



## Important Dates

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**Parent Welcome Evening**  
Rec - Year 2 at  
6.15-6.45pm

Wednesday 19 February  
2025

**Parent Welcome Evening**  
Years 3 - 6 at 7.00-  
7.30pm

Wednesday 19 February  
2025

**School Board Meeting**

Thursday 20 February 2025

**Last Day of Term 1**

Friday 11 April 2025

**Public Holiday - Adelaide Cup**

Monday 10 March 2025

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## From the Principal

Welcome to our first newsletter of the year. I would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new students and families, and a warm welcome back to all our existing students and families. The staff and students have returned with renewed vigor and excitement about what the new year will bring. Our building renovations are part of this excitement, but we remain committed to ensuring that 2025 will be filled with many learning opportunities, community connections, and that St Brigid's continues to be a place of Love, Peace, and Learning for all.

### Parent Welcome Evening

Our first event for the year is our Parent Welcome Evening. Parents will have the opportunity to hear from their child's class teacher about both school and class expectations and learning opportunities for the year. This event is for parents only. Due to the renovations and duty of care, unfortunately there is no additional space for children to gather and play during these presentations. We thank you for your understanding and support.

## **Car Parking**

As child safety is our top priority, we are trialling the opening and staffing of the back (Le Hunte St) gate both before and after school to alleviate previous safety concerns. Both gates (front and back) will be open from 8:30-8:50 am and again from 2:50-3:10 pm. Throughout this term, we will gather data to see if this supports families in dropping off and picking up their children in a safe, responsible, and timely manner.

Thank you for your cooperation and support as we embark on an exciting year at St Brigid's.

In Love, Peace and learning

Paula Burns

**From the Assistant Principal  
Innovation, Inclusion and Wellbeing**

# NAPLAN

## National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy Information for parents and carers

- All students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in Australia do NAPLAN tests in March each year.
- NAPLAN tests students' skills in reading, writing and maths.
- The test questions are presented in Standard Australian English dialect.
- Students read some of the questions and listen to others with headphones.
- The tests will get easier or harder, depending on how students are going in the test.
- Students do four different tests. The names of the four tests are:



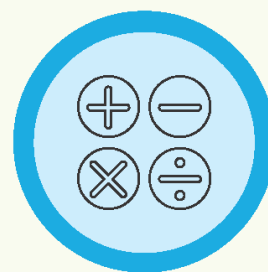
**Writing**



**Reading**



**Conventions of language**  
(spelling, grammar and punctuation)



**Numeracy**

- Students in Year 3 will do the Writing test using pencil and paper. Year 3 students will answer the other test questions on the computer.
- Students in Years 5, 7 and 9 will answer all their test questions on computers.
- Teachers will help students get ready for NAPLAN tests.
- Schools will get their students' results. The school will then give parents/carers a report showing their own child's results.
- Parents/carers can talk to the teacher about these results.
- NAPLAN shows how students are going all over Australia. People who work in the Australian Government, state and territory education authorities and schools use NAPLAN results. The results let them see which schools are doing well and which schools might need help.

**Talk to your teacher if you have any questions about your child doing the tests.**  
For more information on NAPLAN, visit [nap.edu.au](http://nap.edu.au).

Welcome back, families, and students! We are excited to start a new school year filled with learning, growth, and fun. 2025 will be a busy and exciting year for our school community and I look forward to working together to make it a great success.

A special welcome to all new students and families joining our beautiful community – we are thrilled to have you with us!

## **Safer Internet Day**

Safer Internet Day is an annual event that promotes online safety and responsible technology use. It is celebrated and acknowledged by communities, schools, and organisations from all around the world.

Why is Safer Internet Day important?

The internet is a big part of our lives but can be risky, especially for young people.

Issues like bullying and hate speech can harm people's safety and well-being.

Many children do not tell adults if something goes wrong online.

How to stay safe online:

Use strong, unique passwords for your accounts.

Be cautious about what you share online, especially on social media.

Think about how your actions might affect others.

Report online abuse to the relevant platforms.

Stay updated on online safety news and trends.

How to get involved:

Talk to your children about online safety.

Check your social media privacy settings.

Be kind when interacting on social media.

