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Editorial

As the Season of Creation begins, we are called into a time of profound reflection and renewed commitment. This year's theme, *"To Hope and Act with Creation,"* inspired by Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans (8:19-25), is not just a poetic call but a powerful reminder of our shared responsibility for the earth, our common home. This invitation to hope is deeply rooted in the teachings of *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis' encyclical on care for creation, where he calls all people to ecological conversion and concrete action.



The firstfruits of hope
(Rom 8:19-25)

**TO HOPE AND ACT
WITH CREATION**
SEASON OF CREATION 2024

Laudato Si' opens with the words of Saint Francis of

Assisi, "Praise be to you, my Lord, through our Sister, Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us." It reminds us that we are in communion with creation, not separate from it. We are part of an interconnected web of life, and the care we extend to creation is also a reflection of our care for each other, especially the most vulnerable. This is the essence of integral ecology, a key concept in *Laudato Si'*.

Pope Francis highlights that the ecological crisis is not just a scientific or technological issue but deeply rooted in our ethical and social values. Integral ecology calls for a holistic approach to environmental care, one that considers not only the protection of ecosystems but also justice for the poor,

solidarity among communities, and the promotion of peace. It encourages us to see the earth and its people as one interwoven fabric, where actions in one area inevitably affect the others. This vision challenges us to transform our lifestyles, ministries, and economies to foster a sustainable and just world for all.

Earlier this year, we gathered at our Kildare Ministries conference under the theme *"Encounter, Dream, Do,"* where we explored ways to renew our engagement with the world and each other. The call to action from our conference has never been more relevant than now, as we face the ecological challenges before us. The theme of *"To Hope and Act with Creation"* beautifully

aligns with the spirit of *Encounter, Dream, Do*. We are called to *encounter* creation with reverence, *dream* of a more sustainable and just world, and *do* the necessary work to make that dream a reality.

In the same way that *Laudato Si'* calls us to an "ecological conversion," our conference invited us to actively engage with the world around us. Pope Francis reminds us that "everything is connected" (LS 91), urging us to view environmental care not as an isolated task but as part of a broader commitment to human dignity and justice. This season, our response to creation must be rooted in hope, but also in decisive action that addresses the

needs of both the earth and the marginalised.

Our call from *Encounter, Dream, Do* compels us to go beyond personal awareness. We must advocate for systemic change, foster ecological education in our communities, and implement sustainable practices that reduce harm. There is an urgency for current leaders to also seek ecological conversion through prayer, sharing and learning. Let us take this opportunity to implement those actions, inspired by both the theme of our conference and the principles laid out in *Laudato Si'*.

As we embrace this Season of Creation, let us carry forward the call from our conference, deeply inspired by the

message of *Laudato Si'*. Our shared hope for a just and sustainable world must translate into concrete actions. Together, we can build a future where both creation and humanity can flourish, responding to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. May this sacred time move us from reflection to meaningful action, inspired by our Kildare Ministries vision to foster "a community where all people are valued, where all creation is recognised as sacred and where hope, justice and courage are our hallmarks."



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From Our Mission Leader, Renee Oberin

On the 3-4 September, many Learning and Faith Leaders from the Kildare Ministries schools gathered together at the Brigidine Mission Centre in Albert Park. Many schools are integrating the Living Justice Living Peace charter across the curriculum in various subjects and cross curricular initiatives, and this network meeting is increasingly becoming a rich opportunity to bring together shared ideas and work as well as faith formation and practises for our shared Kildare Ministries mission.

This time, the focus was on '*Care for our Common Home – the Cry of the Earth and the Cry of the Poor.*' The Integral Ecology of Pope Francis' *Laudato Si* provides a rich opportunity to unite students and teachers to act for climate change and be touched by the gospel's message of dignity for all creation including the cosmos, the earth, all plants and animals, and us.



We were both honoured and delighted to welcome Alice Carwardine to lead us with her extensive knowledge and experience. Alice is the leader of Caritas Catholic Earthcare, a group that works on helping the

environment using Catholic teachings. She has a degree in theology, focusing on how faith and caring for the planet connect, showing her deep interest in this area. In 2018, after successfully adopting a zero-waste lifestyle, Alice began sharing her expertise by conducting workshops for schools. She worked as a Physics and Study of Religion teacher

until last year. She is also a member of the Synod writing team for the Brisbane Archdiocese and regularly writes for Catholic magazines around the country about environmental-related topics.

