



ST BRIGID'S
Catholic Primary School
EMERALD

ST BRIGID'S NEWSLETTER

WEEK 2

TERM 1

2025

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

A warm welcome to the 2025 school year at St Brigid's! To our new families and students joining us for the first time, we are so delighted to have you as part of our vibrant school community. To our returning families and students, welcome back – we hope you had a restful and enjoyable holiday break.

This year, we are excited to continue fostering growth in learning, faith, and personal development, all while strengthening the strong sense of community that makes St Brigid's so special.

We also extend a heartfelt welcome to our new staff members:

- Mr. Sean Senini – Year 6 Teacher
- Mrs. Esther Jansen – Year 2 Teacher
- Mrs. Danielle Dinsey, Mrs. Emma Lee, and Mrs. Tamara Authurs – Classroom Assistants

We are thrilled to have these talented and passionate individuals join our team and look forward to the positive impact they will have on our students' lives.

This year, we are introducing the ParentOrbit app, a new communication tool to help us stay connected with our families. Using your parent number, you can log in to access important updates, events, and reminders. We encourage all families to download the app and make it part of their daily routine.

As we begin this new school year, let's set the tone for success by starting on the right foot:

- Uniforms: Please ensure all students are in the correct uniform each day, with hair and jewellery adhering to our school guidelines.
- Healthy Lunches: Pack nutritious meals to support your child's focus and energy throughout the day.
- Preparedness: Ensure students bring all necessary belongings to school each day, including stationery, books, and any specific items required for their classes.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in making St Brigid's a wonderful place for our students to grow and thrive. We are looking forward to a fantastic year ahead, full of learning, connection, and community.

If you have any questions or need assistance as the school year begins, please don't hesitate to reach out to the office or your child's teacher. Let's make 2025 a truly memorable year!

God Bless

Tegan Green

Principal

STUDENT PROTECTION

At St Brigid's any concerns or reasonable suspicions about a student's safety and wellbeing or the behaviour of a staff member or volunteer which a student considers to be inappropriate, will continue to be managed in accordance with Rockhampton Catholic Education Student Protection Processes.

The Student Protection Contacts at St Brigid's are:

- Mrs Tegan Green - Principal
- Mrs Meaghan Tucker - Assistant Principal – Religious Education
- Mrs Josephine Carew - Year 6 Teacher
- Mr Michael Smale - Counsellor

FROM THE A.P.R.E

Welcome Back!

Over the past week, I've had the pleasure of visiting each classroom, where I was met with the smiles of students, staff, and parents. It has been wonderful to see our community come together once again, refreshed from the break and ready to thrive in 2025.

Religious Education

Our dedicated teachers and I have been working together this week to develop meaningful Religious Education learning cycles and assessments. Our goal is to challenge students to think critically, deepen their understanding, and recontextualize the Catholic faith for themselves in today's world. Each classroom will feature an RE Learning Wall, showcasing students' learning, big ideas, and thought-provoking questions. We invite you to explore these growing displays as the term progresses.

Religious Life of the School

The first celebration on our school calendar is St Brigid's Feast Day. St Brigid of Ireland, an inspirational Catholic saint, inspires our school community to live with faith, charity, compassion, and peace. Our students have been learning about her life and reflecting on ways to embody her values in their daily actions.

We warmly invite parents and friends to join us on Friday, 7 February, at 9:00 AM for our Opening School Mass, where we will celebrate St Brigid, recognize our student leaders, and open our classrooms for visits. The morning will conclude with a shared lunch—a wonderful opportunity to connect as a community. We look forward to seeing you there!

God Bless

Meaghan Tucker

CURRICULUM NEWS

Dear St Brigid's Families,

Welcome back to another exciting school year! I hope you all had a restful and joyful holiday, and that your children are ready for a year filled with growth, learning, and new opportunities. It is always a pleasure to see our students return with energy and enthusiasm, and I look forward to working with our entire community throughout the year.

This year, we are thrilled to launch our whole-school reading fluency intervention. Our goal is simple but powerful: to ensure that fluency is never a barrier to reading comprehension for our students. This program will take place every day in every class, helping our students build confidence, accuracy, and expression in their reading. We have already seen remarkable results in the year levels where this approach was trialled, and we are eager to see its impact across the whole school.

In addition to our focus on reading, we are excited to implement our new school wellbeing scope and sequence. This initiative will help students develop a deeper understanding of themselves and their place in the world, fostering resilience, emotional intelligence, and a strong sense of belonging. By embedding wellbeing into our daily practices, we are ensuring that every student feels supported and empowered to thrive.

I also want to encourage all families to embrace the power of reading at home. Did you know that reading with your child for just 10 minutes a day can expose them to over 600,000 words in a year? Shared reading not only builds vocabulary and comprehension skills but also strengthens the bond between parent and child. Your involvement in your child's reading journey is one of the most valuable gifts you can give them.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to your child's education. I look forward to an inspiring and successful year ahead, working together as a community to support our students in reaching their full potential.

