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Kildare Ministries celebrates the passing of the Victorian Treaty Bill

Last week, Victoria took a historic and hope-filled step towards truth, justice and reconciliation. The *Treaty Bill 2025* passed the lower house of Parliament — the first legislation in Australia to establish a framework for a statewide Treaty between a government and First Peoples.

For many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, this moment is the fruit of generations of persistence, courage and hope. It recognises their inherent sovereignty and right to self-determination. The Bill lays the foundation for shared decision-making and truth-telling through new representative and accountability structures, ensuring that the voices of First Peoples are not only heard but have a lasting place in shaping Victoria's future.

“Treaty recognises that Aboriginal people are the experts when it comes to our Country, culture and communities – and makes sure we can use our local knowledge to come up with and deliver practical solutions to improve health, education and housing outcomes for our communities.”

Ngarra Murray, Co-chair of Victoria's First Peoples' Assembly

As a community grounded in our *Living Justice Living Peace* Charter, we recognise this moment as an invitation to walk in solidarity and seek change. We are called to follow Jesus' example — to stand beside those whose voices have been silenced and to work for a fairer, more compassionate world. In the same spirit, the Treaty calls us to stand with First Peoples,

to listen deeply to their stories, and to participate in the work of justice, healing and reconciliation.

This step gives life to the invitation of the *Uluru Statement from the Heart* — to walk together “in a movement of the Australian people for a better future.” The Statement speaks of truth-telling, sovereignty and a voice that endures. It calls for a future founded not on denial or division, but on truth, healing and shared responsibility.



We honour the wisdom and leadership of Aboriginal communities who have walked this long road with perseverance and grace. Their steadfast vision invites us all to walk together in right relationship — grounded in respect, compassion and a shared commitment to reconciliation.

May this milestone encourage us to keep working with integrity and courage towards reconciliation and justice for all, walking with our First Peoples as we seek together the peace and right relationship to which the Gospel calls us.



Nicole Mangelsdorf
Executive Director

To read more about the Treaty visit the *First Peoples' Assembly of Victoria* website by clicking [here](#) or the *Victorian Government's Treaty* website by clicking [here](#).

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We Farewell and Welcome

Farewell and Thank You to Maree Feutrill



We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Maree Feutrill, who recently concluded her role as Chief Executive Officer of Saltbush Balnarring Beach, having commenced in January 2024.

During her time at Saltbush, Maree brought warmth, energy and a deep commitment to community connection. She led with generosity and vision, strengthening partnerships and ensuring that Saltbush continued to offer a place of welcome, rest and renewal for individuals and groups who visit the centre.

Maree has guided a number of significant projects during her time as CEO, including the development of a native garden, updates to the houses onsite including the installation of new kitchens, and the regeneration of land in partnership with Landcare. She has also strengthened partnerships with Kildare Ministries schools and other community works. Just one example of this is the very successful Kildare Ministries' Schools Tree Planting Day held in August.



Maree's leadership reflected the heart of the Kildare Ministries value of Hospitality – Welcoming All. Through her inclusive approach and genuine care for others, she helped nurture the spirit of Saltbush as a place where people can reconnect with nature, with one another and with themselves.

We thank Maree sincerely for her contribution to the Kildare Ministries community and wish her every blessing for the future.

Welcome to Keeley Reade



We warmly welcome Keeley Reade as Interim CEO of Saltbush Balnarring Beach. Keeley is well known to the Saltbush community, having served as a Board Director and as a long-time resident of the Mornington Peninsula. She brings extensive experience in the digital health sector and across healthcare, aged and disability care, local government, and education.

Keeley combines strong professional expertise with a deep commitment to community. A long-standing advocate for the mission of Saltbush, she brings both strategic insight and compassion to her leadership. Her appointment ensures continuity of purpose and strengthens Saltbush's capacity to offer short-term respite for as many guests as possible. We look forward to Keeley's leadership as Saltbush continues its work of welcome, rest, and renewal for all who visit.