Alice presented four captivating sessions. Her personal stories of her own ecological conversion were inspiring, and her deep research, knowledge and understanding of climate change and reduction of carbon emissions provided rich resources for us all to draw on to plan our impactful responses to climate change within our campuses, culturally for the enrichment of our communities, and within our curriculum. A great teacher herself, all of us left with new resources as well as new teaching approaches and methods to embed change in our everyday school lives.

The flow on effect of climate change is currently dramatically increasing the vulnerability of the world's poorest and creating more and more vulnerable people. Alice's message to us was to initiate change now. As the leaders of our teams and communities, there is no more time to wait for the next generation, or for the next initiative to present itself. It was clear that this is our imperative as members of Kildare Ministries – to equip ourselves and our students with the means to think about and create new ways to protect our sacred common home and uphold the dignity of all who live within it.

The Kildare Ministries Net Zero Student Seminar

At the beginning of August, students from all around our schools gathered for our very first Kildare Ministries Net Zero Seminar. Please find here a link to the feedback from students and teachers alike – there is so much hope found here!



Anniversary Celebrations around the Ministries

This year has been a momentous one for several of our Ministries, each celebrating significant milestones. Kilbreda College marks its 120th anniversary, Brigidine College St. Ives celebrates 70 years, and Wellsprings for Women proudly reaches its 30th anniversary. These milestones are a testament to the dedication and contributions of many over the years. Read on to discover how each Ministry is commemorating these remarkable achievements and to honour the individuals who have played a part in their ongoing success.

120 Years of Kilbreda College

On Wednesday, 7 August, the Kilbreda College community came together to celebrate a significant milestone—our 120th anniversary. The day began with a beautiful Eucharistic celebration at St. Patrick's Cathedral, where students, staff, parents and special guests came together to honour our rich history and the enduring values that have guided us for over a century. The Mass, celebrated by the Archbishop of Melbourne, the Most Reverend Peter Comensoli, alongside long-time college chaplain, Father Peter Matheson, offered a profound reflection on our faith and the evolving story of Kilbreda.



One of the most memorable moments of the celebration was the entrance procession, a powerful symbol of Kilbreda's journey from its founding by the Brigidine Sisters—who for over 200 years have dedicated themselves to living the Brigidine way and nurturing its faith-filled mission—to the significant role that Kildare Ministries has played in guiding us over the past decade. It was deeply moving to witness Sister Louise Cleary, Congregational Leader, and the Brigidine Sisters leading the procession, carrying Brigid's Cross into the Cathedral. Equally inspiring was the sight of Kathy McEvoy and Rosemary Copeland bringing forward the Kildare Ministries Cross, a poignant reminder of the spirit of "Encounter, Dream, Do," which has empowered our community to embrace new opportunities and continue our mission with renewed energy and purpose.

From the stirring rendition of our school hymn to St. Brigid to the sight of our students proudly adorned with white ribbons, every moment was filled with the spirit and pride that define Kilbreda College. This celebration was not only a tribute to our past but also a

reflection of the shared commitment among students, staff, parents and past pupils to carry forward the legacy that has guided our school for 120 years.



The High Tea that followed the Mass was a wonderful celebration of community, bringing together past and present members of Kilbreda College to reflect on the incredible legacy that continues to shape our future. As we shared stories and memories, alumni offered heartfelt reflections on their school days, expressing both gratitude for the formative role Kilbreda played in their lives and hope for what lies ahead. This gathering was more than just a celebration of our 120th anniversary—it was a reaffirmation of the strength and unity that have always defined us. The spirit of our founders lives on in each of us, inspiring us to dream boldly and to continue building a future grounded in courage, compassion, and a deep commitment to learning. As we move forward, we carry the lessons and legacy of this day, confident that the golden thread of our shared mission will continue to weave a vibrant and inspiring story for generations to come.

70 years of Brigidine College St. Ives

What a wonderful trip down memory lane we had on Saturday 15 June celebrating our 70th Anniversary with our Alumni community.

Over 200 past students, staff and Principals joined us for the opening of our new Alumni Garden. The garden is a celebration of the strong and gentle women who have walked

through the College gates since 1954 and of the staff who have guided them. It also remembers those who are no longer with us but have their place in our history. It sits embraced by the original Convent building and is at the heart of today's campus. A large tree provides shade and several benches have been positioned to allow quiet contemplation or a place to catch up with friends. On visiting the garden, you will also find a wonderful timeline curated by our College Archivist, Jackie Rossington, which provides a snapshot of the seven decades of Brigidine St Ives.



Michelle Dixon, College Board Chair, performed the cutting of the ribbon as she spoke about the history of the College Board. A beautiful bronze statue was unveiled by Sr Maree Marsh and Natasha Townley, College Captain and Indie Smith, College Vice-Captain, marking the significant contribution of our Alumni in the history and heritage of the College. Sr Maree spoke on behalf of the Brigidines who founded the College 70 years ago.

