

NEWSLETTER

Friday 13th March

Term 1 Week 7



Monday 16th March

Year 5 to visit Sacred Heart College

Tuesday 17th March

GRIP Leadership Conference - Year 6

Wednesday 18th March

Junior LS Mass 9.15 Church

Prep parents (2019 & 2020) pizza night

6.30pm @ Gisborne Collective

Thursday 19th March

Uniform shop open 9-9.30am

Friday 20th March

Assembly earlier time of 2.30pm Hall

Monday 23rd March

See Us In Action Day (2021 Enrolments)

9.00-11.00am

Wednesday 25th March

Online Parent/Teacher/Student

bookings close 9.00am

Easter raffle tickets to be returned

Parish Education Board Meeting @

St Brigid's 7-8.00pm

Thursday 26th March

Parent/Student/Teacher interviews

12.30-7.30pm **Students Dismissed at 12**

Noon

Friday 27th March

Casual Clothes Day (Sports house

colours) PFA event Gold coin

donation

Assembly earlier time 1.30- 2.20pm

commencing with Easter Raffle and

concluding with reverent Good Friday

Paraliturgy.

End of Term 1. Students dismissed at

2.20pm

Tuesday 14th April

PUPIL FREE DAY

Wednesday 15th April

Term 2 commences at 8.50am

*Almighty and Everlasting God,
You have given the human race
Jesus Christ our Saviour as a model of humility.
He fulfilled Your Will by becoming Man
And giving His life on the Cross.
Help us to bear witness to You
By following His example of suffering
Amen*

Corona Virus

Please note that we are following advice from Catholic Education Melbourne in regard to the management of Corona Virus. Please read the attached notification further on in the newsletter. In line with a number of other schools and current health advice, we are needing to commence the following practices -

From Monday 16th March

Direct drinking from the school bubblers will be withdrawn. Each student is to have their water bottle with them to use inside and they will also take it with them outside during recesses.

Bottles will be refilled as required.

Each student is to bring a toilet bag containing soap in a soap container and a small hand towel. Supervised hand washing will take place throughout the day. Students will also take their toiletries to the bathroom with them during individual visits. Hand towels are to be taken home each afternoon for washing and drying and returned the following day. These actions will be in addition to current practices.

Thank you for your support and understanding as we work together to promote best practice.

Reconciliation

In line with current advice, we have also had to cancel our Community Reconciliation Ceremonies scheduled for this Tuesday and Thursday March 17th and 19th.

As an alternative, we will conduct student Reconciliation at school.

Individual Reconciliation will be conducted at school with the students as part of the Religious Education sessions.

As a further alternative, parents may wish to accompany their child to Reconciliation with Fr Vin at the Church and should therefore make an appointment with Amy our parish Secretary on 54282591 to make a time agreeable to both parties.

Thank you for your understanding.

If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.



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Cancelled

St Patrick's Day Mass, involving a group of our year 5 students, in Melbourne has also been cancelled.

Parent /Teacher/ Student interviews

Parent /Teacher/ Student interviews will take place on Thursday 26th March between 12.30-7.30pm to make a booking please visit <https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/> You will need the booking code **kffyy** Details of how to make a booking are in this newsletter.

Term 2

Term 2 commences Wednesday 15th of April. Tuesday 14th is a student free day - staff will be working with leaders from Catholic Education Melbourne on our 2020 school review.

Swimming

Congratulations to all students and thank you to staff and parents who have been involved in recent events. Congratulation and good luck to the children swimming at the region swimming competition in Geelong on Tuesday 24th March. This includes Jasmine Matthews (freestyle) and Xavier Thornton (freestyle & backstroke).

Bendigo Bank

From 2020 school student banking will be through Bendigo Bank Accounts. A representative will be at school in the office foyer on Tuesday 24th March at 2.30pm to start opening accounts, then again Term 2, Tuesday 21st April at 2.30pm.

Assembly

Assembly, March 20th, (Week 8) will commence at 2:30 as the Junior faith leaders from Salesian College will lead us in prayer for Catholic Education Week.

Congratulations Fr Vin

Fr Vin has officially been appointed Parish Priest of St Brigid's Parish, Gisborne. We are very blessed to have Fr Vin leading our community and we wish him every happiness and support in his new ventures. Fr Vin's official induction ceremony will take place on Sunday March 29th at 11am Mass, followed by morning tea in the hall. Please bring a plate to share. **Please note this event is to be confirmed.**

Opening of the Grass Area

Come and join us for the opening of our new Grass Area - Wednesday 15th of April at 9.30 am. Juniors will lead our final Easter paraliturgy, re enacting the Resurrection.

Easter Raffle

Thank you for your ongoing support - raffle to be drawn at our final assembly.

2019/2020 Prep Parents' Pizza Night - organised by Board member Brendan Schneider - March 18th - see inside for details

Website - Renewal

Keep an eye on our fantastic website as updated videoing is currently underway. We are producing additional videos for the **upschool** section - including parent information and resources around curriculum, learning and how to support your child at home.