Resources for families:

Have a look at the link below to check out different resources for families, including story books and videos that discuss safe internet use, posters, and family tech agreements to assist families with safe use of tablets, laptops, gaming consoles, smartphones, and TVs.

## **NAPLAN**

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is a literacy and numeracy assessment that students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 sit each year. It is the only national assessment all Australian students can undertake.

As students' progress through their school years, it is important to check how well they are learning the essential skills of reading, writing and numeracy.

Our Year 3 and 5 students will sit their NAPLAN tests between the 12th and 24th of March as their literacy and numeracy skills are assessed so parents/carers are able to see how their child is progressing against national proficiency standards. All tests are completed online, except the Year 3 writing assessment which will be completed on paper.

NAPLAN is just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process. It does not replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance, but it can provide teachers with additional information about students' educational progress. Our teachers will use the data to direct your child's learning, to ensure the needs with their learning and areas of extension are addressed.

Please look at the parents' brochure attached if for more information, however if you have any further questions please visit me in the front office for a chat.

Yours in Love, Peace and Learning,

Jason Puttnins

**Assistant Principal - Innovation, Inclusion and Wellbeing**

# From the APRIM

Welcome to the new school year! I am thrilled to embark on this new journey with your children and to begin my role as APRIM (Assistant Principal for Religious Identity and Mission) It is an honour to support the spiritual growth and development of our students and community.

## **Jubilee Year of Hope 2025**

2025 marks a special Year of Jubilee! The term 'Jubilee' originates from the Hebrew word for a ram's horn, which was blown to announce the beginning of a Jubilee year in biblical times. In the Old Testament, the Jubilee Year occurred every fifty years and was a time of renewal and celebration. Debts were forgiven, people were given rest, and the land itself was allowed to rejuvenate by not planting crops. Today, we celebrate a Jubilee every twenty-five years, continuing its legacy as a sacred year of forgiveness, mercy, and renewal. It is a time for us to reset and strengthen our relationships with God, each other, and all of creation.

Pope Francis has called this Jubilee Year 'Pilgrims of Hope', inviting us to renew our hope in the love God has for each of us, no matter who we are. A pilgrim is someone who embarks on a journey to holy places, seeking to grow closer to God. While we may not all be able to travel far, the Jubilee Year is still a journey for all of us—a journey of hope, deepening our connection with God and with one another.

## **OLSH Pillars**

This term, our OLSH Pillar focus is: We are Heart People who Reverence Relationships in Peace.

As we begin the school year, we aim to emphasise the significance of building and nurturing strong, respectful relationships within our school community. This focus aligns with our School Mission, Vision, and learning Philosophy. We use the research-based Positive Behaviour Intervention Support (PBIS) approach to promote positive behaviour at our school. Reverencing relationships is about treating others with dignity and valuing their contributions.

## **Sacramental Programme**

If you have a child who is 7 years or older and who has been baptised in the Catholic Church, you may wish for them to complete the next stage of their Catholic journey, the sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion.

This week I sent home the relevant documentation for years 4-6, however, if your child is 7 years old or above and you think your child is ready for this Sacramental journey please come and see me and I can give you this documentation.

## **St Brigid's Feast Day**

The Feast Day of St. Brigid is celebrated on February 1st, honouring Ireland's patron saint.

St. Brigid is known for her compassion, hospitality, and dedication to the poor. At St Brigid's, students celebrated through a liturgy, reflecting on St. Brigid's values and contributions. The liturgy included prayers, hymns, readings, information about her life and faith and concluded with the St Brigid's school prayer. Some classes also engaged in creative activities.

## **Children's Liturgy**

The next Children's Liturgy of the Word will begin at St Brigid's Church on Sunday 16th February.

Children's liturgy is a wonderful way for the children to have a better understanding of the Gospel of the day's Liturgy and grow in appreciating the structure and the richness of the liturgy of the word section of the Mass.

Yours in Love, Peace and Learning,

Michaela Edwards

**Assistant Principal Religious Identity and Mission**

# Teaching and Learning



## Library

Welcome back to school everyone I hope you have all had a relaxing break and a big welcome to our new families to the St Brigid's School Community.