"Today we remember the women and men who have shaped Brigidine College over these seventy years – Brigidines may have been the first teachers here but the stories of assistance from those early families cannot go without recognition nor can the stories of each successive generation of boards, principals, staff and students. All have contributed to making Brigidine College the special place it is today."

Many of our Alumni and some current parents have chosen to be part of the garden and to remember their school days or those of their daughters with a commemorative paver. These have been positioned close to the statue.

We were delighted to acknowledge the Class of 1964 who this year reached the milestone of 60 years since graduation and welcomed the Class of 1974 to the group fondly known as the 'Golden Girls' as they reached 50 years since graduation.

Our panel, 'An afternoon of memories' was hosted by Ms Di McDonald, Head of Drama. She chatted to Ann Lomas, Class of 1959, Dr Kerry-Ann O'Sullivan, Class of 1976, Meagan McGrath, Class of 1991 and Annalisse Cornell Class of 2005, as they shared recollections of their school days with us. Each one with a unique memory or anecdote of their time as a student.

Thank you to all those who were involved in making the day such a wonderful event including our Hospitality students and our string ensemble.

30 Years of Wellsprings for Women

Wellsprings for Women is proud to celebrate its 30th anniversary this year. Founded in 1994 by Presentation Sister Ann Halpin, Wellsprings began as a small initiative, offering a weekly check-in for isolated women in Dandenong. Over the years, it has grown into a dynamic community-based organization that serves thousands of women from migrant and refugee backgrounds across Melbourne's Southeast.

From humble beginnings, Wellsprings now provides a wide range of services, including education pathways, family violence support, Gender equality, housing assistance, settlement services, and community programs. Our mission has always been centered on empowering women to shape their own lives, and over the past three decades, we've remained dedicated to their wellbeing, mental health, and social inclusion.

Wellsprings are holding several fundraising celebrations to mark the occasion.



The **30th Anniversary Fundraising High Tea** was a phenomenal success! We reached out to our community for support in continuing our services for refugee and migrant women, and we were overwhelmed by your generosity. Thanks to the kindness of those in attendance, Wellsprings raised over \$10,000 AUD, which will directly fund women's education. A special thanks to Gabrielle Williams MP, Lee Tarlamis MP, Lana Formoso, Mayor of Greater Dandenong, our Chair Janet, our dedicated Board Members, Killester College for hosting this amazing afternoon, and to all our esteemed guests who made the event even more special.

The **30th Anniversary Fundraising Dinner** will take place on Friday, 18th October 2024, at Springvale City Hall. This year's event is extra special as we celebrate three decades of supporting refugee and migrant women to build new lives in Australia. You are invited to join Wellsprings for an evening filled with entertainment, a silent auction, raffle prizes, and a mouth-watering cultural dinner prepared by our talented cooks, showcasing the rich diversity of our community. You can help Wellsprings mark this significant milestone and raise essential funds to continue offering our vital educational and community programs. You can book your tickets on Humanitix by scanning the QR Code on the invitation, or visiting this [link](#).



As we mark this milestone, we thank all those who have been part of our journey and look forward to continuing our work in supporting and empowering women for many years to come.

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30 YEARS of WELLSPRINGS

1994 OPEN
Sister Ann Halpin opens Wellsprings for Women as a Drop-in Centre, with the support of the Presentation Sisters

1995
Chair program starts
Home Visitation Program starts

2000
Approved for registration as a Learn Local
DGR status approved

2001
Becomes an Incorporated Association

2005
Received Neighbourhood Houses (NH) Coordination Funding

2009
Sister Ann Halpin passes away
Craft groups and sewing group
Sudanese Leadership Program

2010
Sister Ann Halpin posthumously inducted onto the Victorian Honour Roll of Women
Presentation Sisters Victoria purchase 71 Langhorne Street

2013
City of Greater Dandenong names Halpin Way in honour of Sister Ann Halpin
LANGHORNE ST

2014
Creation of Kildare Ministries

2015
Winner - A Picture Paints a Thousand Words NHVIC Award for the video, "Crafting Pathways"

2016
Organisational review and Strategic Plan 2016-2021 launched

2017
Inaugural CEO appointed
New Logo and website
GROWTH & EXPANSION

2018
NEW PROGRAMS
Inclusion of Child Minding, wheelchair space and playgroups
Creative Enterprising Women program
Cycling program
Prevention of Violence against Women program starts

