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# NEWSLETTER

**22nd Nov 2019**

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear Parents/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!

### Kwong Lee Dow Scholarship

I am delighted to announce that Daniel Del Castillo (Yr 10) has been selected to be part of Melbourne University's Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholarship Program. Named in honour of the University's former Vice-Chancellor, Kwong Lee Dow, the program gives high achievers access to the university library, tailored Year 12 VCE subject lectures and use of a dedicated portal on the University of Melbourne website. Well done, Daniel.

### House Captains for 2020

I am pleased to announce the following students who will lead their Houses in 2020:

#### Clontarf:

House Captains – Kaleisha McKerron and Will Brennan  
Vice-Captains – Madeleine Arnel and Lachlan Downie

#### Kildare:

House Captains – Ella Janetski and Ben Severin  
Vice-Captains – Tahli Burford and Sam Cameron

#### Melleray:

House Captains – Chloe Kelm and Colby Ledger  
Vice-Captains – Georgia Consedine and Aidan O'Connor

### Graduation Masses

Today we, as a school, celebrate the graduation of our Year 12 students and acknowledge and thank these students for their leadership and efforts throughout their time at St Brigid's. The mass will commence at 1.00pm

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Mon 25th Nov - Fri 6th Dec**  
**Headstart - current Yr 10 and Yr 11 students**  
**Rustic Pathways trip to Fiji**

**Wed 4th Dec - Fri 6th Dec**  
**Yr 9 Outdoor Ed canoe trip**

**Fri 6th Dec**  
**School Achievement Assembly 12.20pm**  
**Yr 10 and Yr 11 finish classes**

**Tue 10th Dec**  
**Yr 7 2020 Orientation Day**

**Wed 11th Dec**  
**End of year Mass Yr 7-11 1.30pm**

**Thu 12th Dec**  
**Staff Inservice**

**Fri 13th Dec**  
**Staff conclude**

**Tue 17th Dec**  
**Office closes**

with our Years 7-11 students returning in time for dismissal at 3.25pm.

Our Years 7-11 students will celebrate their Graduation Mass on Wednesday, 11th December, commencing at 1.00pm. Whilst our Years 10 and 11 students are not attending school at this time, these students are invited to attend the Mass in recognition of their progression to being Senior students of our College. Once again, our Years 7-9 students will return in time for dismissal at 3.25pm.

# FROM THE PRINCIPAL

## Staff News

In 2020 we will welcome to St. Brigid's, two new staff: Miss Gabby O'Brien, a graduate teacher from Federation University who will be teaching Mathematics, Health and Physical Education.

Mr Jarred Crabtree, another graduate teacher from Federation University who will be teaching Outdoor Education, Health and Physical Education.

I am currently advertising for a part-time contract teacher in a combination of Woodwork, Art and Visual Communication & Design.

## Mobile Phone Policy 2020

St Brigid's College will be adopting the mobile phone reform mandated by the State Government for all Victorian Government Primary and Secondary schools. The following is an excerpt taken from the Media Release from the Minister for Education, the Hon James Merlino MP:

*Mobile phones will be banned for all students at Victorian state primary and secondary schools from Term 1 2020, to help reduce distraction, tackle cyber bullying and improve learning outcomes for students.*

*According to the latest research from Headspace, around 53 per cent of young Australians have experienced cyberbullying.*

*Teachers and parents also frequently raise concerns about the use of mobile phones during school hours as a cause of constant distraction in classrooms. Rolling out a state-wide policy will provide consistency and certainty for parents, students and school communities.*

*Students will be required to switch off their phones and store them securely in lockers from the start of the school day until the final bell. When emergencies occur, parents or guardians can reach their child by calling the school.*

*The only exceptions to the ban will be where students use phones to monitor health conditions, or where teachers instruct students to bring their phone for a particular classroom activity. At all other times phones must be in lockers.*

It is therefore essential that all students have a functional electronic device for 2020 that is not their mobile phone but a device which satisfies the St Brigid's College 2020 Electronic Device User Agreement. Copies of this agreement are available at the Front Office.

