

St Brigid's

Thursday 11 February, 2021



Welcome back everyone!

Finally, the first day of school came! It was an 'extra-long' holiday and now we can all hit the ground running with excitement. This week, we welcomed 15 new students across our school from Kindy to Year 6. We know you will love our great school...It has been a 'bumper' start and I cannot wait for the year ahead.

Parent Information Evening

Thank you for your attendance at our parent information meetings last night. The Year 2 meeting is on this afternoon at 3.30pm. If you missed the opportunity to attend, please make sure you grab a copy of the information booklet which was handed out.

School times

St Brigid's has the following hours of instruction.

- 8.20am Doors open
- 8.40am Lessons commence
- 10.40am Recess
- 1.00pm Lunch
- 2.50pm Kindy end of day
- 3.00pm PP-6 end of the day

Please ensure your child does not arrive at school before 8.20am.

Drop off and pick up

Drop off - This week, parents have been walking through school and entering classes to settle children which has been nice to 'ease' children into routine. From Monday, we return to our 'kiss and drop' at the front gate. A huge positive that came from the pandemic last year was the children being settled and ready for class to begin once walking into school on their own. This not only fostered more independence but also meant teaching and learning began promptly. Kindy children will be met by the staff and walked to the classroom in groups.

Pick up - Parents will be welcome to sit in the undercover area and wait

for your children or remain outside where all classes will walk out to find you. The Kindy class will walk to the front grassed area at 2.50pm to escape the 'rush'. Kindy staff will remain with the children until they are collected so please do not stress if you arrive a minute or two late!

Assembly

Our first assembly will be held on Friday 19 February (next week). We did have an assembly planned for this week on the Term planner, but we have decided to put this back. At this assembly, we will present the first Merit Certificates for the year. Families whose children will be receiving an award will be invited. Under current Phase 4 restrictions, we continue to monitor the number of adults in the hall.

After school Sport

This year, after school sport will be seasonal. It will not take place every week but rather prior to major sporting carnivals. For example, in the lead up to the cross country and athletics carnivals. We will notify you when this occurs. If you think you can help to run an intensive 4-6 week program, please get in touch with us.

Homework Club

Each Wednesday afternoon, commencing next week, from 3.00 - 4.00pm, we will offer homework club to students from Year 3-6. There is no cost to join this club, you simply arrange to collect your child from school at 4.00pm. Please do not leave your child at homework club unless they have their homework with them.

P&F Fundraising

Each week, take note of the P&F section in this newsletter (page 3). This year, the committee has set themselves a challenge to raise money to further enhance the 'Declan Kane Nature Playground' which has commenced with the building of an arbor (see right). A thermometer has been placed on

the pin-board (outside the front door to the school) as an indication of how much money the P&F are raising. You can help by supporting the events organised throughout the year, including this weekends sausage sizzle at the Bridgetown Showgrounds (see flyer on the back page).

Student Council

At our end of year concert last year, we announced the student council for this year. These wonderful individuals will receive their badges this week and be officially 'inducted' at the Commissioning Mass on Sunday 7 March at 5.00pm.

Head Girl:	Eveyn White
Head Boy:	Sebastian Moore
Quinn:	Riyana Diallo
Vincent:	Ellen Vuckovic
McCauley:	Declan Wells
Mercy:	Joe Reape

Swimming lessons

In case you were wondering why these were not on the term planner, swimming lessons for Pre-Primary to Year 6 will be held in Term 4.

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 all the fun and excitement of the year ahead.

Carlo Pardini
Principal



I thought it a great idea to kick off a new year giving an insight to all our families on the importance of holding fundraising events and how the P&F coordinate events in our wonderful school.

Fundraising is so important to our beautiful school as it really helps the whole school community.

