

St Brigid's School Newsletter



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Dear Parents / Caregivers,

*11th April 2024
Term 1 – Week 11*



Kia ora,

This week has been a wonderful end to Term one. All Tamariki participated in the Caritas Challenge. The Caritas Challenge is an annual event for schools and youth groups around New Zealand to demonstrate solidarity with those living with poverty or injustice.

Thank you for supporting our tamariki as they embrace this opportunity to live out their faith and contribute to a more compassionate world.

Thank you for your invaluable support in our learning activities and community events this term. Your involvement enriches our school community and greatly contributes to our students' success. We wish you all a safe and happy holiday and look forward to another exciting term ahead.

Teenaka Kennedy

Welcome



Welcome Bala. Bala will work at St Brigid's on Wednesdays providing bilingual support for our Indian community. She is working across

four of our Catholic schools. We're so grateful to have Bala's support to enrich our educational environment.



I am also excited to introduce Joneen Walker as our new Learning Support Coordinator. Joneen will work to support our targeted learner. She will work with both

teachers and learners in our school, and we're already seeing the positive impact of her knowledge and dedication.

A warm welcome to Bala and Joneen as they join our community. We are excited to have you with us.

The GOLDEN TICKET lunch

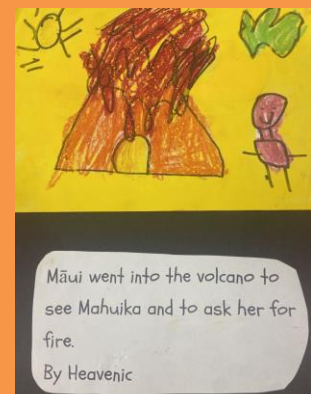
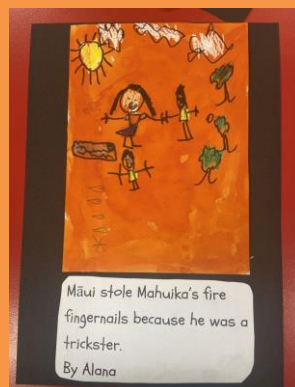
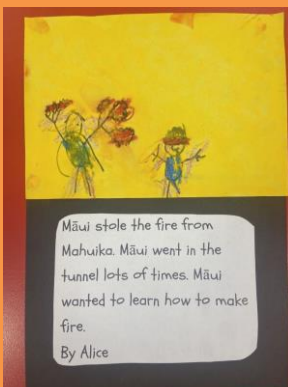
Congratulations to our Term one golden ticket winners. Principal lunch was celebrated today. This award is for children who are nominated by teachers or their peers for their outstanding behaviour in and out of the classroom.



Visitor this week

John Neumegen from the Otago Museum visited this week. He worked with each class to teach New Zealand histories through music, drama, storytelling, and art.

These stories were written by Room 4 after their session using the Legends of Maui.



EPro8

Thank you to St Bernadette's school for your invitation and support for us to enter a team at the Epro 8 regional competition. Children from both schools showed excellent problem solving, determination and skills to create their marble run and finish sixth from twelve teams.



Sausage Sizzle

The P.T.A (Home and School) will be providing a free sausage sizzle for all students this Friday, Thank you for your support.

Wishing you all an enjoyable break.

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.

What's on in Term 1

April

Tuesday 9-11 th	Caritas Challenge Week- please read the Challenge information
Wednesday 10 th	Assembly 2:30pm in the Hall
Friday 12 th	Last day of Term 1
Thursday 25 th April	ANZAC Day (NB - this occurs in the school holidays)
Monday 29 th April	First Day of Term 2

Term 2

May

Wednesday 1 st May	Indian Community Morning tea
Wednesday 1 st May	Assembly 2:30pm in the hall
Tuesday 7 th May	P.T.A AGM Staffroom 7pm
Wednesday 8 th May	Assembly 2:30pm in the hall
Sunday 12 th May	Mothers Day
Monday 13 th May	Book Week/ Parent night 5:30pm
Wednesday 15 th May	Assembly 2:30pm in the hall
Sunday 19 th May	Combined St Brigid's/St Bernadettes School Mass
Wednesday 22 nd May	Trinity Musical for the Hub
Wednesday 22 nd May	Assembly 2:30pm in the hall
Thursday 30 th May	Samoan Language Week
Friday 31 st May	Teacher Only Day- School Closed

June

Monday 3 rd June	King's Birthday- School Closed
Mon 24 th & Tues 25 th	Life Education
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.

BOARD NEWS

Next Meeting: Wednesday 22nd May

R.E. Comment...

9th April- We celebrate the feast of the Annunciation.

This day celebrates the appearance of the Angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary to announce the birth of Christ. Mary does not understand the announcement but has faith and accepts God's trust in her and the difficult journey ahead. How often do we need to have faith and trust even though we may not completely understand? The Church recognises Mary's courage in this feast. Have a wonderful holiday.

Lord God, Creator of all things, guide our steps and strengthen our hearts, during these holiday days. Grant us refreshment of mind and body. We ask this through Christ our Lord.



Community Notices

Māori Mass

The next Miha Māori is this Sunday at 4.30pm in St Patrick's Basilica, South Dunedin. Kai to follow.



Exciting news! We've teamed up with ODT Monopoly to offer you a unique opportunity to support our school while enjoying a fresh local game.

Here's the deal:

- For every ODT Monopoly board purchased through our school, \$10 goes directly to us
- Order - at the school office to secure your board
- Support our school by adding fun to family game nights.
- Don't miss out on your chance to give back while having a blast. Order your ODT Monopoly board now.

Move it March.

There is still time to win! Send in your complete Whanau Challenge cards to kerri.maclennan@dcc.govt.nz by the 14th of April.

MOVE IT MARCH


4th - 29th March 2024

Whānau Challenge

Choose a different activity for each day of March you walk or wheel to school. See how many activities your whānau can complete!

Family Name:

Email:



Sing or create a walking song	Be as bright as you can	Count how many steps between each lamp post	Always stop, look and listen before you cross the road	Dress up your shoes
Pick up any litter you see on your walk to school	Try a different route to school	Try a game of Fopy from A-Z	Count the number of E-cars that pass you	See how many friends you can get to walk or wheel with you
Write a chalk message on the footpath	Have a go with the Scout Walk Randomiser	Find a road sign and find out what it means	Do Scout's scavenger hunt	Play a game of copy the leader
Play a game of colour cars	Use a compass to work out which direction you are going	Dress up day, you choose the theme	Play a game of 20 questions	Count how many people you see on bikes

Send a copy showing how many tasks your whānau completed to kerri.maclennan@dcc.govt.nz by 5 April 2024 and you will go into the draw to win a \$50 Otago Sports Depot voucher and other spot prizes!

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