

# St Brigid's School Newsletter



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*22<sup>nd</sup> February 2024  
Term 1 – Week 4*

*Dear Parents / Caregivers,*

Kia ora Whānau,

It's hard to believe we're already at the end of Week 4! We had a wonderful time coming together as a community on Monday night for our Welcome Liturgy and to award badges to our new school leaders.

We're incredibly proud of our new student leaders and their eagerness to tackle new challenges. They've taken charge of leading their Tuakana-teina groups every second Friday, and others have started their training as librarians. They've also shared plenty of other exciting ideas which we'll be discussing further in our leadership meetings.

Inside our classrooms, learning is in full swing, and the children are settling into their new routines beautifully. Here are some highlights from the past few weeks: Our tamariki are delving into statistics in all classes, learning how to collect, sort, and present information. This term, our inquiry theme is centered around the concept of being Kaitiaki, guardians of the past, providing a fantastic opportunity to explore various aspects of Aotearoa history. The children have been exploring their own identities and origins to prepare their own Pepeha, which they'll soon be sharing with the class.

Meanwhile, our teachers are implementing research-based structured literacy practices across all classes, with a strong emphasis on spelling. We're excited to share more details about this as the term progresses.

Teenaka Kennedy

### **Palm Sunday stories from Room 3**

I was picked from the stand. I slowly plodded on the road. I could hear the crowd went wild. There was sand blowing in my face but I just kept on going! **Zach**

I hopped on the donkey. I could hear the crowd go wild. People were throwing palm leaves on the dusty roads. They shouted Hosana! Hosana! Each meter it felt like I was in a dream. **Theo**

I was pushed because people wanted to see Jesus. I saw what was happening so I went to see Jesus. I was so excited. I saw a palm, I waved the palm and said Hosana Hosana! **Kylle**

I was gently trotting along the palm leaves, while people were shouting Hosana! Hosana! I was a bit nervous but I kept going, with the dust blowing in my face. **Stella**

### **A Family Lenten prayer:**

*God our Father, you guide and direct us on our journey through life. Be with us as we walk our Lenten journey of faith and love. Help us to grow closer to you during this special holy season. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### **Scooter Skills**

Please bring your scooters and helmets to school for our Scooter skills. There will be spare scooters to use if you do not have one.

**Monday 26th February** - The Hub morning and afternoon Room 4

**Tuesday 27th February** - Room 3 from 11:20 am

### **Young Vinnies**

Last week Jo Bell from St Vincent de Paul visited Children in the Hub. They worked together to explore the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy. Jesus in the gospels shows us by his actions and words how to live a life that allows us to thrive and to be builders in a world that is good for everyone.

These actions and words of Jesus are where we get the **Corporal and Spiritual works of Mercy.**

### **Hearing You - School Counselling Service**

On Monday we welcomed Jameisha as our new School Counsellor. Jameisha will be at St Brigid's school every second Monday. If you would like your child to attend, please email your class teacher. A flier will be provided with this newsletter. If you DO NOT want your children to access this service, please return the form or email [teenaka@stbrigidsdn.school.nz](mailto:teenaka@stbrigidsdn.school.nz)

**Wheels day** Every Wednesday is Wheels Day. Please bring your helmets. On the 13th of March we will also welcome Scout, the DCC Active mascot to our school. They will spend lunchtime Scootering with us and helping us get active. Spare scooters will be available.



### **Move it March.**

We will be participating in Move it March again this year! We have lots of spot prizes from our DCC Active team for people walking and wheeling to and from school during March. Being Active may also look like walking or wheel laps on our school track. The aim is to move as much as we can during March.

## We welcome you!

School Assembly is held every Wednesday at 2:30 pm. Come and celebrate in prayer and see our school achievements and awards being presented. Our School Mass will be held on Fridays at 10 a.m. in the school hall. All welcome.

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## BOARD NEWS

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March

### PTA NEWS

The P.T.A are looking for parent helpers to prepare and serve the school lunches. If you are able to help on Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> March and 22<sup>nd</sup> March please contact the school office.

**Next P.T.A meeting :** Meeting 12<sup>th</sup> March 7pm

## What's on in Term 1

### February

Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	School Mass 10am in the Hall
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Scooter Skills
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Scooter Skills
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Assembly 2:30pm in the Hall

### March

Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Move it March Begins
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Assembly 2:30pm in the Hall
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Assembly 2:30pm in the Hall
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Bring your Scooter to school
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	St Brigid's School Mass Mercy Parish 9:30am
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> & Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Parent interviews 3-6pm
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Assembly 2:30pm in the Hall
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Palm Sunday
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Otago Anniversary Day- School is closed
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 & 6 Seek Day at Trinity
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Good Friday- School is closed

### April

Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> & Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Easter Monday and Tuesday - School is closed
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Assembly 2:30pm in the Hall
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Assembly 2:30pm in the Hall
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of Term 1

### Other Important Dates for 2024

Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	ANZAC Day (NB - this occurs in the school holidays)
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	First Day of Term 2
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Teachel Only Day
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	King's Birthday- School Closed
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Matariki - School Closed
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Last Day of Term 2
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	First Day of Term 3
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	Last Day of Term 3
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	First Day of Term 4
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October	Labour Day - School Closed

**After School Care.** We now have an After School Care option for before and after school. An email was sent to all families with enrolment information.

## R.E. Comment...

Each Gospel Reading throughout this week will be familiar to you. Each with an important message for young and old.

Mondays Gospel Reading

Mt 25:31-46: Whatever you do for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you do to me.



Tuesdays Gospel Reading

Mt 6:7-15: This is how you should pray.



Wednesdays Gospel Reading

Lk 11:29-32: No sign will be given to this generation except the sign of Jonah.



Thursdays Gospel Reading

Mt 16:13-19: You are Peter, and to you I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

Fridays Gospel Reading

Mt 5:20-26: Go first and be reconciled with your neighbour.



### Educational Psychology Otago

This week we farewelled Courtney Sherman as our Learning Support Coordinator. Thank you Courtney for all your work and support you have provided in our school, for teachers and students. You will be missed! Courtney, a trained Educational Psychologist has now begun her own business

She is now offering both cognitive/learning assessments and ADHD assessment. The details for cognitive assessment are on the website. The ADHD page on the website is still in development but information is available via email. [www.epotago.co.nz](http://www.epotago.co.nz) Email : [hello@epotago.co.nz](mailto:hello@epotago.co.nz)

A new Learning Support Coordinator will be employed soon.



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