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NEWSLETTER

8th Dec 2020

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear Parents and Guardians,

And here we are at the final newsletter for 2020. No doubt in each and every St Brigid's household there is the appropriate sense of joy that comes with completion. I haven't completed a word count on the 2020 St Brigid's College correspondence yet, but it is with some relief and an enormous amount of pride that I

send this final whole school communication.

I congratulate all students on completing another year of education and I thank families and staff for your commitment to our College throughout this most challenging year. It is through the perseverance and commitment of all within our community that we were able to achieve so much this year and that the light of St Brigid's College continued to emanate out to all.

GRADUATING CLASS OF 2020

Tomorrow night we celebrate the graduation of our Year 12 students and, while there is a sense of completion, it is always tinged with sadness as we farewell a group of students who have been part of the life of St Brigid's for the past six years I thank all those who have worked so hard to bring this event together and congratulate the graduating class on their achievement.

A number of St Brigid's College students have secured apprenticeships or further training, some are pursuing passions in the area of their respective gifts, and some St Brigid's families are relocating. To those leaving us for different educational pathways or employment, we congratulate you on your courage and thank you for having been a part of the St Brigid's journey. To those families who we farewell with students finishing up or who are relocating, thank you for choosing St Brigid's and best wishes in life beyond.

ORIENTATION DAYS

Last week we welcomed our new Year 7 students for their orientation days. It was most pleasing to see these nervous young people settle in as their day progressed and now appear more comfortable in their new surrounds. We look forward to working with our students in 2021.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon 7th Dec - Fri 11th Dec

Yr 11 Street Retreat

Tue 8th Dec

Students conclude

Wed 9th Dec

Parent Teacher Interviews - student free day

Yr 12 Graduation Dinner

Fri 11th Dec

Staff conclude

Tue 15th Dec

Office closes 12.00pm

Wed 27th January 2021

Staff return

Fri 29th Jan

Students return

HEADSTART

I have admired the way that students and staff continue to embrace our HEADSTART program and I thank everyone for their hard work in preparation for 2021. The challenge to our senior students is to complete the necessary holiday work and be prepared for the new learnings in 2021.

YEAR 12 RESULTS

VCE results will be available to students who undertook a Unit 3/4 subject on Wednesday 30th December. Senior students will receive communication on the different means of obtaining their results. Given this is the school shutdown period, Lesley Lannen, Kate Farnham and I will be available at school if needed.

There were perplexing government announcements about VCAL last week; however, St Brigid's College will continue to keep the best outcomes for the young people of this community front and centre, and that can be seen in the wide variety of activities undertaken by the VCAL team. I congratulate our VCAL Coordinator, Lesley Lannen and all involved in the VCAL program on the variety of learning experiences throughout the year.

AND FINALLY.....

I wish to thank all of our students for their conduct and attitude towards their studies over the course of the year.

I also thank the hard working and dedicated staff of St Brigid's. You will have noted the many extra opportunities that are provided to our students by our staff who, time and time again, keep giving of themselves to support the students of our College. To all of our staff and students, you deserve a well-earned holiday.

At St Brigid's, we are very blessed to have students who value their education, teachers and staff who care for and support their students and their families, parents and friends who are actively interested in our school.

Thank you for being part of the St Brigid's College community in 2020, if this is your last association with our College – thank you for your contribution – if you are returning next year, enjoy family and holiday time together.

As we approach Christmas, able to celebrate together as families, we as a community should let our light shine. By working together this year; students, staff, families and friends of the College, we have remained connected and furthered the learning of our students. We are grateful for our relative safety and wellbeing here in Australia. The light of Christ has shone within our midst, and I, for one, will take time, with family, to offer gratitude through prayer and worship this Christmas. Thank you for your care and support of the St Brigid's College school community this year. God bless for the festive season and thank you for the gift of the daily presence of your amazing children.

Yours in the community of St Brigid's College,

Peter Gutteridge
Principal

Student Booklists 2021

Booklists are now available for 2021. These can be accessed via PAM. All booklists need to be submitted to Shelton and Lane by Friday 11th December. We will email to all families a copy of the second hand book list that can be on sold/purchased. For new students starting at St Brigid's next year, you will receive your PAM log in codes on Orientation Day. If you have any queries please call the Front Office on 5382 3545.



Parent-Teacher Interviews

We are opening up evening time slots on Tuesday December 8th from 5pm until 7.30pm for Parent Teacher Interviews for working families to be able to access the teachers they wish to see and then Wednesday 9th December for Zoom or parent phone calls. Bookings can be done via PAM.

We welcome Fr Richard Leonard for our Advent Parish Mission Saturday December 5th to Wednesday December 9th. Fr Richard will celebrate Mass on Wednesday at 9.30am, then a talk after Mass in the Church.

There will also be a talk at 7pm on Wednesday in SMJ Church.

There will be a Collection at this session. Fr Richard will develop

his Mission around these themes:

Advent - the season of preparedness and anticipation.

As a community we are re-gathering and re-connecting following COVID-19 restrictions. We are entering a time when "joy and gladness" can really come to the fore. It is a time for looking forward, not back.



Weekly Career News

Topics this week include:

- Change of preference expos (Year 12)
- Courses at Victoria University that don't require an ATAR for the 2021 intake (Year 12)
- Find a job
- Competition – win a STEM pack
- Get savvy about your finances
- Advertising and media – career articles
- Study in the United States
- Looking for an apprenticeship?
- Upcoming virtual career events (gaming and animation, engineering, design)
- Victoria Police Force careers



STUDENT NEWS

LET'S CELEBRATE WITH CAKE | Food Studies provides students with opportunities to further extend and develop their food preparation and presentation skills, building on the students' understanding of the design process.

The 'Let's Celebrate with Cake' task is always a favourite and decorating with a Christmas theme was a fun end of year activity



SPORT | It was perfect weather on Thursday as some of our Year 7 and 8 students returned to the netball courts and footy field for their Interschool Sports. All our teams played well together and showed great camaraderie and school spirit.

Year 7 Girls Netball Team - 3rd place

Year 8 Girls A Team - 1st place

Year 8 Girls B Team - TBA

Football 'Player of the Match' was Mitchell Clarke.

Unfortunately the boys football team didn't come away with a win but nevertheless, enjoyed participating in sport, together again. Well done everyone!



Year 8 Textile students worked extra hard to start and finish either a unique Ugly Doll or Dressing Gown in only a few weeks,



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