

NEWSLETTER

Friday 9th October

Term 4 week 1



*May God give you...
For every storm, a rainbow,
For every tear, a smile,
For every care, a promise, and a blessing in each trial.
For every problem life sends, a faithful friend to share,
For every sigh, a sweet song,
And an answer for each prayer.*

Welcome everyone to term 4, 2020.

How wonderful it is that we are back together and learning once more onsite! What a journey we have shared. It was inspiring to see everyone on Tuesday morning and I congratulate the students on the resilient and confident way they have returned once more to learning at school. There were many smiles on the faces of children, staff and parents! Thank you once again for your amazing efforts, positivity, ongoing feedback, discussions and messages of support. *May we continue to be inspired by the spirit to nurture one another and work towards living the Gospel message of love and care.*

"Where two or more are gathered in my name, I am there."

Congratulations

- to all staff and students for so readily and collaboratively returning to onsite learning; renewing connections and continuing learning with enthusiasm, focus and dedication. As part of our learning, students are involved in creating pieces including writing, photography and art works to be displayed and shared at our upcoming special event, to be held on Friday, October 16th.

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 further discussed as an advisory board, any excursion levy not used this year will be refunded or credited, with the board encouraging staff to provide additional activities for the students, if at all possible, Covid dependant. Parts of this levy have already been allocated for the events such as Footsteps program, incursions and our upcoming special event.

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.



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Footy Afternoon

Thursday 22nd October we will celebrate footy afternoon, in preparation for the grand final. Due to proposed school photographs in the morning all students will need to wear their full summer uniform. Students can bring a jumper or scarf in their bag for the afternoon. See flyer further in the newsletter for all details.

School Photos

School photos have been booked to take place on **THURSDAY 22nd OCTOBER, 2020**. However, at this stage, due to CECV guidelines, we are unable to proceed with school photos. We are hoping this changes by 22nd October and will keep you informed of any such changes.

If you have misplaced your photo order form and/or require a new one, please ask your child to collect one from the school office. Alternatively, you can request one by emailing us at: office@sbgisborne.catholic.edu.au and we will send it home with your child. Please ensure all order forms are returned to the school office before the proposed photo day.

Review Process and Report

In the final week of term 3 we completed our school Review Process. The report is now being finalised and will become the foundation for our ongoing School Improvement Plans. Thank you to everyone who contributed with such openness and honesty.

Keely Devereaux

Congratulations to Keely (Senior AB) who, as part of her remote learning action, created and shared messages of positivity and hope with the residents of Wyndham Grange Retirement Village. We are extremely proud of Keely and her actions and we have received many messages of thanks and gratitude from the residents.

Bendigo Bank

As a response to the recent ASIC's review of school banking programs, Bendigo Bank has decided not to continue with the school banking. ASIC's concerns with school banking programs are:

- The effectiveness of the programs at improving savings habits and developing financial capability.
- Payments to schools.
- Marketing nature of the program.
- Transparency of commercial interests.

Parents are still able to open and run accounts for their children through any Bendigo Bank branch. Bendigo Bank has consistently supported St Brigid's and many other local organisations and will still extend this support. We thank them for their generosity, which includes supporting and sponsoring our upcoming St Brigid's 'Special event'. **Please refer to the letter from Bendigo Bank Branch manager, Sarah Barton, further in this newsletter.**

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Sarah on 54207210 or speak with Maree.

The Social Dilemma

Parents may be interested in viewing this documentary available on Netflix -*The social dilemma*, as you make decisions regarding your children and their use of Social Media.



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Melton Council's Emergency Food Relief

An identified 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

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

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



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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://upschoolstbrigidsbrisbane.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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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



06 October 2020

Maree Morris
Principal
St Brigid's Catholic Learning Community
68 Aitken Street
GISBORNE VIC 3437

Dear Mrs Morris,

A change to student banking

Thank you for your time and understanding on the phone recently.

As you know, Bendigo Bank has a long track record of working with school communities through a range of community building initiatives.

We take our role in supporting financial and community wellbeing seriously and we always consider the best interests of all stakeholders in any decisions we make.

After careful consideration, we have decided to withdraw from offering school banking programs nationally. This includes the school-based banking program at St Brigid's Catholic Learning Community.

Of course, students can continue to bank with our local branch. All accounts held will continue to operate and students are most welcome to bring their regular savings to the branch with their parent or guardian.

We will continue to focus our effort on supporting schools and their communities in ways that help them prosper.

For your school, and our local community, this includes our continued support of your leadership programs, our Community Investment evenings, the local Gisborne Christmas Festival, school awards, sponsoring school fairs, sporting events and community-determined projects.

If you would like to discuss this further, or have any questions, please feel free to call me on 03 5420 7210.

I look forward to continuing to work with you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature of Sarah Barton.

Sarah Barton
Branch Manager
Gisborne & Districts Community Bank Branch



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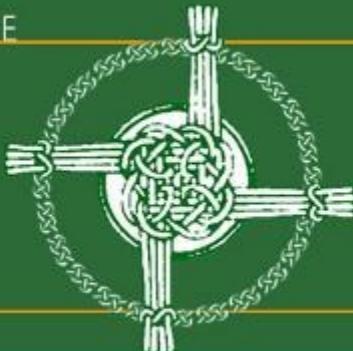


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MEMBER OF THE NORTHERN DEANERY

ST BRIGID'S CHURCH UPDATE:

ST BRIGID'S CHURCH COVID-19 UPDATE– as of the 11.59 pm Wednesday 16th September 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— back to normal 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

If you need 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).

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| 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 White Knee Hi's | 9-12; 13-3; 2-8; 7-11 (3 Pack) (Twin Pack) | \$ 12.00 \$ 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

Hello All, isn't it great to have our kids back together at school! For those who don't know me, I'm the father of Adelle, Alexandra and Marcus Bonanno (Grade 4) who are all part of the St Brigid's community.

I have nominated for the upcoming local council elections and am seeking your support to help me protect and enhance our natural, social and economic environment. I'm a volunteer at our local Gisborne SES unit, Gisborne Pony Club/I.R. Robertson Reserve and the Gisborne Giants footy club.

For a fresh face on council who will represent our community with rigour and not be afraid to challenge the status quo, I seek your vote. Feel free to reach out on 0412 678 730, domformacedonranges@gmail.com or connect at facebook.com/domformacedonranges



**MACEDON
RANGES
GIFT SHOP**

Supporting local families at Christmas

**Register for 2020's
Christmas Gift Shop**

This year we are working with local businesses to provide families with gift cards to shop locally

We require all families seeking support to register by emailing christmas@cobaw.org.au by 11 November 5pm
Gift Shop Cards issued 25 November
email: christmas@cobaw.org.au to register or call 5421 1666 for more information

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

PFA Meeting

**Reminder - the next PFA meeting is on Tuesday 13th October at the Three Little Pigs at 2pm.
RSVP essential to: pfa@sbgisborne.catholic.edu.au**

All welcome.

St Brigid's Primary School 2020 Annual General Meeting (AGM) for The Parents and Friends Association (PFA). To be held Tuesday 24th November 2020 at 1:30pm in St. Brigid's Meeting Room (TBC).

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, Office Meeting Room at 2:00pm (TBC).

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.



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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



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| 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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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



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)