

*Do not look forward in fear to the changes of life;
rather look to them with full hope as they arise.
God, whose very own you are,
will deliver you from out of them.
He has kept you hitherto,
and He will lead you safely through all things;
and when you cannot stand it,
God will bury you in his arms.*

*Do not fear what may happen tomorrow;
the same everlasting Father who cares for you today
will take care of you then and everyday.
He will either shield you from suffering,
or will give you unfailing strength to bear it.
Be at peace, put aside all anxious thoughts and imagination.*



Welcome everyone to week 3, term 4, 2020.

We are now strongly back into the onsite school learning routine and I am very proud of the efforts being undertaken by students and staff alike.

Exciting News

We are very excited to announce that we have been successful in our application for a \$800,000 State Government Grant which will go towards funding our new Senior school home rooms to be built next year. We are very excited about these new developments and I will keep you informed via regular project updates.

Congratulations

We held our St Brigid's Show last Friday. What an amazing day we had. Congratulations and thank you to all staff for their amazing efforts and the cooperative manner displayed by the students. I also thank those parents who rang or emailed through their support and thanks. Your messages are greatly appreciated.

As part of the event and learning, students were involved in creating pieces, including writing, photography and art works which were displayed, shared and recognised.

We thank Bendigo Bank and Gisborne Foodworks for contributing towards our Show day with sponsorship. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

School Photos

As notified via SMS, a reduction in COVID adjustments allowed our school photos to take place today. If you have any queries regarding the photos please contact the photographers. Telephone 02 967 49824 or email enquiries@theschoolphotographer.com.au

Kinder Transition Sessions

As discussed in online Prep interviews, we are now permitted to have Kinder Transition Sessions. We will inform parents of the dates as soon as possible. At the moment sessions are restricted to very small groups and we are hopeful that this may be extended before we run our program.



Ready to Step Up – Parent sessions

In partnership with the Department of Education and Training and the CECV, local community health providers will deliver Ready to Step Up sessions for parents and carers. The virtual sessions seek to address any concerns that parent/carers have about their child's readiness to start school in 2021 due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Parents can register at the following links:

- [Western Melbourne](#)
- <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/ready-to-step-up-online-session-western-melbourne-registration-124203723681> Wednesday 21 October 2020, 10.00 am – 11.30 am

After School Safety

It has been noted that some Senior students are riding scooters, after school, in a very dangerous manner. If your child uses a scooter or bike please speak with them about riding safely, to and from school. Child Safety is an issue we all need to observe and promote.

PFA

We are eagerly looking for new members to join our active and involved Parents and Friends Association. Please see details further inside regarding the upcoming Annual General Meeting.

Sex Ed Australia

Sex Education Australia will be running online Parent + Child Nights (PCNs) in November, please see the flyer inside for further information.

What parents and children will learn:

- the changes of puberty and how to manage them
- names and functions of reproductive body parts
- body safety and the importance of trusted adults

The sessions go for an hour and are a fantastic way to help parents and carers kick-start (or continue) those very important conversations at home.

Governance

Catholic schools in the Melbourne Archdiocese are currently transitioning to a new form of operation. Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools Ltd (MACS) has been established to assume the governance and operation of Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

Please see attached media release for details of the new governance arrangements.

Financial Support

I thank those who have contacted me to discuss future learning plans, fees and levies. In line with Catholic Education Melbourne directives and local Catholic Primary schools, I implore anyone enduring hardship at the moment to contact me to discuss fee payments.

As discussed as an advisory board, any excursion levy not used this year will be refunded or credited. Parts of this levy have already been allocated and used for the events such as Footsteps dance program, incursions and our St Brigid's Show Day.

Additional levies such as camp have already been processed for crediting, as will swimming, if we are unable to proceed.



COVID Requirements

In order to ensure the safety of all members of our community and to comply with legal requirements all people over 12 years of age MUST wear a mask. In addition, please do not congregate outside school. If you need to discuss an issue with a staff member, please organise a Google Meet or phone call. I have had a number of calls from parents concerned that some are not complying.

Grassed Area

The students have thoroughly enjoyed the lush grassed area on their return to school. It can be quite wet and I suggest that each student bring a change of socks in their bag, when the weather is inclement

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) Eligibility Extended

The CECV has advised that eligibility for the CSEF has been extended to Monday, 5 October, with the closing date for CSEF applications now Friday 27 November. If you believe you could now be eligible for this funding and have not submitted an application. Please see Sue or Lisa in the office.

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)

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.

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.

Review Documentation

Our Review Document has been completed and will be analysed by staff, in a process led by our Regional Leadership Consultant, Joe Scerri.

Ongoing Return to School Priorities

Catholic Education Melbourne in dialogue with leading professionals provide directives and priorities for ongoing best learning practice as we return to onsite learning.

