



# St Brigid's

Thursday 28 November, 2019



# Season of Advent

## Advent

This Sunday marks the beginning of a new church season, Advent, which symbolises the coming of Jesus and a period of waiting. We will be holding a very simple Advent prayer at the beginning of our assemblies over the next two Monday mornings. The season of Advent is marked with purple altar cloths, so our classroom prayer tables will change to reflect this new season.

## School AGM

Thank you to our school community members for making the time to wrap up our year so well at our recent AGM on Wednesday night. We bid farewell to Susie White (secretary extra-ordinaire!) from the Board. Thank you Susie for many years of time, not to mention countless minutes taken for St Brigid's. Thank you also to Yo Wendt who has resigned as President of our P&F - the time you gave our school to coordinate events this year is very much appreciated.

Our School Board 'line-up' for 2020 will be as follows:

- Sharon Gardner - Chairperson
- Ashlee Mentlein - Secretary
- Alysha Sculley - Treasurer
- Linda Vowles - Parish Rep.
- Lizzy Doust - P&F Rep.
- Nathan Milne - Board Member
- Simon Kane - Board Member
- Mitchell Pearce - Board Member
- Father Roshan - Ex-Officio
- Carlo Pardini - Ex-Officio

We also declared all positions vacant on the P&F committee and I am pleased to say we have our executive of the P&F all sorted! Here is the team for 2020:

- Justine Dixon - President
- Kathleen Spooner - Vice President
- Lizzy Doust - Secretary
- Fiona Roberts - Treasurer
- Jodie West - Committee Member

Thank you to all committee members for taking on these roles for the new year.

## Head Students 2020

Today, all Year Five children received a letter outlining how we will be voting for our Head Boy, Head Girl and Faction Captains. Next week, students will have

the opportunity to speak in front of their peers if they wish to be considered for a leadership role. At the concert, on Thursday 12 December, we will announce the successful candidates.

## St Vinnies Christmas Appeal

The boxes are now in all classrooms! In the coming weeks, please give some thought to putting aside some items or some loose change for our 2019 Vinnie's Appeal. Please take note of the items that each class is asked to donate (see the back page of this newsletter). The boxes will be presented at Graduation Mass on Wednesday 11 December at 9.00am in the Church.

## Interschool Carnival

What a great day we had last Friday at the Interschool Carnival in Boyup Brook. Well done to our team who came third in the overall points tally. The team demonstrated they were prepared to give every event their best go. Thank you Mrs Gear for your co-ordination of this day.

## Bridgetown Show

The Art display from St Brigid's was co-ordinated by Mrs Willis and an eager team of helpers. Thank you to everyone involved in the set up and pack away of this exhibition - it looked awesome.



## Pre-Kindy Transition morning

Next week we will be combining our two Pre-Kindy classes, to give the children a chance to meet and play as one group. As we are fast approaching the end of the year, next week is our best opportunity for this to happen. On Wednesday 4 December the two groups will combine. Our usual Monday Pre-Kindy class (Monday 2 December) will be cancelled. The day for all children will hold the same hours commencing at 8:30am through to 11:40am.

## Transition morning

All children from Kindy through to

Year 6 will soon experience a morning in their new 2020 classroom setting as they 'move up'. In the final week of term (Tuesday 10 December), we will move all children up until recess. Please spend a moment discussing this with your child to alleviate any anxiety for this morning. Thank you.

## Library Books

In the final days of this term, we ask that any library books you have at home are returned so essential inventories can be compiled ready for the new year.

## School App

A reminder to our families, if you have not had the opportunity to sign up to our school app, please come into the front office where Margaret and I will be able to assist you. We will guide you through the setup. In 2020, we will be using the app for most of our publications, letters and notifications. This is our step towards a sustainable school with one messaging system, rather than many modes of communication which can be over-whelming and confusing.

## Christmas Concert - can you help?

Our Concert is on Thursday December 12 December in the evening on our oval. This year we would once again like to set up the hessians and star pickets but we need some help. Can you help the day before (Wednesday 11 December) from 7.30am? Please contact the school if you can assist.

## Swimming Week 2

Swimming continues for our Years 3-6 classes next week. The forecast is for very hot weather, so please ensure your child has a rashie and sunscreen.

*Have a wonderful weekend everyone.*

*Not many sleeps now until the end of the school year!*

Carlo Pardini  
**Principal**





Kindy excursion  
to the Glancy farm.  
What an awesome day out!



The very talented Mrs Sparkes has been away in Melbourne taking part in an amazing challenge as part of the 'Hughesy and Kate' live radio program. Mrs Sparkes got to meet Dave Hughes this week and take part in some physical challenges for their 'Vegan vs Meat' segment. The good news came yesterday that the Vegan team won and so it is with congratulations that we welcome back Amanda to St Brigid's next week. Well done!

## Sunday Mass

1 Dec	5.00pm
8 Dec	9.00am
15 Dec	5.00pm

## Canteen

Fri 29 Nov	Erin Maddams <b>Abbie Fetter</b>
Mon 2 Dec	Renee Milne <b>Michelle Finch</b>
Fri 6 Dec	Volunteer needed
Mon 9 Dec	Aleisha Fullam <b>Lizzie Doust</b>

*Names in **bold** are the 'cake makers'.*



# What's coming up at St Brigid's?

Wk	Date	Time	Event
8	Mon 2 Dec		Swimming week (Yrs 3-6) week 2
9	Mon 9 Dec		Bridgetown High School Orientation Day 1
	Tue 10 Dec		Bridgetown High School Orientation Day 2
	Wed 11 Dec	9.00am	Graduation Mass in the Church
		2.00pm	Year 6 Assembly in the Hall
	Thur 12 Dec	6.00pm	Carols on the Oval Christmas Concert



## Community Notices

It's on again! St Brigid's School will be supporting families in need with the St Vincent de Paul Christmas appeal. Each class has been asked to donate particular items to contribute to the Christmas hampers (see below). It is important to remember that hampers must contain **non-perishable food items** that are in date and in good condition.

### KINDY

Bags of lollies, packets of jelly, popcorn

### PRE PRIMARY

Packets of biscuits, sweet or savoury, or bags of chips

### YEAR ONE

Tinned fruit, fruit salad, peaches, apricots, pears, etc

Tinned vegetables – beetroot, corn, peas, carrots etc

### YEAR TWO

Christmas cakes or puddings

### YEAR THREE

Tinned meats – ham, tuna, corned beef etc

### YEAR FOUR

Gravy powder, custard powder, long life milk, instant coffee, tea

### YEAR FIVE

Drinks – cordial, fruit juice, soft drink

### YEAR SIX

Fruit mince pies, Christmas crackers

**Please place food items in the box in your child's classroom by Friday, 6 December. Our hampers will be presented to the St Vincent de Paul Society at our Thanksgiving/Graduation Mass on Wednesday, 11 December at 9:00am.**



**AT BRIDGETOWN'S ASHBIL COMMUNITY GARDEN, WE GROW MORE THAN JUST PLANTS!**

**CULTIVATE NEW EXPERIENCES AND FRIENDSHIPS AS PART OF OUR INTERGENERATIONAL VENTURE**

Come join us at the Ashbil Garden  
Monthly – Second Tuesday

9.30am to 11.30am

Commencing 12 November 2019.



You can enjoy a wander around the garden, just sit and watch under shelter, have a dig, interact with the young and the not so young, have a cuppa and a bite to eat, chat to the members/volunteers, or simply relish our wonderful environment. (If you are a children's group, please bring morning snacks)

**No RSVP's required and it is all FREE! Call Trish on 0429426687 for further info.**