From our Mission Leader

The call to love more is disturbing, if we hear it's true
meaning

In a world where human rights seem to be increasingly and blatantly disregarded by powerful global leaders, Pope Leo's first Apostolic Exhortation *Dilexi te* (I Have Loved You) builds on Pope Francis' legacy and offers a bold affirmation of our Gospel-centred mission. For those working to meet the immediate needs of the vulnerable and challenge the structures that perpetuate injustice, this letter is a timely affirmation. On behalf of those suffering, *Dilexi te* urges us to respond without delay:

The dignity of every human person must be respected today, not tomorrow. (Dilexi te, 92)

Pope Leo reminds us that “charity has the power to change reality” and that we cannot simply regard the poor as a societal problem:

They are part of our family. They are one of us! (Dilexi te, 104)

His words challenge the tendency to separate ourselves from those living in poverty or facing injustice. He calls us to recognise our radical interconnectedness - that we are not above or below one another, but part of a shared human story. This echoes Jesus teaching that justice is not optional but central to faith (Matthew 23:23, Luke 11:42), and that love for God is inseparable from love for the poor (1 John 4:20).

The Church, like a mother, accompanies those who are walking. Where the world sees threats, she sees children. Where walls are built, she builds bridges.

(Dilexi te, 75)

This discomfort is necessary. It stirs us to act... echoing Jesus' own life when he overturned the tables in the temple (Matthew 21:12, Mark 11:15), confronting religious leaders for neglecting justice (Matthew 23:23) and declaring the poor as God's priority (Luke 4:18).

Our God is not a distant one, waiting in heaven, but present in every encounter with the vulnerable. When we sit alongside those who are struggling, we draw close to the Spirit and encounter God. This is not abstract - it is lived daily by our Kildare Ministries staff and volunteers in our community works and school communities. Whether supporting families in crisis, walking with young people facing personal challenges, or advocating for systemic change, their work is sacred.

Especially in those moments when someone's most vulnerable need is gracefully and humbly acknowledged—their humanity is respected and restored. These are moments of **living justice.**

As we move from our 2025 theme of Hospitality to Justice in 2026, may we continue to reach out in hospitable love “more and more” (1 Thessalonians 4:10), and allow that love to become action – action that brings greater justice to those whose lives are shaped by structural inequality.

Pilgrimage to Ireland 2025

Kildare Ministries was formed to govern existing schools and ministries of the Brigidine Sisters of NSW and Victoria and Presentation Sisters of Victoria over ten years ago. However, the heart of Kildare Ministries is not just running educational institutions and community services but continuing to enliven the hearts of all with the light of Christ.



This is no task for the faint-hearted. It's not "soft" work to boldly declare commitment to a religious faith in today's world, and increasingly more difficult to raise funds to support those living on the margins of our global society. It's even difficult to spread news of the plight of the disadvantaged, with most people having their news feeds chronically stuck in the bubble of daily clickbait and inattentive scrolling.

And yet, this work of Kildare Ministries is such a privilege because it focuses our attention on what is important. As a community formed in the tradition of brave, compassionate women – St Brigid, Nano Nagle, the Brigidine Sisters, the Presentation Sisters and all those who have carried their flame over the centuries, we are inspired to reach out to those who are struggling and offer the hope of active support and education.

One of the keys to the ongoing evolution of a values-led organisation is tapping into its living story – its living water. For Kildare Ministries, this story is revealed to us through many tributaries; relationships with each other, liturgical celebrations, fundraising and community events, guest speakers, stories of encounter and the stories of our shared history.