## Overseas Travel

Best wishes and safe travel to our students and staff member, Lesley Lannen as they journey overseas to Fiji to assist the Fijian people in a range of different activities. I commend the Year 12 students for pursuing this adventure

rather than "schoolies" activities. Good luck.

## Headstart

This has been a very busy time for the students and staff with our Year 12 students completing their external examinations and our Year 11 and Year 10 students undertaking their examinations. On Monday, 3rd December we begin the 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 2020 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 2020 to attend. Teachers will outline the required holiday homework that needs to be completed prior to their return in 2020.

**Yours in the community of St Brigid's College,**

**Peter Gutteridge**  
Principal

## CAREERS NEWS

- \* Love sport? Study a sports course with one of the following Football Clubs after school: Richmond, St Kilda or Carlton.
- \* Search university courses across Australia with the Course Seeker website
- \* Explore careers in the Australian Public Service
- \* Year 10 students - preparing for uni early entry programs in NSW and Canberra
- \* Apprenticeship websites
- \* 10 exciting careers working with animals
- \* Exciting STEM careers in Defence
- \* You don't have to go to university to get a great job in STEM
- \* Dates for your diary
- \* Australian Defence Force - work experience
- \* Learn about courses in arts, acting, film and Music at The University of Melbourne
- \* Focus article: increasing the chance of gaining graduate employment after university

**To view the full Careers News please visit [www.stbc.vic.edu.au](http://www.stbc.vic.edu.au)**

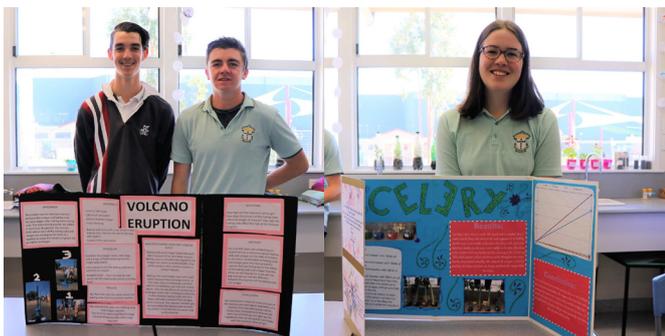
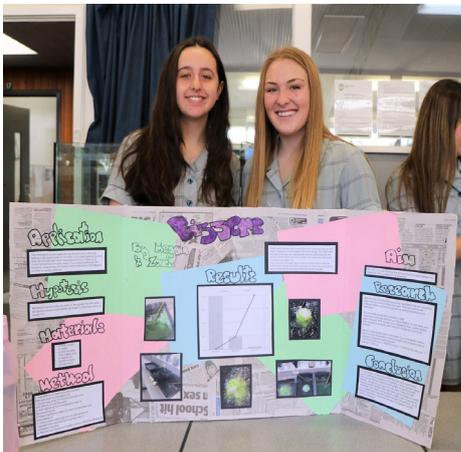
# COLLEGE NEWS

## Science Extravaganza

This week our Year 10 students shared their completed team projects at our Year 10 Science Extravaganza. Many teachers and students alike enjoyed learning about the Year 10's variety of experiments.

Well done to Mrs Leonforte and Mrs Rigas for guiding our students through this awesome project based learning and a huge thank you to Mrs Hobbs for all of her hard work in assisting the students in seeing your projects through to the end.

It was a great morning that showcased the wonderful science activities being explored at our College. Well done everyone!



## Mock Interviews

On Friday 15th November the Year 10 students participated in the Mock Interview Program. Students were required to select a job position that they could apply for now, submit a job application letter, tailored resume and complete a Checklist for Job Interviews. Students were involved in group interviews. The panel members included Nathan Martin (Axis Employment) Dee Devlin (MADEC), Hamish Gawith (MAS Experience), Chris Barber and Simone Gehrke (Skillinvest), Alison Butler (WDEA), Sam Flaherty and Di Dent (LLEN) and Denise Hanaphy-Shearer (Fed Uni Jobs and Skills Centre) We thank all panel members for supporting the program and for providing valuable feedback to Our students. Below are some photos taken on the day.



