St Brigid's School Newsletter

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Dear Parents / Caregivers

16 September 2022
Term 3 – Week 8

Principal's Message

Kia ora whānau,

Sometimes I have the sense that the media too often focuses on the negative news about schools - with that in mind, all Principals should be prepared to spread the good news about their schools. What is the best thing about our school? There are probably too many to mention but one of the many positives about our school is the children.

Great schools cannot exist without a great group of kids and the diversity of those kids is what many people say makes our schools so great.

We have the most beautiful, interesting, interested and talented children from all over the world whom are truly here to learn, grow, and experience life .Every adult and child is enriched by just being part of our school. Every child and every teacher has the special privilege of meeting, talking to, learning with and playing with children and families from places not only from around New Zealand but from all over the world. We learn with joy, understanding and delight in that which we offer.

Our school is a perfect example of how different people can live together, work together and learn together. The St Brigid's Community respects, supports and helps others to succeed.

Andrew Pozniak

St Brigid's House Groups

Congratulations to Aubert House which was the winning house this week.

Our House Token Winners this week:

Aubert House: Bonnie O'Kane

McAuley House: Phillip Balu Joy

de Paul House: Georgia Higgs

Values: Responsibility

Value Certificates were presented this week to:
Room 4 – Matalasi Tuigamala
Room 3 – Amber Barrie & Miles Osland
Maungatua – Valerie Beatson & Flynn Bishop

What's on This Week	
Wed 21 Sept	Kiwi Golf Tuition
Thurs 22 Sept	Swimming Programme
	Spud n Bucket Entries due 9am
Mon 26 Sept	Queen Elizabeth Memorial Day
What's on This Term	
Thursdays	Swimming Programme: Bus leaves 9am for Seniors and 9:30 for Juniors
Tues 27 Sept	Mercy Day Celebration
Wed 28 Sept	Primary School Triathlon
Fri 30 Sept	Last day of Term 3
Mon 17 Oct	First day of Term 4
Thurs 15 Dec	Last day of Term 4

Queen Elizabeth Memorial Day

You will be aware that the Government has announced 26 September 2022 as the Queen Elizabeth II Memorial Day.
This will mean that schools will be closed on this day.

Please fill in the form below for entries and send the cash to school with your child. Spuds and buckets will be sent home next Thursday and judged in the last week of Term 4. Thank you! https://forms.gle/fA1hXe3WU4ezpAhz8

Mercy Day

The staff and Student Council have been very busy planning our Mercy Day celebration!

On Tuesday 27th September children are to wear their house colour for a day of fun and celebration!
House colour mufti will be $1 with proceeds going to the Young Vinnies community projects.

We will begin the day at 9:15am for a liturgy. Parents are warmly invited to join us for the liturgy and a cup of tea afterwards.

At 9:30 we will have a whole school tabloid sports competition (egg and spoon, relays, 3 legged race etc). Parents are welcome to stay to cheer on and support the children!

As a HUGE thank you for your support with lunches, waffles will be provided by Maungatua for morning tea.
After morning tea we will have a whole school quiz.
Domino's Pizza will be available to order for lunch ($1.50 per slice).
After lunch, we will be having our values reward DVD in our classes.
If you have any questions please contact your child's teacher. 🙂

Covid: The covid restrictions have been lifted (from most areas of public life), and this has impacted all of us. However, although masks are no longer strongly recommended in school settings it is worth reflecting on advice from Public Health as follows:
Masks can continue to be one of a number of tools (layers of protection) that can be used to minimise spread of infectious illnesses in schools. An example of this might be when absences due to COVID-19 and winter illness may impact the ability of a school to remain open onsite.

Please continue to support those who choose to wear a mask if they choose to do so.

Health Curriculum & Religious Education Survey
You should have received a questionnaire via email, which will only take five minutes to complete.

Like all NZ schools we are required by MOE legislation to consult with our school community, parents and whanau about our Health Curriculum every two years. We need your 'voice' to enable us to know what you think we should continue to focus on, what we could add to our health curriculum in 2023 and what we should prioritise. The data collected in this consultation will be used to form strategic goals and learning programmes in 2023.

