

# St Brigid's School Newsletter



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*29<sup>th</sup> February 2024*  
*Term 1 – Week 5*

*Dear Parents / Caregivers,*

Kia ora Whānau,

At St Brigid's School, we believe in nurturing the diverse talents and passions of every person. Our small school community thrives on the principle that every child has the opportunity to shine, whether it's in the classroom working across the curriculum, embodying our school values, contributing through acts of service, or taking on leadership roles.

From the moment students step through our doors, they are encouraged to explore and embrace their individual strengths. Teachers create classroom environments where children are able to take risks and be supported in their learning.

## Welcome

This week we are excited to welcome Moria to our school community. Happy 5th Birthday Moria! We welcome you and wish you a wonderful school journey at St Brigid's School. We know big sister Miya is excited you are finally here!



Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) is about making sure tamariki feel good and do well in school. At St Brigid's School, PB4L helps build better relationships between students and teachers and creates a happier school environment where everyone can succeed. Every week we celebrate outstanding behaviour in the classroom and playground with our golden ticket awards. Teachers and children nominate and identify the positive behaviours we want to see. Congratulations to Ailbe, Stella, Izzy and Seb who were this week's winners.

Our St Brigid's School values are very important to us. By living these Values every day we are living the way that Jesus wants us to live and act. **This term we are focusing on Te Tapu o te Tangata – Respect.**



### Highlights of Week 5.

All classes participated in Scooter safety this week to get ready for Move it March. Children are welcome to bring Scooters any day during March.



### Lighting the way for all to shine St Brigid's School 2024-2025 Through Christ we are committed to:

Goal	1. Enriching Faith To celebrate our faith and grow on our shared spiritual journey  NELP 1,2,3,4	2. Engaging Whanau To enhance connections by nurturing and valuing cultural identity and belonging. NELP 1, 2, 3	3. Empowering Learners To Develop a high quality local curriculum to support all learners  NELP 1, 2,3,,4
Initiatives	Strengthen Parish/School relationships.  Implement To Tatou Whakapono in Year 1-4	Foster stronger partnerships between our parent/ Whānau and wider community	Design a local curriculum underpinned by Te Mātaiaho/ the curriculum refresh  Strengthen staff pedagogy and practice across the school
Measures	Year 1-4 teachers are confident in teaching To Tatou Whakapono  Increase participation in the Mercy Parish/ School	Foster strong partnerships with all school whānau to ensure a nurturing, inclusive environment where everyone feels they belong	Local curriculum is developed and documented for St Brigid's school/  All staff will deliver a high standard of education for all children, through a commitment to best practice pedagogy in a collaborative professional learning community.

**Values: Respect- Te Tapu o te Tangata, Care- Atawhaitia, Responsibility- Whakaharere**

**Lost Property** Please remember to label your child's uniform. We have a few missing jerseys at the moment.

### **School Counselling Service -**

Jameisha will be at St Brigid's school every second Monday. If you would like your child to attend, please email your class teacher. If you **DO NOT** want your children to access this service, please return the form or email [teenaka@stbrigidsdn.school.nz](mailto:teenaka@stbrigidsdn.school.nz)

**After School Care.** We now have an After School Care option for before and after school. Please email [teenaka@stbrigidsdn.school.nz](mailto:teenaka@stbrigidsdn.school.nz) if you would like enrolment information.

**School Assembly** is held every Wednesday at 2:30 pm. Come and celebrate in prayer and see our school achievements and awards being presented. Our School Mass is held every Friday at 10 a.m. in the school hall. All welcome.

### **BOARD NEWS**

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March

### **PTA NEWS**

**Next P.T.A meeting:** 12th March 7pm in the school staffroom. All welcome

## **What's on in Term 1**

### **March**

Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Move it March Begins
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Assembly 2:30pm in the Hall
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Assembly 2:30pm in the Hall
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Bring your Scooter to school
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	St Brigid's School Mass Mercy Parish 9:30am
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> & Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Parent interviews 3-6pm
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Assembly 2:30pm in the Hall
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Palm Sunday
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Otago Anniversary Day- School is closed
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 & 6 Seek Day at Trinity
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Good Friday- School is closed

### **April**

Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> & Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Easter Monday and Tuesday - School is closed
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Assembly 2:30pm in the Hall
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Assembly 2:30pm in the Hall
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of Term 1

### **Other Important Dates for 2024**

Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	ANZAC Day (NB - this occurs in the school holidays)
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	First Day of Term 2
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Teachel Only Day
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	King's Birthday- School Closed
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Matariki - School Closed
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Last Day of Term 2
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	First Day of Term 3
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	Last Day of Term 3
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	First Day of Term 4
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October	Labour Day - School Closed

#### **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:**

06-0901-0797125-00

(For fundraising, uniform shop, lunch orders etc)

**Please reference your child's name and reason for payment (e.g. stationery / pizza / etc.) when paying online.**



# R.E. Comment...



Reading for Tuesday  
Is 1:10, 16-20: Learn to do good, search for justice.

The prophet Isaiah played an important role in God's plan; He foretold the Messiah's coming and brought hope to His people during a challenging time. This promise of hope is not only for the nation of Israel, but also for all of us. In the book of Isaiah, we see how God works for the good of God's children even in the worst of circumstances. Though we can be sinful and deserve to be punished, God has provided salvation for us through Jesus Christ, who suffered on our behalf and freed us from our sins.

The season of Lent is the most appropriate time for celebrating the Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation.

Already on Ash Wednesday those who received the Ashes heard the solemn invitation, "Turn away from sin and believe the good news". It is therefore fitting to go to a celebration of Reconciliation during Lent, so that we may have an opportunity to be reconciled with God and our neighbour and be able to celebrate Easter Triduum with renewed hearts.



## Whānau Information

Did you know that children who scoot, walk, or cycle to school are more alert and ready to learn than those who travel by car?

And the more tamariki who use active travel means fewer motor vehicles on the roads, making the streets safer for those who are walking or wheeling!

That's why during March we are trying to get as many tamariki walking or wheeling to school through Move it March.

There are two ways that your whānau can get involved:

- Participate in the Move it March Whānau Challenge 2024
- Participate in the Move it March weekly Snap and Win photo competition



### What is the Move it March Whānau Challenge?

The Move it March Whānau Challenge encourages families to choose to use active travel to school throughout March while completing fun activities. Families complete as many tasks as they can on the chart, then at the end of March take a photo of the completed card and send to [kerr.maclennan@dcc.govt.nz](mailto:kerr.maclennan@dcc.govt.nz) to go into the draw to win a family activity pass! (to be confirmed actual vouchers)

- You can grab a Move it March Whānau Challenge card from your school office and register via the link on the card to gain access to the electronic resources.
- Follow Scout - The Safe & Active Travel Mascot on Facebook to keep up to date with the latest information.

### Snap and Win photo competition!

Get involved by participating in the weekly Snap and Win competition! Each week there will be a different theme, and we want you to look out for and snap photos that match the theme. Share your photos with Scout by the Wednesday of the following week and you go into the draw to win 1 of 3 \$50 Otago Sports Depot vouchers!

Photos can be shared with Scout - The Safe and Active Travel Mascot on Facebook.



## Move It March Whānau photo competition.

### Week 1 - Improving Confidence

Ideas include crossing the road at a safe point such as pedestrian crossings, tamariki leading the way or demonstrating how to STOP, LOOK &

LISTEN! This week's photo competition

closes Wednesday 13 March 2024

Each week there will be a separate draw, and you don't need to enter every week, but you will only be in the draw for the week or weeks you entered.