

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

(Romans 15:13, NIV)



Welcome to week 3, term 1 2021

What a great start we have shared - with a strong focus on learning and well being.

Congratulations to our Year 6 students who are doing an amazing job at inspiring their fellow students to be fully involved in school life. They are doing an exceptional job as leaders in our school and have established themselves as impressive role models. We are so proud of you all!

Swimming Sports

Our school swimming sports were held last Friday - Congratulations to Petrina, Chek, and Mel for their extraordinary efforts in organising and coordinating and to all staff members and parent helpers for their assistance. Special thanks also to Emma, Lana and Clare for extra help with the pre-event preparation. What a wonderful event it was!

Congratulations to all students for participating so well, having fun and encouraging one another. We are so fortunate to be able to attend this event as a whole school.

We still have a number of pieces of clothing and towels left over from the day - they are in the foyer awaiting collection.

Working Bees

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RSVP to Brendan 0412096053 brendan@swft.com.au



Footsteps Dance Presentation

Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions and in discussion with our Regional Leadership Consultant, our Welcome BBQ had to be cancelled. However, the students were still able to be involved in the awesome dance event and thanks to the amazing videoing skills of Jackie Schober we will be able to share the dance skills with families via Seesaw.

We hope to schedule a social BBQ later in the year.



Beginning of the School Year Mass

Students and staff joined in our beginning of the Year mass on Wednesday February 10th. Congratulations to Mariah and Senior MP for preparing and organising the Mass. Congratulations to all students for the reverent participation and thanks to Mel for her assistance and leadership.

Clean Up Australia

Thanks to the leadership, motivation and organisation from Scarlett Fennessy and Emma Baker we will be living our Catholic call to stewardship of our environment by participating as a whole school in Clean Up Australia 2021. A message from Scarlett:

On Friday the 5th of March we will be hosting a Clean Up Australia Day for our school, St Brigid's. The preps and juniors will be cleaning inside and around the school and the middles and seniors will be cleaning outside of the school in places like Dixon field and the Gisborne adventure playground.

Curriculum Presentations

We have decided that this year 2021 expectations for each level and associated curriculum information will be shared via a short video. More information will be shared in the coming weeks. If you already have any burning questions or queries please forward them to your child's homeroom teacher and they may be addressed in the video.

Specialist Subjets

Japanese through Sustainability, Visual Arts, Performing Arts, & Physical Education. Senior and Middle students specialist day is run on Tuesdays, Foundation and Juniors are on Wednesdays. Please wear full sport uniform on your specialist day and we encourage students to wear full sport uniform on Fridays.

PBL

On Monday we launched PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) with all students and staff. This approach to interacting and learning ensures that everyone knows what we expect at St Brigid's, students are supported as we learn about expectations, actions and interactions and everyone is consistent in their approach.

Students, parents and staff have had a voice in developing our expectations matrix (a copy of which has been sent home) and we welcome all comments and feedback we have received to date. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call. I thank the PBL team for their great work in leading this initiative.

What does PBL stand for? - 

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING



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Coronavirus Adjustments - Drop off / Pick up

Please remember to utilise all gates around the school for drop off and pick up.

With new COVID adjustments **all adults entering the school must wear masks**, practice social distancing, sanitise and you **MUST** sign in if you are on site for more than 15 minutes. Do not enter the school if you or your child has a fever, runny nose, sore throat, cough, chills, shortness of breath, loss of sense of smell or taste. At the first sign of any of these symptoms get tested then stay at home.

In light of the recent positive case in Sunbury, it is vital that everyone is active in maintaining a vigilant manner and carefully abiding by Covid expectations and adjustments.

Canteen

Huge thank you to Kelly Curmi for once again undertaking the organisation and coordination of our canteen. Our first day for canteen sales and orders will be next Friday, February 19th, 2021. To place an order please send in on the Thursday prior, in a bag noting the student's name, class and food order, there will be a lunch order tub in each learning area. Please see menu attached .

Covid adjustments and best practice will be maintained at all times.

Counter sales items can only be purchased from the canteen window during the first break.

If you would like to volunteer to help out in the canteen please leave your details with Lisa or Teresa in the school office.

PFA

We would love to hear from any volunteers who would be interested in organising and supporting our PFA. Please have a chat with Maree if you are interested. See inside for latest PFA news!