## CANTEEN ROSTER

TIME: 9.00am - 11.15am

Mon 25th Nov	Kendall Seater
Tue 26th Nov	Kylie Hermans
Wed 27th Nov	Josephine Johns
Thu 28th Nov	Sheena Kirby
Fri 29th Nov	Wendy Rowe
Mon 2nd Dec	Belinda Avery
Tue 3rd Dec	Mel Murray
Wed 4th Dec	Jess Sorell
Thu 5th Dec	Jenny Gaulke
Fri 6th Dec	Sue Ahern

## LIBRARY NEWS

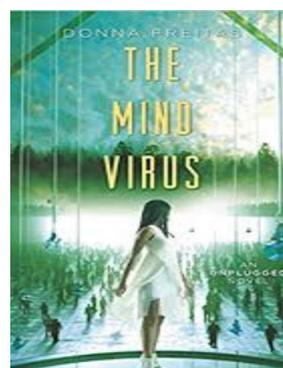


### THE WIRED SERIES Part 3 THE MIND VIRUS

*Skylar Cruz's heart is shattered. But even though everyone has betrayed her, Skylar was able to negotiate a way to open the door between the Real World and the App World. Now Skylar must help the people who left the virtual world behind as they become refugees in the Real World.*

*And for everyone who remained plugged in, a new danger has become evident. Their bodies are mysteriously dying, and it's because of events Skylar's sister, Jude, set in motion. A virus has been unleashed that could mean total extinction of the App World—and everyone in it.*

*Skylar and Jude must set aside their differences and work together if they are to defeat the mind virus before the App World fades away into oblivion.*



## ROAD TO ZERO

On Wednesday 13th November the year 9 Students participated in the Road to Zero Program. The program engaged the students through immersive digital technology to learn about road safety issues and consider how they can contribute to achieving the vision of zero lives lost on our roads. As part of the program the students, working in pairs, created a health campaign that focused on being either a pedestrian or bike reader. Road to Zero has been developed by TAC in partnership with Melbourne Museum.



# PARISH NEWS

Ss Michael and John Parish  
Parish Mission

With Fr Richard Leonard SJ



**November 23rd to November 27th 2019**

Updated biography

Richard Leonard is a Jesuit priest. He has degrees in arts and education, as well as a Master's degree in theology. Fr Richard did graduate studies at the London Film School and has a PhD from the University of Melbourne. He directs the Australian Catholic Office for Film & Broadcasting, is an Honorary Fellow of the Australian Catholic University; has been a visiting scholar within the School of Theatre, Film & Television at UCLA and a Visiting Professor at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome. He has served on juries at the Cannes, Venice, Berlin, Warsaw, Hong Kong, Montreal, Brisbane and Melbourne International Film Festivals and he has lectured on faith and culture all over the world. He has been published in America Magazine, Eureka Street, US Catholics, is regular columnist with The London Tablet and is a regular guest on ABC Radio. He is the author of ten books, among the titles are:

Where the Hell is God?

What does it all mean? A guide to being more faithful, hopeful and loving.

His most recent book: Hatch, Match & Dispatch: A Catholic Guide to Sacraments has just been released.

Living the Gospel of Joy

Pope Francis calls all the church to live our faith, hope and love with joy. This is not a supercilious joy that pretends that we don't have a care in the world. It is the assurance of a faith that calls us to go out to the world confidently because we know where we have come from, why we are here, and where we are going.

This parish retreat will explore the essential we need to go out with faith, hope and joy.

## **Monday November 25th**

After the morning Mass and 7.00 – 8.30pm

“Jesus Christ for us and with us right here, right now”

Without Christ there is no Christianity. As we witness to Christ, however, we need to make sure the Lord we proclaim not pious or fundamentalist? Let's explore how rich our tradition is in regard to Christ and how we are sent out as members of his family.

