



**ST. BRIGID'S
COLLEGE**

16th February 2024

Dear Parents, Staff, Friends and Students of St Brigid's College,

Join us in our 40 Day Challenge to be the kindest people on earth!



The first public sign of Lent is the soft grey smudge on our forehead. Our students and staff gathered in the gymnasium on Wednesday morning for a Liturgy to kick start this 40-day period of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. The period of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and concludes on Good Friday.

Lent is a time for slowing down and reflecting on how we can be better followers of Jesus. This year during Lent, our focus at St Brigid's is on kindness. Kindness to others, ourselves and to our earth.

Our foreheads were marked with a cross of ash on Ash Wednesday as a reminder that we are from the dust of the earth.

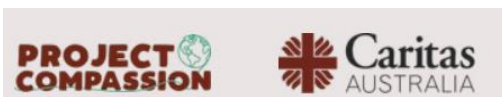
Shrove Tuesday is the day prior to Ash Wednesday when Christians around the world enjoy a pancake or two. Historically, it was the day when left over milk and butter was used up in preparation for Lent. We, of course, do not do that now, however the pancakes are a reminder of the approaching season of sacrifice.

Parent Information Evenings

Thanks to all parents who attended our Parent Information Night last Monday and Tuesday, the 12th and 13th February.

Slide decks from these presentations will be available shortly.

Launch of Project Compassion, Caritas Australia



The College hosted the annual Launch of Project Compassion last Tuesday morning, live streaming to over 60 Catholic schools in Western Australia. A very big thanks to our Head of Faith and Mission, Mr Adrian Martino for coordinating this event.

Caritas Australia is the beneficiary of our fundraising at St Brigid's College this term.



THANK YOU
for joining us!

Primary and Secondary Clubs

Students across the College are encouraged to participate in co-curricular activities. A full list of clubs and activities available to our primary students is attached to this newsletter. If you require more details, please do not hesitate to contact our Deans at the following email addresses:

Padua.Christine@stbrigids.wa.edu.au Kindergarten to Year 2

Brunt.Catherine@stbrigids.wa.edu.au Years 3 to 6

Let's Celebrate our Children

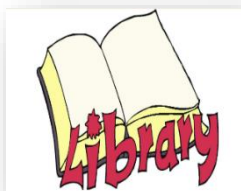
This week, the following primary students received Merit Awards and, as a community, we congratulate them for their efforts:



PP Gold	Isla Mazzotti	PP Green	Luca Letari
1 Gold	Mollie Horton	2 Green	Isabella Goodall
3 Gold	William Bowes Hudson Broderick	3 Green	Wynter Miller
4 Gold	Aubree Ford Abigail Herbert-Drake Stirling Tuffin	4 Green	London Bolger Thomas Fentiman
5 Gold	Clara Wicksey Isla Woolcock		
6 Gold	Blake Roberts Sienna Willis	6 Green	Henry Herbert-Drake Madison Schmidberger



College Library



The College Library is open every afternoon for students in Years 6 to 12 from 3:30pm to 5pm. Students are required to sign in on arrival and sign out on departure. For further details contact Ms Hemmings at hemmings.harriet@stbrigids.wa.edu.au

Swimming Carnival (Years 7 to 12)

This year's Secondary Interhouse Swimming Carnival is being held on **Tuesday, 20th February** in the Sr Mary Rose Indoor Pool and Fitness Centre. We have returned to the 'two-carnival system' to accommodate the increased student numbers.

Students are required to be in attendance for the full day. Students signing in late, or leaving early, is not within the spirit of St Brigid's College. Students are expected to be at the College for the full day.

All students are required to wear their College Sports uniform (House Shirt) on Tuesday. Students who swim during Period 4 are encouraged to change into their bathers at school. Students who swim at 9.00a.m. are encouraged to wear their bathers underneath their sports uniform.

The Carnival's structure will be as follows:

Years 8, 9 and 10 (Periods 1 to 3)

- 9:00am to 12:00pm

Year 7, Years 11/12 (Periods 4 to 6)

- 12.30p.m. to 3.20p.m.
- Students will have an early lunch at 12.00p.m. before heading to the Pool for a 12.30p.m. start time.
- The Café will be open for students to access orders and make purchases.