Sunsmart Policy

Please be mindful of our Sunsmart policy - all students and staff must wear a hat when outdoors between September and April . Students are expected to come to school with sunscreen applied. Sunscreen will be available at school for reapplication when necessary. If your child needs a particular sunscreen please label it and send it to school with them.

Please ensure your child's hat is clearly labelled and is at school every day.

Blessings

Maree



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Children's Liturgy

St Brigid's Parish are planning to revive Children's Liturgy in our Parish starting on Sunday March 7th at the 11 am Mass. Children's Liturgy provides families with an opportunity to come to Mass and allow both parents and children to comprehend the Word of God at their own level. Under the care of an adult leader, the children move to a separate area where they listen to a children's friendly version of that Sunday's gospel and are encouraged to respond in an appropriate way. At the same time, parents remain with the congregation and are fully able to concentrate on hearing the Gospel and relevant homily. After the creed, the children re-join the congregation where they can be with their parents and celebrate the liturgy of the Eucharist together.

We hope Children's Liturgy can be offered weekly at this Mass until we are able to return to "normal" pre covid numbers at St Patrick's and the 9:30 am Mass which we understand is more family friendly!

If you are interested in taking part or just learning more about Children's Liturgy, please contact Jayne O'Callaghan on 0427855471 or Madeleine McCormack on 0412301618

Lenten Reflection Program 2021

Lenten Reflection Program starts in our parish an opportunity for our parishioners to reflect to join us in this session.

Those who are interested please ring the office to book in on 5428 2591 or email gisborne@cam.org.au

Start's 18th of February 2021, every Thursday at 7 pm.

The address is at Jayne & Bill O'Callaghan's 70 Crombie Rd Macedon.

Amy Hurst

Parish Secretary

St Brigid's Parish

Gisborne VIC 3437

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

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



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Conveyance Allowance - Are you eligible??

The Conveyance Allowance is a form of financial assistance to help families in rural and regional Victoria with the cost of transporting their children to their nearest appropriate school/campus. The Conveyance Allowance is available to eligible students travelling by public transport, private car and private bus. The Conveyance Allowance is also available to eligible students whose nearest school is not serviced by a free school bus.

Eligibility criteria

The eligibility criteria varies depending on the type of school attended and where it is located.

Students attending a government or non-government school must:

- * attend their nearest government or non-government school/campus appropriate to their year level at which admission is permissible
- * be enrolled at a school/campus outside Melbourne's metropolitan conveyance boundary
- * reside 4.8km or more by the shortest practicable route from that school/campus attended or bus stop
- * be of school age (5 to 18 years old at time of application) and reside in Victoria.

Students attending a government or non-government specialist school or Department-recognised special setting must:

- * attend their nearest government or non-government specialist school or Department-recognised special setting
- * reside 4.8km or more by the shortest practicable route from that school/campus attended or bus stop
- * reside within the Designated Transport Area (DTA) for the government specialist school attended (applicable to government students only)
- be of school age (5 to 18 years old at time of application) and reside in Victoria.

Payment amounts

Depending on how a student travels to school, an eligible student may be granted a conveyance allowance based on:

- * the least expensive public transport fares; and/or
- * a distance based allowance when travel is by private car and/or private bus.

**Application forms are available from the School Office.
Applications close for Term 1 on Friday 5th March**



Uniform News

The school uniform shop will shortly have tags for sale at \$2 each for families who wish to attach them to their older uniform or uniform purchased pre-Spartan brand.

All new uniform purchased will have a tag already imbedded in the garment bombers and windcheaters only.

Exciting News!

Our school uniform
is now SMART!

Smart Tag Lost Property

How it works

1



Our jackets/jumpers now come with Smart Tags already attached.

2



Pair your Smart Tag to your phone with a single SMS.

3



Receive an automatic SMS alert when your item is placed in lost property.



RagTagd

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Community News

*Our Condolences to the Saufoi family, on the passing of
Fiatuiga Faamoana Saufoi. Grand father to Raine (Senior LS).
Our deepest sympathy is with the family at this very sad time.*



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ST BRIGIDS CANTEN MENU 2021

ALL LUNCH ORDERS ARE TO BE PLACED IN THE LUNCH ORDER TUBS IN EACH LEARNING AREA ON THURSDAYS TO BE SERVED ON FRIDAY

HOT FOOD

Hot Dog	\$3.50
Hot Dog with cheese	\$3.50
Meat Pie	\$3.50
Party Pie	\$1.50
Sausage Roll	\$3.00
Mini Sausage Roll	\$1.50
Nuggets	\$0.80 each
Steamed Dim Sim	\$1.00
<i>(with or without soy sauce)</i>	
Chicken Burger	\$4.00