2019
Opening of Rose Room
Learn Local Awards winners; Creative Enterprising Women; Pre-Accredited Learner Award Chhirlisa Senanagake
Learn Local Award Finalist; Multicultural Excellence Award; Women's Cooking Program

2020
REMOTE LEARNING
Creative Enterprising Women program
Cooking Program
174 laptops distributed
Learn Local Acknowledgement Award for Innovation in a time of COVID
Neighbourhood Houses Vic Gender Equality Award for Making a Difference Program

2021
NEW STRATEGIC PLAN 2021-26
HomeWORK Support & Sensory school program
Girls on the Move
Mental Health First Aid Gold certified Workplace
EAP program
Renovations

2022
INCREASED OUTREACH
Launch of Resources on Anti Racism, COVID, and Gender Equality
Children's Flaground
Committee for Children's Creative Multicultural Festival at Balaclava with Souths

2023
Volunteering Victoria Diversity and Inclusion Award
Multicultural Excellence Award for Be the Voice
3x MFPA instructors
Launch of resources on Mental Health First Aid and Pathways to Volunteering
Being a Man Campaign
Knowing Story Exhibition Film and Book

2024
30TH ANNIVERSARY
Kildare Ministries 10th anniversary conference
Reconciliation Action Plan - Reflect
NHVIC Gender Equity Award for Be the Voice
Settlement Program
End violence against Women Campaign

2024
Two new rooms
QIP Accreditation
In-house Quality and Compliance
Community Training Organisation of the Year
Multicultural Excellence Award for Family Learning Partnership
Refugee Business Award
Wellsprings passes the carer-friendly requirements

Wellsprings for women



Congratulations to Libby Saunders, BASP Coordinator



In the recent King's Birthday honours Libby Saunders, BASP Coordinator, was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for contributing significantly to community health and, in particular, for her work with asylum seekers.

Libby's leadership is appreciated across the refugee sector. Kildare Ministries recognises this amazing work and are delighted that, through Libby, our overall contribution to some people in the community with acute vulnerability is being acknowledged.

Libby has so much wisdom, built up over many years of experience working with very vulnerable people with disabilities, in aged and palliative care and with asylum seekers. She has an acute sense of where justice should take us. Kildare Ministries is proud of one of its own being given this award.

The BASP community and all of Kildare Ministries is continually enriched by Libby's hands-on and dedicated work.

Thanks, and congratulations Libby from all Kildare Ministries.



Hope at Brigidine College Indooroopilly

At Brigidine College Indooroopilly, hope and purpose drive our initiatives. Daily activities, like peer mentor picnics or reflections during National Reconciliation Week, remind us of our goal to create a future grounded in kindness and understanding.

Our Opening Mass celebrated these values, marking the school year with a ceremony where Year 12 students received senior badges, and we welcomed our first Junior School students and Centenary class.

St. Brigid's Feast Day, celebrating 1500 years, united our community in a minute of peace. Students and staff laid white stones for those experiencing war, highlighting collective hope and opposition to conflict. We also hosted the Queensland Irish Association's launch of the film 'Finding Brigid.'



Our Vinnies team demonstrated hope by delivering Winter Appeal donations, spreading kindness and community spirit. Their visit to the Vinnies Ipswich Family Centre and a local Vinnies store emphasised understanding and aiding the homeless, instilling a sense of purpose in our students. Mission Ambassador Caitlin H captured the

day's essence, stressing the importance of reaching out with kindness.

Our Junior School's excursion to St. Stephen's Cathedral reflected this theme, as students learned about Mary MacKillop's role in colonial life, gaining appreciation for their heritage and the importance of religious women in shaping communities. This encouraged students to embrace values of empathy and purpose.

During Philanthropy Week, students learned about the impact of modern giving from philanthropists, emphasising the next generation's role in fostering a culture of hope and generosity. Tiah (College Captain) and Alyra's Welcome to Country highlighted the importance of cultural recognition and respect in growing community spirit.



World Environment Day saw Year 6 students partner with Ambrose Treacy College on environmental activities, promoting collective action and sustainability, and instilling hope for the future.

These events, from appeals to cultural diversity celebrations, reinforce our collective purpose: creating a future where kindness and understanding prevail. We are committed to building a community rooted in empathy, respect, and unity.



Hope at Brigidine College St. Ives

With 2024 dedicated to the core value of 'Hope' in all Kildare Ministries communities, Brigidine College St Ives has set about enabling the essence of this important Christian value to arise through a range of experiences and events in the areas of social justice and mission.

