



St Brigid's Catholic School

Newsletter 2 - 27th February 2020

I am sacred.

My life is pretty good at present but that doesn't stop me bashing myself up about the failures around and within me: the messy house, the people I have failed to contact, the garden fast becoming a jungle, being overweight – the list goes on. And that is just the things I am prepared to share about in a column like this, not my real personal failures.

So yesterday at Mass, I was struck by the reading from Paul where he states and states clearly that we are temples of God and therefore sacred. Me, sacred! Yes, I've heard it before but yesterday I was surprised by how radical it was. So, I took it on board and through the day affirmed my sacredness. I didn't have to prove it, as it was something given to me just by being brought into existence. The world changed. The good in my life came to the fore and the negatives could be faced more realistically. I was more compassionate towards others...and was even able to enjoy that I had cleaned the laundry, done my mending and nearly all the ironing the day before. I could rejoice in the small successes.

Lent is an invitation to grow in life and love. So, for this Lent, I am taking up affirming of the Sacredness of my life. Forty days of saying, I am sacred, I am holy and that God is present in me and my life.

Loving God, as I enter into Lent, give me the wisdom of your Spirit to see how your love is at work in me and in all whom I love, making us holy, making us sacred. I ask this in Jesus' name confident that you will hear me.

Sr Kym Harris osb

Principal Awards - 17/02/2020

Ellah Braslin, Honey Gregs, Madeline Donaghy, Holly Vagg, Kaden Maw,
Travis Duggan, Gracy Carver, Ella Jones



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Dear Parents,

Yesterday we gathered together for Ash Wednesday, which marks the start of the Lenten period. A four week time where we prepare for Easter. A time to give thanks and to think of others. During this time we are challenging the students to be better people and to share their gifts and talents with others, not just giving something up as we did in the past. Early next week the children will bring their Project Compassion boxes home. Fr Jaison challenged the students at the Mass to give something up (eg. chocolate) and the money they would spend on the chocolate would go into the Project Compassion Box to help those that are less fortunate than ourselves.

At the Mass we also said a prayer for Archie Green and his family, a Grade 2 student at Corpus Christi Catholic School in Bellerive who died on Monday night from injuries sustained in a boating accident at Orford on the weekend. Please keep Archie and his family and the Corpus Christi School Community in your thoughts and prayers.

During the school holidays Miss Fry travelled home to Canada to support her sister who she was having major heart surgery. Unfortunately Tammy had severe complications after the surgery and died in hospital. Please keep Miss Fry in your prayers and thoughts.

Kinder 2021

We have opened our enrolments for our 2021 Kinder class. If you have a child that is turning 5 in 2021, please contact the school office for the enrolment package. It is crucial that we know how many existing families we have before places are offered to new families.

Well Being Team

I am very excited that in 2020 we have an extensive Wellbeing Team at St Brigid's to look after the social and emotional needs of all our students. These include our School Chaplain – Sr Carmel Hinkley, School Counsellor – Claire Johnston, School Psychologist – Robyn Evans and a Speech Pathologist – Felicity Laurence. Our new Student Support Coordinator, Mrs Claire Whitehead is leading up this team of experienced professionals. These positions in a small Catholic school would have only been a dream a few years ago. If you have any concerns about your child and may wish to speak to one of the above people, your first point of contact is your child's class teacher. Please note that our Speech Pathologist won't be seeing individual students. Felicity will be working in classrooms alongside our staff building their capacity, but also working with groups of students to improve their conversation and language skills.

Support in Classrooms

We are also very fortunate this year to extend the support we are placing into classrooms. Each of our classrooms have a full time teacher assistant with some classes having more depending on class numbers and the level of need. We are very fortunate to have a number of very experienced and quality teacher assistants who work alongside our teaching team.