Key information on the day:

- Fruit will be provided via Parent Forum
- Boarding Students will be provided with a packed lunch.
- Parents and Friends of St Brigid's College are welcome to attend and cheer our swimmers on!

Should you have any queries, please contact Mr Pietroniro: pietroniro.christopher@stbrigids.wa.edu.au

NAPLAN Update for Families with children in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9



Below are listed the scheduled testing sessions, as per the College calendar for your reference. It would be appreciated if all non-urgent appointments are not scheduled at the same time as NAPLAN sessions. Please note that the writing assessment only is conducted on two days and students unable to sit on the 13th or 14th March (catch-up session) will not have further opportunities. For all other testing, a further testing date will be scheduled for absent students once NAPLAN has commenced.

Class teachers will facilitate a practice assessment on one of the scheduled dates below. For students who are absent or who would like additional practice, tests are available to access at <https://nap.edu.au/naplan/public-demonstration-site>

A reminder that all students need headphones that have a cord to plug into the machines. Air pods etc cannot be used for NAPLAN.

DATE	PERIOD	CLASS GROUPING	TEST
Monday, 26 th February	5 and 6	Year 9	PRACTICE
Thursday, 29 th February	3 and 4	Year 7	PRACTICE
Tuesday, 5 th March	1 and 2	Year 5	PRACTICE
Tuesday, 5 th March	3 and 4	Year 3	PRACTICE

Wednesday, 13 th March	1 and 2	Year 7	WRITING
Wednesday, 13 th March	3 and 4	Year 9	WRITING

Wednesday, 13 th March	5 and 6	Year 3	WRITING
Wednesday, 13 th March	5 and 6	Year 5	WRITING

Thursday, 14 th March	1 and 2	Year 9	READING
Thursday, 14 th March	1 and 2	Year 9	READING
Thursday, 14 th March	3 and 4	Year 7	READING

Friday, 16 th March	1 and 2	Year 7	LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS
Friday, 16 th March	3 and 4	Year 3	READING
Friday, 16 th March	3 and 4	Year 5	READING

Monday, 18 th March	1 and 2	Year 7	NUMERACY
Monday, 18 th March	5 and 6	Year 9	LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS

Tuesday, 19 th March	1 and 2	Year 9	NUMERACY
Tuesday, 19 th March	3 and 4	Year 3	LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS
Tuesday, 19 th March	3 and 4	Year 5	LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS

Wednesday, 20 th March	3 and 4	Year 3	NUMERACY
Wednesday, 20 th March	3 and 4	Year 5	NUMERACY

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Walsh, the Director of Academics, at walsh.janine@stbrigids.wa.edu.au

iPad and Apple MacBook Leasing Costs

The distribution of leased devices across the College is complete. Please see a grid outlining the three-year leasing costs to families currently in Years 1, 4, 7 and 10. In 2025, this will impact families who have children entering these Year levels.

Device	1 st Year of Lease	2 nd Year of Lease	3 rd Year of Lease
iPad	\$529	\$425	\$370
Laptop	\$831	\$645	\$475

Please note these fees are estimates only and subject to subscription and inflationary cost movement.

Parent Forum Welcome Picnic – Sunday, 25th February

The Parent Forum Committee is holding a **Welcome Picnic** in our beautiful grounds surrounding the Mercy Heritage Cottage (next to the main carpark) on **Sunday, 25th February 2024** between 4.00p.m. and 6.00p.m.

We will have some games and raffles, but more importantly, the Welcome Picnic presents an opportunity for you to spend some time with your children, and to meet other members of our wonderful College community.



Please register your interest on via the following TryBooking link: <https://www.trybooking.com/CPIIT> as we really look forward to having you join us.

At St Brigid's College, parents automatically become members of the Parent Forum. The Parent Forum provides opportunities for parents to support and enjoy the College through involvement in a wide range of activities. The Parent Forum also organises events for the wider College community.

Underpinning the Parent Forum are our Parent Class Representatives, who work closely with the teachers of their particular year groups and assist in communicating with Parents when necessary.

