

St Brigid's School

Newsletter



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Principal's Message

It's being an interesting week at school, as you are well aware we have been hit by covid pretty badly, hopefully, we have reached our peak and we will get back to normal soon. There has been quite a lot of communication between school and the community!



We spend a lot of time at school on the art of communication. It runs through every aspect of our learning each day as we use our words and actions to communicate with each other. Communicating with words has a powerful impact. Remember the times someone encouraged, enabled, and inspired you with their words. They last for a long time. We often remind your tamariki that they are in charge of how they speak and the impact of it. We talk about what affects the use of our words; frustrations, excitement, misunderstanding, wants, and needs. This is an ongoing area of growth for everyone. We are taught that we need four positive comments to one negative as the power of negative words also have a long-lasting impact.

As adults, we have the opportunity to model how we want our children to communicate. This is one of the most challenging aspects of parenting. At St Brigid's school, some of our students have the 'super power' of more than one language. We want to be sure their use of their first language is to encourage and build others up. Our language is a taonga, which is to be cared for and used for the right purpose.

Andrew Pozniak

Term 2 Classroom Timetable - Below is the classroom timetable for Term 2, starting on 2 May. As you are well aware we endeavour to provide the very best teaching and learning experience for your child. We believe that the timetable is able to do this without too much disruption.

	Monday Morning	Monday Afternoon	Tuesday Morning	Tuesday Afternoon	Wednesday morning	Wednesday Afternoon	Thursday Morning	Thursday Afternoon	Friday Morning	Friday Afternoon
Room 1	Andrew	Andrew	Paul	Paul	Paul	Paul	Paul	Paul	Sue	Sue
Room 2	Rebecca	Rebecca	Rebecca	Andrew	Rebecca	Andrew	Rebecca	Andrew	Andrew	Andrew
Room 3	Deborah	Deborah	Deborah	Deborah	Deborah	Deborah	Deborah	Deborah	Deborah	Deborah
Room 4	Carmel	Carmel	Carmel	Carmel	Carmel	Carmel	Carmel	Carmel	Natalie	Natalie

You will also have received a letter from the school board regarding our teacher staffing which gives more context for the Term 2 timetable.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Dear Parents / Caregivers

St Brigid's Values & House Awards

For the obvious reason, there were no House group or value awards this week.

Covid-19 Information

New Zealand remains at red.

Currently, as mentioned above, Covid has swept through the school and we have been working at around 25% of the school roll. We have really appreciated your support in relation to Covid, ask that you bear with us, and be patient as we do everything that we can to keep our school running and our kids safe. This does mean that we are having to be really careful with children that display any symptoms such as runny nose, coughing, sore throat so we will contact you immediately to collect your child if they show any of the above symptoms.

If you do happen to have a positive case within your household, please let us know asap as it helps us to manage the spread the best that we can. We really appreciate the communication with families.

Once again, thank you for your support, we are working extremely hard to keep your children safe and the school running as 'normal' as possible.

SOME IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2022

Term 1 Thursday 4th February- Thursday 14 April

Term 2 Monday 2nd May - Friday 8th July

Term 3 Monday 25th July -Friday 30th September

Term 4 Monday 17th October - Thursday 15th December

TEACHER ONLY DAYS:

The Ministry of Education required us to take 8 teacher-only days between 2020 and 2022.

As per MOE requirements, the days will be focused on one or some of the following points:

*Teachers strengthen their understanding of the use of assessment tools for learning and teaching;

*Teachers have been part of a Kahui Ako and participating in Kahui Ako professional development

As a result of this we will be taking two teacher only days on Friday 3rd June (The Friday before Queen's Birthday), and Monday 27th of June (The Monday after Matariki public holiday)

Devices

All chromebooks and iPads must be returned by Thursday 14 April for insurance purposes. Please send them back when your child returns to school.

If you are still isolating, arrangements will be made to collect them.

What's on Next Week

Sun 10 April	Palm Sunday Mass
Mon 11 - Thurs 14 April	Holy Week
Tues 12 April	Futsal - Superstars
Wed 13 April	Futsal - Strikers
Thurs 14 April	Last Day of Term 1
What's on Next Term	
Mon 2 May	Term 2 Begins
Fri 3 June	Teacher Only Day
Mon 27 June	Teacher Only Day

R. E. COMMENT

5th Saint Vincent Ferrer
7th Saint John Baptist de la Salle
Prayer for the 5th week of Lent

Tender and loving God,
your gift of friendship
lifts our hearts in hope
and gratitude. Our
relationship with you calls
us to relationship with our
friends and with all those
in our community.

Continue your friendship with us, Lord. Lift
us up and keep us faithful in friendship to
one another and that your healing ways may
shine through in the world.

AMEN.



Sports News

Due to the school Covid outbreak, we did not take part in any sport this week

Holy Week begins on Sunday 10th April and ends on Saturday 16th April this covers the last week of term. We will be celebrating Holy Week in a limited capacity between April 10th and the 16th.

Caritas Challenge week has been postponed until next term

Winter School uniform

Term 2 starts on Monday 2nd May and the children need to wear their winter uniforms. This is:

Girls - Navy jersey

School Pinafore or Navy track pants

Long sleeved white shirt or skivvy

Navy tights or long navy socks

Black Shoes

Navy blue hair ties, clips, and ribbons.

Boys- Navy jersey,

Navy track pants or winter shorts

Long sleeved grey shirt or grey or white skivvy

Grey Socks

Black Shoes

General - no coloured logos or stripes on track pants or shoes.

Sunhats are not required in Terms 2 & 3.

Please make sure your child comes to school with a jacket as Dunedin winters can be very unpredictable.

Kind regards

Andrew Pozniak



Poppies will be available at the school office for the rest of this term for a gold coin donation.

St Brigid's School Board News

Next Meeting - Wednesday 18 May at 6pm

Palm Sunday Mass 10 April at 9:30am at St Patrick's Basilica

If you are able to come along this Sunday, we would love you to see you at Palm Sunday Mass



School Bank Account Details

Board of Trustees - School Account:

06 0942 0045712 00

(For stationery payments, sports fees, EOTC & Copier contributions etc)

PTA – Fundraising Account:

NB: New Account Number:

06-0901-0797125-00

(For fundraising, uniform shop, lunch orders etc).

PTA News

- ✚ Easter Raffle: These need to be returned by Tuesday 12 April - if you are still isolating please send a photo of any cards you have at home to office@stbrigidn.school.nz so they will be included in the draw. The raffle will be drawn on the 13 of April and the prizes will be handed out on the last day of term -Thursday 14 April.
- ✚ The new PTA bank account is St Brigid's Home & School **06-0901-0797125-00**.

Community News



The school community's link to the April Tots to Teens digi-magazine is <https://issue2203.totstoteens.co.nz/>



The Twilight League is open to girls between the ages of 5-12-year-old. It is held at Logan Park Turf during Terms 2 & 3, session times are from 4-5pm and 5-6pm starting on Friday 13 May and finishing on Friday 19 August.

The aim of this league is to provide an enjoyable, supportive space where these participants can enjoy football in a girls' only environment.

Girls can enrol as a team or individuals - if you would like more information please contact the school office.