed students from the government primary schools and HTLC to come and experience a day in the life of secondary school in preparation for next year. On Wednesday and Thursday we welcomed SMJ Yr 5 & 6 students. It's a fantastic opportunity for students to get to know one another, meet teachers, get familiar with the school grounds and see what's in store for them. We are excited to see all these new and happy little faces and hope you all had a fantastic day!



FUNERAL CATERING

NAME: _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL: _____

I am willing to assist with the Funeral Catering in the following way:-

Please indicate what you would like to do:

- Making Sandwiches
- Making a Cake
- Making a Slice
- Helping by making phone calls for food
- Helping by assisting on the day

Give a donation of:

- 1kg of Sugar
- 1 Large Tin of Nescafe Coffee
- 1 Litre of Milk (Full cream and Lite)
- 1 packet of Serviettes
- 1 Small bottle of Cordial (Lemon or Orange)
- 1 Large Packet of Tea Bags for Pots
- 1 Large Packet of Tea Bags for Cups
- 1 Large Bottle of Tomato Sauce
- Please remove my name from the list.

Please return this form to the Parish Office, thank you.



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Drop in for a topic you're interested in
or...

Take on the

MASTERMINDFUL CHALLENGE

and collect each badge by completing every workshop!

Wednesdays
Fortnightly
4-6pm

- Mindfulness and Relaxation.....Sep 25**
 - Body Image and Accepting Myself.....Oct 09**
 - Mastering My Moods & Anxiety.....Oct 23**
 - Understanding My Anger.....Nov 06**
 - Communicating With Confidence.....Nov 20**
 - Problem-Solving Skills.....Dec 04**
- stay tuned for more!

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 **safeTALK**
Suicide Alertness for Everyone

Presented by Michelle Graeber (ARCVic CEO) and supported by Wimmera PCP

In this 3.5 hour workshop, you will learn how to become a suicide alert helper and be better prepared to:

- Notice and respond to situations in which thoughts of suicide may be present
- Apply basic TALK steps (Tell, Ask, Listen, & KeepSafe)
- Connect the person with thoughts of suicide to suicide first aid resources and further community resources

safeTALK is run by registered LivingWorks trainers and uses internationally standardized learning materials.

Date: Thursday 10th of October
Time: 1.30 to 4.30pm
Venue: 40 Bennett Rd, Horsham Vic. 3400
West Side Horsham Racecourse at the FUNCTION ROOM
COST: **FREE & BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL!**

For further information or to register contact the
ARCVic Office – 9830 0566 **OR**
email Raspal Khumra: rkhumra@arcvic.org.au



“Parenting Anxious Children” Community seminar

Presented by Michelle Graeber (ARCVic CEO) and supported by Wimmera PCP

Learning to cope with anxiety and fear is a normal part of a child’s development. Whilst it’s estimated that between 10 to 20 percent of children and adolescents will experience significant anxiety at some time, it is important to note that most cases are short lived. Recognizing and managing anxiety, as early as possible, enables children to gain knowledge, skills, confidence and a sense of power in managing their own worries.

The Anxiety Recovery Centre of Victoria presents, **“Parenting Anxious Children”**. This is a relaxed and informative seminar presented for your community which, is specifically designed to help educate and support parents who feel, that their school aged children maybe experiencing anxiety.

Topics to be covered include:

- Understanding anxiety and normal childhood development
- How personality and environment contribute
- The signs and symptoms in your children
- Types of anxiety disorders
- Methods and strategies to help support your children
- Tips on building resilience
- Where to go for more information/help

Date: Thursday 10th of October
Time: 6.30pm to 8.00pm
Venue: West Side Horsham Racecourse at the FUNCTION ROOM
COST: **FREE & BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**

For further information or to register contact the
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