Last year funds raised from our schools helped us achieve the following:

- a new fridge in the canteen
- much needed supplies of hand sanitiser
- school incursions, \$100 for each Year 6 student towards school camp
- improved play area and equipment in the Kindy and Pre Primary area
- wooden Xylophones for the music room
- breakthrough Bibles for Year 4-6
- Bee-Bot digital programming devices for Pre Primary to Year 4
- OT equipment for Kindy's to Year 6
- new puzzles for Year 1 and 2
- new pads for the outdoor basketball posts
- a range of Interschool equipment such as new bunting, field markers, batons, basketballs
- netballs and netball bibs
- a donation to the kids cancer project
- sustainable cups and cutlery for use in the canteen and at school events
- financial assistance with the new upcoming nature playground and
- much needed financial assistance to some of St Brigid's families in need.

To the right is the timeline of events for our P&F for this year. Nominations are open for a Class Parent Representative for each year.

We are now actively seeking Parent Representatives from ALL classes.

As the calendar events approach, an assigned P&F committee member then communicates with the class representative and guides them through what is involved with the organization, set up and running of the event. Ongoing support and assistance are then given. (You are never stumbling through working it all out yourself)!

The role of the class representative is to seek parent/guardian/Grandparent helpers from their year and oversee the successful running of the assigned event. This is a very fulfilling role and opens opportunities to build community spirit, friendships, and a sense of belonging.

If you are interested in coming on board as a Parent Representative, please drop me an email to bridgetownpilates@gmail.com or pop in and let Carlo know. We really need your help.

Justine Dixon

P&F President

Term	Event	Class
1	St Brigid's Faction Swimming Carnival	3
	Interschool Swimming Carnival	All
	Cadbury Chocolates	K/PP
2	Car Wash	6
	Disco	4
3	Open Night Dinner	5
	Colour fun run	All
	Wood raffle	2
4	Blues camping on oval	All
	St Brigid's Faction Athletics Carnival	1

Mass Times

Sun 14 Feb - 9.00am

Sun 21 Feb - 5.00pm

Sun 28 Feb - 9.00am

Can you help?

**Box Construction Materials
Needed**

For Design & Technology

Do you have any of the following?

Small boxes
Bottle tops (milk bottles)
Medium boxes (tissue box size)
Tiny boxes (match box size)
Egg Cartons
Fabric
Lids
Cardboard rolls

Please bring them to school and drop in the box provided in the undercover area.

Thank you!

What's coming up at St Brigid's?

Wk	Date	Time	Event
3	Wednesday 17 Feb	9.00am	Ash Wednesday Mass (Years 4/5/6) in the Church
	Friday 19 Feb	2.30pm	Merit Certificate Assembly in the hall
4	Tues 23 Feb	7.00pm	School Board Meeting in the staff room
5	Monday 3 March		Labor Day Public Holiday
	Friday 5 March	9.30am	St Brigid's Faction Swimming Carnival (Yrs 3-6)

Community Notices



variety
the children's charity

FETE
BRIDGETOWN SHOWGROUNDS
FEBRUARY 13TH 2021
10am - 4pm

PROUDLY PRESENTED BY
DEADPOOL & VARIETY

Single \$10
Children \$5
Family Pass (up to 6) - \$30
Kids under 5 are free

Music DJ
Lions Van
Icecream Van
Face Painting - Free
Inflatable Sports - Free
Emergency Services
Stalls for the whole family
....too many to list!

Kids activities
Gold Coin Donation

RAISING MONEY FOR VARIETY WA



Bridgetown Junior Football Club AGM

Wednesday 17th February 6pm
at the Bridgetown Football Club.

All positions on the committee are vacant and require filling. We encourage all parents to attend the AGM and help our committee stay strong for this year and beyond.

Bridgetown Junior Football Club.



Bridgetown Pups Cricket

Bridgetown Pups (Formerly Milo) Cricket starts on Saturday 13th February

at the Bridgetown Football Oval 8:30am-9:30am

All equipment is supplied and there is no cost to participants.

Please bring a hat and water bottle.

All budding cricketers are welcome and no ability is needed. Age 4 upwards.

For further information, please contact Cherie on 0428763540