## **Tuesday November 26th**

After the morning Mass and 7.00 – 8.30pm

“Why bother Praying?”

I never thought I would ever write a book or give a workshop on prayer. The Lord knows that at this stage I am no mystic. But since writing “Where the hell is God?” I discovered that most Catholics, and many Christians, have an impoverished view of prayer: it is basically about asking for someone or something somewhere. This workshop will explore how our tradition is endlessly interesting in naming the context, images, types and styles of praying. Catholic Schools are meant to be prayerful places where we teach other how to pray, so we better get clear on how deep and rich Catholic prayer can be. (Based on book “Why Bother Praying?”)

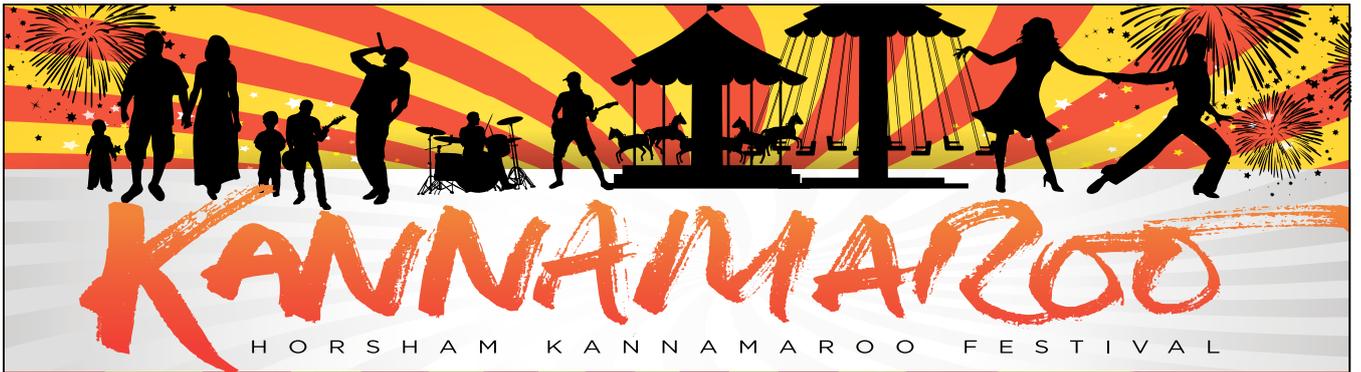
## **Wednesday November 27th**

After the morning Mass and 7.00 – 8.30pm

“What are we doing on earth for Christ's Sake?”

Going out to the world is not for the faint-hearted. These days many people think we are nuts for believing in the Father, Son and Spirit. How we hold and proclaim a sensible and joyous religious faith, and confidently impart it to our friends and neighbours, even in the face of serious, secular opposition? (based on my book of the same name)

# COMMUNITY NEWS



## NOVEMBER 29 TO DECEMBER 1

### Friday, November 29

Music and market stalls from 9am  
Sand Sculpting from 3.30pm  
Festivities from 6pm-10pm

- Bubble man, music, dance, singing, rides, market stalls, mascots and family-friendly activities

**In Firebrace St, Horsham**

### Saturday, November 30

**Sawyer Park** – 8am Park Run, jog, walk

Bridge to Bridge Skiing 10am – 5pm

**CBD** – 9am- noon Sand sculpting workshops  
Roberts Place

9am – 1pm Market stalls and buskers

11am – arrival of Salvo's Christmas Toy Run  
– Roberts Place

YMCA Monster inflatable pool party – noon to 3pm

### Sunday, December 1

**Sawyer Park**

Kannamaroo Gift, 9am at Dudley Cornell Park

Bridge to Bridge Skiing from 10am

Duck Race, 4pm on the river

Carols by Candlelight activities from 5.30pm

Carols Program from 7pm and closing with  
Fireworks

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## YEAR 12 GRADUATION YOUR FUTURE BEGINS TODAY



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