



St Brigid's Catholic School, Wynyard
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"Role modelling is the most basic responsibility of parents. Parents are handing life's scripts to their children, scripts that in all likelihood will be acted out for the rest of the children's lives."

Stephen R. Covey

Dear Parents & Guardians

Our children watch and absorb how the adults in their world communicate with each other. As adults, how mindful are we of our words and actions?

Every time we say something, take an action or have a reaction to someone or something, our children are observing our behaviour. As infants, this is how children gain language skills and eventually learn to talk. Pre-schoolers depend upon observation as they begin to understand and test the workings of interpersonal relationships. And even teenagers—although we might not believe it!—are listening to our words and observing our actions, examining how we handle everything from our personal relationships to stress to career disappointments. The real challenge for us as adults is to provide a positive example as often as possible.



What types of behaviour can we model for our children?

Many of the most important ways to role model are things that we are already doing every day.

1. Show RESPECT for others and yourself.

Think about how we talk about and treat our friends, family members, neighbours and even ourselves. Our children are learning how to value other people and institutions by watching our example. Our children also take cues on self-worth from us. Respect ourselves, and our children will follow our lead.

2. Practise positive COMMUNICATION skills.

Consider our own use of words ... do we use them to hurt, criticise or argue with others, even if it's our children? Words are a powerful thing. If we demonstrate how negative, hurtful and disrespectful language can be, our children will do the same.

3. Keep a POSITIVE OUTLOOK.

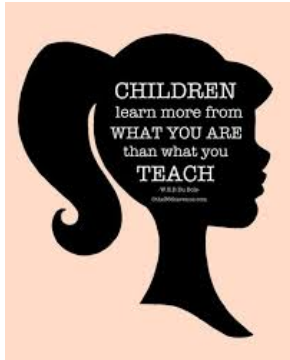
Is your child convinced she/he's not making the team or that she/he will lose a friend? Let's consider the energy in our own family. Do we focus on the positive? Perhaps a negative outlook begins in our home. The next time we make a mistake, like burning dinner, let's think

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before reacting. Then let's remember to laugh and suggest how lucky we feel for the chance to order take-away. It's often simple (and not so drastic) mistakes that become the best opportunities to model good behaviour.

4. Work on ANGER MANAGEMENT.

Are our children quick to lose their temper, throw a tantrum or cry out of frustration? How about us? Responding to stress, anger or hurt feelings is a valuable tool that we can model for our children. We live in a society that is fast-paced, demanding and stressful, and anger is a very natural reaction. The next time we are faced with a challenge, let's try to remain calm, take a deep breath and talk through the issue. If appropriate, we can talk to our children about what triggered our anger and how we dealt with it. Our children will learn to



take a step back and think about their own reactions the next time they get angry.

Let us keep this in mind: teaching by example is often easier and more effective than forcing children to obey rules by scaring, threatening, or tempting them with rewards. I think of the example of the adult who screams at a child to, "Stop yelling!" They might really want them to stop, but are they teaching them how to effectively communicate or just modelling the same behaviour?

It's not about being a perfect adult— rather, it's about being mindful that our words and actions are being watched and absorbed by our children. This is a GOOD thing for us, because it means that every day we have a chance to help our children become great people.



BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to students who are celebrating birthdays this week: Bailey and Toby.

HOMEWORK SURVEY

This year at St Brigid's we reviewed our homework structure following a number of conversations at staff level. Our goal has been to ensure that we have purposeful and consistent approaches in our Early Years and across Primary classes. We would greatly appreciate it if each family could respond to this short survey that only takes approximately 2 minutes to complete. We view parent feedback as a vital process in improving our school processes. Please follow the link below to access the survey, which closes next Friday 16th of June.

<http://bit.ly/2qRRHbE>

KINDER ENROLMENTS

Next week 2018 Kindergarten enrolment acceptance letters will be sent home with information regarding Pre - Kinder sessions. These sessions will be held every fortnight in Term 3 on Thursday mornings from 9am - 10:30am. During Term 4 these sessions will be held every Thursday.

Pre - Kinder sessions are for enrolled 2018 Kinder students only, however we do have a St Brigid's Buddies Birth to 4 Program which is held every Monday from 9am-10:30 and all are welcome.

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MID-YEAR REPORTS AND PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS

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

NAIDOC WEEK PRAYER LITURGY

All parents, grandparents and parishioners are warmly invited to attend our NAIDOC Week Prayer Liturgy on Monday 3rd 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 7th July as our Pupil Free Day as a region for 2017. As advertised in last term's newsletters, **Thursday the 6th 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 27th June will be rescheduled to **Wednesday 13th September**.

