



ST. BRIGID'S SCHOOL

KILBURN



Term 2, Week 6



Important Dates

Flourishing Hearts

Friday 23 May 2025

National Sorry Day

Monday 26 May 2025

**National
Reconciliation Week**

Tuesday 27 May 2025

Flourishing Hearts

Friday 30 May 2025

**Year 1/2 and Year 2
Incursions**

Wednesday 4 June 2025

**PUPIL FREE DAY
No School**

Friday 6 June 2025

**Public Holiday
No School**

Monday 9 June 2025

Water Safety Week

Tuesday 10 June 2025

Term 2 ends

Friday 4 July 2025

From the Principal

Dear Families,

I hope you had a lovely long weekend, staying cosy and appreciating the long awaited rain.

Keeping Safe: Learning About Personal Boundaries

As part of our ongoing commitment to student wellbeing and safety, our teachers deliver the *Keeping Safe: Child Protection*

Curriculum throughout the year. This term, classes have been focusing on the important concept of personal boundaries.

Understanding boundaries is a key part of developing respectful and healthy relationships. Students have been learning that boundaries help us understand what is okay and not okay in how we treat others—and how we expect to be treated in return. They've also been encouraged to speak up when something doesn't feel right, using phrases like "I don't like that" or "Please stop, that's too rough."

In our lessons, we've supported students to:

- Recognise their own personal space and body boundaries
- Practise saying 'no' or 'stop' when they feel uncomfortable
- Understand and respect the boundaries of others
- Trust their feelings—if something doesn't feel right, they should tell a trusted adult

How You Can Help at Home: As parents and caregivers, you play a vital role in reinforcing these messages. You can support your child by:

- Talking openly about what is okay and not okay when it comes to touch and personal space
- Modelling respectful behaviour and listening when your child sets a boundary
- Using "what if" scenarios to help your child think through how they might respond in different situations

(e.g. "What if someone hugs you and you don't like it?")

By helping children understand and practise setting boundaries now, we are equipping them with lifelong skills to keep themselves and others safe.

If you'd like more information about the *Keeping Safe* curriculum or how to support these conversations at home, please don't hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or a member of the leadership team.

Anti-Bullying Rapid Review

The Australian Government recently announced an Anti-Bullying Rapid Review. The Review will look at current approaches to addressing bullying in schools, what is working and what needs strengthening, with the aim of providing options for the development of a consistent national standard for responding to bullying and its underlying causes in schools.

To provide feedback through the submission process, please visit www.education.gov.au/antibullying-rapid-review This page contains instructions on how to participate, along with the Review's Terms of Reference. Submissions can be made anonymously if preferred. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact ABRRConsultations@education.gov.au

Staffing Update – Welcoming New Faces

As many of you know at the end of last term, we farewelled Anthony and Damien, we thank them both for their years of dedication and commitment to our school community. We also acknowledge Felicity, who this term has reduced her hours and will take on a slightly different role within our team.

After a thorough recruitment process, we're excited to announce the appointment of six new staff members who will be joining us over the coming weeks.

Please join us in welcoming:

- Weiwei Zhang – *Finance Officer*
- Aileen Ure – *Office Administrator*
- Will McCall – *ESO (Curriculum)*
- Jade Browning – *ESO (Curriculum)*
- Amanda Reyne – *ESO (Curriculum)*

And last, but certainly not least, we are thrilled to welcome back Sandra Rapuano with open arms! Sandra will be returning as our WHS Coordinator and ESO (Curriculum).

We're looking forward to the energy, skills, and experience each of these new team members will bring to our school community. Please make them feel welcome as they settle into their new roles.

Yours in love, peace and learning,

From the Assistant Principal Innovation, Inclusion and Wellbeing

Year 6 Leaders visit to Brighter Beginnings Early Learning Centre

Our Year 6 Leaders recently embarked on a special visit to Brighter Beginnings Early Learning Centre, where they brought joy and inspiration to pre-school students through storytelling and interactive activities.

The highlight of the visit was reading *Rainbow Fish*, a beloved children's book that teaches valuable lessons about kindness and sharing. Following the reading, the Year 6 Leaders guided the younger students through engaging activities and fun games, fostering connections and creating lasting memories.

This experience proved to be a wonderful opportunity for all involved. The pre-schoolers were delighted by the interaction, while our Year 6 Leaders grew in confidence and strengthened their leadership skills. It was truly a heartwarming day filled with learning, laughter, and meaningful connections.

We are incredibly proud of our Year 6 students and the positive impact they are making in our community. Well done!

Here's what our Year 6 students had to say about their visit:

Adam – "I loved everything about today, especially spending time with the kids. You need a lot of patience to be a teacher! I had so much fun in the play area with the bicycles, scooters, and sand."

