



# St Brigid's

Thursday 7 February, 2019

***"May the learning and excitement begin!"***

**Welcome**

What a sensational start to the 2019 school year! Thank you parents for preparing your children so well, ready for Monday. This year, we welcome 23 new students across our school. We know you will love our great school! It has been a 'bumper' start and I cannot wait for the year ahead. We also welcome our new staff to St Brigid's - we are so glad you are with us:

- Kindy** - Mrs Tanya Harris
- Pre Primary** - Mrs Georgie Miller
- Year 1** - Mrs Vera Reeve
- Music** - Mrs Caroline Morling
- Art** - Mrs Fiona Willis

**Parent Information Evening**

On Tuesday 12 February we look forward to seeing all parents at our annual evening of information. In 20 minutes, teachers will take you through their routines and expectations for the year. At 6.10 all parents are welcome to the library while I will speak about some of our school wide programs and initiatives. Here is how the night will progress:

5.30 - 5.50	Year 6 / Year 1
5.50 - 6.10	Kindy / Year 4
6.10 - 6.30	Carlo in the library
6.30 - 6.50	PP / Year 5
6.50 - 7.10	Year 2 / Year 3

**Student Council 2019**

At our end of year concert last year, we announced the student council for this year. Congratulations!

- Head Girl: Bindi Kitchener
- Head Boy: James Sparkes
- Quinn: Tayiah Graham
- Vincent: Declan Kopp
- McCauley: Maggie Royce
- Mercy: Lulu Holdsworth

**Blackwood Rhapsody**

Years 3-6 will be treated to a preview this Friday 8 February at Bridgetown Primary School of what's in store for the Blackwood Rhapsody. We will walk the classes to and from the event for the 50 minute music extravaganza.

**School times**

In case you are wondering, St Brigid's has the following hours of instruction:

- 8.20am** Doors open
- 8.40am** Lessons commence
- 10.40am** Recess
- 1.00pm** Lunch
- 3.00pm** End of the day

Please ensure your child does not arrive at school before 8.20am as there will not be staff supervising children. Any child who arrives early will be asked to sit on the benches outside their classroom.

**What's happening after school?**

This year we continue our commitment to providing extra-curricular opportunities after school. To suit the weather, we are offering two different options over the year. So, here is what you can expect from 3.15-4.00pm:

- Tuesday**
  - After School Sports - Terms 1 & 4
  - Número Club- Terms 2 & 3

- Wednesday**
  - Homework Club - All year round.

There is no cost to join these activities. You simply arrange to collect your child from school at 4.00pm.

**Thank you**

It certainly seems like a long time ago, but sincere thanks from the Parish to those families who attended Christmas Eve Mass with their children. I was told that the wonderful children lead the Mass beautifully.

**P&F and School Board Meetings**

Please note, this year our meetings for both committees will take place in weeks 4 and 8. P&F will be on the Monday at 6.00pm whilst School Board will be on Tuesdays at 7.00pm.

**Code of Conduct Meeting**

Please contact the school if you would like to attend our annual Code of Conduct Induction. Once you have completed this short (30 minute) meeting, you do not have to attend a second time. All parents must have attended before volunteering for parent help in the classes.

**Congratulations Mrs Kammann**

As you may already be aware, Ms Kammann in Year 2 will be celebrating the birth of a new baby soon. At the end of this term, we will bid farewell to Ms Kammann who will commence maternity leave. For the commencement of Term 2, Mrs Annabelle Matenaar will resume full time teaching of Year 2. Mrs Matenaar is looking forward to working with the class again. Year Two families have received a separate letter regarding this today.

**Swimming lessons (PP-Year 2)**

Swimming lessons for Pre-Primary to Year 2 start on Monday 11 February. Lessons will run for the week only. Thank you for completing the swimming enrolment form so promptly. If you are unsure of any information pertaining to these lessons, please contact your child's teacher.

*I can't wait for all the excitement of the year to take shape as we progress through the weeks and I look forward to greeting you at our parent evening this coming Tuesday.*

Carlo Pardini  
**Principal**







## From the Library

Welcome back to our library for 2019.

Library day for all students, P/P to year 6, is Tuesday. Could you please help your child/children to look after our valuable library resources by ensuring your child always has a library bag to take to library each week.

