



## **St Brigid's Catholic School, Wynyard**

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**"We live in a disposable society. It's easier to throw things out than to fix them. We even give it a name - we call it recycling"**

**Neil LaBute**

Dear Parents & Guardians

Below I share an article jointly written by Mrs Plummer (Grade 6 Teacher) and Mrs Summers (Finance Officer) and thank them for their motivation and passion in driving St Brigid's 'War On Waste'!

### **St Brigid's 'War on Waste'**

St Brigid's are taking the initiative to

**'Reduce, Re-use and Recycle'**

in an effort to do our part of taking care of our environment.

#### **How have we done this?**

All our classrooms have recycle bins (even our staff room), so lately we have managed to recycle much more than previously by filling 3 recycling bins per fortnight and therefore reducing the amount of general rubbish.

#### **Why are we doing this?**

In the 1960's Australia was considered among the best in the world when it came to ways we dealt with our waste. As recently pointed out on the ABC program 'War On Waste', Australia has now become among the most wasteful nations in the developed world. St Brigid's wants to help reduce the staggering amount of waste we are producing. Before taking on this initiative we were using up to **12 bins** of general rubbish per week!!! We have greatly reduced this to 3 bins most weeks. Occasionally however, we are using 5 bins of general rubbish, **so.....this is where we are calling on you** to help us make even further progress at being able to **consistently** reach our goal of only 3 **OR LESS** general rubbish bins per week. This is a massive accomplishment for a school of over 170 students and staff.

**Our focus for the rest of this term will be REUSING containers and REDUCING waste by encouraging students to bring as much of their recess and lunch to school in containers that they can RE-USE.**

**We are Learners – We are Respectful – We are Safe**

## How can you help and be apart of this?

Below are optional websites where re-useable recess/lunch containers can be purchased, however, you may already have containers at home that you can use. They are also available at our local stores such as Woolworths, Shiploads and Kmart. Perhaps we could try 'Waste Free Wednesday', where we aim to bring our food in re-useable containers.

[www.mygreenlunchbox.com.au](http://www.mygreenlunchbox.com.au) & [www.litterfreeliving.com.au](http://www.litterfreeliving.com.au)

## What happens if we do nothing?

Our general waste is growing at double the rate of Australia's population!!!! This all ends up as landfill if not recycled!!! Did you know clothes and plastics in landfill can take anywhere between 200-1000 years to breakdown! When this happens, our cities, towns and beautiful landscape will face pollution and potentially many health problems. The benefits of recycling are that it helps keep the pollution in check and decrease it little by little. When plastics are recycled they can be made into many things: t-shirts, jumpers, fleece jackets, insulation for jackets and sleeping bags, carpeting and more bottles. It takes about 10 bottles to make enough plastic fibre to make a new t-shirt. It takes 63 bottles to make a jumper. The War on Waste series (see [www.abc.net.au](http://www.abc.net.au)) is busting myths and is very entertaining. Episodes can be re-watched to learn about where various types of waste actually end up and how to recycle soft plastics (things we can 'scrunch' like chips and pasta packets that can't currently go in the recycle bin). It discusses re-thinking the repair of items that are broken instead of throwing them away, to use 'keep' cups instead of disposable coffee cups, effects of composting our food scraps, and helps us question the way we all consume and dispose of items. Maybe it can help us all do a little better than what we are doing now!

*We look forward to seeing what difference we can make at St Brigid's!*



## BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to students who are celebrating birthdays this week: Isabella, Sophia and William.

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### CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to all students on their wonderful participation in our school Cross Country last Friday. Mrs Murton was particularly thrilled with the effort each child put into their race. Thank you Mrs Murton for your excellent organisation and preparation of this event. Thank you also to the parents who assisted on the day. We cannot hold an event of this nature without Parent Help, so it was very much appreciated.

A letter will go home next week to the students eligible to participate in the Combined Cross Country to be held at Stella Maris Burnie on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June**.

### CONDOLENCES

We offer our condolences to Mrs Murton on the passing of her Mother last Friday evening. May she rest in peace. Please remember Mrs Murton and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

### ENROLMENTS 2018

Applications for Kinder enrolments for 2018 are now being taken. An indication of numbers is important in order to adequately plan for the coming school year. Parents and Carers wishing to enrol their child/ren for the commencement of the 2018 school year are asked to complete an enrolment form, which is available from the school office.