2024 Social Justice Forum



Over 150 senior students from the College and nearby schools were invited to join the 2024 Social Justice Forum from 4pm to 8pm on Thursday 16 May. The keynote speaker was Sr Brigid Arthur from BASP, who spoke about the work of BASP and the human stories from her experience in leading this ministry. Other

workshops focused on mental health concerns, the work of Caritas Australia, environmental concerns and homelessness.

Make a Difference Monday

Each Monday at lunchtime 40-50 students spend time on the Colonnade area outside the Bowie Hall sitting at tables working diligently for the 'Days for Girls' organisation. Cutting up cloth squares and packing items for menstruation kits for young women who are without access to suitable sanitary products from nations around the Pacific region. This action

provides hope for young women and gives them a chance to participate in their own education and work without the challenge of their monthly period affecting their lives.



Homelessness Week

In 2024 the College provided hope for homeless people through a range of initiatives across the school community. After keynote presentations from Dignity Dishes and our local NSW Parliamentary member, Mr Matt Cross, on homelessness and the housing crisis during assembly that week, the community moved into action with the creation of toiletry packs for homeless people and thousands of meals for Dignity Dishes. Coordinated by the Year 11 student cohort, this school initiative provided staff and students with the opportunity to give hope to others. Acting in a positive way enabled students and staff to experience how small actions of hope can lead to a positive outlook and a sense of solidarity with those experiencing life's challenges.

Special Days and Weeks 2024

Brigidine College students know the importance of making a difference to the lives of others as a core component of their Catholic education and mission as Jesus' disciples in the modern world. This year they participated in Reconciliation Week for our First Nations Peoples; Refugee Week, where they heard from Jesuit Refugee Service staff and guest speakers; the St Vincent De Paul Society Winter Appeal; Pink Day, where students Cut hair for a Cause for people going through chemotherapy for cancer treatment; and Cancer Council fundraising.



Hope is found in our ministry, through social justice awareness and action which grounds our community in the essential works of the church in creating and sustaining hope in the world.

Brigidine College St Ives – New Sports Precinct

It was an exciting day on 7 February for the College with the official turning of the sod and commencement of the new Sports Precinct project. Gathered onsite were the architects, builders, project managers, members of the Leadership Team and representatives from the College Board, College Captain, Tash and Vice Captain, Indie as we marked this special occasion.



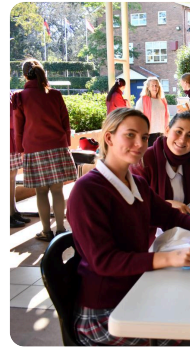
This milestone event signified the culmination of meticulous planning and anticipation as the College embarked on the journey towards the completion of this new building in 2025, which will provide the school and community with an amazing new sports facility.

The initial phase of the project has been completed with the demolition of the Sr Adrian building and the original gymnasium, clearing the way forward. As the dust settled from the demolition phase, we moved into the next stage of the project, which was deep excavation to prepare for the footings. This crucial step lay the foundation, figuratively and literally, for the construction of the Sports Precinct project.

Construction has progressed with the completion of all the in-ground services, carpark perimeter blockwork walls, carpark base preparation and installation of stormwater pipes.

The College is thrilled with how the Sports Precinct is taking shape and is looking forward to the next stages.

It is anticipated that this state-of-the-art facility will be available of students to use in September 2025.





Hope at Kilbreda College

Hope: Bringing a sense of Purpose

In a world where hope often feels elusive, it is reassuring to belong to a faith-filled community where the sense of hope is palpable. At Kilbreda College students, staff, alumni and families have countless opportunities to engage in learning and events that not only foster personal hope, but also encourage practical ways in which to provide hope to others.

One of the principles from the Kilbreda College Learning and Teaching Charter is 'A Culture of Purposeful Learning - We create an environment for personal growth and achievement'. Hope is more than wishful thinking – it is about being intentional. Hope is a cognitive practice that involves the intentional act of setting goals and working towards them with purpose. A community that supports and encourages one another can assist in developing and nurturing a culture of hope. There have been numerous occasions this year where Kilbreda students have been able to demonstrate their support for one another.

One such opportunity was the Kilbreda Festival, a celebration of student talent. Garnering the courage to perform in front of an auditorium filled with your peers takes courage and tenacity, and whilst reflections on events such as this usually focus on student performances, it is also important to reflect upon the responsibility and role of the audience. Throughout each audition session, the auditorium was filled with students there to support their classmates. Each performance received thunderous applause and at the end of each session performers were swamped with expressions of congratulations.



