

From the Principal's Desk

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15<sup>th</sup> March 2024

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

This week, I have been engaged in collaboration and learning at Sacred Heart College with colleague Mercy Principals in Geelong, Victoria. The time away from the Campus has enabled me to be nourished as I, too, commit to ongoing professional learning.

This Sunday, we celebrate the fifth Sunday of Lent and draws us nearer to the Easter Feast and the school holidays. Our focus during this Lenten season was 'Kindness' and our 40-day challenge to be kinder people has been evident in the words and actions of our community.

This weekend we also celebrate St Patrick's Day. *"For each petal on the shamrock, this brings a wish your way: Good health, good luck, and happiness for today and every day."*



### ***Mural Art***



I extend my thanks to our Year 10 students involved with the painting of our pillars in the Secondary Quadrangle. The Parent Forum kindly supported this initiative which commenced in Term 4, 2023. Miss Sophie Banks led the artwork project, a collaboration between our students and well-known artist, Peter Ryan, and we are absolutely thrilled with the outcome.

The pillars depict our Mercy Values of *Respect, Justice, Compassion, Courage, Service* and *Hospitality* as expressed through the eyes of our students.

### ***Tuesday Morning Mass***

All families are invited to join me in the College Chapel at 7.50a.m. on Tuesday mornings for our weekly Mass.

## *Years 3 to 6 Interhouse Swimming Carnival*



Last Friday we held a wonderful Swimming Carnival which was enjoyed by all of our staff and students. Great job Mrs Openshaw!! I am thankful to the parents who volunteered for the day and assisted in various roles.

Congratulations to all students and in particular, the students who achieved Overall Champion or Runners-Up for their year group:

### *Year 3 Girls*

Gold Wynter Miller

Silver Ella O'Shaughnessy

Bronze Kate Bolding

### *Year 3 Boys*

Gold Cruz Marvelli and  
Xavier Foster-Saville

Bronze Logan De Vos

### *Year 4 Girls*

Gold Isla Emmott

Silver Harriet Dickinson

Gold Aubree Ford

### *Year 4 Boys*

Gold Nate Paull

Silver Antonio Parlapiano

Bronze Oscar Fitzgerald

### *Year 5 Girls*

Gold Micki Miller

Silver Mika Klaric

Bronze Lauren Andrews and  
Georgia Pugh

### *Year 5 Boys*

Gold Mitchell Horne

Silver Zac Venter

Bronze Daniel Vaughan

### *Year 6 Girls*

Gold Kayla Pammenter

Silver Madison Schmidberger

Bronze Jessica Edwards and  
Cinyee Aird

### *Year 6 Boys*

Gold Nicholas Emmott

Silver Oliver Klaric

Bronze Henry Herbert-Drake

The House Leader Board is as follows:

1. Shine
2. Watson
3. Rielly
4. McAuley
5. Docherty
6. O'Connor



Congratulations to O'Connor House for being the recipients of the Spirit Award.

## *ACC Years 7 to 12 Swimming Carnival*

Please find following the Streamer link and QR code for the Years 7 to 12 A Division ACC Swimming Carnival which is to be held next Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March:

<https://streamer.com.au/club/accwa/event/440/acc-swimming-or-a-division>



## *Easter Raffle in support of Project Compassion – Caritas Australia*

Last week, you would have received correspondence from Mr Martino, our Head of Faith and Mission, calling for donations for our annual Easter Raffle, proceeds of which will be donated to Caritas Australia. Caritas is the Catholic Church's international aid and development agency in Australia which supports programs at home and in developing nations.

Should you be able to assist by donating something small with an Easter theme, please bring your gift to Student Reception on or before Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> March. Student volunteers will be selling raffle tickets before school and at lunchtime from Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March (Week 8) at \$1.00 per ticket.

The Primary School Leaders will also visit the Pre-Kindy, Kindy and Pre-Primary classes to sell tickets before 8.45a.m.

The raffle will be drawn in the final week of the term and prizes delivered by Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> March.

Please continue to support Project Compassion as your generosity will enable Caritas Australia to help many people in need around the world.



## *Easter Bonnet Parade*



Our annual Easter Bonnet Parade for students in Kindergarten to Year 6 will be held on Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> March at 2.40p.m. in the Gymnasium.

We look forward to seeing some wonderful and unique creations!!

## *Parent Student Teacher Meetings*

Our teachers are in the process of finalising Term One Reports for students in Pre-Primary to Year 12. The Term One Report will provide a snapshot of a student's academic progress and application across this first term. **Parent, Student and Teacher Meetings will be held on Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024 between 9.00a.m. and 5.45p.m.** for families with students in Kindergarten to Year 12. The parent portal for bookings will open on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30p.m. Reports are anticipated to be ready for viewing on the 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Parents and guardians will be advised as soon as these are available.

Appointments are to be made via SEQTA. Set-up instructions for new families to the College were previously sent, but should you not have accessed the setup process, please contact our Helpdesk for assistance at [helpdesk@stbrigids.wa.edu.au](mailto:helpdesk@stbrigids.wa.edu.au) as a new link will need to be organised. Existing parents from 2023, please continue to use your 2023 login details.

If you experience any difficulties in making appointments, please contact Stefanie Koens at [koens.stefanie@stbrigids.wa.edu.au](mailto:koens.stefanie@stbrigids.wa.edu.au) or 9290 4252.