Grade 7 Enrolments 2022

It has become policy the last few years that our Catholic Secondary Colleges start their enrolments for Grade 7 when our students are in Grade 5. All our Grade 5 families should be making contact with our Colleges and be aware of upcoming open days and information sessions. We will publish any dates in the newsletter and share their pages on our Facebook site. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Grade 5/6 Camp

Our Grade 5/6 Team are heading to the Huon Valley next week for their camp. Thank you to the parents that have quickly completed all the paperwork at the beginning of the year. It promise to be a great 3 days of activities and learning. Thank you to the staff that are giving up their time to support the students.

Grade 6 Leaders

After our Ash Wednesday Mass we had a short ceremony to induct our 2020 School Leaders. Thank you to Fr Jaison for his assistance. Congratulations to the following Grade 6 students:

School Captains:	Mia Berry & Henry Chapman
Speaker of the House:	Millie Ackerley
Murphy House Captain:	Kodi Quarrell
Murphy House Vice-Captain:	Jayarna Jordan
Presentation House Captains:	Lee Cantrell & Lucas Pursell
Nagle House Captain:	Billy Tomlin
Nagle House Vice-Captain:	Mia Morgan

Set Up For Success (Puggles Play)

Our Set Up for Success Program has started very positively with families enjoying the gathering every Friday morning from 9.30am to 11am. The sessions are open to any families in the school and local communities. Thank you to Mrs Byrne who facilitates our sessions.

Welcome BBQ

Thank you to the families that supported the Welcome BBQ last Friday afternoon. It was a beautiful sunny afternoon and the families that came enjoyed the activities and BBQ. Thank you to Mr Blizzard for cooking the BBQ.

Staff News

Mrs Janine Higgins is on Long Service Leave for the next three weeks. A well deserved break for Janine. Mrs Deb Ackerly will be in the School Office on Monday, Thursday and Fridays assisting while Janine is away. Deb is well known in our community and was a staff member at St Brigid's a few years ago.

Compass

Thank you to the families that have signed up to our new communication platform – COMPASS. I encourage all parents to sign up or ask for assistance if they are having any difficulties. This will become our main form of communication. We will be 'pushing out' Parent/Teacher information and appointment schedules on Compass in the next few days. We are drawing the \$150 Woolies voucher at the end of February, every family that has signed up is a chance to win!!

Parent/Teacher meetings will be held on Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th March. There will be afternoon (3.15pm – 5.30pm) and evening appointments (6pm – 7.15pm) on both nights. These are for students in Prep to Grade 6. Once the link is sent on Compass it is a 'first in, first served' basis.

Hamilton Show

For a number of years the staff and parents at St Brigid's have run the animal nursery at the Hamilton Show. This year the show is on Saturday 7th March. If you are able to assist and give an hour of your time and assist the school, can you please inform the school office asap.

Have a great week!.



Stuart Kelly

Principal

2021 Enrolment

2021 Kinder enrolments are now being accepted. Please ensure that your friends and family know. Positions are filling quickly.
Applications close Friday 1st May 2020.



Fortnightly Subway lunches will commence at St Brigid's on Thursday 12th March 2020.

Order envelopes will be sent home on Monday 9th March to be completed and returned to the school office with the correct money by 10.00am Wednesday morning.

If you do not require an order, please return the unused envelope to the office.

Term Dates 2020

Term One	Commences Thursday 6th February Concludes Friday 9th April
Term Two	Commences Monday 27th April Concludes Friday 3rd July
Term Three	Commences Monday 20th July Concludes Friday 25th September
Term Four	Commences Monday 12th October Concludes Wednesday 17th December

Easter 2020

Good Friday - 10th April
Easter Saturday - 11th April
Easter Sunday - 12th April
Easter Monday - 13th April
Easter Tuesday - 14th April

Anzac Day

Sunday 25th April



Term Dates 2021

Term One:

Monday 1 February 2021
Thursday 1 April 2021

Term Two:

