

St Brigid's School Newsletter



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Principal's Message

Kia ora whānau,

I am in the classroom quite a bit and it is great. There is a vibrancy and hum everywhere at the School. Programs are well underway with our inquiry research music and art. There is lots of story writing, great books to share, maths equations and plenty of Physical Education.



This week has been especially noticeable for the many challenging opportunities our tamariki experienced while participating in our Caritas Challenges - such as understanding, to a very small extent, what it would be like to live on rice, carry water with nothing but buckets, build shelters, and work in a sweatshop. Obviously, however our children now have a better idea of what some other children in the world experience. Perhaps it will send a strong message to all that it is our collective responsibility to send kids to school and not to work.

Andrew Pozniak

Values

Children who received Values certificates this week are:

Room 4 - Jesse Lavea

Room 3 - Willa Higgs

Room 2 - Dusty Stanton

Room 1 - Mason Voyce



St Brigid's House Groups

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

Our House Token Winners this week:

Aubert House: Yumi Lawas

McAuley House: Stella Anstey

de Paul House: Breezsha Jensen

Dear Parents / Caregivers

Covid-19 Information

New Zealand is still at Orange

Last week we reviewed the mask mandate, we have decided to carry on 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 flue. We adhere to any government decision about the wearing of masks.

Whanau Hui

Thank you to those parents who came to our Whanau Hui. We did have quite a lot to discuss including the roll and assessment. I will be sending out the PowerPoint we presented on Tuesday night to those who were unable to attend. It illustrates our strategy going forward with the school roll and assessment.

Snow Days: As we are now- in winter it is important to note that weather conditions sometimes mean that school may open late or be closed for the whole day. The decision to close schools or open late is made by a group of principals and the police.



Announcements are made on Classic Hits (89.4FM) during the cancellation service that generally follows each news bulletin. There is also a pre-recorded cancellation line service which is (03) 471 7555 or check out the Hits Dunedin Facebook Page or Dunedin Cancellations Facebook page for up to date information.

Late starts and cancellations will also be posted on our Facebook Page as soon as we are aware of them.

Please make sure there is a staff member onsite before you drop off your child on icy, late start days as staff are often restricted with their travel.

Family Mass

Thank you to all of those families who came to the family Mass last Sunday. It was a resounding success with the children taking a starring role in the Mass - from doing the readings and prayers of the faithful to Altar serving and of course singing the hymns.

A thank you to all the children who turned up and their parents and of course to Miss Wassell who organised it and to the very talented musicians including our very own Mr Forster and the Chair of the School Board, Mr MacLeod.

Caritas Challenge

The Caritas Challenge was another great success. All challenges are now completed.

As I said in my introduction it gave a small insight into what children who are less fortunate than us go through to survive day by day.

What's on Next Week

Tues 24 May	Rooms 1 & 2 will be attending Mass at St Patrick's. The Mass will be televised on Shine TV
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What's on This 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)

Sports News

Miniball results this week:

St Brigid's Hot Shots lost. POD - Vincent Beatson

St Brigid's Magic lost. POD - Georgia Higgs.

St Brigid's Ninjas won. P.O.D - William Valentine.

Netball starts on 2nd June.

PTA News

Welcome to our newest member Kalisi Bingley.

Next Meeting 7pm Tuesday 24 May in Staffroom.

School Donation Receipts

Receipts for contributions to EOTC, copier etc are coming home today - please check your child's backpack.

These amounts relate to any contributions paid during 1 April 2021 - 31 March 2022

These payments are tax deductible

St Brigid's School Board News

Next Meeting - Wednesday 22 June at 6pm

Reminders

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.

Contact Details: Please contact the office if your contact details have changed recently as we are aware that some phone numbers, emails and addresses may not be current.

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

Faith Facts

Week 3 - May 16-20 (White)

For centuries, people from around the world have sent prayer requests to Rome, from them the Pope selects intentions for each month.

Pope Francis Prayer intention for May:

FAITH-FILLED YOUNG PEOPLE -

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest.

May they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.



Laudato Si' - On Care for Our Common Home

"Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him." (John 14:23) What beautiful words. To dwell is to be 'at home', in safety and joy. When we love, we dwell in God and God dwells in us.

In *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis writes "The Climate is a common good, belonging to all and meant for all" (LS 23). He adds that the climate crisis is now creating a "tragic rise" in the number of people forced to leave their homes due to environmental degradation. They have no legal recognition and protection, and they face "widespread indifference" to their suffering (LS 25).

Does New Zealand's recent Emission Reduction Plan deliver the "transformative change" for the ecological healing and social justice our Pope is calling for? How can we hasten this change in our systems and personal practices?

We cannot dwell in love, when the hungry and the homeless are outside our doors, or on the edges of our oceans and floodplains.