SRC UPDATES

Hot Chocolate Wednesdays

Thank you to my wonderful assistants (Genevieve, Campbell, Maya and Mrs Wells) yesterday morning. We made 34 hot chocolates in total!! Money raised will be donated to Caritas.

THANKYOU FROM VINNIES

School Captains, Hayley and Campbell presented Peter Beskin (Conference President of St Vincent De Paul) and Ramar McCormick with a huge selection of food from our recent 'can drive' at last Monday's Weekly Welcome. Peter and Ramar personally thanked staff and students for supporting the initiative and also expressed their gratitude and appreciation towards the parents and friends of our school community who made the 'can drive' so successful with their generous contributions.



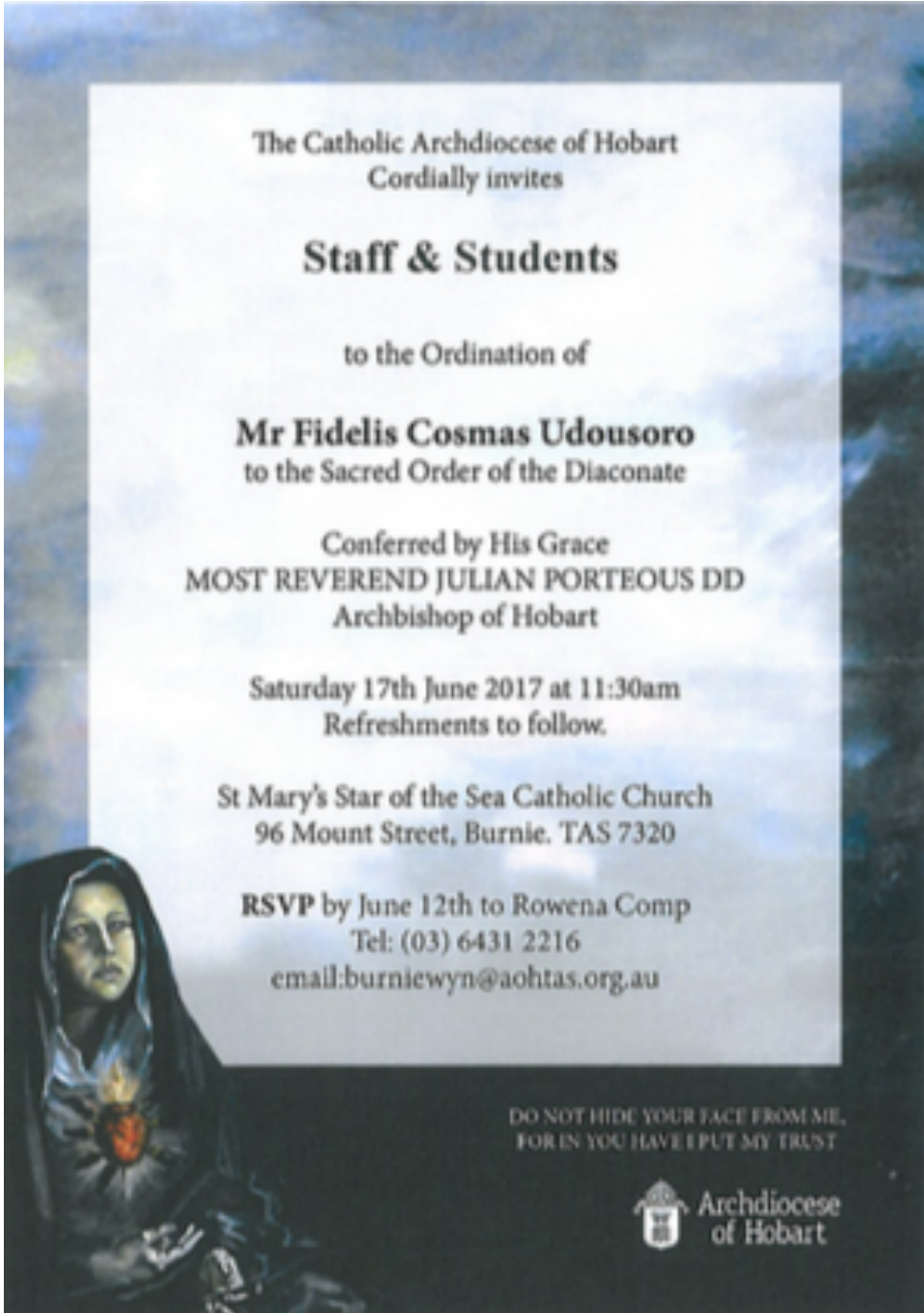
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UNIFORM SHOP

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

Warm regards

Annette



The Catholic Archdiocese of Hobart
Cordially invites

Staff & Students

to the Ordination of

Mr Fidelis Cosmas Udousoro
to the Sacred Order of the Diaconate

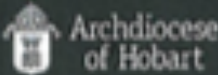

Conferred by His Grace
MOST REVEREND JULIAN PORTEOUS DD
Archbishop of Hobart

Saturday 17th June 2017 at 11:30am
Refreshments to follow.

