

# NEWSLETTER

## St Brigid's Catholic School

New Norfolk

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**St Brigid's**  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL



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## THE BEATITUDES

BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT,  
FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO MOURN,  
FOR THEY WILL BE COMFORTED.

BLESSED ARE THE MEEK,  
FOR THEY WILL INHERIT THE EARTH.

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HUNGER AND THIRST FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS,  
FOR THEY WILL BE FILLED.

BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL,  
FOR THEY WILL BE SHOWN MERCY.

BLESSED ARE THE PURE IN HEART,  
FOR THEY WILL SEE GOD.

BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS,  
FOR THEY WILL BE CALLED CHILDREN OF GOD.

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO ARE PERSECUTED BECAUSE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS,  
FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.

MATTHEW 5:3-10 NIV

Dear Families,

**Welcome back!** It was lovely to see our Prep-Grade 6 students begin school last week and our Kinder students begin this week. They have all been very happy, telling holiday stories with smiles on their faces. We look forward to continuing our learning journey with you and your children this year.

We would especially like to welcome all our new Kinder families to St Brigid's. We are delighted that you have chosen to send your children to our school. We look forward to working collaboratively with you over the coming years.

Finally, we would also like to welcome some students and their families who are new to St Brigid's this year.

We welcome Imogen Careless, Lethabo and Olwethu Mokone, and Logan Chalker.

# Principal News

Dear Families

## **Absence Procedures**

If your child is going to be absent from school, please ensure that you make contact with the school office or enter the absence into Compass. If you are unsure how to use this feature on Compass, please contact Mrs Higgins in our office.

## **Mobile Phones, Devices and Wearable Technologies**

Students who bring a mobile phone, ipads (or equivalent), or wearable technology (such as smart watches, fit bits, etc) to school are asked to leave these at the office when they arrive in the morning and then collect them from the office at the end of the day. Mrs Higgins now has a book where students sign their devices in and out each day.

## **Allergies**

We have several students in the school with severe allergies, some that require epi-pens to be at school each day. It is crucial that students and staff do not have any nut or egg products in their lunch boxes. Parents, please contact your child's teacher if you are planning on supplying any food for the class (eg birthday cake) well before the date. These foods must not contain nuts or eggs (even if there isn't a child with a severe allergy in the class) and all ingredients must be listed.

A reminder that all students with severe allergies (anaphylaxis) and asthma are required to have an up-to-date management plan signed by the doctor. A copy of the plan must be given to Mrs Higgins in the school office.

## **Ludo**

Ludo is provided by CatholicCare, in partnership with St Brigid's. It is open to students from 3-5 years old. Ludo is open 7.00am-6.00pm, 50 weeks a year, including school terms and holidays. Children in Kindergarten can access two days of care on their non-school days. For further information, please call CatholicCare on 62 086 012.


## **Setup for Success (Puggles Play)**

Setup for Success recommences this Friday, 14th February. Mrs Wessing and Ms Garwood are looking forward to welcoming new and existing families to this program.

Setup for Success runs from 9.00 - 10.30am on Friday mornings in the Kinder area.

## **WWVP**

All volunteers working in schools with children must hold a current Working with Vulnerable People card. These cards can be applied for through Service Tasmania. Once you have your card, please bring it into our office so that Mrs Higgins make a copy for our records.



# Principal News

## Kinder Enrolments for 2026

We have opened our 2026 Kindergarten enrolments. We already have a number of applications. We encourage all existing families to contact the office for an application package.

## Parking

We understand that parking is at a premium on our site. Thank you to the many parents and carers who park offsite and walk to collect their children. This has a big impact on the traffic flow in the kiss and drop area. Thank you also for your support in not parking in the disabled car park. This space is reserved for people who have a disabled permit.

## School Traffic Management

Please see [this link](#) for a short article by RACT covering driving in school zones.

## Drinks at school

We expect that students bring water only in their drink bottles to school - unless otherwise advised by a medical professional. This is to be consumed during learning times (as appropriate), recess and lunch.

At times, some families may choose to send a drink to accompany the child's lunch. Acceptable examples are: Up and Go, Fruit Box, or a milk drink.

Unacceptable examples are: Energy drinks and fizzy drinks.

## Fruit Break

We expect that during Fruit Break students consume only fruit or vegetables. One exception to this is cheese. We have fruit available in the office for students who do not have fruit. Students can also swap their fruit for a different piece of fruit from the office supply.



Mrs Di O'Rourke  
PRINCIPAL

## Commencement Mass

**Wednesday 26th February**

We will celebrate the beginning of the year Mass in our school hall commencing at 9.30am.

You are most welcome to join us.

Our student leaders will receive their badges during the Mass and be inducted as our leaders for this year.

***We look forward to seeing you there!***



## FUTURE EVENTS

### FEBRUARY

Friday 14th

Monday 17th

Friday 21st

Tuesday 25th

Wednesday 26th

Thursday 27th

Friday 28th

Puggles 9.00am

Assembly 2.00pm

Puggles 9.00am

St Brigid's Swimming Carnival

Commencement Mass 9.30am

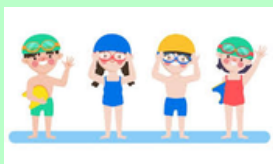
Sacrament Information Session

6.00pm St Peter's

Puggles 9.00am



## ST BRIGID'S SWIMMING CARNIVAL



Tuesday 25th February 2025  
for

Grades 3 to 6

Splash and swim for Kinder to Grade 2  
at the New Norfolk Pool.



All students will need their towel, bathers, warm jacket, hat, recess and lunch, drink bottle, sunscreen and swim cap if they have one.

## HAMILTON SHOW - 1st March



The Hamilton Show is almost upon us; March 1st. Last year St Brigid's entered Art works as a school and individually into the Hall of Home Industry. One of our students won an award and St Brigid's won Best Exhibit in Show; so this year we are going to enter again. If you would like to enter individually the cost is 50c and there are many categories to enter into.

Information can be found on the website:  
<https://hamiltonshowtasmania.com/art-craft-photography-entries>;

The school and student entries will be on display at the show for you to look at also.

Feel free to ask me questions, bring your entries and \$ into me (Mrs Sharon Wagg) and I can arrange delivery if you need assistance.



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# Twilight Tours

Thursday 27 February  
3.15pm - 5.15pm

Year 7 2026 enrolment applications  
are due by 14 March, 2025

Kindergarten 2026 enrolment applications  
are due by 9 May, 2025



# Senior School Open Day

Wednesday 5 March

9.00 am - 10.30 am

St Virgil's College

Austins Ferry Campus

Year 7 2026 enrolments  
due by Friday 14 March 2025



**ST VIRGIL'S  
COLLEGE**

*A Catholic boys school in the Edmund Rice tradition*