Mr Francey

STUDENT WELLBEING

Good Afternoon Parent/s,

In 2025, there have been changes to our counselling staffing, with Miss Kelsey Galloway being rostered every Thursday and Friday, and myself being rostered every Tuesday, at St Brigid's. If your child/ren have accessed counselling support in the past and you would like this to continue, or if you would like your child to see a counsellor for the first time, please ask your child's teacher or the front office staff for a copy of the parent referral & counselling information forms. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at St Brigid's or email me at Michael_smale@rok.catholic.edu.au

Please also find attached a link to information about supporting your child to cope with a return to the routines of school for 2025: Welcome back to Term 4. We have been very busy over the past three terms and unfortunately, at this time, the school counselling schedule is full, and we will be closing off to new referrals for term 4. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to Leadership, Miss Galloway, Mrs Hardgrave or myself.

Please also find attached a link to information about supporting your child to cope with a return to the routines of school for 2025: [SCHOOL ROUTINES](#)

Michael Smale
School Counsellor.

CHAMPIONS OF THE WEEK

Prep Blue -

Prep Red -

1C -

1P -

2P -

2W -

3C -

3R -

4H -

4S -

5W -

5M -

6C -

6P -

**NO CHAMPIONS
WEEK 1**

Music Maestro -

Sports Champion -

TUCKSHOP

Every Friday

Orders close 8am Thursday

Wednesday- Subway

Orders close Wednesday 8am



WELCOME TO PREP!!



Prep Red
with Miss Rutherford and Mrs Kane



Prep Blue
with Mrs Ambrey and Mrs Sullivan

LIBRARY NEWS

Welcome back to school for 2025! Library time is when students will return their books and borrow new ones for the week. We encourage all students to take home at least 1 book to read with their parents or independently as home reading. Remember to protect our school library books by using a library bag and if a book is damaged, please bring it to the library for repair.

Library Days for 2025:

Monday - Year 4

Tuesday - Kindy, Prep, Year 2

Wednesday - Year 6

Thursday - Year 5

Friday - Year 3, Year 1

If you have any enquiries, please email me.

Happy Reading!

Mrs Strong

Kristy_strong@rok.catholic.edu.au



REMINDERS

- Please log onto Parent Lounge to read and accept terms and conditions for your child/rens ICT agreement (students will not be permitted to use any technology until these have been accepted - including taking Chromebooks home)
- Parent Information session - this Wednesday, please see ParentOrbit for the timetable of sessions

SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP

Opening Hours (Term Time Only)

Tuesday afternoon
2:00pm - 4:30pm

Thursday morning
8:00am - 10:00am

Email: stbrigids@wearitto.com.au



New School App - ParentOrbit

We are rolling over to a new school app which is linked to your Parent Lounge account - download now: ParentOrbit.

School code: sbe

To login in use your parent lounge number and password - please select forgot password if you can't remember your password or you are a new family. Contact admin for your parent number if required.

TUCKSHOP VOLUNTEERS

Calling All Amazing Parents & Family Members!

We need YOU to help keep our tuckshop running smoothly this year!

Our wonderful new Tuckshop Coordinator, Mrs. Renee Coleman, is looking for enthusiastic volunteers to lend a hand with food prep and cooking on Thursdays (11:00 AM - 12:30 PM) and Fridays (8:30 AM - 12:30 PM).

Each week, we're inviting parents and family members from different year levels to assist, but anyone available on the dates below is welcome! Even just one hour of your time makes a huge difference. Plus, it's a great way to get involved in your child's school!

Helping is easy! Simply scan the QR code and complete the quick volunteer form (it takes just 2 minutes!).

Let's work together to keep our tuckshop running all year long! We can't wait to see you there!

TUCKSHOP DATES FOR TERM 1

Week 2 – Thursday 6th February
Week 2 – Friday 7th February
Week 3 – Thursday 13th February
Week 3 – Friday 14th February
Week 4 – NO TUCKSHOP
Week 5 – Thursday 27th February
Week 5 – Friday 28th February
Week 6 – Thursday 6th March
Week 6 – Friday 7th March
Week 7 – Thursday 13th March
Week 7 – Friday 14th March
Week 8 – Thursday 20th March
Week 8 – Friday 21st March
Week 9 – Thursday 27th March
Week 9 – Friday 28th March
Week 10 – Thursday 3rd April
Week 10 – Friday 4th April



VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED

ST. BRIGID'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL EMERALD - STUDENT DRESS CODE