Joining in the varied activities of the Parent Forum enhances the learning experience for both students and parents by providing opportunities for parents to participate in the community life of the College.

Please refer any queries to our President, Tracy Gall, on 0411 042 338.

Driving and Parking around St Brigid's College

Please be vigilant when driving around the Campus. As a community, we all have a duty to care for each other, to follow the road rules and act responsibly. I am continuing to work with the City of Kalamunda for the improvement of the design and use of the Catherine Place and Glen Road areas.



The following times should enable families to collect their children efficiently. Parents of students in Years 1 to 12 arriving too early at the College create congestion as they do not allow parents of the children in the Early Years to access parking. Please be mindful that our older students can wait to be collected from the College.

Dismissal times are as follows:

Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten	3.00p.m.
Year 1 to 6	3.15p.m.
Years 7 to 12	3.20p.m.

The staggered finish times are designed to alleviate traffic congestion. If you have children across the Year Levels, encourage them to wait under the trees near the main entrance in the afternoon, and arrive a little later.

The City of Kalamunda Rangers are friends of St Brigid's College and they are working hard to keep our community safe. Please follow the signage and rules regarding parking restrictions.

If you have any ideas to support the traffic flow across the College, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Uniform and Grooming

The College maintains high standards regarding the wearing of our uniform. Staff will outline these expectations during our Information Evenings. Your ongoing support is appreciated.

Requests for Extended Leave

All requests for extended leave, whether they be for a student in the primary or secondary school, **must be made in writing to the College Principal at least three weeks, where practicable, prior to the intended absence.** An absence is a period of time that is three or more school days in duration. A copy of the Extended Leave Policy may be downloaded from the College website: <https://sbcl.wa.edu.au/policies/>.

Right to Disconnect

To assist us in enabling our teachers to disconnect from work and technology at the end of their working days, there is no expectation that they will respond to calls, emails, texts or other communications outside of school hours.

2025 Academic Scholarships

St Brigid's College awards Scholarships for entry to Years 7 and 10 with the intention of assisting students to maximize their potential. Applications for our 2025 Scholarship Program will open on Monday, 11th March 2024 at which time an Information Sheet and Application Form will be available for download from the College's website. Please note that applications will close at 4.00p.m. on Thursday, 28th March 2024. Examinations will be held on Monday, 15th April 2024.

In conclusion, I have attached a copy of our flyer, 'This Week at the College' that will provide you with an overview of events for the second week of Term 1. I hope you enjoy these snippets of life at the College.

Kind regards,



Veronica Parker
Principal

Attachments

The St Brigid's College community acknowledges the Whadjuk people of the Noongar nation, the traditional owners who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.



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Primary Clubs 2024

**Robotics
Tuesday
3:30pm to 4:30pm**

**Gardening
Tuesday
8:45am - 8:30am**

**Speech & Drama
Tuesday
3:30pm - 4:15pm**

**Mathematics Club
Wednesday
7:45am - 8:30am**

**Running Club
Thursday
3:30pm - 4:15pm**

**Crochet Club
Friday
7:45am - 8:30am**

**Choir
(various groups)
Mon, Wed, Thurs
7:45am - 8:30am**

**Ignite Dance
Troupe
Rehearsals TBC**

**Art Club
Wednesday
Lunchtime**



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<p>Monday, 19th February</p>	<p>Parent Forum Meeting commencing at 6.30p.m.</p>
<p>Tuesday, 20th February</p>	<p>Secondary Inter-House Swimming Carnival</p>
<p>Wednesday, 21st February</p>	<p>Year 7 Camp – Forest Edge, Waroona Years 8 and 9 Media Excursion Year 10 Immunisations 1 Curtin University Presentation (lunchtime) College Advisory Council Meeting at 6.00p.m.</p>
<p>Thursday, 22nd February</p>	<p>Year 7 Camp – Forest Edge, Waroona</p>
<p>Friday, 23rd February</p>	<p>Year 7 Camp – Forest Edge, Waroona Year 6 Mass</p>
<p>Sunday, 25th February</p>	<p>Parent Forum Welcome Picnic</p>