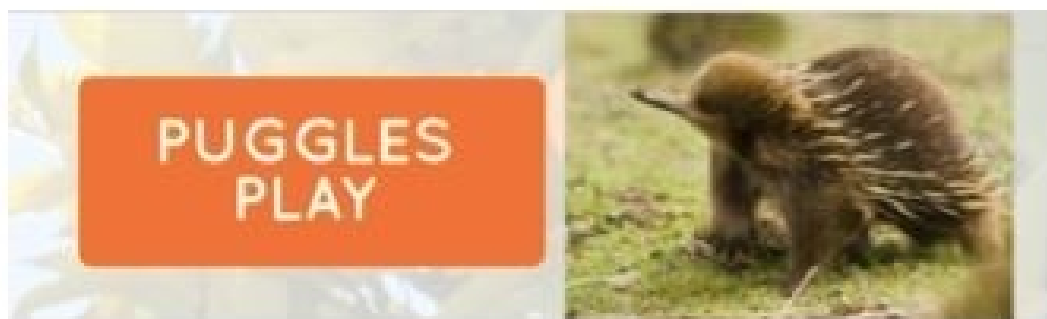
Monday 26 April 2021
Friday 2 July 2021

Term Three:

Monday 20 July 2021
Friday 24 September 2021

Term Four:

Monday 11 October 2021
Thursday 16 December 2021



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Invite families with children from birth to 5 years to join us for our Puggles Play sessions.

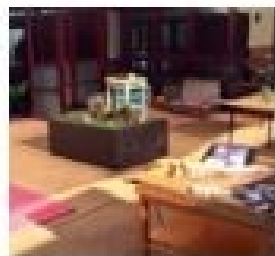
Fridays. 9:30-11am

In our Kindergarten room

Come along, join the fun, and share the joy of learning together with your child.

For more information please contact our office on 62611778

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MARCH 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5 Gr 3 Molesworth	6 Puggle Play 9.30 - 11.00am	7
8	9 Public Holiday	10	11	12 Gr 2 Molesworth	13 Puggle Play 9.30 - 11.00am	14
15	16	17 Gr 1 Molesworth	18	19 Prep Molesworth	20 Puggle Play 9.30 - 11.00am	21
22	23	24 Gr 6 Molesworth	25	26	27 Puggle Play 9.30 - 11.00am.	28
29	30	31				

UNIFORM SHOP

Opening Hours 2020:

Every Wednesday 8.30am - 10.30am .



Virgil's College Senior School Open Day– Austins Ferry campus, Thursday March 12 from 9.00 am to 5pm for guided tours. Come and experience Grade 7 to 10 students at work and play during an interactive tour of the College. Meet staff and students and learn about the amazing learning opportunities available to you at Virgil's College and our exciting plans for Grade 11&12 from 2023.

Grade 7 enrolments for 2022 (current G7) are available at other secondary grade levels.

Term 3 2020. Vacancies may

Opportunities are available to tour the College from 9am-10.30am on Friday May 22 and Friday June 19.

Tours will be



SATURDAY 7 MARCH 2020



GATES OPEN 8AM - 4PM

**@ HAMILTON RECREATION GROUNDS
5595 LYELL HIGHWAY, HAMILTON, TAS, 7140.**

TICKETS: FAMILY \$17 - ADULT \$8 - CHILD \$2

CASH SALES AT THE GATE

Website: <https://hamiltonshowtasmania.com>

Email: hamiltonagshow@hotmail.com

A great day out for everyone!





Glenora District High Junior and Master Blaster Pop Up Program

A taster of the Junior and Master Blaster programs.

A 4-week program for kids aged 5-11.

Participants build their skills through fun, game-based activities and T20 games.

- *Learn new skills including catching, throwing and teamwork*
- *Make new friends or organise a group to learn together*
- *All equipment supplied, parents join in the fun*

Program Details:

When: Sunday Mornings 9.00am – 10.00am

Where: Glenora District High School

Start Date: 1st March

End Date: 22nd March

Price: \$30

Participants receive a pack, which includes:

- Draw string bag
- Drink bottle
- Ball

Register at: **www.playcricket.com.au**





NMFC & RECLINK SUPERCLINIC

**Come join NMFC players for an action packed
super clinic in the Derwent Valley**

**BOYER OVAL
TUESDAY, MARCH 10 AT 3.30pm**

