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St Brigid's
CATHOLIC SCHOOL



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Prayer for Grandparents

Lord Jesus,
you were born of the Virgin Mary,
the daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne.
Look with love on grandparents the world
over.

Protect them! They are a source of
enrichment
for families, for the Church and for all of
society.

Support them! As they grow older,
may they continue to be for their families
strong pillars of Gospel faith,
guardians of noble domestic ideals,
living treasures of sound religious
traditions.

Make them teachers of wisdom and courage,
that they may pass on to future generations
the fruits
of their mature human and spiritual
experience.

Amen



Principal News

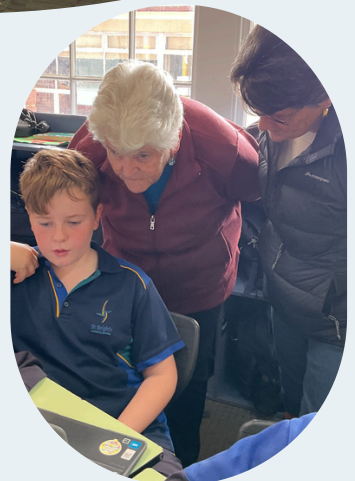
Dear Families

It was lovely to see so many grandparents and 'special people' at our open classrooms and afternoon tea on Monday. We truly value the role of these people in the lives of our students.

The World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly was celebrated last weekend in the Church on the Sunday closest to the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, Grandparents of Jesus.

The theme of the Message of Pope Leo XIV is "Blessed are those who have not lost hope (Sir 14:2)" and fits into the context of the Jubilee of Hope 2025. In his Message, the Holy Father invites us to recognise the elderly not only as recipients of pastoral care, but as witnesses of hope who are active protagonists in the life of the Church.

Old age can be a time of blessedness in which hope, tested in the fire of a long life, becomes a source of joy and renewed trust in the Lord. God "teaches us that, in his eyes, old age is a time of blessing and grace, and that the elderly are, for him, the first witnesses of hope.' states Pope Leo XIV.



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Schools Tree Day

Every July schools from across Tasmania come together to celebrate Schools Tree Day alongside Sustainable Timber Tasmania and the Forest Education Foundation. National Tree Day gives our students and teachers the opportunity to plant trees and learn about the forest in a fun and engaging way. This year, our Grade 3 and Kinder buddy classes came together to plant some saplings on the school grounds.

Thank you to Mrs Wessing for her organisation of the day and to the Sustainable Timber Tasmania foresters who assisted us - including one of our Mums, Tracey Irvine. We look forward to watching our trees and shrubs grow!



**Sustainable
Timber
Tasmania**

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Football and Netball Competition

Last Friday, our Grade 5 and 6 students participated in the first games of netball and football for the Term Three roster. Students will play either netball or football each week, competing against students from other southern Catholic schools. It is a great opportunity for them to develop their skills and to get to know some new people.

A big thank you to Mrs Nichols, Ms Whitehead, Mrs Davie, Ms Garwood and Mr Blizzard for accompanying our students to their chosen sport.

Djuker working in Grade 6

Last week our Grade 6 students were lucky enough to be visited by Djuker Hart. Djuker is a Tasmanian knowledge sharer, who has previously worked with the Grade 6 students on their school camp. This time, Djuker spent the day sharing stories of how Aboriginal people created and used stone tools, fish nets and baskets, as well as creating rope from bark. These skills were all shared with our Grade 6s and they really enjoyed exploring our school grounds to find appropriate rocks, and spending time listening to and working with Djuker. We look forward to having Djuker back with us for the Grade 5 and Grade 4 camps later this year.



PRINCIPAL AWARDS - July 2025



Mrs Di O'Rourke
PRINCIPAL

Bryan Triffett, Harrison Skeggs, Sophie Aldous x 2, Clifton Cairns, Elysabella Fisher-Lumsden x 2, Claire Green, Amelia Wessing, Mila Clayton, Florence Beattie, Niamh Connell, Tayla Richardson, Amy Downie, Logan Chalker, Lulu Macdonald, Lethabo Mokone, Billie Smith, Sophia Williams, Harry McGuinness, Anna Evertze-Ladaniwskyj x 2, Sasha Rashidi, Oliver Medhurst, Riley Barker, Amayah Alexander and Arlo Grundy.



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

2025 Term Dates

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



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AUGUST



Friday 1 st	Football / Netball Roster
Monday 4 th - 8 th .	Catholic Education Week
Tuesday 5 th	Art Assembly 1.30pm
Wednesday 6 th .	Lunch Orders - Brewtique on Blair
Thursday 7 th .	CE Week Mass St Mary's Cathedral
Friday 8 th	Football / Netball Roster
Tuesday 12 th .	Board Meeting 5.00pm
Wednesday 13 th	Buddy Mass Gr 6 & Gr 2 - 1.45pm
Friday 15 th	Football / Netball Roster
Wednesday 20 th .	Lunch Order - Brewtique on Blair
Friday 22 nd	Football / Netball Roster
Monday 25 th	Assembly 2.00pm
Wednesday 27 th .	Buddy Mass K - Gr 3 -1.45pm
Friday 29 th .	Football / Netball Roster

School Lunch orders
Wednesday 6th August
Orders need to be placed by
8.00pm on Tuesday 5th August
via this link

<http://brewtiqueonblair.square.site/>

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