

NEWSLETTER

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St Brigid's

CATHOLIC SCHOOL



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We thank you Lord, for this term. For our challenges, our successes, and the mistakes from which we have learnt. Be with us as we spend our time with family and friends.

Give us strength and courage to do what is right: to be witnesses of our faith. Help us to be a practical Christian these holidays, to appreciate what others do for us, to give time and effort to help others. To be peacemakers in our family.

Keep us safe in our activities; give us good rest and good fun. Bring us back refreshed and ready for a new term. We thank you for our classmates, teachers, parents and a community that cares for us.

May we always be conscious of you in our lives.

Amen

Dear Families

As we come to the end of another term, we're given a valuable opportunity to pause, take a breath, and reflect on what has been a very busy and rewarding ten weeks. We wish to acknowledge all the wonderful things that have happened, the achievements reached and the milestones celebrated.

A special thanks and heartfelt acknowledgment to our dedicated staff for the incredible work they do each and every day. Our students are truly blessed to be in the care of such committed and passionate educators.

With sincere gratitude for the blessings and experiences of Term 2, we wish all our families a restful, safe, and joyful holiday.

See you in Term 3!

Student Free Day - Monday 21st July

A reminder to parents and guardians that Monday 21 July is a student free day. **School resumes for students on Tuesday, 22 July.**

Principal News

Feast Day Celebrations

We had a fantastic celebration for our Feast Day this week! Students enjoyed a morning in buddy groups, exploring the lives of saints and holy figures in their classrooms. Each class created a visual representation of their learning, which was beautifully displayed in the Hall for our Feast Day Mass.

During the middle learning block, students continued collaborating on activities centered around the religious elements of our faith and the Catholic Church. They also relished a delicious BBQ lunch and ice cream, which added to the festive spirit.

At lunchtime, Mrs Wagg and Mrs Marshall led a large collaborative transient art experience, allowing students to express their creativity. In the afternoon, students sat with their buddies to watch a movie while enjoying some popcorn.

A heartfelt thank you to all our staff for making our Feast Day celebrations such a success. Special thanks to Fr Anthony, Mrs Toman, Mrs Turner, Mrs Wagg, and all our BBQ helpers for their contributions!



Principal News

Getting to Know Mrs Toman

What are you most looking forward to this year?

I am really looking forward to getting to know all the young students here at St Brigid's. My experience has always been in the high school setting, leading in the religious life of the school. So it is very exciting for me to now be working with younger students.

What has impressed you most about St Brigid's so far?

The culture of this school is so welcoming and inclusive. All the students and staff have just been so wonderful in how they have welcomed me in their classrooms. I have been so impressed with the student openness and engagement with prayer and Religion lessons in a meaningful way. The students have been a joy to work with so far!

What is your favourite thing to do when you are not working?

I like to walk in nature at the weekends. The closeness of nature was one of the reasons we chose to move to Hobart. I am very family orientated, so spending time with my family is my top priority. I am married with five grown up children. As I am Irish, you will not be surprised that I like to drink tea and put my feet up as well.



Uniform Reminders

As the weather continues to cool, we'd like to remind families that school beanies are available for purchase at the Office for \$16 each. Students are encouraged to wear only school beanies during school hours.

Additionally, girls may wear navy stockings under their skirts to stay warm during these chilly months. All students are also permitted to wear thermal clothing underneath their uniforms, provided it is primarily navy in color.

If a student is out of uniform for any reason, please send a note to the class teacher explaining the situation.

Thank you for your support in maintaining our uniform standards.

Principal News

YOUR MT FIELD EXCURSION

A couple of weeks ago, Mr Butler and Mrs Wagg travelled to Mt Field with some of our Grade 5 & 6 ATSI students, plus school leaders Asher and Archer.

They were presented with a certificate of appreciation upon arrival from Parks and Wildlife, to say thanks for the mural our students created last year, supported by Ms Gemma Petch and Mrs Wagg. It was mentioned that there had been many comments about the new mural and many of the tourists absolutely loved it.

The group was also joined by Djuker Hart, who was able to pass on his knowledge and tell many stories about the native plants and animals on Country. The students (and the 3 adults), learnt about the many different uses for these plants, in particular for health and nutrition.





Mrs Di O'Rourke
PRINCIPAL

PRINCIPAL AWARDS -June 2025



Jack Hayden, Dustie Buckby, Isla Menzie, Georgie Woolford,
Hunter Walters, Hugo Mason, Alexandra Lee, Banjo Childs,
Jedd Campbell, Alexander Jones, Harry McGuinness, Lulu
Macdonald, Imogen Careless, Logan Chalker, Lethabo Mokone,
Matilda Street, Amy Downie x 2, Makenzie White x 2, Xavier Vagg x 2,
Olivia Reid, Sophia Williams, Jedah Geard, Trinity Derksen,
Millie Birchall x 2 and Isabelle Hodge.