I am so excited to be back into the library area even though it will look a little different this year. Due to the building this year the library will be a portable library or a library on wheels. The children will have the opportunity to borrow books weekly and return them the following week to be able to borrow a new book. Please ensure your child/ren have their library book in their school bag each day so they are able to read at school if they have free reading time and to return on their allocated library day. At this stage Library days will be on a Thursday and a Friday.

Once again I have plenty of exciting activities and displays organised for the year and I can't wait to share with the children.

## Scholastic Book Club

The first Scholastic Book Club Catalogue for the year has been sent home and the orders are due in by Wednesday 12th February.

There are two ways you can order:

You can fill in the order form on page 31 and return to the school front office in an envelope with the money. Please remember to include your child's name at the top of the form.

You can order online via a loop. Go to the order form on page 31 there is a QR code for you to scan to set up your ordering platform. I



have written your child's class number at the top of the order form you will need to know this to order. If you order and pay through the loop you have an option of having the books directly to your house (at an extra cost to you) or they can be included into the school order and delivered to the school.

Usually once I have placed the orders they take approx 2 - 3 weeks to arrive at the school. They will then be given to your child to bring home. If you require an order to be kept from your child or only to go home on a certain day please let me know and I will ensure this happens.

### **Free Books**

In this issue of the Scholastic Book club on page 32 you will see they are offering free books to people that order through the loop and spend a certain amount of money. If you spend more than \$25 you will receive 1 x free book – If you spend more than \$50 you will receive 2 x free books – If you spend more than \$70 you will receive 3 x free books. This offer is only available for people that order through the loop.

### **Premier's Reading Challenge**

Premier's Reading Challenge has started again for 2025. We are encouraging the children to read as many books as they can throughout the year. All the books they read are entered onto a form which is sent off and the children earn rewards for their reading each year. The children are usually very excited at the end of the year to see their rewards when they arrive.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries in regards to the library, Scholastic Book Club orders or the Premier's Reading Challenge.

Looking forward to another fabulous year.

Miss Mardi

## From the Community Hub



Hello and welcome back! We look forward to welcoming you through our doors this term! I hope you've had an enjoyable holiday with your family and are excited for the new school year!

If you are not familiar with the community hub building – we are located at the back of the school, best accessed via 50 Le Hunte Street. We share the same building as the OSHC!

### **Hub program**

This term we will be continuing with our Playgroups and English Classes, aiming to start in Week 3! We've had a few things to work out with the changes to our space due to the building works. The best way to keep up to date with what's happening in the community hub is to follow our facebook page: Facebook I will be posting updates to facebook as much as I can so if you would like to know what we're doing – be sure to follow along!

### **Volunteering:**

I am continuing to support with volunteer applications this term. If you would like to get involved with volunteering within the school (ie. On school excursions and special events) or in the community hub (in supporting our programs), volunteering application packages will be available from the front office. There will be more information on this at Parent Information Evening.

The community hub is here to serve you! If you have any suggestions on what we can offer free to contact me at any time between 8:30-4:00pm. The community hub number is 0480 277 409, and email is [communityhub@stb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:communityhub@stb.catholic.edu.au)



Yours in Love, Peace, and Learning

Bonnie

Community Hub Leader

## Newsletter Signup



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Fill out the form below to subscribe and receive our newsletter via email.

## Community Hub timetable

# Term 1, 2025 hub activities

**St Brigid's School  
Community Hub**  
Best accessed via 50 Le Hunte Street,  
Kilburn



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
 <p><b>Playgroup</b> 9:00am - 11:00am February 10th - April 7th</p>	 <p><b>Individual Support</b> For help with filling in forms, resume writing, job applications, advice and information. Contact Bonnie to book a time!</p>	 <p><b>Playgroup</b> 9:00am - 11:00am February 12th - April 9th</p>	 <p><b>Volunteering information session</b> 9:00am-9:30am February 20th</p>
<p><b>Volunteering information session</b> 2:15 - 2:45pm February 17th</p> <p>Information on what is required to become a volunteer with the school, how to apply for checks and complete RRHAN training, and general information on school's policies and expectations</p>	 <p><b>Scan the QR code to find us on Facebook</b></p>	 <p><b>Beach Playgroup Event</b> 10:30am-1:00pm April 2nd Webb Beach</p>	 <p><b>English Class</b> 10:00am - 12:00pm February 13th - April 10th <i>Child-minding available</i></p>
		 <p><b>The One Box</b> 3:00pm - 3:30pm February 6th - April 10th Weekly box of fruit and vegetables. Contact Bonnie to join the waiting list.</p>	

