

*There is real wisdom, Lord, in the adage
'It is always Springtime in the heart that loves God.'
Springtime is a season of optimism and hope,
and the Christian lives a faith centred on hope.
Winter, with its cold and dark days has gone,
just as Good Friday has passed to Easter and beyond.
We live a resurrection life
reflected in the new life springing up around us.
Thank you, Lord, for the hope that you bring,
the renewal that you bring,
both to this world and to our hearts and lives.*

Amen



Happy Father's Day last Sunday to all the Dads, Step Dads, Granddads, Partners, Uncles and Special Men in the lives of everyone here at St Brigid's. I hope you were able to connect in some ways to those children who look on you with love and admiration. May the Lord bless you and guide you as you continue in this vital role.

Did you see the beautiful Seesaw Father's day message Chek posted on Seesaw?
Thanks Chek for your awesome skills in compiling the message and thanks to all the staff members who shared their video clip.

Once again I need to express how proud I am of our school community. The staff, students and parents continue to work together to ensure that Remote Learning meets the needs of all. How awesome was ISO camp and the delivery of goodies! Thank you for your support, ongoing feedback and the positive messages. Take care of one another and continue to spread love, positivity and support.

Please remember in regard to all Remote Learning and indeed to all aspects of life at the moment - **wellbeing is paramount**, please just do - **what you can, when you can, if you can.**

Return to School

The Premier has announced that all Regional schools **MUST** work remotely for week 1 of term 4 and can then decide how onsite school will return throughout week 2.

Therefore, as you will be aware from my email yesterday, **all St Brigid's students will return to school week 2 term 4, Monday 12th October**, (staggered drop off /pickup as term 3). Students will be involved in fun, exciting activities culminating in a special week 2 event.

Week 1 term 4 (Monday 5th October) we will continue Remote Learning with students asked to view a morning message then undertake activities from a learning grid, **if families so choose**. Onsite supervision will continue for week 1 term 4 and students must be **booked in via email to Maree mmorris@sbgisborne.catholic.edu.au before September 18th 2020.**

I will continue to keep you informed of any changes as soon as possible.

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If you have any concerns or queries, at all, please contact me and we will work together to meet specific needs.

Please continue to keep safe and well. Look out for one another. We will get through these challenging times and we will continue to learn.

Blessings to each and every one of you. *Maree*

PS have a look further in this newsletter for info about our Little Groovin' Guitar students - take a look at their latest videos!

Welcome

To our newest member of the St Brigid's community. Congratulations to Natalie, Charles, Maxwell and Wilbur Jennings on the safe arrival of their new daughter and sister.

St Brigid's Spoonville

Have you seen how Spoonville is growing! It looks terrific and is bringing joy to St Brigid's and beyond! Spoonville made it into the St John's NSW student magazine - have a look at page 4. The magazine is an excellent publication and many students are enjoying reading it !

<https://online.fliphtml5.com/ofzeq/yahk/#p=4>



Kaelyb's Tournament

Congratulations Kaelyb for your exciting work in organising and implementing an online tournament for people with varied abilities. We are so proud of your amazing efforts and the way you spoke about your successes at our recent Student Leadership meeting.

We also heard from Elle Dow at this meeting regarding Hawthorn AFL Blind team. Have a look at the link below for more information.

<https://www.hawthornfc.com.au/video/473080/a-historic-day-for-hawthorn-s-afl-blind-team?videoid=473080&modal=true&type=video&publishFrom=1>

Dr Michael Carr-Gregg

'Riding the Corona Coaster' Excellent 10 minute parent session about how to support your children at this time.

https://schooltv.me/wellbeing_news/special-report-riding-corona-coaster

Remote Learning Recording of Attendance

As per Remote Learning #1 and CECV direction - A student will be marked as present if they have had at least one digital communication with school for the day. This may be liking a post, commenting, submitting work etc. At 2:30 the attendance roll will be conducted, if no contact has been made the teachers will notify the office who will send a message to the parent. Please respond to that message notifying us if your child has been involved in Remote Learning on this day. If we receive such notification your child will be marked present. If we do not receive communication from either the student or parent your child will be marked absent.