Our recent Pilgrimage to Ireland was an opportunity to engage deeply in a journey of story. Each of us comes to any experience with our own story, and in this case, the pilgrims also had the common connection of belonging to a ministry of Kildare Ministries. The pilgrimage itself was an immersion into the people and places of our common story: the Celtic Christian story of Ireland, the Celtic goddess Brigid, and historical stories of fifth-century St Brigid of Kildare, and the stories of Nano Nagle leaving behind her life of privilege to effect change in the lives of the poor on the streets of Cork in the 1700s.

We were also fortunate to meet with Presentation and Brigidine Sisters who are currently working to keep the flame of Brigid and Nano alive. It was so precious to have them share their passion for Brigid and Nano and the sacred places of Ballygriffin, Cork, Tullow, and Kildare where their stories began.

Through pilgrimage, we were able to find inspiration from our collective past and listen to its call for today; what enlivened the Celtic Christians, what inspired Brigid, and what gave courage to Nano. Each experience broke new ground in awareness, and deepened yearning to connect to that which is just beyond reach.

Formation opportunities all hope to create a sense of connection and meaning between an individual and their work. Fortunately for us, Kildare Ministries has such rich stories, founded on the lives of incredibly brave and visionary women. We step forward from this pilgrimage inspired and renewed to shine Christ's light through the lamps of Brigid and Nano, and all those who have continued their passion for sharing hope and justice for our world.



Jane Collopy
Mission Leader



Following in the Footsteps of Brigid and Nano

Pilgrims reflect on their experience on the recent Kildare Ministries' Pilgrimage to Ireland



A Journey: Encountering and Imagining
Reflection by Stephanie Smyth

Over the recent term break, twenty-three pilgrims from across Kildare Ministries journeyed through the sacred landscapes of Ireland and into the heart of our shared story. We walked in the footsteps of our founders, Brigid, Nano, and Daniel, entering the places that shaped their faith and continue to speak to ours today.

At our opening liturgy, Brother Denis Gleeson invited us to still our hearts and listen for the voice of God within. His words set the rhythm for our days, reminding us that pilgrimage is less about movement and more about relationship — walking with God, one another, and the whisper of the Spirit in the ordinary. The hymn *"Pilgrim, how you journey on the road you chose..."* became our prayer, reminding us that every step, silence, and encounter reveals who we are and who we are called to become.

Finding God in the Ordinary

Each day offered moments of quiet revelation. In the soft light of Glendalough, we felt the hush of God reflected in still waters and the ruins of St Kevin's monastery. The lakes mirrored not only the sky but the soul, and in their stillness God felt near, woven into the rhythm of the valley.

At Clonmacnoise, among ancient towers and Celtic crosses, the River Shannon flowed gently beside us, carrying the faith of those who had gone before. The stones seemed to speak, reminding us that faith, like the river, endures by flowing forward, renewing all it touches.

At Brigit's Garden, alive with symbol and story, the spirit of St Brigid moved gently through every leaf and shaft of light. The garden invited us to slow down and rediscover what Brigid's life teaches — that God speaks in the rhythm of creation and the turning of the seasons. Surrounded by oak, moss, and wildflower, we found ourselves not merely observing creation but belonging to it. In that stillness, the sacred felt close — tender, unhurried, wholly alive.

At the Mass Rock in Glenville, hidden deep within the forest, we encountered the raw faith of those who once gathered in secret to worship. As water rushed by and wind moved through the trees, we felt connected to a long line of believers who trusted in God even when hope was fragile. There, the boundaries between past and present, heaven and earth, seemed to dissolve.

Walking with Nano Nagle — A Lantern in the Darkness

In Ballygriffin, Nano's birthplace, the soft green hills spoke of simplicity and trust. The landscape seemed to shape the heart of a woman who would one day light the way for others. In Cork, we walked the narrow streets where Nano carried her lantern at night, bringing hope to those who had been forgotten. Each step felt touched by her conviction that love must take form in action.