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**P:** 0480 277 409  
**E:** [communityhub@stb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:communityhub@stb.catholic.edu.au)

Community Hub timetable in Arabic

# أنشطة المحور للفصل الدراسي الأول 2025

مركز مجتمع مدرسة سانت بريجيد  
يمكن الوصول إليه بسهولة عبر Le 50  
Hunte Street، كيلبورن



## الاثنين



SPICE  
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مجموعة اللعب

9:00 صباحًا - 11:00 صباحًا  
10 فبراير - 7 أبريل

جلسة معلوماتية عن التطوع  
2:15 - 2:45 مساءً  
17 فبراير

معلومات حول ما هو  
مطلوب لكي تصبح متطوعًا  
في المدرسة، وكيفية التقدم  
للحصول على الشيكات  
واستكمال تدريب RRHAN،  
ومعلومات عامة حول  
سياسات المدرسة وتوقعاتها

## يوم الثلاثاء



الدعم الفردي  
للحصول على المساعدة في  
ملء النماذج، وكتابة السيرة  
الذاتية، وطلبات العمل،  
والنصائح والمعلومات.  
اتصل بوني لحجز موعد!



قم بمسح رمز الاستجابة السريعة  
للعثور علينا على الفيسبوك

قائدة المركز: بوني هاتف: 409 277 0480  
بريد إلكتروني:  
communityhub@stb.catholic.edu.au

## الأربعاء

SPICE  
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مجموعة اللعب

9:00 صباحًا - 11:00 صباحًا  
12 فبراير - 9 أبريل

فعالية لعب جماعية  
على الشاطئ  
10:30 صباحًا - 1:00  
ظهرًا  
2 أبريل شاطئ ويب



## يوم الخميس

جلسة معلوماتية عن  
التطوع  
9:00 صباحًا - 9:30  
صباحًا 20 فبراير

صف اللغة الانجليزية  
10:00 صباحًا - 12:00 ظهرًا  
13 فبراير - 10 أبريل  
رعاية الأطفال متاحة

الصندوق الواحد  
3:00 مساءً - 3:30 مساءً  
فبراير - 10 أبريل  
صندوق أسبوعي من  
الفواكه والخضروات.  
اتصل بوني للانضمام  
إلى قائمة الانتظار.

Community Hub timetable in Persian

# فعالیت های هاب ترم 1، 2025

مرکز جامعه مدرسه سنت بریجید  
بهترین دسترسی از طریق خیابان 50  
Le Hunte, Kilburn



## دوشنبه




گروه بازی  
9:00 صبح تا 11:00 صبح  
10 فوریه - 7 آوریل

جلسه اطلاع رسانی  
داوطلبانه  
2:15 - 2:45 بعد از ظهر  
17 فوریه

اطلاعاتی در مورد آنچه برای  
داوطلب شدن در مدرسه  
لازم است، نحوه درخواست  
چک و تکمیل آموزش  
RRHAN، و اطلاعات کلی در  
مورد سیاست ها و انتظارات  
مدرسه

## سه شنبه



پشتیبانی فردی  
برای کمک در پر کردن فرم ها،  
نوشتن رزومه، درخواست های  
شغلی، مشاوره و اطلاعات.  
برای رزرو وقت با بانی تماس  
بگیرید!



برای یافتن ما در فیس بوک،  
کد QR را اسکن کنید

رهبر مرکز: Bonnie P: 0480 277 409 E: [communityhub@stb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:communityhub@stb.catholic.edu.au)  
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## چهارشنبه



گروه بازی  
9:00 صبح تا 11:00 صبح  
12 فوریه - 9 آوریل

رویداد گروه بازی  
ساحلی  
10:30 صبح الی  
13:00  
2 آوریل و 9 آوریل

## پنج شنبه

جلسه اطلاع رسانی  
داوطلبانه  
9:00 الی 9:30 صبح  
20 فوریه

کلاس زبان انگلیسی  
10:00 صبح تا 12:00 شب  
13 فوریه - 10 آوریل  
مراقبت از کودک در  
دسترس است

یک جعبه  
6 فوریه - 10 آوریل از  
15:00 تا 15:30  
جعبه میوه و سبزیجات  
هفتگی. برای پیوستن به  
لیست انتظار با بانی  
تماس بگیرید.