Opportunities for students to intentionally focus on how they can bring hope to others are threaded throughout curricular and co-curricular areas at Kilbreda. One such opportunity is the STEM MAD Showcase offered through the Melbourne Archdiocese of Catholic Schools, where students are



challenged to create a project that will make a positive difference in society. Each STEM MAD team is mentored by a senior student who provides encouragement and support for the team as they develop and test their ideas. Kilbreda students demonstrate a real passion to see others experience a life that is fulfilling, and in doing so are working towards a future that provides hope for others and instils a sense of purpose for their own lives.

We all need support from others and the input of 'champions', and we all need to learn how to be a champion for others. Kilbreda College is full of champions, community members who, through their actions and words bring a sense of hope to others. As we continue to live the legacy of the Brigidine Sisters may we be filled with hope as we move forward with a real sense of purpose and continue to work together to build the capacity in our young people and in each other.

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace" - Romans 15:13

Jane Ward – Assistant Principal: Learning and Teaching



Hope at Marian College Ararat

In 2012 the Marian College Year 12 cohort took it upon themselves to look into the possibility of supporting an ongoing charity or foundation. From their research they came upon the Co-Id Foundation created by Fred Hyde, that builds and operates kindergartens and schools on the Island of Bhola, Bangladesh. This foundation is 100% not for profit with 100% of donations going to the operations of the schools and kindergartens. That year, the students raised the funds to have a kindergarten built and since then, the school has maintained the financial support to continue the operation of 'our' kindergarten.



The funds were raised through what we like to call, 'Fred Hyde Friday'. This day occurs in Term 3 each year where the current Year 12 cohort organise and run a Fete Day.

The grand finale of the day 'Marian's Got Talent' is always special. Students from across all year levels perform acts of all descriptions from singing to comedy, dance to acrobatics. There are two categories of winners; the judges' choice and the people's choice, voted by the crowd.

Fred Hyde Friday has always highlighted the values of all Kildare Ministries schools, and in particular the value of Hope.

Firstly, **hope for the students of our kindergarten.** We as a school have travelled their journey with them through flood, drought and the pandemic that affected the world. We have received photos of students walking along flooded roads to get to school and heard stories of teachers walking from house to house to deliver school supplies during the pandemic.

Secondly, **hope for our students.** Fred Hyde Friday allows an opportunity for our school community to understand the value of supporting others that are less fortunate. As many of you may know, Ararat is a low socio-economic area of Victoria. Many of our students come from low income families and yet each year they give so generously to raise the funds to keep their 'kinder' open. So much in fact, that we have a surplus of funds that has helped when outside influences have occurred causing the fundraising day to be cancelled, such as the pandemic in 2020.

Each year, as part of our Year 12 Retreat in term one, the incoming cohort are challenged with finding a way to use some of the previously raised funds as an ongoing expansion of spreading hope to others. This year I am proud to say that the group unanimously decided that the Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project was their choice. After a conversation with Sr. Brigid earlier this year, a donation was made to support the continued works that BASP does.

To say I am proud would be an understatement. Each year the baton is taken up by the incoming cohort with enthusiasm and a desire to help others. Next year the group will be encouraged to support Wellsprings for Women or Saltbush. This too fills me with hope.

Matthew Summers
Acting Principal
Marian College



Celebrating the amazing fathers across our ministries on Father's Day

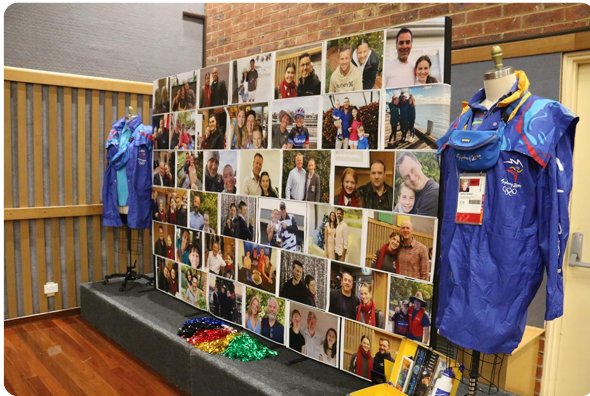
Many of our ministries recently held events to celebrate and acknowledge the fathers and father-figures in the lives of their students, staff and communities.