These being : *Wellbeing *Excellence in Learning *Transition between learning environments

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/>

Child Friendly - Child Safe Policy

Please have a look at our updated Child Friendly - Child Safe Policy created by our Student Leaders working with Maree. It is available on our website and we would greatly appreciate your feedback.

Public Holidays -

Friday October 23rd - Grand Final

Tuesday 3rd November - Cup Day

Student Free Days -

November 2nd - Report Writing Day

November 4th - Whole School Forward Planning

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

Blessings to each and every one of you.

Maree

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Wednesday 21 October 2020



Dear Principal

I am pleased to share with you Archbishop Peter's [media release](#) regarding the establishment of Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools and the appointment of Gerard Dalbosco as the Chair of the Board.

Formerly a senior partner at EY, Gerard Dalbosco has had a distinguished career holding several significant leadership roles with EY across Oceania and the Asia-Pacific region. He also has significant governance experience, with current roles including positions with the Committee for Melbourne, Loreto Mandeville Hall Toorak and Newman College. Importantly for us, he has served as the Chair of the Steering Committee for the governance project, which has meant he has come to know and understand the work we do as a school system.

I'm sure you'll join me in welcoming Gerard's appointment.

The work of the governance project continues, and I thank you for ongoing commitment towards its successful implementation by 1 January 2021.

Good wishes
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Media release

Monday, 19 October 2020

BUILDING A BETTER ST BRIGID'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL IN GISBORNE

The Victorian Government will fast-track funding for upgrades to Catholic and Independent schools across Victoria to give students and staff the best facilities sooner, and support local jobs, businesses and Victoria's economic recovery.

Member for Macedon, Mary-Anne Thomas MP today announced that St Brigid's Catholic Primary School in Gisborne will receive \$800,000 as one of the more than 50 projects under the *Non-Government Schools Capital Fund*.

The project will add additional general learning areas for the school's senior students, and will upgrade and extend staff facilities including planning facilities. These upgrades and developments will enhance and improve the learning opportunities for students and replace the substandard facilities currently being used by our students, their teachers and the wider community.

The 56 projects will create close to 800 jobs during construction, and follows more than \$1.18 billion for new schools, upgrades and expansions of government schools announced in May.

Additional funding for this second round of the Non-Government Schools Capital Fund has been brought forward to help stimulate the economy and create jobs.

The successful schools will be able to start their projects within the next six months driving Victoria's economic recovery from the pandemic, and the summer's bushfires.

The projects will help these schools meet growing enrolment demand and includes six new schools in growth areas. More than a third of Victorian students attend Catholic or Independent schools.

It's part of the Government's election commitment to establish a \$402 million fund in partnership with the non-government school sector to upgrade and build new non-government schools across Victoria.

The Victorian Government is building the Education State with an unprecedented \$7.2 billion investment that is not only creating 7,500 jobs but improving, upgrading and building schools to ensure that every community can access a great local school where students are supported to achieve their best.

Quotes attributable to Member for Macedon, Mary-Anne Thomas MP

"This is a really exciting project for the entire St Brigid's school community - and will give our students the opportunity to learn in first-class facilities."

"Not only is this investment at St Brigid's and other Catholic and Independent schools vital to Victoria's economic recovery, but it will continue building the Education State right here in the Macedon Ranges and across the state."





ST BRIGID'S CHURCH UPDATE:

All Soul's Day – 2nd November 2020

Parishioner's wanting to pray for loved ones that have departed us please call the office on 5428 2591 or email their names to gisborne@cam.org.au by the 29th October.

St Brigid's Parish COVID-19 Update – as of the 11.59 pm Wednesday 18th October 2020

All Victorians over the age of 12 must wear a face covering whenever they leave their home, unless a medical exemption applies.

Worship– St Brigid's Church will be opened for private prayer for households and people who are in a bubble together (up to 5 people)
Church will be opened Tuesday to Friday from 9 am to 11 am.

St Patrick's Church and St Ambrose Church are still closed at this stage.

Please note: you must call the office to book in 5428 2591 or email gisborne@cam.org.au.

We will have 15 minutes allocated for private worship and 5 minutes for you to sanitise the seats you were sitting in. Therefore bookings will be every 20 minutes.

Everyone will need to wear a face covering, hand sanitise and record names/ phone numbers before entering the church.

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—Thursdays 9 am -3 pm

Baptism's— 5 people indoors (including celebrant), Children under 12 months not included in number.

Funeral's— 20 people plus the minimum number required to conduct the funeral. Children under 12 months not included in number.