2025 Term Dates

Term Two

Concludes - Friday 4th July

Term Three

Commences - Tuesday 22nd July

Concludes - Friday 26th September

Term Four

Student Free Day - Monday 13th October

Commences - Tuesday 14th October

Concludes - Thursday 18th December

2026 Term Dates

Term One

Commences - Friday 6th February

Concludes - Thursday 16th April

Easter - Friday 3rd April - Tuesday 7th April

Student Free Day - Friday 17th April

Term Two

Commences - Monday 4th May

Concludes - Friday 10th July

Term Three

Commences - Tuesday 28th July

Concludes - Friday 2nd October

Student Free Day - Monday 27th July

Term Four

Commences - Monday 19th October

Concludes - Friday 18th December

Student Free Day - Friday 23rd October



FUTURE EVENTS

JULY

Thursday 3rd.

Friday 4th

Monday 21st.

Tuesday 22nd.

Wednesday 23rd.

Friday 25th.

Monday 28th

Thursday 31st.

Newsletter

Term 2 Concludes

Student Free Day

Term 3 Commences

Lunch Orders -Brewtique on Blair

Gr 5 & 6 Football & Netball

Grandparent's Afternoon

Grade 3 Excursion - TMAG



AUGUST

Friday 1st

Monday 4th - 8th.

Wednesday 6th.

Thursday 7th.

Friday 8th

Wednesday 13th

Friday 15th

Wednesday 20th.

Friday 22nd

Monday 25th

Wednesday 27th.

Friday 29th.

Football / Netball Roster

Catholic Education Week

Lunch Orders - Brewtique on Blair

CE Week Mass St Mary's Cathedral

Football / Netball Roster

Buddy Mass Gr 6 & Gr 2 - 1.45pm

Football / Netball Roster

Lunch Order - Brewtique on Blair

Football / Netball Roster

Assembly 2.00pm

Buddy Mass K - Gr 3 -1.45pm

Football / Netball Roster



School Lunch orders **Wednesday 23rd July.**
Orders need to be placed by 8.00pm on Tuesday
22nd July via this link
<http://brewtiqueonblair.square.site/>

Password- **StBrigid**



MENU

Please have orders placed no later than 8pm Tuesday for Wednesday delivery.

Falafel Salad with Hummus

3 falafels, garden salad and hummus.

A\$5.00

Fried Rice

Delicious fried riced packed with veggies and flavour.

A\$5.00

Pasta Bolognese

Beef bolognese, pasta and cheese

A\$5.00

Ham wrap

ham, lettuce, tomato, cheese

A\$5.00

Chicken wrap

Chicken, lettuce, carrot, tomato, cheese

A\$5.00



20-Year Preventive Health Strategy

Health that starts where life does

You're invited!

Register for a free online workshop just for parents and friends:

- [Wed 23 July 2025, 10:00am](#)
- [Wed 23 July 2025, 7:00pm](#)
- [Thu 24 July 2025, 7:00pm](#)

🕒 Each session runs for 1 hour – join the conversation from home!

What is this about?

We're building a *20-Year Preventive Health Strategy* to make Tasmania a place where every child and every family has the chance to live their best life.

We know that's not the reality for everyone right now. But it *can* be. And it *should* be.

What do we mean by health?

Health doesn't start in a clinic. It starts where life does.

Over 70% of your health is actually shaped by the everyday stuff that makes life harder or easier – not just the health system!

It's all the things that help families thrive:

- 🏠 Stable housing
- 🍲 Affordable food
- 🎓 Safe schools
- 💬 Social connection
- 💰 Financial security
- 🌬️ Clean air
- 😴 Time to rest

That's all health! And when those things aren't working, it shows up in people's lives *and* in their health.

More than "good choices"

You've probably heard it before: "*Just make better choices.*" But what if you never really had a fair choice to begin with? You don't get to choose where you grow up, if your family's doing it tough, if there's mould in your house or whether the bus even turns up.

Sure, personal choices matter. But we can't expect people to stay well in systems that work against them.

When families are juggling insecure work, rising costs, poor housing – it takes a toll. Not just on daily life, but on people's physical and mental health.

And the reality is, most of it can be prevented.

Why this matters for you

YOUR PARAGRAPH TEXT

Statistically, most Tasmanian families are on track to struggle with preventable illness – just because of how the system works. That's not fair. And it's not their fault.

Right now, the system waits until something goes wrong – then tries to fix it. But we don't wait to fix brakes after a crash. So why treat people's lives that way?

What if we stopped problems before they start?

What we want to know

- ✗ What's getting in the way
- ☑️ What needs to change
- ☐ Who can fix it
- 🗣️ How to get them to listen

Want to stay involved?

- Email: consultation@health.tas.gov.au