

St Brigid's School Newsletter



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Principal's Message



We do call it an 'ever-changing landscape' when dealing with Covid. I read and printed off my 7th version of the 'Dealing with Covid' handbook in schools from the Ministry the other day, it was in the bin yesterday!

As we reach the end of week 6 at school, we hear more in the media about the onset of Omicron in the community but with the reassurance that your children are safe to be coming to school.

I also urge families to have their children tested for Covid if they become sick and let us know the results. This will enable us to work out how Covid and other illnesses are affecting our school community. All information passed onto the school will be kept highly confidential. I believe that keeping the community informed of the number of Covid and non-Covid cases within the school will enable parents and caregivers to make informed decisions for their children. It is becoming easier to get a Covid test - families can visit a Covid testing centre, family doctor, or participating chemists. Rapid Antigen Tests are also available from an increased number of retailers including Countdown, Pak 'n Save and The Warehouse.

I would like to thank those families who have notified school that a family member has tested positive and the family are therefore self-isolating at home. Our primary goal is to keep our children safe. We can successfully achieve this goal with the cooperation of whānau. In the end, we rely heavily on parents and caregivers to make moral decisions on the information they share with the school and whether or not they isolate, for the common good of everyone in our community.

Andrew Pozniak

Value Awards were received by the following children this week:

Rm 4 - Finn Smith Rm 3 - Dexter Valentine
Rm 2 - William Valentine Rm 1 Conall Higgs

St Brigid's House Groups

Congratulations to **Aubert House** who were the winning House this week.

Our House Token Winners this week:

de Paul House: Willa Higgs
Aubert House: Jesse Lavea
McAuley House: Damian Seby



Dear Parents / Caregivers

School Assemblies/Covid-19 Information

Because of the current Covid restrictions, there will be no school assemblies until further notice. The following points need to be continually reinforced if we want to remain safe during this Covid outbreak:

- Masks to be worn for children in Rooms 1 & 2 - a reminder to parents of children in Rooms 1 & 2 that they must provide masks for their children. The school only has a limited emergency supply.
- Good hygiene with regular hand sanitising -
- All windows and doors open allowing good airflow
- Social distancing stay home if you are unwell or have symptoms.

Please Note Changes to Self-Isolation Days:

Starting from 11:59pm tonight, people with Covid-19 and their household contacts must isolate for **7 days, not 10 days**.

Household contacts will need to test on day 3 and day 7 of the isolation period. If other members of the household become symptomatic and their test result is positive, they are required to isolate for seven days from that point.

If a person is isolating and still has symptoms after seven days, they are advised to stay home until 24 hours after symptoms resolve.

Reporting Absences

If your child is absent from school, we need to be notified of the reason why your child is absent. If we are not told of the reason we then have to mark the child as Truant.

Meet the Teacher

Come and officially "Meet the Teachers" via Zoom on Monday 14th March. We will go over our class learning focus in different areas, how we communicate, and our school homework policies.

There will also be a chance for any questions you might have. See our flyer to check times. Class teachers will post the Zoom link on the class Facebook pages or email it to you. We look forward to seeing you all there!



Meet the teacher

Via Zoom

Monday 14th March

Come and meet your child's classroom teacher for 2022

Room 4 - 6pm
Room 3 - 6:15pm
Room 2 - 6:30pm
Room 1 - 6:45pm

Zoom links will be posted closer to the time

Sports News

What's on Next Week

Mon 14 Mar	Meet the Teacher Zoom Meetings
Tues 15 Mar	Futsal - Superstars
Wed 16 Mar	Futsal - Strikers

What's on this Term

Sun 27 Mar	St Brigid's Family Mass at St Patrick's
Wed 30 Mar	BOT Meeting
Thurs 14 April	Last Day of Term 1

Sports Code of Conduct forms: Thank you to everyone who has completed these - if you haven't please complete as soon as possible.

Sports Fees for Futsal (\$60) are now overdue, please pay these as soon as possible.

Futsal - Results:

Superstars won. P.O.D - Valerie Beatson
Strikers won. P.O.D - Leo Patston

Reminders:

No Lollies at school: just a reminder that our policy at school is no lollies in lunchboxes etc. We would appreciate your cooperation with upholding this. This also applies to children not bringing toys to school. Thank you.

Toitu Trip

We were due to be visiting the Toitu Otago Settlers Museum as part of our Inquiry topic, learning about the Past. Unfortunately, due to ongoing renovations at the museum we will have to postpone our visit until further notice.

Pick Up & Drop Off

Parents are not to drive up the driveway for drop off and pick up between 8:30 -to 9:15am and 2:45 to 3:15pm for obvious safety reasons.

If you do need to use the driveway at other times of the day you must adhere to the speed limit of 10k mph.

"Hearing You"

It has been exciting to have "Hearing You" our new counselling support service start this week.

We have a high demand for this support and it is great that we will have India here at our school every second Thursday.

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:

03 1732 0001257 00

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

R. E. COMMENT

Week 6: Green 7th - 11th March

1st Week Lent

6th Te Rā o Ngā Tamariki - (Children's Day (NZ)

7th Saints Perpetua and Felicity

8th Saint John of God

9th Saint Frances of Rome



Lent is getting ready for Easter - a bit like Advent is getting ready for Christmas. Lent is a time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Almsgiving is donating money, food, or other items to the poor or needy, especially as a spiritual practice. Almsgiving helps us experience giving freely. Caritas helps us focus on Lent and our prayer, fasting and almsgiving. The theme this year is "Called to be Peacemakers".

Kind regards

Andrew Pozniak

Community News

KELLY SPORTS

HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

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