At the Nano Nagle Centre, standing by her tomb, we prayed in gratitude for a woman who refused to accept that poverty and ignorance were the final word. Nano's legacy lives on in the motto of the Presentation Sisters, "*Deeds not Words*," reminding us that faith is measured not by what we say but by what we do. Her lantern still shines wherever compassion is lived — in classrooms, communities, and hearts that choose to serve with courage and kindness.

Planting What Will One Day Grow

In Tullow, we gathered beneath the great oak planted by Bishop Daniel Delany in 1807, grown from a sapling of St Brigid's original tree. Its wide branches reached toward the sky, a living symbol of faith that endures through time and change. Beneath its shade, we reflected on the courage of a man whose vision still shapes our story.

Daniel Delany was a leader of imagination and heart who dreamed of a community renewed through education, compassion, and justice — where the Gospel would take root in lives. Listening to Rosemary Copeland, Co-Chair of Kildare Ministries, we were reminded that his spirit continues to move through our ministries today, forming minds, nurturing hearts, and inspiring service.

As we stood in that sacred place, we recognised that the oak's roots reach far beyond the soil of Tullow — into our classrooms, boardrooms, and communities. Like Daniel, we are called to plant what will one day grow: to lead with vision, to educate with love, and to nurture faith that will flourish in the hearts and hands of those who follow.

The Light of Brigid — Welcoming All

Our pilgrimage drew us finally to Kildare, home of St Brigid, where the Brigidine Sisters at Solas Bhríde welcomed us with warmth, wisdom, and quiet joy. Their hospitality reflected the heart of Brigid — a woman of courage, compassion, peace, and justice, who recognised God in every person and every created thing.

At Brigid's Well, we offered prayers of gratitude and blessing for one another and for the communities we serve. The gentle flow of water and the steady flame of Brigid's fire spoke of God's constancy amid change, a reminder that chaos can give rise to beauty.

As we concluded our time at Solas Bhríde, we were invited to ponder the question at the heart of every pilgrimage: *What light will I carry home?* Brigid calls us to tend the flame entrusted to us: to live with courage, justice, and hospitality, and to be people of strength and kindness, bearers of light for a world longing for renewal.

Gratitude and Grace

As we prepared to return home, our hearts were filled with gratitude for those who guided us on this sacred journey. We give thanks to Nicole Mangelsdorf, Jane Collopy, and Peter Houlahan, whose wisdom, care, and gentle leadership made this pilgrimage a true experience of grace. Their attentiveness created space for reflection and renewal, allowing each pilgrim to encounter the Spirit in their own way.

As we journeyed home, we carried with us the courage of Daniel Delany, the compassion of Nano Nagle, and the hope and hospitality of St Brigid. Each has gifted us a way of seeing — to find God in the ordinary, to respond with love in action, and to walk always one pace beyond.

*May the light of Christ guide our steps,
the spirit of Brigid warm our hearts,
the courage of Daniel strengthen our resolve,
and the compassion of Nano shape our hands for service.*

Let us continue to walk together, pilgrims of hope, bringing faith, justice, and love to life in our time.

Stephanie Smyth

Principal, Kilbreda College



"Pilgrimage is a sacred journey that brings us towards the Divine." *Dr Noelia Molina*

Indeed, there is something deeply sacred about the history and spirituality of Ireland—an enriching and sustaining element of our Brigidine and Presentation heritage within Kildare Ministries. The Spirit called us towards the Divine, inviting us into a sacred pause as we listened, prayed, observed, and became vulnerable and open... a pilgrim's lot!

To gain a deeper understanding of the interconnectedness of humans (Earthlings) and the hospitality of the Earth—such a small part of a vast cosmos—was both breathtaking and challenging.

The organising team — Nicole Mangelsdorf, Jane Collopy, and Peter Houlahan — created an environment of wellbeing as we journeyed through the activities and input sessions. Their thoughtful preparation was wonderful, and we are deeply grateful.

The pilgrims will undoubtedly be bearers of the flame for future Kildare Ministries communities. I hope each has recognised the Divine within themselves.