Brigidine College St. Ives





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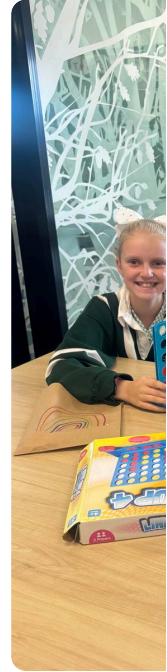
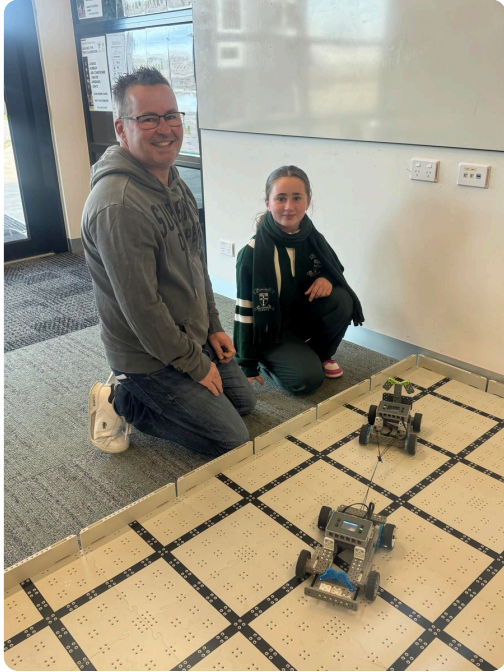


Star of the Sea College





St. Joseph's College





Opportunities at our Community Works

Our Community Works rely on and greatly appreciate the generosity of volunteers whose support assists them in carrying out their Mission.

Wellsprings for Women

Wellsprings for Women are currently seeking to employ a part time Safety and Equality Practitioner. If you are interested, please see the flyer below to access the link to the full advertisement.

Wellsprings are also looking for volunteers to:

- Provide English Language coaching and practise (*can be online if needed*)
- Tutor school-age students (*can be online if needed*)
- Help with the organisation of the annual fundraising dinner (see flyer)

For more information:

Website: <https://www.wellspringsforwomen.com/>

Phone: (03) 9701 3740

Email: administration@wellspringsforwomen.com



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RECRUITING TEMPORARY VOLUNTEERS

LOOKING FOR A GROUP OF VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH OUR ANNUAL FUNDRAISING DINNER SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY 18 OCTOBER 2024

Tasks Needed

- Assisting with promotion and marketing
- Sourcing sponsorships
- Contacting businesses to donate raffle and auction prizes
- Helping with administrative tasks
- Helping with hospitality tasks
- Administration help pre and post the event

For More Info
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BASP

On Sunday 20 October, St Joseph’s Malvern Music Ministry in conjunction with the Cabrini Choir, are holding a Soirée ‘*Music in the Chapel*’. This event will run from 2-3pm at the Cabrini Malvern Chapel, 183 Wattletree Road, Malvern.

Entry by donation at the door and all proceeds go to **BASP**. See flyer for more information.

BASP are also still looking for volunteers:

- Looking for someone with a car and trailer than can help move furniture including fridges
- Volunteers need to be able to lift and carry items



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ST JOSEPH'S MALVERN MUSIC MINISTRY
 IN COLLABORATION WITH
 CABRINI CHOIR

‘Music in the Chapel’

20 SUNDAY
 OCT 2PM – 3PM

Cabrini Malvern Chapel
 183 Wattletree Rd Malvern

Entry by donation at the door

All funds support the
 Brigidine Asylum seekers Project




- Volunteers need to be flexible in terms of timing as needs arise at varying times