(with or without mayonnaise)

Plus Lettuce, Cheese or Tomato \$0.50 each

SANDWICHES

Cheese	\$2.00
Plus Ham, Tomato, Lettuce	\$0.50 each

Please specify if you would like it toasted

SALAD ROLL \$3.50

Please specify ingredients required: Ham, Tuna, Lettuce, Cucumber, Carrot, Cheese, Tomato, Mayo

NEW GLUTEN FREE RANGE

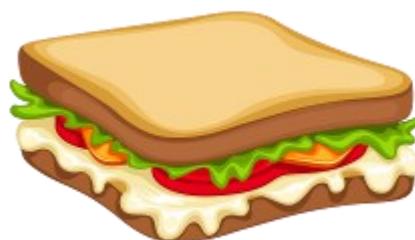
Party Pie	\$2.00
Mini Sausage Roll	\$2.00
Zucchini Slice w/salad	\$6.00
Vegetarian Fried Rice	\$5.00

DRINKS

Choc or Strawberry Milk	\$2.00
Water	\$1.00

COUNTER SALES (1st play)

Moosies	\$1.50
Popcorn or potato chips	\$1.00
Noodle Snack	\$1.00
Gingerbread	\$1.00
Individual fruit serving	\$1.00



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Sport News

School Sports Victoria will commence their opening of registrations to sports very soon. Nominations are completed by parents and are endorsed by the school during the registration process.

Use the following website address to register your interest.

Go to <https://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/team-vic> and on the Team Vic sport page submit your details to be notified when registrations open.

If you have any questions about School Sports Victoria feel free to contact me at pogrady@sbgisborne.catholic.edu.au

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All helpers welcome. RSVP to Brendan 0412096053 brendan@swift.com.au



Little Groovin' Guitars is accepting enrolments for Term 1, 2021.

Please email info@littlegroovinguitars.com.au with your child's school and grade for more information.

Our course includes: 36 lessons (annually), weekly ensemble rehearsals, two guitar recitals, a workshop and performance with professional musicians, and a video recording.

Our teachers are dedicated and passionate musicians and have a desire to share their love of music. Each teacher has an extensive musical education and performance background, and has received the appropriate clearances to work with children.



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Prep Staggered Starts – 2021

Week 4

Monday 15th February 8.50am - 3.20pm

Tuesday 16th February 8.50am - 3.20pm

No school for Preps on Wednesday 17th February

Thursday 18th February 8.50am - 3.20pm

Friday 19st February 8.50am - 3.20pm

Week 5

Monday 22nd February 8.50am - 3.20pm

Tuesday 23rd February 8.50am - 3.20pm

No school for Preps on Wednesday 24th February

Thursday 25th February 8.50am - 3.20pm

Friday 26th February 8.50am - 3.20pm

Week 6

Monday 1st March – Friday 5th March
Preps commence full time school
(8.50am – 3.20pm)

Week 7

Monday 8th March

Labour Day Holiday

Tuesday 9th March – Friday 12th March

Preps at school full time
(8.50am – 3.20pm)

Week 8

Monday 15th March – Friday 19th March
Preps at school full time
(8.50am – 3.20pm)

Week 9

Monday 22nd March – Friday 26th March
Preps at school full time
(8.50am – 3.20pm)

Week 10

Monday 29th March – Thursday 1st April
Preps at school full time
(8.50am – 3.20pm)

END OF TERM 1 – Thursday 1st April, 2021

(Friday 2nd April Good Friday)

TERM 2: STUDENTS COMMENCE MONDAY 19th APRIL 2021.

Pupil free days to be advised and will be recorded on Google calendar.



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Register now for the Parent Business Directory

- It's back for 2021

The St Brigid's Parent Business 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 below form and return it to the School Office with payment before the end of Term 1.

A yearly fee of \$50 per business includes fortnightly listing in the school newsletter. The listing will have your business name and/or logo, product/service type and direct contact details.

All funds will go towards the PFA's fundraising goal for this year.

Thank you for your support.

St Brigid's PFA

ST BRIGID'S PARENT BUSINESS DIRECTORY

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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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



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 February to December 2021 with funds going towards the PFA St Brigid's fundraising goal.

Thank you for your support.



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