I am certainly enriched, and deeply grateful.

Rosemary Copeland

Co-Chair, Trustees of Kildare Ministries

The recent pilgrimage to Ireland was a deeply enriching and faith-filled experience. Climbing Croagh Patrick and visiting sacred sites such as Inismore and Mass Rock provided profound

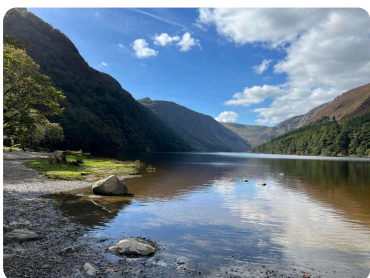
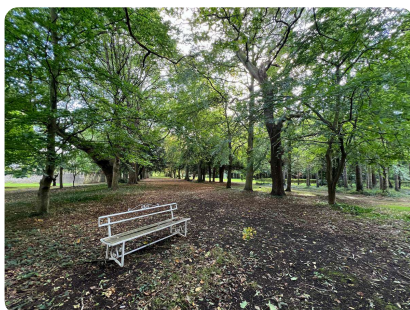
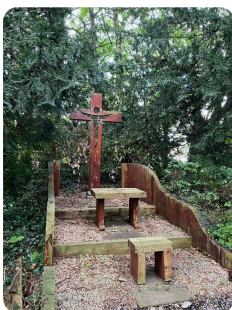


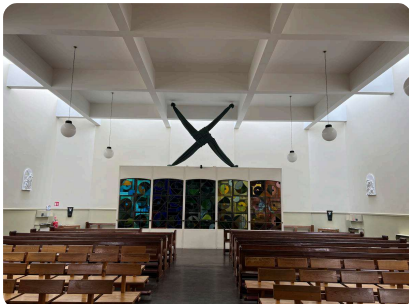
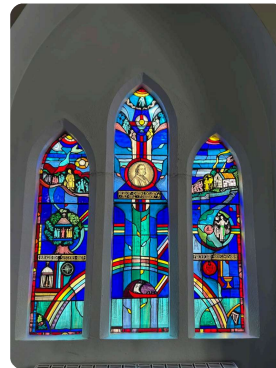
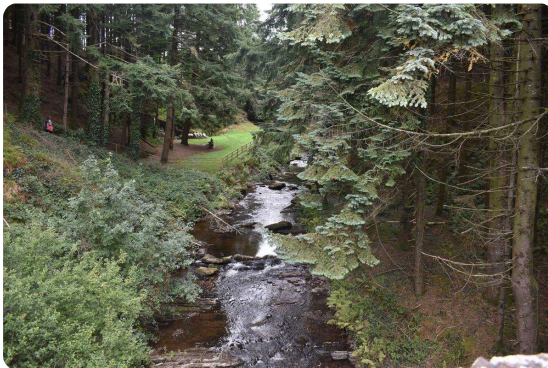
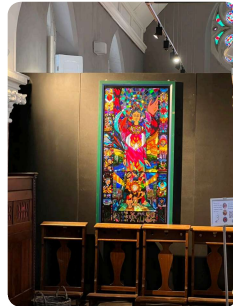
opportunities for reflection and spiritual renewal. A particular highlight was visiting Nano Nagle's birthplace and meeting members of the Presentation and Brigidine congregations. These encounters were especially meaningful, as they reaffirmed the shared values, vision, and mission that underpin the work of Kildare Ministries schools.

Throughout the journey, the beauty of the Irish landscape and the hospitality of the communities we met served as powerful reminders of the strength that comes from faith, connection, and service. This pilgrimage has inspired a renewed commitment to living out the charism of our founders with integrity, compassion, and hope.

Onkar Chauhan

Finance Manager, Star of the Sea College







Hospitality at Clonard College

Clonard College chose the theme 'Open Encounter Transform' to explore the value of Hospitality. This captures the power of the message of Pope Francis in his call to be people of dialogue and encounter. In light of the Kildare Ministries' vision we considered this in terms of humanity and the natural world.