Please notify the office via CareMonkey (Operoo) of an intended absence due to illness or family circumstances.

Thank you for your support in this regard.



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Onsite Learning

Any requests for onsite supervision of Remote Learning for children of Essential Workers or vulnerable children are to be made directly to Maree via email mmorris@sbgisborne.catholic.edu.au stating whether the child will be attending a morning or afternoon session. Requests must be made **at least 24 hours before** the onsite session, to ensure adequate supervisors. If your child has a cold, running nose or sore throat they **MUST NOT** attend onsite supervision.

Please access onsite learning via the drama room and phone the office if a child is to be collected before 3:20. We will walk the student to meet their parents at the front office gate.

We will continue to take all precautions as students enter the school for onsite learning, this includes sanitizing and taking the temperature of all students. Temperatures are taken via a contactless thermometer.

All Staff (except for those with a medical exception) are wearing masks when onsite except when in the direct act of teaching. The students are very comfortable with this practice.

Melton Council's Emergency Food relief

Need for emergency food relief has been identified through this pandemic, with many families losing employment and enduring financial stress. Melton Council has set up an emergency food relief.

Kurunjang Community Hub, 33 Mowbray Cres, Kurunjang. Phone Carly: 0402 309 321.

There are 20 food packs (including a food voucher) available every Wednesday. Bookings are taken Wednesday morning 9am – 11am. Pick Up only by appointment later that day.

Gisborne Food Bank also provides support and emergency food relief.

In addition, please feel free to contact me if you are needing any additional or specific support of any kind Together we will get through these hard times. Maree

Gisborne Rental Required

A member of our amazing school community is looking for a place to rent in Gisborne. If you are able to help or know of any units/ houses for rent or likely to become available in the near future please contact Maree. (Excellent references available)

Congratulations

Congratulations to the great number of past students from St Brigid's currently promoting their Secondary Schools online. We are so proud of the articulate and confident students we nurture and develop. Well done to you all.

Parental Feedback and Input

As part of our current review process I asked for parental input for a remote discussion with Mary, our Reviewer on the morning of Monday, August 31st. On behalf of the wider school community I thank all those parents who volunteered to meet with Mary. We received an excess of offers.

The Review will help in charting our future direction.

Remote Learning Support

I have had a generous offer from one of our regular replacement teachers/educational support officers who has very kindly offered to assist a number of students in need, with their Remote Learning. This service is being offered free of charge to families who would truly benefit from some additional tutoring expertise. The sessions would be online and would involve helping to explain concepts and processes. If you would like to take up this very kind offer please call Maree 54282220



HOW ARE WE TRAVELLING?

Our St Brigid's Learning journey has had to take an unprecedented path this year. We are committed to tracking and charting our progress as a Learning Community. With this in mind, we will regularly share with you, through the newsletter, aspects of our Annual Action Plan and relevant and interesting data.

Developing our Annual Action Plan

Our new Annual Action Plan will be developed from the School improvement Framework - which will grow from our 2020 Review document.

Sharing Data

Psychologists are telling us that throughout and after this crisis we need to be ensuring well being and connections are the focus.

More next week- if you would like to discuss any aspects please contact Maree on 54282220

Upschool

Have a look at all the Upschool ideas and resources on our ever expanding digital platform found on our school website - try the direct link:

<https://upschoolstbrigidsgisborne.digitalschools04.com.au/>

Prayers

Please keep all members of our community in your prayers. Many are experiencing challenges and difficulties at this time and will be greatly comforted knowing that they are in our prayers.

Please Remember:

-the office can only be accessed by appointment - 54282220.

-parents / carers collecting students prior to 3:20 must phone the office on 54282220, the office will contact the learning area and the individual student will be dismissed into the care of the parent/carer.

Thank you for your support with these matters.