**Parents of Kinder students who have submitted enrolments applications for 2018 will be contacted in the coming weeks for enrolment meetings in readiness for Pre-Kinder sessions commencing in Term 3.**

### MID-YEAR REPORTS AND PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS

Mid-Year Reports will be sent home to all families from Prep to Grade 6 on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July. Parent Teacher Meetings for parents from Kinder to Grade 6 will be held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July and Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July. Parents will have an opportunity in June to book their Parent/Teacher meeting times on line.

### NATIONAL CONSISTENT COLLECTION OF DATA (NCCD)

The NCCD is an annual collection of data that counts the number of school students who require a level of reasonable adjustments to their grade curriculum to address the Disability Discrimination Act 1992. If any families have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Megan Macgregor at school, or email [megan.macgregor@catholic.tas.edu.au](mailto:megan.macgregor@catholic.tas.edu.au)

### NAIDOC WEEK PRAYER LITURGY

All parents, grandparents and parishioners are warmly invited to attend our NAIDOC Week Prayer Liturgy on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July at 2:20pm. This will be led by Grade 4 students and will be held in the school hall.

### PUPIL FREE DAY 2017

The Catholic Education Office allocates one Pupil Free Day during the school year for staff professional learning. Schools on the North West have been allocated Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July as our Pupil Free Day as a region for 2017. As advertised in last term's newsletters, **Thursday the 6<sup>th</sup> July** is the final day of Term 2 for students.

## SCHOOL PHOTOS

Due to the clash of several events school photos previously advertised for Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June will be rescheduled to **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September**.

## SRC UPDATES

### **Hot Chocolate Wednesdays**

Thank you to Aidan, Travis, Jakob, Mr McCulloch and Mrs Wells for their assistance yesterday morning. We made 39 hot chocolates in total!! Money raised will be donated to Caritas.

## UNIFORM SHOP

Opening times for the uniform shop are as follows: Thursday morning 8:30am-9am and Friday afternoon 2:45pm-3:15pm. Alison is only available at these times during the day. For out of uniform shop times please email Alison at: [alison.stevens@catholic.tas.edu.au](mailto:alison.stevens@catholic.tas.edu.au)

*Warm regards*

**Annette**

### BURNIE/WYNYARD PARISH MASS TIMES

Saturday 6pm St Brigid's Church, 37 Goldie Street, Wynyard  
Sunday 8am Sacred Heart Church, 7 Pelissier Street, Somerset  
Sunday 10am Star of the Sea Church, 96 Mount Street, Burnie  
Sunday 5pm, St Josephs, 1566 Murchison Highway, Yolla  
5pm (Mass 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday), 5pm (1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays - Liturgy)



### NOMINATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE ST BRIGID'S SCHOOL BOARD

Parents of pupils attending St Brigid's and members of the Parish of Wynyard are invited to nominate any person associated with the School community for membership of the School Board.

Members of the Board show the value they place on Catholic ethos by the way they support the School's vision and mission.

Board members meet on a Thursday once a month at 6:00 pm in the School Staff Room. Persons who are not parents of children currently enrolled in the school are also eligible for nomination.

Please contact the school office for a nomination form.

## Term Dates

Term 2	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July
Term 3	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> September
Term 4	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December

\*\*\*PUPIL FREE DAY - TERM 2 FRIDAY 7<sup>th</sup> JULY

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### JUNE

Monday	5 <sup>th</sup>	'Growing Up' Program - Gr 3-6 Parent Information Session: 7-8pm
Tuesday	6 <sup>th</sup>	'Growing Up' Program - Gr 3-6 Student sessions
Wednesday	7 <sup>th</sup>	'Growing Up' Program - Gr 3-6 Student sessions
Monday	12 <sup>th</sup>	Long Weekend
Thursday	15 <sup>th</sup>	Northwest Catholic Schools Combined Cross Country
Thursday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Advisory Board Meeting - 6pm
Tuesday	27 <sup>th</sup>	Burnie Eisteddfod
Tuesday	27 <sup>th</sup>	All School Cross Country Event - Symmons Plains

### JULY

Monday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mid-Year Reports go home
Wednesday	5 <sup>th</sup>	Mid-Year Parent Teacher Meetings
Thursday	6 <sup>th</sup>	Mid-Year Parent Teacher Meetings
Thursday	6 <sup>th</sup>	Term 2 Finishes
Friday	7 <sup>th</sup>	Pupil Free Day