Gurnoor – "I really enjoyed coming here because the kids listened so well and were so intelligent. Playing together and making new friends was the best part!"

Tiana – "The kids were independent and capable, knowing their colors and doing things on their own. I loved coloring with them—it was such a great experience."

Nina – "The children were mature, quiet, and very smart. The teachers have done an amazing job! This is truly a wonderful place for learning."

A huge thank you to the Brighter Beginnings team for an unforgettable day. We look forward to visiting again soon!

Water Safety Week – Reminder!

Tuesday, June 10th – Friday, June 13th

Location: Thebarton Aquatic Centre

Do not forget that Week 7 is **Water Safety Week**! This exciting program is packed with fun, engaging, and essential water safety lessons to help students learn how to stay safe in and around water.

Please ensure both consent forms are **completed and signed** to allow your child to participate.

Other important Information

Students must arrive at school **wearing their bathers under their uniform**.

Please pack **a towel and a change of underwear** for changing after the lesson.

Students will use **private change rooms** at the Aquatic Centre.

All students will travel with their class teachers via **Kanga Coachlines**.

A **child-friendly PDF** is attached to help [you](#) and your child prepare for the week.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out. We're looking forward to a **fun-filled and educational week** focused on water safety!

Yours in peace, love and learning,

Jason Puttnins



From the APRIM

Mothers Day Liturgy

On the 9th of May, our School community came together to celebrate Mother's Day and honour the special people in our lives. The day began with a delightful coffee morning, where families and friends gathered to enjoy warm beverages and delicious treats. The atmosphere was filled with joy and laughter as everyone chatted and shared stories.

Following the coffee morning, the 4/5 class led a beautiful liturgy that touched the hearts of all who attended. Their thoughtful readings, prayers, and songs created a meaningful and reflective experience for everyone present. It was truly wonderful to see so many people come together to celebrate and support one another.

We are incredibly grateful for the overwhelming support from our community. Your presence and participation made this celebration a memorable one. Thank you for joining us in honouring the special people in our lives and for helping to strengthen the bonds within our school community.

New Pope – Pope Leo XIV

We are excited to share the joyful news of the election of Pope Leo XIV as the new leader of the Catholic Church on Friday, 9th May. Chosen through prayerful discernment and guided by the Holy Spirit, Pope Leo brings with him a deep commitment to compassion, unity, and service. As we welcome his papacy, we pray that his leadership will inspire hope, strengthen our faith, and guide the global Church with wisdom and love. May Pope Leo XIV be a beacon of peace and renewal for all.

National Reconciliation Week

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. The theme for National Reconciliation Week 2025 is "Bridging Now to Next". This theme encourages reflection on the past, present, and future, urging all Australians to work together towards a more united and respectful nation.

Reconciliation must live in the hearts, minds and actions of all Australians as we move forward, creating a nation strengthened by respectful relationships between the wider Australian community, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

We all have a role to play when it comes to reconciliation, and in playing our part we collectively build relationships and communities that value Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, histories, cultures, and futures.

6th Sunday of Easter

On the 6th Sunday of Easter, the themes focus on love and the Holy Spirit. Jesus tells His disciples to love one another as He has loved them. He also promises to send the Holy Spirit to help and guide them. This Sunday reminds us that love is at the heart of our faith and that the Holy Spirit is always with us, offering support and guidance in our daily lives.

Yours in Love, Peace and Learning,

Michaela Edwards

Assistant Principal Religious Identity and Mission

From Teaching and Learning

On Friday of week 5, our Year 3/4 class enjoyed an exciting and educational day at Gorge Wildlife Park. The highlight of the day was our special education session with a wildlife keeper, where students had the incredible opportunity to touch a snake and a koala while learning all about their habitats and behaviours.

We were lucky enough to witness the capybara and otter feeding, which sparked great discussions about animal diets and natural environments. The students were also thrilled to feed kangaroos and ducks, gaining hands-on experience with native wildlife.

Throughout the day, we explored ideas about animal adaptations, how animals survive in different habitats, and the importance of caring for our environment. It was a fantastic opportunity for students to connect what we've been learning in class with real-world experiences.

I am so proud of how respectful, curious, and enthusiastic the students were. A big thank you to our parent helper Kodie, St Brigid's staff and to Gorge Wildlife Park for such a memorable learning experience!

Yours in Peace, Love and Learning

Katie Day



From the Community Hub

Playgroup:

Our special activities in playgroup over the last 2 weeks' have been making musical instruments - shakers, and exploring natural materials with our playdough. We also learnt an Indigenous Australian lullaby called "Inanay Capuana". A definitive translation is not possible however, many sources say it's about an Australian Lizard called the Goanna and in the song the singers are "Shooing" away the goanna. This has been part of acknowledging reconciliation week.