Enrolments

We are still not able to conduct onsite tours for potential enrolments. However, I am able to set up a Principal 'walk and talk' off site or share a live virtual tour if preferred. Please let your friends know of these opportunities. Prep enrolments will remain open for the duration of 2020 (dependant on availability). Please do not hesitate to contact me on 54282220 regarding any enrolment inquiries.

Huge thank you

Huge thank you to Pete Connors who is still working away to complete our new shed - with the kitchen currently being fitted out.

Student Free Days - Forward Notice & Friday before the AFL Grand Final public holiday

Friday 23 October is a gazetted public holiday as the Friday before the AFL Grand Final. The public holiday has been moved from Friday 2 October.

November 2nd - Report Writing Day

November 3rd - Melbourne Cup

November 4th - Whole School Forward planning

Please do not hesitate to contact me on mmorris@sbgisborne.catholic.edu.au or 54282220.

Stay safe, stay well - We will get through this - together we are stronger.

Blessings to all. Maree



Little Groovin' Videos

It is with great pleasure that we launch the 2020 Little Groovin' Guitars student videos. Given this year's lockdowns, the process was a little different. Parents filmed their children using one - four camera angles and made a separate audio recording. Julia Mamnone then edited these files to produce the final products. The results are wonderful!

[You may view the videos copy and paste the link below into your browser.](#)

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/13cr-wxj4J27LG65dW4Ypkbq2835410na?usp=sharing>

Thank you to our students for taking the time to practice their material, set time aside to record, dress up and perform for the camera. And a huge thank you to their parents for their patience - we really appreciate it. Please contact info@littlegroovinguitars.com.au with your child's name and grade for information on enrolling in our program.
Jimmy and Angus

The Home and Community Care Program for Younger People

If you think you or a family member might find HACC-PYP beneficial, please reach out to Macedon Ranges Health. Call 54280 0300 or email healthcare@mrh.org.au

Go Girl, Go for IT

The 2020 event Go Girl, Go for IT - Cyber Edition is a virtual, informative and fun 1-day technology conference for girls in Years 5 to 12, all conducted online! And, it's FREE! <https://www.gogirl.org.au/cyberedition>

When: Tuesday 13th October 2020. Where: Online: 9am to 12pm for girls in Years 5 to 8.

Sacred Heart College Kyneton

Year 7, 2022 Enrolments Closing Soon



Enrolments for current Grade 5 students (Year 7 2022) close Monday 5 October

Interested in learning more about life at Sacred Heart College and the learning pathways on offer?

Our Principal, Dr Darren Egberts, invites prospective parents and students to participate in one of our Virtual Conversations via Zoom.

When: 16 September commencing at 6:00pm

How: Register using the online booking form on the Tours page of the College website. A Zoom link will be sent by email.

Visit our website for bookings or contact our Registrar for enrolment enquiries:
T: 5421 1238 E: dlawrence@shckyneton.catholic.edu.au
W: www.shckyneton.catholic.edu.au

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Managing student illness in schools during COVID-19

One of the most important things we can do to slow the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) in our community is to stay at home when we are unwell, even when we have the mildest of symptoms.

What you need to know:

1. If a child is unwell, even with the mildest of symptoms, they must stay at home

If a child becomes unwell during the day, they must be collected from school as soon as possible.

2. If a child has any of the symptoms of COVID-19 outlined below, however mild, they should get tested and they must remain at home until they receive their results:

- fever
- chills or sweats
- cough
- sore throat
- shortness of breath
- runny nose
- loss of sense of smell or taste.

In certain circumstances headache, muscle soreness, stuffy nose, nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea may also be considered symptoms.

For further advice:

- call the 24-hour COVID-19 hotline on 1800 675 398
- call a general practitioner
- use the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) [online self-assessment tool](#).

Visit: [Where to get tested](#).