Prayers

Please keep in your prayers all in our community who are unwell at this time

NAPLAN 2020

Dates for NAPLAN testing for students in years 3 and 5 - Tuesday 12th, Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th May, 2020



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Correct school uniform

It is a school expectation that all students wear the correct school uniform. Black socks are not part of the uniform.

2021 enrolments - we will shortly be commencing the 2021 enrolment process - Dates and timeline: please refer to page 5 of this Newsletter.

Forward notice - As per parent calendar - PLEASE NOTE CORRECTED DATES

Student Free Days

Tuesday 14th April - 2020 School Review Preparation.

November 2nd - Report Writing Day

November 6th - Whole School Forward planning

In keeping with Government and CEM Updates and recommendations, my Principal Enrichment leave has been cancelled. I will instead be involved in a local mini-retreat and therefore will be available for an emergency. It is anticipated I will be off-campus Friday 13th, Monday and Tuesday.

St Brigid's Play Group - will recommence soon - details will be shared.

Blessings to all.

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13th March, 2020



Dear Parents and Guardians

Our first priority at St Brigid's is the health and safety of our school community.

I want to reassure you that the school is well-prepared for the impact of COVID-19 (coronavirus).

We are being provided the latest advice from the Australian and Victorian Chief Medical Officers by the Catholic Education Commission of Victoria Ltd to ensure that our school practices are helping to keep our school community safe from the outbreak.

Any incidents that arise will be addressed in accordance with our Critical Incident and Emergency Management Plan. We will also have access to resources and support from Catholic Education Melbourne and the Department of Health and Human Services.

As parents, you have a critical role in helping the school manage this situation:

- Exercise good judgment by keeping children home if they are feeling unwell for any reason
- Talk to children about the situation, as they may be feeling anxious or stressed. You have a key role in helping students feel prepared and safe
- Encourage children to be proactive and committed to their schoolwork, and to stay connected with the school and their teachers.

The Department of Health and Human Services has a number of resources on its website, which explain the virus, detail risk-reduction practices and behaviours, and answer frequently asked questions. These are available at www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus.

You can also find information about Catholic education's response at <http://www.cecv.catholic.edu.au/Coronavirus-information-for-parents>.

This is an evolving situation, but we will keep you updated as things change.

I ask that you continue to work closely with the school and to contact my office should you have any concerns.

Thank you for your support as we work to keep our students safe.



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HOLY CROSS & ST.BRIGID'S PRIMARY SCHOOLS

ENROLMENT TIMELINE 2021

"SEE US IN ACTION" DAY

MARCH
12 and 23
9am to 11 am

Come along to our school and observe the children working in all the learning environments throughout the school.

"SCHOOL PHILOSOPHY" DAY

Come for a guided tour, taken by our senior students, and listen to our staff speak about how the students are engaged in curriculum and their learning.

THUR 7

MAY
9.30 AM & 7PM

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

ENROLMENT CLOSING DATE

Friday 22nd May, 2020

NEW FAMILY INTERVIEWS

From 8th June 2020

NOTIFICATION OF OFFER OF PLACES

Posted week beginning 27th July 2020

PREP ORIENTATION SESSIONS

Dates to be Advised



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St Brigid's - Parent, Teacher and Student Interviews

March 2020

Booking CODE


kffyy

Thursday 26th March 12:30pm to 7:30pm

Students dismissed from school at 12pm

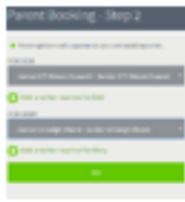
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Choose teachers




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Choose times



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When you have finished, your interview/session timetable will be emailed to you. If something comes up, you can return to the site and change your interviews/session times whenever you want.