We've also made crowns, played with balloons, and matched candles to numbered birthday cakes to acknowledge the upcoming Public Holiday for the Kings' birthday. There will be NO playgroup on Monday 9th of June because of the public Holiday. We will be back on Wednesday 11th of June!

Monday last week was a very windy day – this isn't necessarily a bad thing! 2 children were brave enough to be outside and consequently enjoyed a blizzard of bubbles as the wind swirled them around. It was truly a bubble wonderland! I encourage you to look for the opportunities the weather brings to make valuable experiences for both you and your children! Especially weather we're tempted to call "bad".

For updates as they happen, follow us on our facebook page!

English classes:

English classes are on Thursdays 10-12pm.

These classes are open to all, and a great opportunity to practice your English! Run by a qualified teacher. Some level of English would be beneficial. Contact me for more information.

CHA Conference:

Last week I attended the biannual Community Hubs Australia conference where all community hub leaders across the nation come together to connect, share, and learn from each other. I had the privilege of presenting on the Thursday about my process of helping people become job ready and recruiting volunteers. It was a great time hearing from other hub leaders, and guest presenters. I've come back with a few more ideas to implement within our hub!

Speaking of volunteering....

Volunteering:

You may have heard of excursions starting to happen! If you would like to volunteer and go along on your child's class excursion you will need to fill in and return a volunteer application pack. You can get one of these from me or the front office.

To become a volunteer you need to have a Working With Children Check - WWCC (free for volunteers) and complete the 2 hour online RRHAN-EC training course. I can help you with this. Please talk to me for more information.

We would also welcome volunteers within our hub programs. Some areas may be:

Assisting in the English class

Setting up/packing up

Child-minding for English class/other workshops

Playgroup

Or do you have another skill you would like to share with people?

Sewing? Craft? Painting? Something else? I would love to hear from you!

DHS Connecting through play workshop

At the end of the term, we will host a 2-part workshop on connecting with your children through play! These sessions will cover topics of;

How children learn through play

Improving your relationship

Developmental stages of play

Understanding milestones – leading to realistic expectations of your child

Part 1: Tuesday 17th of June

Part 2: Tuesday 24th of June

Time: 9:30am-11:30am

All are welcome but please register with me! I can be contacted on 0480 277 409.

Yours in Love, Peace, and Learning

Bonnie

Community Hub Leader





PUPIL FREE DAY FUN

During our recent pupil free day, the students had a fantastic day dedicated to **STEAM** – Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and

Mathematics! The children enjoyed a full day of hands-on, creative, and educational activities that sparked curiosity and encouraged exploration.

Throughout the day, students participated in a variety of engaging experiences, including:

- **Movie Making** – Children became directors and actors, creating their own short films.
- **Lego Challenge** – Budding engineers tackled building challenges using Lego bricks.
- **Mirror Images** – Students explored symmetry and reflection through fun and artistic activities.
- **Beebots** – Our young coders programmed Beebots to navigate mazes and solve problems.

It was a wonderful day filled with learning, laughter, and discovery.

Yours in love, peace and learning,

Paula Burns

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First Name

Last Name

Email Address

Playgroup schedule

St Brigid's School Playgroup Schedule

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| Week 2 7 th May Mother's Day <i>No playgroup Monday</i>  | Week 3 12 th and 14 th May National Families Week  | Week 4 19 th and 21 st May Colours  | Week 5 26 th May Reconciliation Week <i>No playgroup Wednesday</i>  | Week 6 2 nd and 4 th June King's Birthday  |
| Week 7 11 th June International Day of Play! <i>No playgroup Monday</i>  | Week 8 16 th and 19 th June Seasons  | Week 9 23 rd and 25 th June My Body  | Week 10 30 th June and 2 nd July Vegesaurs!  | |

Community hub schedule

Term 2, 2025 hub activities

St Brigid's School Community Hub

Best accessed via 50 Le Hunte Street,
Kilburn



Monday



Playgroup

9:00am - 11:00am
May 12th - June 30th

Individual Support

For help with filling in forms,
resume writing, job applications,
advice and information.
Contact Bonnie to book a time!



Tuesday

Connecting with your child through play Workshop

9:30am - 11:30am
June 17th - June 24th

Presented by the Families
Growing Together team, DHS

- Topics include;
How children learn through play
- Improving your relationship
- Developmental stages of play
- Understanding milestones
- leading to realistic expectations of your child



Child-minding available

Wednesday



Playgroup

9:00am - 11:00am
May 7th - July 2nd



Scan the QR code
to find us on Facebook

Thursday

English Class

10:00am - 12:00pm
May 1st - July 3rd
Child-minding available



The One Box

2:45pm - 3:15pm
May 1st - July 3rd
Contact Bonnie to join the
waiting list



Hub Leader: Bonnie

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Growing families

Growing and Learning in the Family

Connecting with your child through play

Families Growing Together

Growing and Learning in the Family is a **FREE** workshop designed to help families and caregivers gain an understanding of how children learn through play and form meaningful connections.