3. A child must stay at home until they are symptom-free, even if their COVID-19 test is negative

If a person has tested positive for COVID-19, they must isolate until they receive clearance from the DHHS. Read the [What to do if you've tested positive for coronavirus \(COVID-19\) factsheet](#) for more information.

If a person is a close contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, the DHHS will get in contact to tell them they are a close contact of a person who is confirmed to have COVID-19. A close contact must quarantine at home. Read the [What to do if you have been in close contact with someone with coronavirus \(COVID-19\) factsheet](#) for more information.

For information on the minimum periods students need to stay at home for other conditions, refer to the [DHHS school exclusion table](#).

4. Children do **not** need a medical certificate before returning to school

Once symptoms have cleared, there is no requirement from the CECV or DHHS for students to have a medical certificate before they return to school.



ST BRIGID'S CATHOLIC LEARNING COMMUNITY

ENROLMENT 2021 UPDATE

**Enrolments for 2021 will remain
open all year.
Enrolment forms are available on
our Website or
call us on 5428 2220.**

OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE:

- * A boundary walk around the school with Maree Morris (Principal)
- * An online "virtual tour" or "Google Meet" meeting with Maree.

MORE INFO: www.sbgisborne.catholic.edu.au

Register now for the Parent Business Directory

It's back for 2020

The St Brigid's Parent Directory helps parents find products and services quickly whilst supporting our school families.

If you run a small business (trade, service etc) and would like to take this opportunity to promote your business, simply complete the form below and return it to the School Office with payment.



A yearly fee of \$50 per business includes fortnightly listing in the school newsletter. This listing will have your business name and logo, product/service type and direct contact details. All funds will go towards the PFA's fundraising goal for this year.

Thanks for your support.

St Brigid's PFA

PRODUCT / SERVICE: (Limit to approx. 25 words.)	
BUSINESS NAME/ LOGO:	Please email your logo file to: office@sbgisborne.catholic.edu.au
CONTACT NAME:	
CONTACT DETAILS:	Telephone Number: Email address:



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Mr. TV



Antenna installation, TV & data points, home theatre, CCTV installation and alarm systems.

Contact Dean Monk on:

 0400 788 756

 mr.tv01@bigpond.com

Draft Computer Services

Architectural drafting, structural/civil engineering, energy ratings and bushfire reports for new homes, extensions, unit developments and verandas. A one stop shop for all your permit paperwork.



Contact Krystal Russell on:

 9743 3861

 plans@draftcomps.com.au

Ace Painting



- Interior / Exterior
- Over 20 years Experience
- Phone Ivan: 0413 404 602
- ivan.acepainting@bigpond.com
- ABN: 76 912 272 246

New custom homes, renovations and commercial projects. All work is guaranteed and insured.

Contact Ivan Sarac on:

 0413 404 602

 ivan.acepainting@bigpond.com

More businesses over the page.....

St Brigid's Parent Business Directory 2020



Kaysey's Electrical

Domestic/commercial electrician. All types of electrical work. New/existing homes, sheds, switchboard upgrades, electrical appliances. No job too big or too small!

Contact Michael Kays on:

 0419 121 033

 kayseys@bigpond.com

Due to the Covid 19 restrictions, more and more families are staying home and doing renovations. So if you are a local business that can offer these families your trade / business product, why not advertise with us now!

If you run a Small Business (trade, service etc) and would like to promote your business to our St Brigid's Community fortnightly School Newsletter, please contact the School Office. A \$50 fee per business covers a published listing from April to December 2020, with funds going towards the PFA St Brigid's fundraising goal.

Thank you for your support.



ST. BRIGID'S PARISH GISBORNE



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ST BRIGID'S CHURCH OPENING UPDATE:

LIVE Streaming of Mass will continue on Sundays at 11.00 am on our Facebook page 'St Brigid's Parish' and then uploaded to YouTube.

Parish Office Days - Tuesday all day and Thursday afternoon, however emails will be addressed Tuesday -Thursdays.

We thank you for your patience and prayers during this time.

Amy Hurst

Parish Secretary

St Brigid's Parish

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