Weddings - up to 10 people (including the couple and 2 witnesses. The celebrant is not included in this number)

We thank you for your patience and prayers during this time

Amy Hurst

Parish Secretary

St Brigid's Parish

Gisborne VIC 3437

Office Hrs: Tues, Wed & Thursday 9.00am – 3.00pm

Phone: 5428 2591

Email: gisborne@cam.org.au

Website: www.@cam.org.au/gisborne



LET'S TALK: BODIES, PUBERTY & GROWING UP

NOVEMBER - PARENT AND CHILD ONLINE WORKSHOPS

- Do you need help talking about bodies and puberty with your child?**
- Do you want to be the 'go to' person when they have questions?**
- Do you wonder what to say and how to say it and when?**

If you answered 'Yes' to any of the questions above, then our 60-minute parent and child online workshops is for you. Children need lots of positive and age-appropriate information about how their bodies will change as they go through puberty. There's lots of misinformation out there, so it's more important than ever for children to feel they can go to their parents with questions.

What you and your child will learn:

- the changes of puberty and how to manage them.
- names and functions of reproductive body parts
- body safety and the importance of trusted adults

Places are limited to 15 families per workshop.

Please contact us to register your interest at

jenny@seaprograms.com.au

Cost: \$25 (per family)

****Age: Year 5-6 children (10-11 years old)****

**For further information, email us at info@sexeducationaustralia.com.au,
send us a message via our [website](#) or [Facebook page](#),
or call Jenny on 9029 9681.**



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UNIFORM

If you need school uniform please order on line at brigidsuniform@gmail.com

The uniform will be sent home with your child.

ST BRIGID'S PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP PRICE LIST EFFECTIVE 1st AUGUST 2020

GOODS CANNOT BE TAKEN UNLESS FULL PAYMENT IS MADE BY CASH, CHEQUE OR EFTPOS. *NO EXCEPTIONS.*

PLEASE NOTE: MOST ITEMS ARE AVAILABLE AND IN STOCK HOWEVER CERTAIN SIZES MAY HAVE TO BE ORDERED DEPENDING ON AVAILABILITY.

EFTPOS FACILITIES ARE NOW AVAILABLE ON SITE.

ORDERS CAN BE EMAILED AT ANYTIME TO brigidsuniform@gmail.com

BANK DETAILS FOR EMAIL ORDERS ARE:

ST BRIGID'S UNIFORM SHOP - BSB 633-000 A/c No.1550 35405

PAYMENT IS TO BE MADE BEFORE GOODS ARE SENT HOME.

(When making payment via EFT please ensure to include your family name as reference).

ART SMOCKS		All Sizes	\$ 25.00	
SCHOOL BAG with school logo (COMPULSORY – No other bags to be used)			\$ 55.00	
LIBRARY BAGS	Satchel with School logo		\$ 10.00	
LUNCH BAG – INSULATED AND REUSABLE (with Velcro tab) For lunches from home or the canteen			\$ 10.00	
HATS	Bucket Hats	All Sizes	\$ 15.00	
	Slouch/Cricket	All Sizes	\$ 15.00	
BOMBER JACKETS		All Sizes	\$ 50.00	
DRESSES		All Sizes	\$ 60.00	
BOX PLEAT TUNIC (Skirt with Bib)		C 4 - 10	\$ 65.00	
BOX PLEAT SKIRT		C 10 +	\$ 65.00	
POLO SHIRTS	Short Sleeve	All Sizes	\$ 30.00	
	Long Sleeve	All Sizes	\$ 35.00	
SHORTS	GREY	Boys	C 4 – 16, S-M-L	\$ 25.00
	GREEN	Boys/Girls	C 4 – 16, S-M-L	\$ 25.00
SOCKS (Red Robin)	WHITE/GREY	9-12; 13-3; 2-8; 7-11 (3 Pack)		\$ 12.00
	White Knee Hi's	(Twin Pack)		\$ 12.00
TIGHTS	NAVY ONLY (Red Robin Brand)	4-6 years; 7-10 years; 11-14 years		\$ 12.00
TRACKPANTS	Reinforced Knee	C 4 - 16	\$ 25.00	
	Loose Leg	C 4 - 16	\$ 25.00	
	Stretch Bootleg	All Sizes	\$ 25.00	
TROUSERS	GREY - Tailored / Button Front (Boys)	All Sizes	\$ 25.00	
	GREY - Gabardine (Boys)	All Sizes	\$ 25.00	
WINDCHEATERS	Poly / Cotton	All Sizes	\$ 30.00	



Community News

Gisborne Little Athletics Club

The Season starts October 23rd and runs each Friday 5-6:30 until late March with a break for school holidays. 17 competition nights. Qualified coaches. Location: Dixon Field, Robertson Road, Gisborne.

Ages: 5 to 15. Fees at Gisborne are: 1st child \$155 per season, 2nd child \$125, 3rd and subsequent children \$100. Parental assistance required on a rostered basis.