Website: <http://www.basp.org.au>

Phone: (03) 9696 2107

Email: queries@basp.org.au

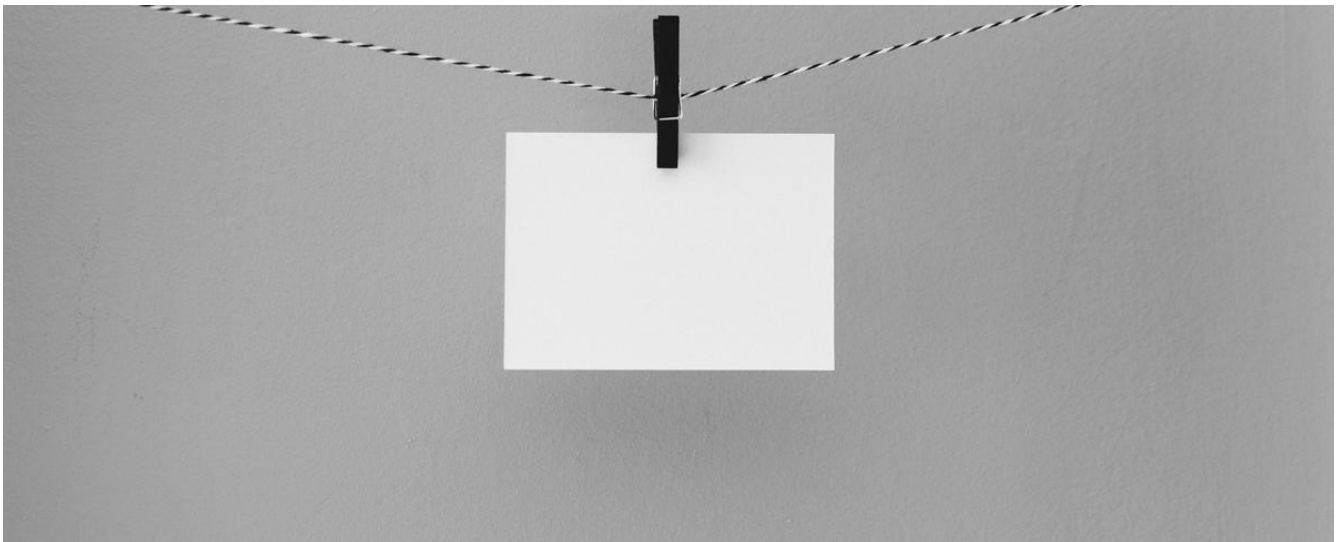
Saltbush Balnarring Beach

- Weekly gardening group - Have a green thumb or want to learn? Join this dedicated group who are transforming the old Saltbush gardens into native gardens with local indigenous plants to enhance wildlife habitat. This group are also embarking on an exciting new project to establish a communal vegetable garden at Saltbush following a successful grant from the local council.
- Spring Working Bee – stay tuned for date and more details.

Website: <https://saltbushbalnarringbeach.org.au/>

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'Stars Speak' event at Star of the Sea College

Star of the Sea College Past Students' Association presents an inspirational afternoon with past students Shelley Reys AO and Bayley Mifsud (Merindah-Gunya).

Stars Speak

Supporting First Nations' voices at Star

Past Student guest speakers moderated by Year 11 parent Meegan Jia-Good, a Torres Strait Islander and Aboriginal, and a strong advocate for Indigenous voices.

Sunday 13 October, 2024 • 2.00pm to 4.00pm • at Star of the Sea College

Shelley Reys AO - Class of 1984
A Djiribul woman from Far North Queensland, Shelley has been a trailblazer in the corporate, Indigenous, and reconciliation sectors for over 30 years. She is the CEO and Chair of Arrilla Indigenous Consulting, a Partner and Board Member at KPMG Australia, a Board Member of the Organising Committee for the Brisbane 2032 Olympic Games, and the Chair of the Council for the Order of Australia.

Bayley Mifsud (Merindah-Gunya) - Class of 2016
Bayley Mifsud is a contemporary Aboriginal artist born in the country town of Warrnambool, located in South-West Victoria. She takes great pride in her heritage as a descendant of the Peek and Kirrae Whurrong clans. For Bayley, practicing and sharing her culture through art and storytelling holds immense significance for herself, her family, and her community. Her Aboriginal name is Merindah-Gunya meaning "Beautiful Spirit" in Peek Whurrong language, which was gifted to her through a naming ceremony on Country, supported by her Elders and community.

Tickets \$25 per person (includes afternoon tea and a glass of sparkling):
www.trybooking.com/CUVBX
RSVP: 4 October, 2024, enquiries: jtucker@starmelb.catholic.edu.au

Star of the Sea College's Past Students' Association proudly invites you to this year's **Stars Speak** event, featuring two remarkable First Nations' past students, Shelley Reys AO (1984) and Bayley Mifsud (Merindah-Gunya) (2016). Both women proudly celebrate their Indigenous heritage and have made significant contributions to their respective fields.

Stars Speak will be hosted by

Year 11 parent, Meegan Jia-Good, a Torres Strait Islander and Aboriginal woman and a strong advocate for Indigenous voices.

The afternoon will include a panel discussion, offering significant insights into the lives and achievements of these inspirational women, and an opportunity to learn how Star of the Sea College's First Nations' Program is supporting our current Indigenous students. We will conclude the event with drinks and finger food in Kildare Cafe.

For those who may wish to attend, they can book a ticket at (\$25 includes afternoon tea and a glass of bubbles) <https://www.trybooking.com/CUVBX>

We look forward to welcoming our Star Community to this wonderful event.



2024 Calendar Dates

KM New Staff Induction - Day 2

11 September (*online*)

KM Business Managers (at BCI)

1 October

KM Chairs of the Board Network

25 October

KM Board Directors & Stewardship Council Members Seminar Day

26 October

KM Staff Integral Ecology Retreat

29-31 October

KM Faith Leaders

8 November

KM Leaders Meetings

21 November

KM Student Leadership Retreat

27-29 November



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