

# St Brigid's School Newsletter



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## Principal's Message

Kia Ora Koutou Katoa,

A number of students of all ages are aware of the situation in Ukraine. As parents and teachers, these are challenging topics to explore with young people. With our digital capacity, our children often see and 'experience' news in quite a different way from the past.

We use the language of our school values and we use prayer to help them respond with compassion and care and to look for actions of whānaungatanga. To balance, we note people and organisations who have enabled transformative change so tamariki will be inspired by these people and organisations who can make a difference. Organisations such as 'Caritas Internationalis' provide support in countries that are affected by natural disasters, political unrest, and war. We remind our children of the positive impact they can have on others by fundraising for all of the above causes throughout the world.

Andrew Pozniak



Holly

A warm welcome to St Brigid's for three children who have started at our great school this term.

Welcome to Room 2 Amber Barrie and Summer North.  
Welcome to Room 3 Holly North.



Summer



Amber

## Values



Children who received Values certificates this week are:

Room 4 - Matalasi Tuigamala

Room 3 - Sofia Bingley

Room 2 - Ashreya Prasad

Room 1 - Olivia Anstey

13 May 2022  
Term 2 - Week 2

Dear Parents / Caregivers

## Covid-19 Information

New Zealand is now at Orange

We have reviewed our mask mandate and have decided we will continue with mask-wearing because we want to keep our community as safe as possible from Covid and have as many children learning on-site as we can. All those good actions including mask-wearing will reduce the risk of harm from COVID-19 and will also help to prevent seasonal illnesses, especially the flu. We adhere to any government decision about the wearing of masks. Please read the Ministry letter attached about Winter Illnesses.

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.

## St Brigid's House Groups

Congratulations to **McAuley House** who were the winning house this week.

Our House Token Winners this week:

**Aubert House:**

Calum McGurk

**McAuley House:**

Elizabeth Daniels

**de Paul House:**

Sofia Bingley

## St Brigid's School Whānau Hui

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We are looking forward to gathering as a school community to discuss the roll situation. We did have plans for presenting our assessment practices at St Brigid's, unfortunately, our guest speaker Joneen Walker has fallen victim to Covid and will not be able to do this. We will however have a short PowerPoint to present to the community created by Joneen about our exciting journey on assessment. It's still an excellent opportunity to hear and discuss some key elements of our children's learning experience at St Brigid's. We hope you are able to come along: 6-7 pm, Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> of May, in the school hall.

Colin MacLeod

School Board Chairperson



Speak UP  
STAND TOGETHER  
STOP BULLYING

KŌRERO AHOI, KŌRERO ATU, MAURI TŪ, MAURI ORA

FRIDAY 20 MAY 2022

HEI TUHANGI  
HĀU KŌRERO KŌRERO  
KŌRERO KŌRERO

Mental Health Foundation  
www.mhf.org.nz



**Pink Shirt Mufti Day**  
Join us next Friday, 20th May to  
celebrate Pink Shirt Day.

Please wear pink on that day to show  
your support. (No donations required).

Pink Shirt Day is celebrated  
throughout New Zealand and it is  
great to be part of such a powerful  
movement to spread aroha and  
kindness and end bullying.

## School Donation Receipts

Receipts will be sent home  
next week to parents who  
have made voluntary  
payments to school for  
contributions to EOTC,  
copier costs etc during the  
last financial year.

These payments are tax  
deductible

## What's on Next Week

Sun 15 May	Parish/School Mass 9:30am at St Patrick's
Mon 16 May	Caritas Move It Challenge
Tues 17 May	Caritas Live It Challenge School Hui 6-7pm
Wed 18 May	School Board Meeting 6pm
Fri 20 May	Pink Shirt Day

## What's on Next Term

Fri 3 June	Teacher Only Day - (School Closed)
Mon 6 June	Queens Birthday - (School Closed)
Fri 24 June	Matariki (School Closed)
Mon 27 June	Teacher Only Day (School Closed)

## Caritas Challenge

We have started our Caritas challenge including eating rice for lunch. Next week we have further challenges which help the children understand (and live) the challenges children have in living in impoverished countries or are affected by natural disasters or war.

The 4 tasks are Live it, Stop it, Sweat it and Move it.

## St Brigid's School Board News

School Hui - Tuesday 17 May 6-7pm  
Next Meeting - Wednesday 18 May at 6pm

## Sports News

**Miniball** started in earnest this week with St Brigid's Hot Shots lost. POD - Leo Patston  
St Brigid's Magic lost. POD - Hana Manu.  
St Brigid's Ninjas lost P.O.D - Valerie Beatson.

Netball starts on 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

## Parish/School Mass

This Sunday, 15 May, St Brigid's School will be involved in leading the parish Sunday Mass at 9.30 am at St Patrick's in MacAndrew Road. This is a special opportunity (we have only 3 times this year) for our school to be actively engaging with our wider parish community.

We would love to have all of our school families attend this Mass. A number of the children will have special roles in the Mass and all the school children have been learning songs to sing at the 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:

06-0901-0797125-00

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

Kind regards - Andrew Pozniak

## Laudato Si' - On Care for Our Common Home

"This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."  
Jn 13:35

What does God's love ask of us?

"Love, overflowing with small gestures of mutual care, is also civic and political, and it makes itself felt in every action that seeks to build a better world." (LS 231)



## Community News

WHERE YOU BELONG To Tūrakawaewae



**May 25<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

Herron Hall, Bayfield High School  
Doors open at 6:00pm Curtain at 6:30pm

MUSIC BY ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER



LYRICS BY TIM RICE

Adults \$20  
Students / Seniors \$17  
Family \$65  
(Two Adults & Two Children)

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