

NEWSLETTER

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New Norfolk

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St Brigid's
CATHOLIC SCHOOL



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Prayer for Fathers

Heavenly Father,
We thank You for the gift of
fathers in our lives.
Bless them with strength,
wisdom, and love,
As they guide and nurture their
families.
May they reflect Your
unconditional love,
And be a source of support and
encouragement.
Help them to lead with faith and
integrity,
And inspire them to instill
values of kindness and
compassion in their children.
We ask for Your grace to
surround them,
And may they always find joy in
their role as fathers.
In Your holy name, we pray.

Amen.



Principal News

Dear Families

Last Sunday, we celebrated Fathers' Day, a special occasion to honor the incredible fathers and father figures in our lives. Father's Day is a time to express gratitude for their love, support, and guidance. We hope our students were able to take a moment to appreciate these important role models, whether through a heartfelt note, a small gift, or simply spending quality time together.

This Thursday, we hosted a delightful Father's Day breakfast, bringing together students and their fathers (and father figures) for a morning of celebration and connection. It was heartwarming to see families enjoying delicious food, sharing stories, and creating lasting memories together in our school community.

A big thank you to the parents and carers who volunteered on the Fathers' Day stall last week and to those who donated gift items.

Finally, thank you to the staff and a special thank you to Fr Anthony who helped cook and serve the Father's Day breakfast. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Kiss and Drop

We would like to remind everyone that our Kiss and Drop zone is designed for smooth and efficient traffic flow. To ensure a safe experience for all, we kindly ask that you:

- Remain in your car whenever possible and encourage your children to buckle themselves in.
- If your child needs assistance with their seatbelt, please consider parking off-site and walking in for a bit more time and space.

We understand that this can be challenging, especially with younger children, and we truly appreciate your extra efforts. These small steps help keep the Kiss and Drop line moving swiftly for all families.

We also recognise that some younger children may require additional support, and we thank you for your attention to their safety. We've noticed some children traveling in ways that may not align with safety recommendations (such as younger children without a car seat or booster seat).

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our community safe and ensuring a smooth pick-up process for everyone!



Car seat laws for kids

Australia's national child restraint laws state that children under seven years old must be secured in an appropriately fitted child restraint seat. Meanwhile, children aged seven years or older are required to sit in a forward-facing kids' booster seat. A child can only use an adult lap-sash seatbelt when they are 145cm or taller, or they have taken the 5-Step Safety Test (more on that below!)

Here's a quick overview of the general car seat laws for children in Australia:

- **Up to 6 months:** Children must be secured in an approved rearward-facing child car seat.
- **6 months to 4 years:** Children must be secured in either a rearward-facing or forward-facing approved child car seat with an inbuilt harness.
- **4 to 7 years:** Children must be secured in a forward-facing approved child car seat with an inbuilt harness or an approved booster seat.
- **7 years and older:** Children must use a booster seat or a properly adjusted and fastened seatbelt once they are 145cm or taller.

Aunty Trish Visiting St Brigid's

On Monday, Aunty Trish joined Grade 3 for an exploration of plants and their life cycle as part of their Science unit. Aunty Trish was amazed at how much Grade 3 already knew about living things and built on this knowledge by teaching them about native Tasmanian plants. They explored classifications of plants, their parts and how they create more of themselves. They learned about their uses to the Aboriginal community and how plants help other living things. Their favourite piece of knowledge was that some 'leaves' are not really leaves but flat stems. These parts are called "phyllode" and can be identified by their lack of "midrib" and "veins".



Uniform Reminder

This is a friendly reminder that all students are expected to wear their school uniform at all times. The uniform fosters a sense of community and pride in our school. We appreciate your support in ensuring that your child comes to school dressed appropriately, as it helps maintain our school's standards and values. If you are having difficulty sourcing uniform items, please touch base with your child's class teacher or Mrs O'Rourke.

Thank you for your support and cooperation!

Father's Day Breakfast

We enjoyed seeing many Dads and Granddads at our Father's Day breakfast this morning make memories with their children.

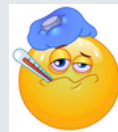


Mrs Di O'Rourke
PRINCIPAL

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.



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



Upcoming Events

SEPTEMBER

- 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

OCTOBER

- Monday 13th** **Student Free Day**
- Tuesday 14th** **Term 4 commences**
- Wednesday 15th. Lunch Orders - Blair St
- Wednesday 22nd. St Brigid's Athletic Carnival
- Thursday 23rd** **Hobart Show Public Holiday**
- Wednesday 29th. Lunch Orders - Blair St
- Thursday 30th. 2026 Kinder Orientation 9.00am
- Friday 31st. STCPSSA Athletic Carnival



Term Dates 2025

Term Three

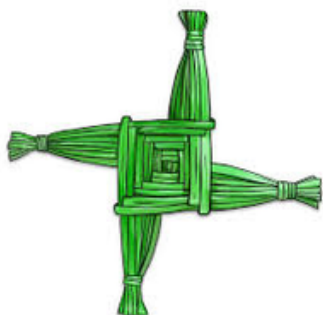
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Lunch Orders

School Lunch orders

Wednesday 17th September

Orders need to be placed by 8.00pm on Tuesday 16th September via this link

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

Password- StBrigid





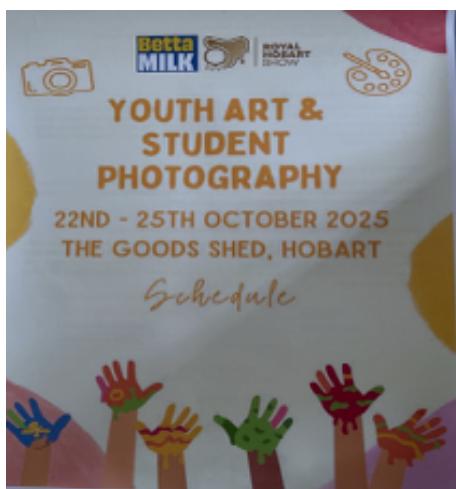
Art News Term Three



Some of our students
work so far



Also,
A few of the Grades have created bees and Butterflies to contribute to an exhibition at Allport Library and Museum of Fine Arts at Libraries Tasmania: Hobart. If you are free to go along this exhibition runs from October, to celebrate the 1634 copy of Charles Butler's book The feminin' monarchi', or, The histori of bee's. This is the first English language book about beekeeping.



The Royal Hobart Show has an art competition component, feel free to enter. If you require further information please contact Mrs Sharon Wagg - Art Teacher

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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.



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"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