Bookings open Saturday 14th March at 9:00am

and close Wednesday 25th March at 9:00am

NO LATE BOOKINGS ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE

Please contact the office if you require help: 54282220

The web address <http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/>



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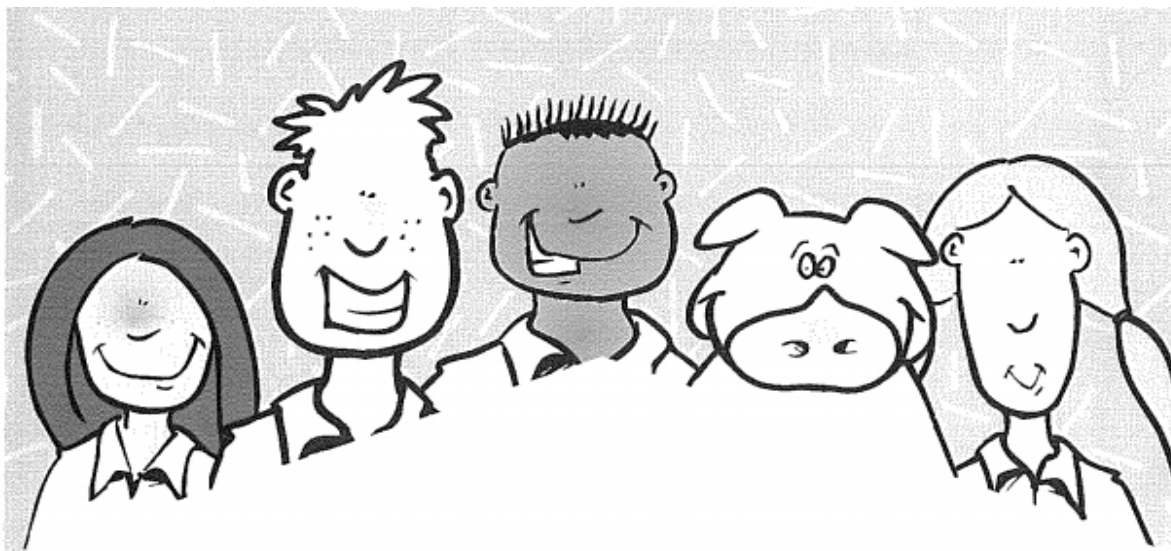
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School Banking

A representative will be at school in the office foyer on Tuesday 24th March at 2.30pm to start opening accounts, then again Term 2, Tuesday 21st April at 2.30pm. **Your child's Birth Certificate and Medicare card will be needed to open the account.** Alternatively, you can pop into the local Bendigo branch.



Gisborne & District Community Bank Branch

Junior savers getting ahead.

With Bendigo Student Banking.

For our kids, learning something new is often easier the younger they start. Whether it's ballet lessons, skiing, or kicking the footy, beginning at a younger age can reap big rewards.

The same applies for learning to save.

That's why at Bendigo Bank we run our Student Banking Program and offer our Bendigo PiggySaver Account. Designed specifically for primary school children, it's an ideal way to introduce kids to the basic concepts of savings, budgeting and money.

With no account keeping fees, no transaction or government fees and no deposit restrictions – plus a host of fun games and rewards for young account holders – a Bendigo PiggySaver Account makes saving easy.

So, if you're looking to encourage your own junior saver at home, consider opening a Bendigo PiggySaver Account for your child – it could really pay off for their future.

Opening an account is simple. All you need is your child's birth certificate and Medicare card.

Drop into your nearest branch at 11 Nexus Way, Gisborne or phone 5420 7210.



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Look What's New



If your child has a food allergy the Uniform Shop are stocking these new lunch bags with an alert sticker

'Warning I have a food allergy'.

These can be purchased for \$10



Community News

LITTLE GROOVIN' GUITARS 2020 GUITAR ENROLMENTS

Lessons run on Tuesdays during the school day with guitar ensemble rehearsals during lunch or recess. Please contact info@littlegroovinguitars.com.au with your child's name and grade for information on enrolling. Thank you, Angus Rickard



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FROM
\$25/TICKET
ENTER TO WIN
A THERMOMIX

OR TRAVEL
VOUCHERS
TO THE VALUE
OF \$2270

AND HELP THE
ROTARY
INTERNATIONAL
MATERNAL &
INFANT HEALTH
PROJECT

 <https://www.rafflelink.com.au/nepalcbe2020>  Rotary
Macedon Ranges

Prep Parents Pizza Night at Gisborne Collective

*The 2019 and 2020 Prep Parents are
invited for a Meet and Greet
On Wednesday 18th March at 6.30pm
at the Gisborne Collective
10 Robertson St, Gisborne
Cost \$20 per person includes food
Drinks available at bar prices*

*Please RSVP by 13/3/20 via email at
brendan@swff.com.au*

(sorry no children)



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PFA News



Easter Raffle

Raffle ticket books were sent home **Friday 28th February**.

A reminder to please support this fundraiser by donating one Easter Egg or gift per family to school by **Wednesday 25th March, 2020**.

Our annual "Guess the Eggs" inside the Jar – **50 cents per guess**, is under way. The winner will be drawn on the last day of Term 1.

Reminder: **Casual Clothes Day Friday 27th March, 2020**

Come dressed in your house colours. Gold coin donation.

Thanking you in advance for your support.

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St Brigid's PFA Easter Egg Donation and Raffle

Our annual Easter Egg donation and raffle commenced **Monday 17th February, 2020**. Once again the PFA will be making up Easter Egg hampers to be raffled off to raise much needed funds.

We kindly ask if families could simply donate one (1) Easter Egg (all sizes welcome) or Easter gift to form part of the prize hampers.

Families are asked to please drop off their Easter Egg donations to their child's classroom from **Monday 17th February, 2020**.

Please return all raffle ticket butts and money in an envelope, along with Easter egg donations, by **Wednesday 25th March, 2020**.

The raffle prizes will be drawn on the last day of term, **Friday 27th March**.

Thank you for supporting this PFA Fundraiser.



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Register now for the Parent Business Directory

- It's back for 2020

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 from the beginning of Term 2. 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

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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