Our Religious Education Team engaged in professional learning across the year around the topics of Integral Ecology, Inclusive Liturgy and Interfaith dialogue. In each session they learned about the Church's invitation to us in each space and discerned how they could bring this to life for the students particularly through the College's RE program.





To deepen our understanding of hospitality we partnered with Saltbush Balnarring in 2025. We also set a target of raising \$10000 and increasing community awareness to support their work. Maree Feutrill facilitated a workshop for our Year 8 and 9 students, helping them understand the work of Saltbush as a place of Hospitality, their background and what they do. Students then engaged in an integral ecology activity aligned with the work of Saltbush.

Our Year 9 community spent Term 3 focused on delivering an Awareness Campaign on a social problem that Saltbush addresses. They analysed the work of the referral partners eg. Brigidine Asylum seekers, Royal Children's Hospital, to determine what the social problem was that was under the umbrella of the referral and then analysed the impact, feelings and actions and the Catholic church's response using the Catholic Social Principles, gospel values and the Bishops statements to unpack this issue.



The connection to responsibility became clearer to the students as they developed their campaigns. From here students took on the spiritual responsibility to fundraise for Saltbush by creating and running stalls as a school activity and integrating their Awareness Campaigns within them with posters, images, PowerPoint slides etc.



They did a wonderful job of raising awareness and funds for Saltbush in an incredible whole-school fair which raised \$4000 from their efforts. We

are very proud of the work they did and grateful to the Year 9 Religion teachers for taking on this project in such a vibrant and informed way.



A team of staff spent a day with Saltbush tree planting and engaging in volunteer activities in the form of gardening. Staff were provided a tour in which they learnt about the Revegetation Program which partners with Merricks Coolart Catchment Landcare Group (MCCLG).





Staff revisited the Tasneem Chopra keynote from the Kildare Ministries 10th Anniversary conference to challenge some of our thoughts and perceptions about cultural diversity. This helped us to understand implications of the 'cultural iceberg' growing awareness of the challenges that our students and families grapple with yet might not be visible. This was supported by breaking open the document 'Welcoming Each Other: Guidelines for Interfaith Education in the Schools of the Archdiocese of Melbourne'. This was put into practice when we hosted the Geelong Catholic Secondary Schools Refugee Holiday Program. We expanded our student led celebration of multicultural week and received feedback from one of our African families about how wonderful it was to see their traditional dress shared in a social media post.



We continued our relationships with Viqueque in Timor Leste and Santa Teresa NT through our annual visits. These experiences allow our students to experience the hospitality of both communities as they are immersed in the culture and life of these unique communities.





Hospitality at Killester College

At Killester College, hospitality is at the heart of everything we do—extending kindness not only to each other but also to our environment and community. Our students actively engage in initiatives that demonstrate care, respect, and service, embodying the spirit of true hospitality.

Environmental Hospitality



Our students have embraced their role as stewards of creation through a variety of environmental initiatives. They participated at Saltbush, helping with planting and maintenance efforts during a working bee each term. Additionally, students took part in a tree planting day at Saltbush, contributing to the beautification and sustainability of the property. They also worked every Friday alongside the women of Wellsprings at the community garden, fostering connection and shared responsibility. Regular 'Clean Up Springvale' days have been held, where students and staff come together to

care for our local environment, demonstrating hospitality through action and respect for the Earth.

Garden to Plate: The Nano Nagle Garden

A highlight of our environmental efforts was the establishment of the Nano Nagle Garden. The produce grown in this garden is not just for display—it goes directly from garden bed to plate. Students have prepared meals using the harvest, which



are then sold to staff for charity, showing a tangible expression of hospitality by providing nourishment and support to those in need.