In addition to this, we are also consulting on our Religious Education curriculum and we would love your feedback on our Catholic Character and Religious Education at St Brigid's.

Health and Religious Education survey QR code

URGENT REMINDER:

There are still a lot of basketball tops to be returned - Please return these a.s.a.p.

Triathlon: On September 28 the Dunedin Primary and Intermediate School Triathlon will be held at Port Chalmers. The parents of those children taking part have been informed.

R.E. Comment

Week 8 - September 12 - 16 (Green)

Feast Day
Wed 14th: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

This week in New Zealand's History we remember New Zealand's first woman MP elected in 1933. The Labour Party's Elizabeth McCombs became New Zealand's first female Member of Parliament. Almost exactly 40 years after women got to vote in New Zealand, (the first country in the world to given women a vote).

Wow we have come a very long way! Let us thank God for the courage and fortitude of those women who fought for a right that many of us take for granted today.

St Brigid's School Board News:

The newly elected School Board held its first meeting on Wednesday. Colin MacLeod was re-elected as Residing Member.

The next Board meeting will be on Wednesday 26 October at 6pm.

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

SOUTH DUNEDIN AND CARE FOR CREATION:

Learning and Praying Together as Local Churches

Each year, many churches around the world celebrate the "Season of Creation" in September, providing an opportunity to give thanks for the gift of creation, and to pay attention to environmental concerns. Here in South Dunedin, we face some pressing environmental questions regarding the long-term impacts of sea level rise on our low-lying neighbourhood. This year, local churches are hosting two events to help us to be attentive and prayerfully responsive to these South Dunedin concerns:

LEARNING TOGETHER: Wed 14 Sept, 7.30pm

Where do we see the gift of creation in South Dunedin? How well have we cared for this gift? Can we be hopeful for our future here, given issues of sea level rise? We will consider these questions together in a panel-style discussion, with input from the DCC South Dunedin Future team and local church leaders. This event will be held in the hall at Dunedin South Presbyterian Church, 393 King Edward Street, South Dunedin.

PRAYING TOGETHER: Wed 21 Sept, 7.30pm

This will be a reflective prayer service focused on the theme of creation, giving thanks for our neighbourhood, and also praying for the environmental challenges and opportunities highlighted in the Sept 14 discussion. This event will be held at St Patrick's Basilica, 40 Macandrew Road, South Dunedin.

Face masks are encouraged at both events. This initiative is supported by a number of local South Dunedin churches. For further information, contact info@southdseedling.nz

20:20 Catholic Questions

Spring Sessions - 2022

An opportunity for adult discussion and learning about what the Church teaches and where we fit.

6.20 pm in St Patrick's Basilica, 40 MacAndrew Rd, Dunedin

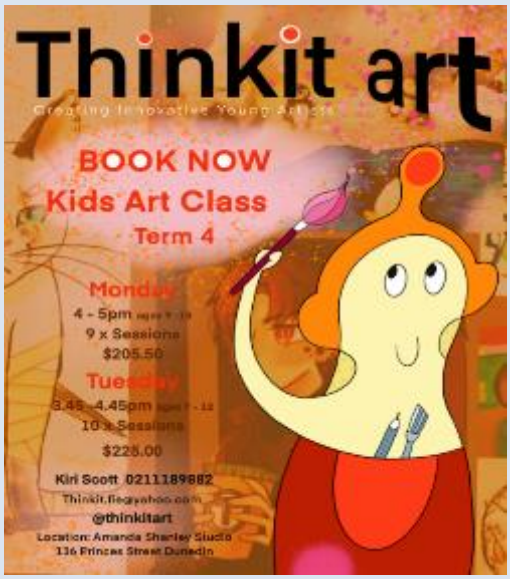
20 minutes presentation,

20 minutes for questions (and out the door by 7.00pm!)

29 September

How do we read the Bible?

Dr. Laurel Lanner
(Teacher and NCRS Resource Developer)
The Bible is not a Pakeha book written for Pakeha people.
How the background of the Bible helps with reading it.

Community News

The latest Tots to Teens digi-magazine, for St Brigid's school community is: **https://issue2209.totstoteens.co.nz/**