We are in desperate need of parent/grandparent volunteers to place returned books back on the shelves each week. If you can spare an hour or two, once a term, could you please let us know and we can show you what this task involves. There is no experience needed to be a volunteer.

Thank you and we look forward to giving you more updates from the Library.

Mrs Elizabeth Corrigan and Mrs Lorraine Pearce.

## P&F

A big welcome back to you all and an even bigger hello to all our lovely new families as we begin an exciting new year at St Brigid's. Let us all do our best to make them feel welcome. Your P&F committee have already begun busily planning our fundraising events for 2019 as well as nominating members for the year ahead. I am so excited to be the President this year along side Vice President Justine Dixon, Secretary and Board Rep Lizzy Doust, Treasurer Fiona Roberts and Committee Members Kath Spooner and Erin Maddams. Everyone is welcome to attend our meetings and to share ideas, with the first scheduled for **February 25th**. We are also seeking parents who would like to take on the role of the Fundraising Representative for their child's class, where you will work alongside a P&F member on the event your year will be allocated to. If you would like to discuss this further please see me at school or call anytime on 0413 425 123. It's going to be a great year!

Yolande Wendt  
**P&F President**

## Sunday Mass

10 Feb - 9.00am

17 Feb - 5.00pm

24 Feb - 9.00am

## Canteen

A form has been included in this newsletter about canteen parent help. We need your help to run our canteen over two days.

Working with Mrs Fran Wilson is always a highlight and I know she would love as many parents coming onto the roster as possible. Please complete the form and hand it in as soon as possible so we can build the roster.

A look ahead at the week...

Wk	DATE	TIME	EVENT
1	Fri 8 Feb	2.15pm	Blackwood Rhapsody concert for Years 3-6
2	Mon 11 Feb		Swimming Week for Pre-Primary to Year 2
3	Fri 22 Feb	2.30pm	MJR Merit Certificate Assembly in the Hall
4	Mon 25 Feb	6.00pm	P&F Meeting - All welcome!
	Tues 26 Feb	7.00pm	School Board Meeting in the staffroom
	Fri 1 Mar	TBA	Cricket Cup (Years 5 and 6)



## Community Information

Bridgetown Family & Community Centre

*Community BBQ*

**2019**

FRIDAY 15 FEB  
5PM ONWARDS  
36 STEERE ST

Food, bouncy castle, great company and everyone is welcome!  
Dinner is by donation only

**BRIDGETOWN STROKES & STRIDES SWIM SCHOOL**  
11 FEBRUARY - 8 MARCH 2019

Day	Times	Stages
Monday & Wednesday	3:00 - 3:50pm	Stage 1
Monday & Wednesday	3:50 - 4:40pm	Stages 1
Monday & Wednesday	4:40 - 5:30pm	Stages 2
Monday & Wednesday	5:30 - 6:20pm	Stages 4 & 5
Monday & Wednesday	6:20 - 7:10pm	Stages 6 & 7
Monday & Wednesday	7:10 - 8:00pm	Stages 8, 9 & 10

Day	Times	Lil Fishes
Friday	3:00 - 5:00pm	Swim (3-4 years)
Friday	10:00 - 10:30am	Dory (1-2 years)
Friday	10:30 - 11:00am	Bomb (6 months - 1 year)

Enrolment forms now available @ BLC  
Enrolments close: Monday 4 February 2019  
Term fees: Stage lessons \$68 (2 classes per week) Lil Fishes \$34 (1 class per week)  
Full payment due 12pm Friday 8 February 2019  
Lessons require a minimum of 5 participants to run

Corner Gifford Rd & Steere St, Bridgetown  
Ph 9261 2966

Bridgetown Leisure Centre

**SATURDAY 23 MARCH 2019**

**Rotary Tour of the Blackwood** <https://www.blackwoodtour.info/>

### RIDE FOR YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH

Now in its third year, the Rotary Tour of the Blackwood is one of the most challenging rides in Western Australia. Starting by the banks of the mighty Blackwood River, the [Full Tour](#) meanders some 130km through stunning countryside between beautiful Bridgetown and the magical town sites of Balingup and Nannup, and features over 2000m of climbing including a Category 4 ascent toward the finish line.

The beautiful [Half n Best](#) or [Cozy](#) courses are great fun too!

All proceeds from this ride are donated to [Blackwood Youth Action](#), who provide much needed psychological support services and mental wellness programs for at-risk youth in the Blackwood region.