

St Brigid's School Newsletter



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*16th May 2024
Term 2 – Week 3*

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Kia ora,



It was very special to celebrate our "We are loved" liturgy as a community on Monday night. Gathering as a community enables us to have time to welcome new families and celebrate as a school family. Thank you for your support with the book fair too. The last day for purchasing books is Friday. Thank you to Deborah and Carmel for organising these events.

Mary Month of May – Ko Maria te Marama o Haratua

May is the month dedicated to Mary, the month during which we celebrate the two great feasts of the Ascension and Pentecost and the inauguration of the new memorial feast, Mary, Mother of the Church, on the 21st of May.

Please join us on Sunday at Mercy Church at 9:30 am for our St Brigid's and St Bernadette's shared Mass for Pentecost.



This week we celebrate Support Staff week and acknowledge them for the amazing work that they do in our school.

Our Support Staff are incredible – their roles can be demanding and busy and yet every day, our Support Staff team arrive at school with smiles on their faces, warm hearts and happy, positive attitudes ready to be welcoming, supportive and helpful – serving our school community through their commitment and dedication to their particular role – we are truly Blessed! Ka mau te wehi – you are amazing!

To our families, we are here to support you and your children in their learning and faith journey. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Teenaka Kennedy

Pink Shirt Day is tomorrow. Wear pink to show your support.

Pink Shirt Day is about working together to stop bullying by celebrating diversity and promoting kindness and inclusiveness.

Nau Mai Harere Mail!

Welcome to Iza and her family. We wish you all the very best for your journey with us here at St Brigid's Catholic School.



Museum Visit

On Monday the whole school will visit the Museum as part of our Inquiry. Children will visit the planetarium and have a teaching session exploring Pacific Explorers and Early navigators. Thank you to the P.T.A for supporting this trip. Details have been shared via email and Facebook.

Sports coaching

Bayfield High School Students visit every Wednesday teaching skills and games through Netball, Basketball, Football and Hockey. Children will experience all sports over the term. They are really enjoying their learning.



Physical Activity Leaders

Children in Year 4-6 have been leading lunchtime games for our younger children. They work with Katie Moodie from Sport Otago to think about leadership and organisation. We are proud of their leadership in our school.

Chess tournament

Hayden, Bear and Seb participated in the regional chess tournament at George Street Normal today.



St Brigid's Jackets

We are selling excellent near new Winter School jackets for \$40 each. Valued at \$120 each, reversible, warm, and waterproof. All sizes. Please see Rachel in the school office. Payment can be made to the PTA account.

St Brigid's School

BINGO

14 AUGUST, 2024

Green Island Rugby Club
Doors open : 6:15pm
First numbers called 7:00pm

\$15 dollars a book
Purchase on the night
Raffles- Please bring cash

To support raffle prizes we have two non-uniform days where we ask each family to bring a donation for a raffle prize.
24th May- Please bring a Toiletry donation.
Friday 5th July-Please bring Chocolate for a donation.
If you know any workplaces or businesses that would like to donate a prize, please let us know sponsorship letters are available from the school office.

PTA 👍 Next meeting: June 11th Tuesday 6pm

Enrolments

If you have children that are planning on enrolling at St Brigid's School in 2025/2026, please come and get an enrolment form from the school office.

Have you moved?

Please let us know via email if your family has recently had a change of contact details, moved house, or have a new email address so we can update emergency contacts.

What's on in Term 2

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May

Friday 17 th May	Pink Shirt Day
Friday 17 th May	Mass 10am in the hall
Sunday 19 th May	Combined St Brigid's/St Bernadettes School Mass
Wednesday 22 nd May	Trinity Musical for the Hub 10:00am - 12.30pm
Wednesday 22 nd May	Assembly 2:30pm in the hall
Friday 24 th May	Mufti Day- please bring a toiletry prize for our Bingo Night
Wednesday 29 th May	School Assembly
Thursday 30 th May	Samoan Language Week
Friday 31 st May	Teacher Only Day- School Closed. No School Mass

June

Monday 3 rd June	King's Birthday- School Closed
Wednesday 5 th June	Assembly 2:30pm in the hall
Friday 14 th June	Mass 10am in the hall
Friday 21 st June	School Disco 5-7pm
Mon 24 th & Tues 25 th	Life Education Bus
Wednesday 26 th June	School Assembly
Friday 28 th June	Matariki - School Closed

Other Important Dates for 2024

Friday 5 th July	Last Day of Term 2
Monday 22 nd July	First Day of Term 3
Friday 27 th September	Last Day of Term 3
Monday 14 th October	First Day of Term 4
Monday 28 th October	Labour Day- School is closed.

Please take note of the 2024 Teacher Only Days. School will be closed for students on Friday 31st of May and Monday 21st October. The Ministry of Education has granted these days to schools to allow teachers to be involved in professional development and learning – to understand the new curriculum and to plan for the implications for our St Brigid's School curriculum teaching and learning programme.

BOARD NEWS

Next Meeting: Wednesday 22nd May

R.E. Comment...

NZ WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

World Communications Day 12th May

Pope's Communications Day message: AI can never replace wisdom of human heart

In his message for the 58th World Day of Social Communications, Pope Francis urges humanity to cultivate wisdom of the heart in the age of artificial intelligence.

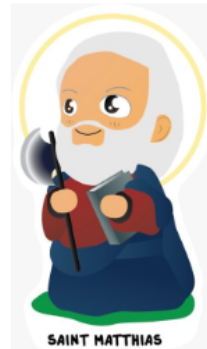


"Wisdom of the heart, then, is the virtue that enables us to integrate the whole and its parts, our decisions and their consequences, our nobility and our vulnerability, our past and our future, our individuality and our membership within a larger community," says the Pope.

Our Lady of Fatima is a Catholic title for the Virgin Mary due to her appearances to three shepherd children, Lucia Santos, and her two cousins, Jacinta and Francisco Marto. The appearance is believed to have happened at the town of Fatima, Portugal on the thirteenth day of six consecutive months in 1917,

starting on May 13. She is also called Our Lady of the Rosary or Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima.

St Matthias was one of the apostles of Jesus chosen to replace Judas Iscariot after his betrayal. Although he was not as well-known as some of the other apostles, he was still very significant in the early history of Christianity and is revered as a saint by many Christians around the world.



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.



WEDNESDAY 22 MAY



To help raise awareness of Road Safety Week, walk or wheel to school dressed as your favourite superhero and your school can go into the draw to win a Scholastic voucher!
Email photos of your Road Safety Hero dress up day to transport@dcc.govt.nz by 5pm, Thursday 23 May 2024 to enter the prize draw.

Road safety

To help raise awareness of Road Safety Week, we encourage children to walk or wheel to school dressed as their favourite superhero on **Wednesday 22 May**. Take photos and send them to us by **5pm Thursday 23 May** and you will be entered into the draw to win a Scholastic voucher for your school.