Our workshops are full of helpful information with a choice of simple, practical strategies that each family can adapt for their own parenting situations.

Topics to support your parenting include:

- How children learn through play
- Improving your relationship
- Developmental stages of play
- Understanding milestones – leading to realistic expectations of your child

Our workshops are based on the latest parenting research and use information from **Parenting SA**.
Light refreshments and child-minding provided.
(Bookings essential)



Where: St Brigid's School
Accessed via 50 Le Hunte Street, Kilburn

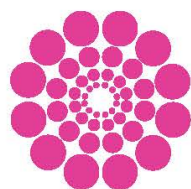
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Part 2: Tuesday 24th June

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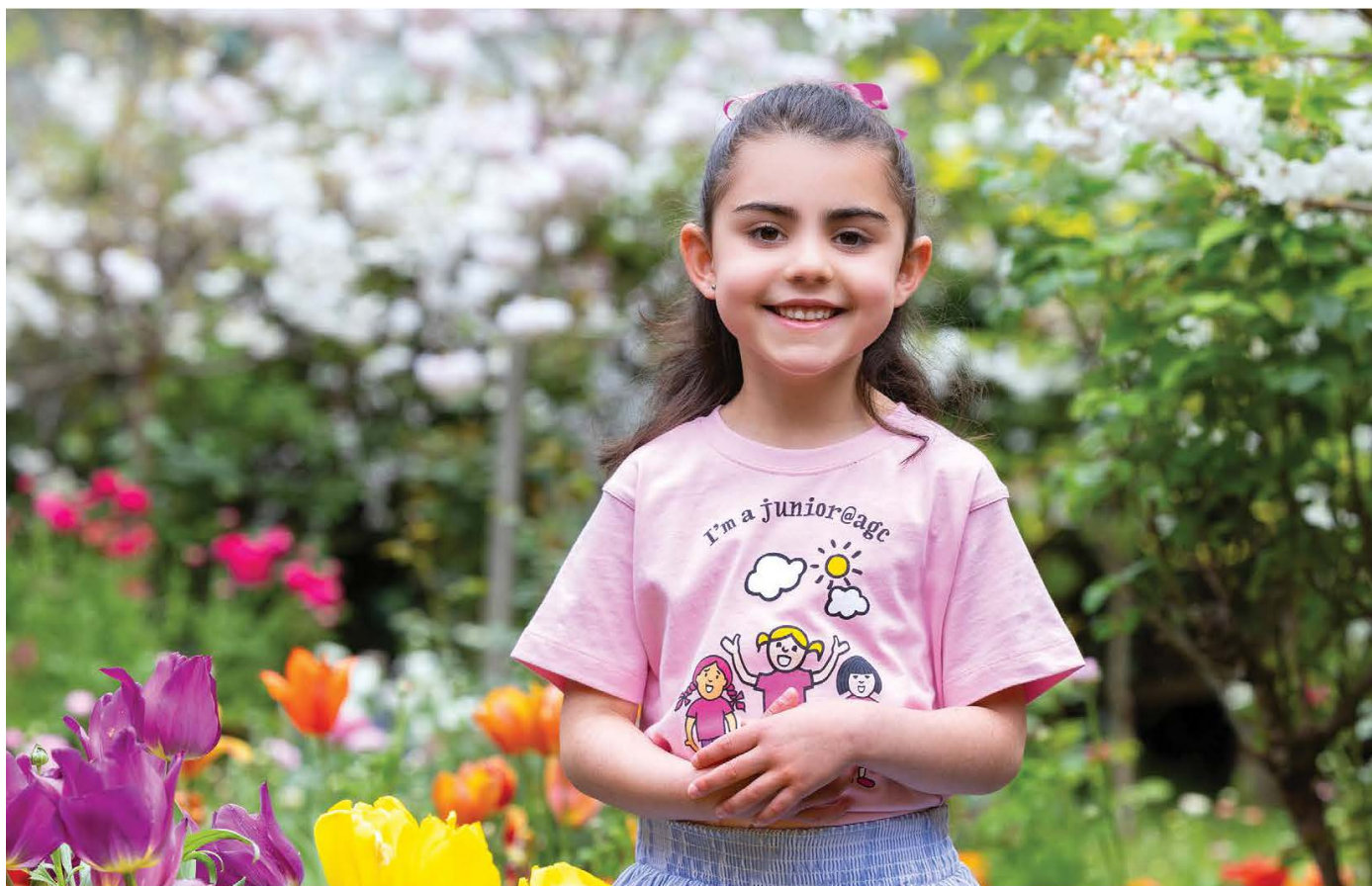
To book contact the Community Hub Leader, Bonnie: 0480 277 409







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