Hospitality in Community

This year, our Year 7-12 Community Service programs beautifully reflected the spirit of hospitality through acts of service and care. Students generously served at local primary schools, demonstrating kindness and welcoming attitudes toward younger students. They also contributed to St Vinnies, supporting those experiencing hardship with compassion and respect. Additionally, students in Year 9 participated in the Springvale Intergenerational Programs at the library, fostering connection across generations and creating a sense of belonging for all involved. In addition, our Year 10 students took on a mentoring role by tutoring primary school students through the Brighter Futures program, demonstrating leadership, patience, and kindness.



Hospitality lived out at Killester

Throughout the year, our liturgies, faith formation activities, and acts of justice have vividly reflected our commitment to living out the spirit of hospitality. These small acts of kindness and community gatherings in faith have helped foster a welcoming environment rooted in compassion and inclusion.

Our Masses, themed around welcome and inclusion, have brought our community together in prayer and reflection. The Easter Liturgy, which included the washing of the feet, was a powerful moment where staff and students served one another, embodying humility and service.



A special staff formation session focused on exploring the life and work of St. Brigid and Nano Nagle through a Pray and Paint workshop. This reflective activity allowed staff to deepen their understanding of these inspiring women of faith and their legacy of hospitality, service, and compassion.

We also attended a Justice Gathering and prayer vigil at BASP in support of refugees and asylum seekers, highlighting our dedication to justice and care for the marginalized. In a demonstration of solidarity and care, 70 students and 10 staff participated in the Winter Sleepout, raising awareness and funds for the Dandenong Soup Van.





Our school community organized a multicultural dinner for our families, where food, dance, music, and art from diverse cultures created a vibrant celebration of unity.

The Welcome Breakfast for father and mother figures in our community fostered connection and gratitude. During Harmony Week, we

celebrated each other's cultures through clothing and dance, embracing the richness of diversity.

In addition, our acts of service extended to supporting those in need, with students participating in Vinnies' Winter Appeal and BASP Christmas Appeal. This year, each homeroom walked to Springvale to purchase goods for their hampers—an inspiring act of solidarity and community spirit.

At Killester, hospitality is more than a value—it is a way of life. Through our acts of kindness, faith-filled gatherings, service initiatives, and celebrations of diversity, we strive to create a welcoming environment where every person feels valued and cared for. Our community's commitment to living out hospitality



in both small and significant ways reflects our deep belief in the power of compassion, service, and inclusion. As we continue to nurture these values, we remain inspired by the stories of St. Brigid and Nano Nagle, whose lives remind us that hospitality is a profound expression of love in action. Together, we build a school community rooted in kindness, justice, and genuine care for all.



Celebrating 70 years at Killester College and the Commissioning of their new Principal

In recognition of Killester College's 70th year, a Eucharistic celebration was held to honour seven decades of unwavering commitment to Catholic education. Rooted in the Brigidine tradition, the ceremony reflected the College's enduring mission to nurture the minds and hearts of young women. It was a moment of reflection and gratitude, acknowledging a legacy shaped by compassion, courage, and a deep sense of purpose. Special recognition was extended to the Trustees and Board members of Kildare Ministries, whose leadership and service have played a vital role in shaping the College's journey. We also expressed our sincere thanks to the members of the wider College community, whose ongoing support and dedication continue to ensure a vibrant and sustainable future for Killester.



We were privileged to welcome the Brigidine Sisters to this significant celebration. Their courageous decision to establish a school in Springvale stands as a testament to their bold vision and unwavering commitment to providing quality education grounded in Gospel values. Their founding spirit remains a source of inspiration and guidance for our community.

Following the Eucharist, the Commissioning Ceremony for Killester College's new Principal, Annie Rosati, was held. This occasion was both humbling and deeply meaningful, marked by symbolic gestures and affirming words that reflected the community's trust and shared commitment to Killester's mission. The ceremony served as a powerful expression of welcome, hospitality and hope, celebrating leadership grounded in faith and service.