St Mary's Star of the Sea Catholic Church
96 Mount Street, Burnie. TAS 7320

RSVP by June 12th to Rowena Comp
Tel: (03) 6431 2216
email: burniewyn@aohtas.org.au

DO NOT HIDE YOUR FACE FROM ME,
FOR IN YOU HAVE I PUT MY TRUST



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St Brigid's Buddies



St Brigid's

Birth to 4 Program

St Brigid's Buddies is a structured program focusing on early years learning and development, including sensory play, movement, social and emotional wellbeing with a literacy focus. This is a learning opportunity, not only for children, but for parents to socialise in a relaxed and fun environment.

Please phone 6442 2167 for further details



Term 2 Overview 2017

Week 2	Monday 8th May 2017 9-10:30am <i>Mother's Day Craft in the Kinder Room</i>
Week 3	Monday 15th May 2017 9-10:30am <i>Movement for Fun in the Hall</i>
Week 4	Monday 22nd May 2017 9-10:30am <i>Musical Instruments in the Hall</i>
Week 5	Monday 29th May 2017 9-10:30am <i>Song and Rhymes in the Hall</i>
Week 6	Monday 5th June 2017 9-10:30am <i>Gymnastics in the Hall</i>
Week 7	Monday 12th June 2017 9-10:30am <i>Music and Dance in the Hall</i>
Week 8	Monday 19th June 2017 9-10:30am <i>Obstacle Course in the Hall</i>
Week 9	Monday 26th June 2017 9-10:30am <i>Teddy Bear's Picnic outside</i>

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Riverbend Kids Camps

Winter Holiday Camps 2017

Riverbend holds camps every school holidays, Packed full with
**Exciting Activities, Encouraging Studies, Action
 Packed Games & All sorts of FUN.**



Please Note Riverbend will no longer be using styrofoam cups for water between meals & requires everyone to bring a Drink Bottle that is clearly named. Please also Bring a Hat.

Would you Like to pay by Bank Deposit? See Details Below

Bank: Commonwealth, BSB: 067 408, Acc: 1018 0422, Please Use Surname as Reference



☎ 03 64521635, ☎ 0457 809 700,
 @ admin@riverbend.org.au 🌐 www.riverbend.org.au
 ✉ Riverbend Youth Centre PO Box 768, Smithton Tas 7330

Get your Application in fast as spaces are limited. Once all places are filled you will be placed on the waiting list. Once your application form has been received by mail or email along with payment your form will be processed, then a letter of acknowledgement & acceptance will be sent out. This may contain any further detail you may need to know about the camp you are attending. Anyone sent home for not abiding by our code of conduct will not receive any form of refund. Cancellation fee is \$20

Disclaimers

1. All volunteer workers aged 16 & above including staff at Riverbend are required to have a current "Working with vulnerable people" card
 2. Signing children in and out of camp must be done by a parent/guardian/carer
 3. Riverbend staff will not release children to a non-custodial person without parent/guardian authorization
- A reminder, No parents/guardians/carers are to approach other children during pick up or drop off times to discuss camp issues. All such discussions are to be held with Riverbend site staff**

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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 2nd Sunday), 5pm (1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays - Liturgy)



Term Dates

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

*****PUPIL FREE DAY - TERM 2 FRIDAY 7th JULY**

DATES TO REMEMBER

JUNE

Monday	12 th	Long Weekend
Tuesday	13 th	SRC Student Trivia Day
Thursday	15 th	Northwest Catholic Schools Combined Cross Country
Thursday	22 nd	Advisory Board Meeting - 6pm
Saturday	25 th	Bunnings BBQ Grade 5/6 Canberra Trip Fundraiser
Tuesday	27 th	Burnie Eisteddfod
Tuesday	27 th	All School Cross Country Event - Symmons Plains

JULY

Monday	3 rd	NAIDOC Week Prayer Liturgy led by Grade 4 - 2:20pm
Monday	3 rd	Mid-Year Reports go home
Wednesday	5 th	NAIDOC Week Presentation Assembly - 9:30am
Wednesday	5 th	Mid-Year Parent Teacher Meetings
Thursday	6 th	Mid-Year Parent Teacher Meetings
Thursday	6 th	Term 2 Finishes
Friday	7 th	Pupil Free Day

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