Just turn up and sign in. COVID Safe procedures in place. Registrations for the season open online soon at: https://memberdesq.sportstg.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=Registration_0&OrgID=1370

For more information see Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/Gisborne-Little-Athletics-467965219986217/>

Or email Gisborne@lavic.com.au

Footy Star Academy 'Come and Try' Sessions

Footy Star Academy are running weekly clinics for primary school aged children with a maximum class size of 10 students. We are offering children to come along for a free clinic on Sunday 25th October, 1st November, or 8th November. Venue is Holy Cross Primary School Oval, New Gisborne. Times: 9am-10am 5-7 year olds 10am-11am 8-10 year olds, 11am-12 noon 11-12 year olds.

Registration is on a first come first served basis. Strictly **NO WALK – INS ON THE DAY**. To register, parents can contact Bec Young at vic40.footy@sportsacademy.com or call or text 0438 317 641.

Term 4!
We're back to School!
**Are you looking for
Before and After
School Care?**
**SCHOOL'S
OUT!**
**Existing families please manage your
bookings through the kidsoft app.**
**New families, please go to our
website to enrol.**
www.schoolsout.net.au



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PFA News

Dear families,

To keep you all in the loop, our PFA goal was amended - due to lack of ability to fundraise in 2020. It was decided at last week's meeting that the funds raised to date (from our Easter raffle and Parent Directory) will go towards the purchasing of a new BBQ and accessories for the school, with remaining proceeds going towards the GaGa Pit.

Our last two fundraisers will be casual clothes days scheduled for **Friday 13th November (flyer below)** and **Friday 4th December (Christmas theme)**.

Thank you all for your support and understanding this year.

Don't forget **our last meeting and annual AGM** scheduled for **Tuesday 24th November at the 3 Little Pigs** - RSVPs are essential to pfa@sbgisborne.catholic.edu.au.

We are always looking for new members. All welcome.

Thanks and Regards

PFA

DRESS UP DAY

Friday 13th November!

RED, YELLOW,
BLUE OR GREEN?

Dress in the colours of your St Brigid's Team!
It can be silly and bright, from wigs to ties.
A **gold coin** donation for a fundraiser delight!



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St Brigid's Primary School 2020 Annual General Meeting (AGM) for The Parents and Friends Association (PFA).

To be held Tuesday 24th November 2020 1:30pm; at the 3 Little Pig's

All positions at the AGM will be vacated and up for nomination.

Positions include President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer. A copy of the PFA charter including the role and responsibilities of each committee member is available upon request. Please email pfa@sbgisborne.catholic.edu.au for a copy.

PFA 2020 members who regularly attended will vote and positions will be advised in the next newsletter.

Anyone wishing to nominate a school member should consult the person and then complete a nomination form along with a seconded signature.

Please consider all the positions and return attached form to the office by Friday 20th November and attend the AGM Tuesday 24th November 2020.

Looking forward to seeing a lot more faces.

Regards, the current committee!

PFA Regular Meeting will follow AGM.

TUESDAY 24TH NOVEMBER 2020, 3 Little Pig's at 2:00pm

All interested helpers are welcome to come along to either meeting! We are always seeking assistance on an ad-hoc or regular basis without the obligation to become a member.



St Brigid's Parents & Friends Association (PFA)
NOMINATION FORM
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) 2020

The Parents & Friends Association AGM will be held on
Tuesday 24th November at 1:30pm at the 3 Little Pigs, Gisborne.

All positions will be declared vacant and will require nominations to fill these positions.
Nominations will only be taken from the table in the event of no completed nomination forms.

In the case of multiple candidates for the one position, the nominee may be required to
speak to the table to assist with voting.

Whilst any School or Parish member may be nominated, the PFA members of the current year will vote.
To express your interest in joining PFA, please email pfa@sbgisborne.catholic.edu.au.

Please return this completed nomination for to the Office by no later than Friday 20th November 2020.

St Brigid's Parents & Friends Association (PFA)
NOMINATION FORM
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) 2020

We, the undersigned, nominate the following person:

Nominee Full name _____

Position of President Vice President Treasurer Secretary

Other: _____

Nominated by: _____ **Signed** _____
(full name)

Seconded by: _____ **Signed** _____
(full name)

Consent to the nomination. I advise my consent to this nomination.

Nominee/Candidate: _____ **Signed** _____
(full name)



Register now for Term 4 Parent Directory for the discounted price of only \$10

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.

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.

PFA

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



St Brigid's Parent Business Directory 2020

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



Foodworks (Gisborne)

Your local supermarket who caters for all! A large range of gluten free items, a large deli with fresh meats, seafood and salads and ready made meals. Weekly half price deals when you are a Rewards member.

Contact David Williamson on:

5428 2630 (24 Hamilton Street, Gisborne)



3 Little Pigs

Your favourite neighbourhood eatery. Come and visit our award winning café and taste our delicious home cooked items. You won't be disappointed!

Contact Matthew Bacon on:

5428 3123 (Shop 1, 30A Aitken Street, Gisborne)