Brigidine Day

Brigidine Day was a wonderful community event that brought our college together in celebration of our 70th Birthday as a Brigidine school. Embedded in our core values of hospitality and service, the day focused on living out the spirit of Brigid and Nano - to serve those in need.

The day began with our special Brigidine Day Prayer and blessing, reminding us of our values and the importance of living these out in our daily lives. Students and staff then engaged in a lively Kahoot competition between homerooms, exploring the rich history of Killester College and celebrating 70 years of our school's legacy. A highlight to complete the morning proceedings was the Year Level Fashion Parade, showcasing costumes through time, which was both fun and reflective of our journey and growth.

Through a collaborative effort, students and staff united to organize a variety of engaging activities that not only fostered a strong sense of belonging but also raised vital funds for the Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project (BASP). Activities such as the Silent Disco, our OP Shop—Brigid's Blessings, food stalls, and the dunking machine, where teachers volunteered to be dunked for charity, exemplified our spirit of generosity and service. Year levels also organized

carnival games including face painting, a circus ring, luck dip, and coin toss, encouraging teamwork and fun for a cause.

The day culminated in a community gathering in the hall to celebrate the talents and courage of our 'Killester's Got Talent' participants, featuring singing, dancing, and a lively performance by a visiting K-Pop group, with judges making their decisions.

Brigidine Day exemplifies the power of community coming together for a common purpose—living out our values of hospitality, kindness, and justice. It reminds us that through service and collaboration, we can make a meaningful difference in the lives of others and strengthen the bonds that unite us as a school community.



Wellsprings For Women

have organised two very important community events and extend an open invitation to all interested to join them. Please see below for details.



Invitation

Story is Connection

A special performance of Migrant Women Lived Experiences

Monday 10th November 2025, 3pm - 5pm

Wellsprings for Women, 79 Langhorne Street, Dandenong

Join us for a powerful performance where migrant women share their lived experiences of hardship and resilience, creatively brought to life under the direction of Catherine Simmonds OAM. An invitation to witness, listen, and reflect on voices too often unheard.

Please RSVP by 6 November 2025- Limited Capacity. Reserve your seat now!
<https://events.humanitix.com/story-is-connection/tickets>



This is a **Free** Event
Light Refreshments will be served after the performance



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UNSCRIPTED VOICES AGAINST RACISM



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An Interactive Anti-Racism Theatre Event

WE WARMLY INVITE YOU TO AN INSPIRING AND
THOUGHT-PROVOKING ANTI-RACISM AWARENESS EVENT
FEATURING MELBOURNE PLAYBACK THEATRE.

 **DATE: THURSDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2025**

 **TIME: 2:30 PM – 5:00 PM (EVENT STARTS AT 2:30 PM)**

 **VENUE: THE CASTLE, 61 PRINCES HIGHWAY, DANDENONG**

PROGRAM:

 **2:30 – 3:30 PM | IMPROVISED PLAYBACK THEATRE: REAL STORIES BROUGHT TO LIFE**

 **3:30 – 4:00 PM | BREAK AND LIGHT REFRESHMENTS**

 **4:00 – 5:00 PM | FORUM THEATRE: COLLECTIVE DIALOGUE AND COMMUNITY-LED SOLUTIONS**

THROUGH INTERACTIVE PERFORMANCE AND OPEN CONVERSATIONS, THIS EVENT WILL CREATE
A SPACE FOR OUR COMMUNITY TO LISTEN, REFLECT, AND ACT TOGETHER AGAINST RACISM.

For more information
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2025 Calendar Dates

KM Business Managers

7 November

KM Leaders

21 November

KM Faith Leaders

28 November

Retreats and Immersions

Staff Integral Ecology Retreat

28 - 30 October

Student Programs

Senior Leaders Retreat - Saltbush

2 - 4 December



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