



# ***St Brigid's Catholic School***

## ***Newsletter 1 - 13th February 2020***

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2020 school year! I hope all families had a relaxing and enjoyable Christmas and New Year period. We have all been shocked by the devastating fires that have unfortunately impacted on so many of our fellow Australians. These fires in some areas have been followed by recent floods. It has been positive to see the country rally to support these areas and I am sure our community might be able to contribute in some capacity whether as a school or the wider Derwent Valley Community.

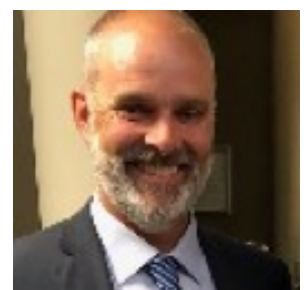
I would like to welcome all new students and their families to St Brigid's. We had a number of new students commence last Thursday and it was encouraging to see the warm welcome they received from their classmates. Special mention to our 24 new Kindergarten students that came together for the first time today. Thanks to Ms Byrne and Mrs Ackerly for ensuring the Kinders have had such a great start to their schooling.

Welcome to Mrs Claire Whitehead and Miss Jessica Kelly. Miss Kelly is our new Deputy Principal and Mrs Whitehead is the Learning Support Coordinator. We are very fortunate to have two experienced and qualified leaders join our staff team.

We also welcomed Mrs Tricia Nichols to our staff team. Tricia is working on Monday in Grade 1 but for the first 5 weeks will be teaching two days a week in Grade 6 (Mon & Tues) with Mrs Jade Johnston (Wed, Thurs & Fri). Tricia and Jade have kindly helped us at very short notice when Miss Jolene Fry had to fly home to Canada to support a very unwell close relative. Mrs Pat Green is teaching in Grade 1 on Mondays until Mrs Nichols returns in week 6 of this term.



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## **Beginning of Year BBQ**



Next Friday the 21st of February we will be having a BBQ at school to celebrate the start of our school year. Classrooms will be open from 4.30pm so families can wonder around and meet teachers and visit their child's learning environment. At 5.30pm there will be a BBQ for families and staff. I would encourage families to drop in and enjoy a relaxing afternoon. A notice will be going home in due course for catering purposes.

## **Compass**

We are officially live on our new online school management system. Compass will eventually be a very effective tool for communication between school and home. We will be phasing out some of the other Apps and online tools that we use. It is crucial that families sign up for Compass. Mrs Ryan sent a note home last week reminding families of the process and even offering a 'prize (\$150 Woolworths Voucher)' that will be drawn out of a hat for the families that have registered by 29th February. If you are having any issues, please contact the school office.

## **Parent/Teacher Goal Setting Meetings**

We will be holding compulsory Parent Teacher meetings on Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th March for all students from Prep to Grade 6. These meetings are an opportunity for parents and teachers to meet and discuss how your child/ren have settled in and look at areas that they need to develop and improve (goal setting). The link to the booking site will be set home in the next few weeks. The times are 'first in, first served'.

## **Contacting Teachers**

Just a reminder that if you have an issue or a grievance you should initially contact your child's class teacher. If the issue isn't resolved then Miss Kelly or myself will become involved. These steps are in our 'School Grievance Policy' and are important steps to ensure all issues can be sorted in a respectful and confidential manner. I would also suggest that if it is an important issue that you make a face to face appointment with your child's teacher.

## **Uniform**

Grade 3 - 6 students can wear their sports uniform to school on a Thursday when they participate in PE and Drama. If your child is out of school uniform a note should be written in your child's diary. All students from Grades 3-6 (Gr 3s will get theirs shortly) have school diaries that are a perfect way to contact your child's teacher. All students need to have a school hat for any outside activities and play this term. Children that don't have a hat for play times are to play in a shaded area. Grade 3 - 6 students need to be in the appropriate footwear with their formal uniform. Leather lace up shoes and leather boots are acceptable. Students should also be in the correct socks.

## School Swimming Carnival

Just a 'heads up' that our 2020 Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday 13th March at the New Norfolk Pool. All Prep to Grade 6 students participate in the carnival.



Mr Stuart Kelly

**PRINCIPAL**

### ***The Hope of Change***

*Beginnings! They offer the hope of change. Now that the rush of organizing the new school year is over, pause before the new year's rhythm sets in. "What do you want?" Jesus asked this question of his first disciples and it is a good one to let him ask us? "What do you hope for yourself in this coming year? What do you hope for your children?" Of course you want good things but they don't come about by drifting. Real change needs a decision, some practical planning and the belief that God is on our side.*

*At times, our lives can be messy, confused and difficult and we can feel that God is remote or has abandoned us. But maybe our expectations for change may be unrealistic. God does not act like a fairy godmother using magic to take away our challenges but rather works through our situations with us. That is why it is important for us to think, to dream, to hope for change. When we are clearer about what we want, we can give God the room to move in our lives.*

*Loving God, your desire for us is the fullness of love and life. As we begin this year, may we hear Jesus ask us "What do you want?". Give us the wisdom of your Spirit as we sift the desires of our hearts. May the Spirit strengthen and guide us to changes. We ask this in Jesus name, confident that you will hear us.*

**Sr Kym Harris OSB**



## **2020 SACRAMENTAL PARENT INFORMATION EVENING**

***Wednesday 4th March commencing at 6.00pm***

*St Peter's Presbytery Hill Street New Norfolk.*

*For all parents of eligible children who are ready to enter the program  
are most welcome to attend.*

# 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 27th February 2020.**

Order envelopes will be sent home on Monday 24th February 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

<b>Term One</b>	Commences Thursday 6th February Concludes Friday 9th April
<b>Term Two</b>	Commences Monday 27th April Concludes Friday 3rd July
<b>Term Three</b>	Commences Monday 20th July Concludes Friday 25th September
<b>Term Four</b>	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

## A Big Thankyou to St Brigid's

On the recent sudden passing of Caleb Duckett's mother. We would like to thank St Brigid's Catholic School for their compassion, care and understanding shown to us during this sad time. A very special thank you to Mrs Ford, Mrs Denholm, Sr Carmel Hinkley and Mrs Ashlin for their care and home visits, also to Caleb's classmates for their care, compassion and beautiful cards.

Please accept our sincere thank you to all.

Carol and Ken Cruise.





## St Brigid's Catholic School

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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## BUSHY PARK SHOW

**This Saturday 15th  
February 2020.**

**Come along and join in  
on the fun for our 146th  
show.**



# HAMILTON & SHOW

## 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](mailto:hamiltonagshow@hotmail.com)

A great day out for everyone!

# FEBRUARY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7 Puggle Play 9.30 - 11.00am	8
9	10 <b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b>	11	12	13	14 Puggle Play 9.30 - 11.00am	15 <b>Bushy Park show</b>
16	17 Winter uniform orders due	18	19	20	21 Puggle Play 9.30 - 11.00am. Beginning of year BBQ 4.30pm	22
23	24	25 Gr 5 Molesworth	26 Subway lunch orders due	27 Gr 4 Molesworth Subway Lunch.	28 Puggle Play 9.30 - 11.00am	29

## UNIFORM SHOP

Opening Hours 2020:

Every Wednesday 8.30am - 10.30am .



Winter Uniform orders are due to the office, no later than Monday 17th February 2020.



## 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:** 1<sup>st</sup> March

**End Date:** 22<sup>nd</sup> March

**Price:** \$30

*Participants receive a pack, which includes:*

- Draw string bag*
- Drink bottle*
- Ball*

Register at: [www.playercricket.com.au](http://www.playercricket.com.au)

