

NEWSLETTER

St Brigid's Catholic School

New Norfolk

No.12th

28th August 2025



St Brigid's
CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Australian Catholic Education Conference Prayer

*May the God of hope bless our
families, staff, and students.*

*May our faith be the anchor
that steadies us in
times of challenge,
our hope the light that guides
us into the future,
and our love the gift we
share with one another.*

*We ask this through
Christ our Lord.*

Amen.

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Principal News

Dear Families

Last week's National Catholic Education Conference in Cairns was truly inspiring. It was a privilege to participate in this wonderful opportunity. A few highlights for me were the shared Mass with 1400 delegates and 1000 students from the Cairns Diocese celebrated by Bishop Joe Caddy; Professor Dylan Wiliam who presented his views on 'Everyone Counts: Responsive, Engaging Education for All' and Dr Steve Constantino who reminded us of the importance of families and why family engagement matters.

Terrapin Puppets

On Wednesday, we welcomed Terrapin Puppets to St Brigid's for their performance, Goldfish. This is the result of four years of collaboration between Terrapin and acclaimed Japanese artists Narumi Kouhei and Ayami Sasaki.

Goldfish tells the story of a flourishing society that does away with time, ignoring night and day, which leads to a great flood. The production is a reminder that even in the aftermath of destruction, there's still hope, even in the most unexpected forms.

The major international production blends contemporary Japanese design with Terrapin's unique brand of tactile, evocative puppetry.

Aunty Trish Visiting

This week, we welcomed Aunty Trish back to St Brigid's. She worked in Kinder on Monday and Grade 2 on Friday.

In Kinder, Aunty Trish taught the students how to make Aboriginal shelters. They spent some time thinking and wondering about where the Aboriginal people may have slept long ago. The students were keen to learn that in the past, caves were used as bedrooms, and they built huts where food was easily accessible.

After the group discussion, the students set about foraging for resources to make their own huts.

They used things such as leaves, sticks, bark, rocks, and dirt.

Thank you to Mr Butler for organising for Aunty Trish to visit our school.



Sporting Schools Grant

We are pleased to announce that our school has received a Sporting Schools grant for this term, with a special focus on netball! This funding will allow us to enhance our sports program by providing students with structured netball activities and coaching. We look forward to promoting teamwork, fitness, and skills development through this exciting opportunity, encouraging our students to stay active and engaged in sports. Thank you to Mrs Turner and Mr Blizzard for their organisation and implementation of this program.

Principal News

Book Week

Last week, we celebrated our Book Week parade with great enthusiasm. Students and staff embraced the spirit of the event by dressing up as their Favourite book characters, showcasing their creativity and love for reading. The atmosphere was filled with joy and excitement as everyone enjoyed the festivities, sharing stories and celebrating the magic of literature together. Thank you to Mrs Pursell and Mrs Turer for organising this even





Mrs Di O'Rourke
PRINCIPAL

PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Jedah Geard, Amelia Donaghy, Tullach Todd x 2,
Toby Jones, Darcy Schubert, Thomas Tucker, Max
Muggleton, Evie Cosgrove, Jak Clifford, Scarlett
Mutton, Kathleen Jones, Edie King, Harvey Street,
Harrison Shoobridge, Mila Clayton, Georgie
Woolford, Aaliyah Costa and Mireya Hartigan

Term Dates 2026

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



Term Dates 2025

Term Three

Concludes - Friday 26th September

Term Four

Student Free Day - Monday 13th October

Commences - Tuesday 14th October

Concludes - Thursday 18th December



Upcoming Events

AUGUST

- Friday 29th Football / Netball Roster

SEPTEMBER

- Monday 1st Parent / Carer Evening 5.30pm
School Library - Empowered Kids - Resilience
- Wednesday 3rd Father's Day Stall 8.15 - 8.45am
- Thursday 4th - 5th Gr 6 Excursion - St Patrick's
- Friday 5th Father's Day Stall 8.15 - 8.45am
- Sunday 7th Father's Day
- Thursday 11th Father's Day Breakfast
- Friday 12th Football / Netball Roster
- Monday 15th Assembly 2.00pm
- Monday 15th - 17th Australian Dental Foundation
- Wednesday 17th - 19th Grade 5 Camp
- Friday 26th Footy Colours Day
- Friday 26th Term 3 Concludes



Lunch Orders

School Lunch orders

Wednesday 3rd September

Orders need to be placed by 8.00pm on
Tuesday 2nd September via this link

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

Password- StBrigid

You Are Invited



FATHERS' DAY BREAKFAST

Join us as we celebrate our Fathers and Special Persons
with a casual breakfast in the school hall.

Kinder Dads/Carers are welcome to come and bring their
child to and from this event as it is not a Kinder day.

11
September

Thursday, At 7.45 am

In the School Hall

Please RSVP via the QR code
or at <https://shorturl.at/D13iH>
by 04/09/25



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INSTITUTE OF SISTERS OF MERCY AUSTRALIA WHICH SUPPORTS WOMEN IN
PAPUA NEW GUINEA

FOOTY COLOURS DAY



GOLD COIN DONATION

Dress in your Footy Colours for a good cause.



26 September
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St Brigid's Catholic
Primary School,
New Norfolk

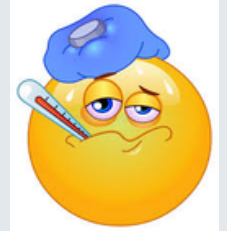
"No work of charity can be more productive of good to society ... than the
careful instruction of women.."

Catherine McAuley - Founder of the Sisters of Mercy



Dear Families,

With so much illness going around at the moment, I'd like to remind you that if your child is unwell, you're welcome to let your class teacher know, but you will also need to record the absence either through the school Compass App with a reason for the absence or contact the school office. Thank you for your support with this. If you need any help using the Compass App to log an absence, please don't hesitate to ask.



Senior School Open Day

Wednesday 10 September

9.00 am - 10.30 am

St Virgil's College

Austins Ferry Campus



**ST VIRGIL'S
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A Catholic boys school in the Edmund Rice tradition

