

St Brigid's School Newsletter



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Principal's Message

Kia Ora Koutou Katoa,

Another holiday fortnight has gone by. I hope you had a restful and enjoyable holiday. Looking back at last term, the students kept amazing me on a daily basis. Their care, responsibility and respect for others over and above themselves is very enlightening and refreshing.



A focus for all students and parents is to aim to improve academically. That is in class and at home. A little at home each night makes a huge difference for your child. It not only reinforces your child's learning from the day, it also shows that you are interested in your child's learning. Every small step is a step in the right direction. It supports your child's learning and builds self-confidence that will help your child interact more readily in class and be ready and wanting to progress their learning. As a community, we all share the responsibility for growing the whole child.

Andrew Pozniak

St Brigid's School Whānau Hui

Dear parents and caregivers,

As indicated last term, we are looking forward to gathering as a school community to discuss the roll situation and plans around developing assessment practices at St Brigid's. A guest speaker will share some very interesting information on the significance and direction of quality assessment practice, and members of the School Board will be present along with the teaching staff.

It's 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: 6-7pm, Tuesday 17th of May, in the school hall.

Colin MacLeod

School Board Chairperson

St Brigid's House Groups

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

Our House Token Winners this week:

Aubert House: Matalasi Tuigamala

McAuley House: Ben Anstey

de Paul House: Hana Manu

TEACHER ONLY DAYS:

We will be taking two teacher only days this term - on Friday 3rd June (The Friday before Queen's Birthday), and Monday 27th of June (The Monday after Matariki public holiday)

Covid-19 Information

As you are all well aware the whole country is now at Orange Level for Covid-19 but due to the ongoing high numbers across NZ and within the Southern District Health Board Region (especially Dunedin) and with many of our tamariki and whānau having travelled outside of Dunedin or had contact with visitors from other parts of the country and overseas, we have decided to take a precautionary approach for the first 2 weeks of Term 2.

Please continue supporting the health and safety of our tamariki and staff by adhering to the procedures below which are the same as our Term 1 procedures:

- Stay at home if unwell.
- Room 1 and Room 2 will continue to wear masks when indoors.
- All staff will continue to wear masks indoors.
- All parents / caregivers are asked only to come onsite if it is essential and to please wear a mask and phone / email us ahead of time so arrangements can be made for early pick up etc to minimise visitors to the classrooms.
- Please let us know if your child tests positive for COVID-19 or if you are having to isolate.

This is only temporary, as once a more accurate picture of transmission within our local community is known, this will be reviewed at the end of next week, Friday 13 May.

Your ongoing support and understanding is very much appreciated as we continue to operate at the Orange Level of the Covid-19 Protection Framework.

Visit to Olveston

Next week all classes will be visiting Olveston House (in conjunction with our inquiry learning) as follows:

Monday:

Rm 3 will leave school at 9:30am - returning 11:30am

Rm 1 leaves at 12pm - returning 2pm

Tuesday:

Rm 2 will leave school at 9:30am - returning 11.30am

Rm 4 leaves at 12pm - returning 2pm

Scholastic Bookclub Orders - these are due next Wednesday 11 May.

Cash orders are fine, just send it in a labelled envelope. Or you can order online using the link below:

<https://mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz/Parent/Login.aspx>

School Donation Receipts

Receipts will be issued within the next few weeks 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



Pink Shirt Mufti Day

On Friday 20th May we will be celebrating Pink Shirt Day with a Mufti Day (no donations required). Please wear pink on that day to show your support.

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.

What's on Next Week

Mon 9 May	Rooms 3 & 1 visit Olveston
Tues 10 May	Rooms 2 & 4 visit Olveston
Wed 11 May	Caritas Stop It Challenge
Thurs 12 May	Caritas Sweat It Challenge
Sun 15 May	Parish/School Mass 9:30am at St Patrick's

What's on Next Term

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
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)

WALK 'N WHEEL WEEK

WE WON! WE WON! WE WON!!!

St Brigid's School won the GRAND PRIZE of a \$700 Otago Sports Depot voucher!

Ka pai for all your mahi!!

We can't wait to get new sports equipment!!!!

Yumi Lawas got a special mention for her age group in the colouring competition.

Winter School uniform

All children should now be wearing their winter uniform. (The list of our winter uniform was published in the last 2 newsletters of term 1).

St Brigid's School Board News

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

Sports News

Miniball begins on 12th May - the children who have registered will be given the details of where they are playing very soon.

Netball begins on 2 June.

Parish/School Mass

Next Sunday, 15 May, St Brigid's school will be involved in leading the Parish Sunday Mass at 9.30am at St Patricks in MacAndrew Road. This is a special opportunity (one 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.

Caritas Challenge

In weeks 2 and 3 of this term, we will be completing our Caritas Challenge. This involves children gaining sponsorship to complete different tasks to gain an understanding of how people less fortunate than us live.

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

Last year we made a whopping \$1300 so our aim is to beat this total! Yesterday an information and sponsorship letter was sent home with all of the details.

Kind regards - Andrew Pozniak

R. E. COMMENT

Week 1

Month of Mary begins

5th Sunday Easter



For centuries, the Catholic Church has set aside the entire month of May to honour Mary, Mother of God. Not a day *in* May, but the entire month. In May the special prayer ceremonies may be organized on each day throughout the month. Children may learn to pray rosary in this month.



LAUDATO SI' – Caring for our Common Home – Mothers' Day

Many blessings on Mothers' Day to all our Mums! And here's to our other Mother! Let us also celebrate the beauty and wonder of *Mother Earth/Papatuanuku*.

LS #1: "Praise be to you, my Lord, through our Sister, Mother Earth, who sustains and governs and who produces various fruit with coloured flowers and herbs" - Francis of Assisi



Huge Congratulations to Hermione Sparks who has been selected to share the part of young Fiona in the upcoming show Shrek!

Shows are in Auckland & Hamilton during the July School Holidays and Christchurch & Wellington during the October School Holidays.

Well done Hermione!



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).