Please refer to our emailed communication with further details which was sent yesterday, 14<sup>th</sup> March.



## *Homestay Families Required*

As previously advertised, we are seeking homestays for our nine Brazilian students for one week of the April school holidays. The girls are currently attending Year 10 classes and range in age from 15 to 17 years.

Families who are able to care for a student for the week will be provided with an Allowance to assist in covering the additional expenses. Should you be able to assist, please contact our Registrar, Patty Majko, at the following email address: [majko.patty@stbrigids.wa.edu.au](mailto:majko.patty@stbrigids.wa.edu.au).



## *Parent Code of Conduct*

The provision of a safe learning environment is a shared community responsibility. It requires parents, students, and staff to continually monitor and support each other.

Under no circumstances are parents or visitors of the College permitted to enter classrooms whilst teachers are teaching / students are learning without firstly signing in via the College Administration.

### [Mercy Education Code of Conduct 1.10b Parents](#)

Please be reminded to

- Sign in and out via the College Administration if you are on site (Secondary parents).
- Primary parents should sign in when visiting the Campus after 9.00a.m. and before 2.45p.m. Gates are locked at 9.00a.m. and reopened at 2.45p.m. (Primary parents).
- Do not use the student bathrooms. Parents and visitors should use the same facilities as our staff.
- Photographing or filming students without their consent is not permitted.
- Follow the road rules and drive safely around the College.
- Seek assistance from relevant staff if your child is experiencing conflict at school. It is our job to support your child at school. Parents addressing children other than their own is not okay.

## *Keep us Updated!*

As we would like to maintain consistency in the manner through which we receive updates, could you please make any changes via **Consent2Go** by using the Profile Update link on our website: <https://sbcl.wa.edu.au/consent-to-go/>

## *Absences*

Please contact the College before 8.00a.m. if your child is unable to attend school. The dedicated **Absentee Line** is 9290 4256 or alternatively, email [studentreception@stbrigids.wa.edu.au](mailto:studentreception@stbrigids.wa.edu.au). If we do not hear from you, we will send an SMS message on the morning of the day of absence.

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



Listed below are 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.

*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, 18 <sup>th</sup> March	1 and 2	Year 7	NUMERACY
Monday, 18 <sup>th</sup> March	5 and 6	Year 9	LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS

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

Wednesday, 20 <sup>th</sup> March	3 and 4	Year 3	NUMERACY
Wednesday, 20 <sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:walsh.janine@stbrigids.wa.edu.au)

### 2024 St Brigid's College Footy Tipping – Parent Forum



The St Brigid's College Footy Tipping Competition was a great success last year. This year the cost to enter is \$20, and dependent on the number of people in the competition, prizes will be determined at the end of the season.

Please note that the competition will conclude at the end of Round 24 this year.

If you would like to enter the competition, please register using the following link:

[https://www.footytips.com.au/comps/St\\_Brigids\\_College\\_Footy\\_tipping\\_Competition\\_Parent\\_Forum?p=SBC1929](https://www.footytips.com.au/comps/St_Brigids_College_Footy_tipping_Competition_Parent_Forum?p=SBC1929)

Payment needs to be made by Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> March by following the link -

<https://www.trybooking.com/CPMJZ> or by contacting Chelsea in Student Reception on 9290 4204.

No Pay, No Play!!

## **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, 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at which time an Application Package will be available for download from the College's website: <https://sbcl.wa.edu.au/scholarships/>.



The Registration Fee is \$105 and is payable through Accounts.

Please note that applications will close at 4.00p.m. on Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024. Examinations will be held on Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

Specific times and the location of examinations will be confirmed shortly.

### ***Enrolment Applications***

Next week, I commence enrolment interviews for students entering the College in 2025 and beyond. I look forward to meeting with these families and of sharing the opportunities that our community offers.

Interviews with families who are seeking places for their child / children in Pre-Kindergarten or Kindergarten in 2025, or Year 7 2026 will be conducted in Term 2 of this year.

Parents of female students in Year 5 will receive a communication from the College next week seeking confirmation of their enrolment into Year 7 in 2026.

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**

*Attachment*

*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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## THIS WEEK AT THE COLLEGE

<p>Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> March</p>	<p>Year 7 NAPLAN Numeracy            Year 9 NAPLAN Language Conventions            SSWA Badminton (Year 11 PE attending)            Years 11 and 12 Dance Performing Arts Perspectives 2024 (evening)</p>
<p>Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> March</p>	<p>Year 9 NAPLAN Numeracy            Years 3 and 5 Language Conventions            Year 10 Dance Lessons (after school)</p>
<p>Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> March</p>	<p>Years 3 and 5 NAPLAN Numeracy            Years 7 to 12 ACC Swimming            UWA Presentation (lunchtime)            Year 10 Dance Lessons (after school)</p>
<p>Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> March</p>	<p>Harmony Day            Year 10 Dance Social 6.30p.m. to 9.30p.m.</p>
<p>Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March</p>	<p>Year 6 Gold Assembly            Year 12 Sport and Recreation Excursion</p>
<p>Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March</p> <p>Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> March</p>	<p>Year 10 Roy Hill Learning Centre Excursion</p> <p>Palm Sunday</p>