Items in italics are only available at the School Uniform Shop

CODE	GIRLS	BOYS
<p><i>Formal uniform</i></p> <p><i>To be worn on Thursday, Wednesday (P-5) and Tuesday (3-6) Monday (P-2 & 6)</i></p>	<p><i>Blouse: Checked with embroidered logo on left pocket.</i></p> <p><i>Culotte: Navy with red</i></p> <p><i>Hat: Wide brimmed navy blue hat with school logo</i></p> <p>Socks: Short white socks (visible above shoe)</p> <p>Shoes: Black jogger or leather shoe (all distinguishing colour features to be blacked out)</p>	<p><i>Shirt: Checked with embroidered logo on left pocket.</i></p> <p>Shorts: Navy, medium length leg (cargo shorts not permitted)</p> <p><i>Hat: Wide brimmed navy blue hat with school logo</i></p> <p>Socks: Short white socks (visible above shoe)</p> <p>Shoes: Black jogger or leather shoe (all distinguishing colour features to be blacked out)</p>
<p><i>Sports Uniform</i></p> <p><i>To be worn on Friday and Tuesday (P-2) Monday (3-5) Wednesday (6)</i></p>	<p><i>Shirt: Red sports shirt with logo on left chest</i></p> <p><i>Sport short: Navy sport short with school logo (only)</i></p> <p><i>Culotte: Navy with red (same as Formal uniform)</i></p> <p><i>Hat: Wide brimmed navy blue hat with school logo</i></p> <p>Shoes: Black jogger</p>	<p><i>Shirt: Red sports shirt with logo on left chest</i></p> <p><i>Sport short: Navy sport short with school logo (only)</i></p> <p>Shorts: Navy, medium length leg (No cargo shorts)</p> <p><i>Hat: Wide brimmed navy blue hat with school logo</i></p> <p>Shoes: Black jogger</p>
<p><i>Cold Weather</i></p>	<p>The following items may be worn:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>School Jacket</i> or plain navy blue jumper • <i>School track pants</i> • Plain navy track pants • Plain navy full footed tights, not leggings • Plain navy skivvy under school shirt 	<p>The following items may be worn:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>School Jacket</i> or plain navy blue jumper • <i>School track pants</i> • Plain navy track pants • Plain navy skivvy under school shirt
<p><i>Condition of Uniform</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uniform must be clean, neat and in good order. • Damaged uniform items must be replaced. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uniform must be clean, neat and in good order. • Damaged uniform items must be replaced.
<p><i>Sports House Shirt</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will be encouraged to wear a shirt representing their relevant House colour instead of their school sports shirt at inter-house carnivals. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will be encouraged to wear a shirt representing their relevant House colour instead of their school sports shirt at inter-house carnivals.
<p><i>Jewellery</i></p>	<p>Only the following jewellery may be worn:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wrist watch. • Small gold or silver cross / religious medallion on a chain. • Plain small sleepers or studs. One earring permitted per ear lobe. No other body piercing permitted • Medical alert bracelet or necklace 	<p>Only the following jewellery may be worn:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wrist watch. • Small gold or silver cross / religious medallion on a chain. • No body piercing permitted • Medical alert bracelet or necklace
<p><i>Hair</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hair is to be student's own natural colour. • Hairstyles that vary in length are not permitted. Therefore undercuts, tracks, rat's tails, Mohawks, mullets etc. are not permitted. Other similar cuts/styles require the approval of the principal at time of enrolment or before having a style change. • Hair, when shoulder length or longer, is to be tied back. • All hair accessories are to be plain in design and navy, red, white, or black. • Hair is to be neat and tidy. • <i>If doubt exists with a style of hair, a student or parent should check with the Principal at time of enrolment or before having a style change.</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hair is to be student's own natural colour. • Hairstyles that vary in length are not permitted. Therefore undercuts, tracks, rat's tails, Mohawks, mullets etc. are not permitted. Other similar cuts/styles require the approval of the principal at time of enrolment or before having a style change. • Hair, when shoulder length or longer, is to be tied back. • All hair accessories are to be plain in design and navy, red, white, or black. • Hair is to be neat and tidy. • <i>If doubt exists with a style of hair, a student or parent should check with the Principal at time of enrolment or before having a style change.</i>
<p><i>'Free Dress' Days</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On 'free dress' days, students must wear appropriate clothing which is not revealing and doesn't carry inappropriate images or messages. • Sun safe practices must be followed. • Thongs and scuffs are not permitted. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On 'free dress' days, students must wear appropriate clothing which is not revealing and doesn't carry inappropriate images or messages. • Sun safe practices must be followed. • Thongs and scuffs are not permitted.
<p><i>Make-up</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make-up is not permitted to be worn 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make-up is not permitted to be worn
<p><i>Fingernails</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fingernails should be trimmed to fingertip length. • Coloured fingernail polish is not permitted. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fingernails should be trimmed to fingertip length. • Coloured fingernail polish is not permitted.
<p><i>Security</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All clothing should be clearly marked with student's name. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All clothing should be clearly marked with student's name.
<p><i>Acceptable</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Principal retains the right to decide what is acceptable. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Principal retains the right to decide what is acceptable.