Community Hub timetable in Spanish



# Actividades del centro del primer semestre de 2025

Centro comunitario de la escuela St  
Brigid  
Se accede mejor a través de 50 Le  
Hunte Street, Kilburn



## Lunes



9:00 a. m. - 11:00 a. m.

10 de febrero - 7 de  
abril

Sesión informativa sobre  
voluntariado  
14:15 - 14:45  
17 de febrero

Información sobre lo que se  
requiere para convertirse  
en voluntario en la escuela,  
cómo solicitar controles y  
completar la capacitación  
de RRHAN e información  
general sobre las políticas y  
expectativas de la escuela.

## Martes



Apoyo individual  
Para obtener ayuda para  
completar formularios,  
redactar currículums,  
solicitudes de empleo,  
asesoramiento e información.  
¡Póngase en contacto con  
Bonnie para reservar una hora!



Escanea el código QR para  
encontrarnos en Facebook

Líder del centro: Bonnie P: 0480 277  
409 E:  
communityhub@stb.catholic.edu.au

## Miércoles



9:00 a. m. - 11:00 a. m.

12 de febrero - 9 de  
abril

Evento de grupo  
de juego en la  
playa  
10:30-13:00  
2 de abril

2 de abril



## Jueves

Sesión informativa  
sobre voluntariado  
9:00 am - 9:30 am  
20 de febrero

Clase de inglés  
10:00 a. m. a 12:00 p. m.  
13 de febrero - 10 de abril  
Servicio de cuidado de  
niños disponible

La caja única  
5:00 - 15:30 hrs 6 de  
febrero - 10 de abril  
Caja semanal de frutas  
y verduras. Contacta a  
Bonnie para unirse a la  
lista de espera.



Community Hub timetable in Urdu

# ٹرم 1، 2025 حب سرگرمیاں

سینٹ بریگیڈز اسکول کمیونٹی ہب  
50 لی مینٹ اسٹریٹ، کلبرن کے ذریعے  
بہترین رسائی



## پیر



SPICE  
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پلے گروپ

9:00am - 11:00am

10 فروری - 7 اپریل

رضاکارانہ معلومات کا

سیشن

2:45pm - 2:15

17 فروری

اسکول کے ساتھ رضاکار بننے کے لیے کیا ضروری ہے، چیک کے لیے درخواست کیسے دی جائے اور RRHAN کی تربیت مکمل کی جائے، اور اسکول کی پالیسیوں اور توقعات کے بارے میں عمومی معلومات

## منگل



انفرادی تعاون

فارم بھرنے، دوبارہ شروع کرنے، نوکری کی درخواستیں، مشورہ اور معلومات میں مدد کے لیے۔ وقت بک کرنے کے لیے بونی سے رابطہ کریں!



ہمیں Facebook پر تلاش کرنے کے لیے QR کوڈ اسکین کریں۔

## بدھ

SPICE  
Supported Playgroups in Catholic Education

پلے گروپ

9:00am - 11:00am

12 فروری - 9 اپریل

بیچ پلے گروپ ایونٹ

10:30am-1:00pm

2 اپریل ویب بیچ



## جمعرات

رضاکارانہ معلومات

کا سیشن

9:00am-9:30am

20 فروری

انگلش کلاس

10:00am - 12:00pm

13 فروری - 10 اپریل

بچوں کی نم سازی

دستیاب ہے۔

ایک خانہ

3:00pm - 3:30pm 6

فروری - 10 اپریل

پھلوں اور سبزیوں کا مہتہ

وار ڈبہ۔ ویٹنگ لسٹ میں

شامل ہونے کے لیے بونی

سے رابطہ کریں۔

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## Upcoming Principal's Tours



ST BRIGID'S SCHOOL

Join us for a  
Principal's Tour

Wednesday 19 March at 9.30 am

BOOK NOW

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8162 7700



Book a tour