

St Brigid's School Newsletter



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Principal's Message

Everyone loves a holiday and the Easter holidays are not far away. Parents sometimes worry that their children are not learning during this time. There is so much that we can do as parents to keep our children's brains ticking over and learning whilst they are away from the school setting. Here are my top tips to keep your child learning during the holidays.



SET TIME ASIDE EACH DAY - We're not talking hours here, we're talking 15 to 30 minutes each day to allow your child to read, complete a maths problem, or anything that they need to do.

MAKE LEARNING A GAME - Children love games, and there are so many quick games that can be played to help your child learn.

DO PUZZLES - There are so many puzzle books you can complete online or via an app. getting your child to do word searches or Sudoku, Wordle every day.

WRITE STORIES - Ask them to write a weekly story. This will help to expand their imagination,

TAKE EDUCATIONAL TRIPS - You could visit a museum, where your child can learn all about science, dinosaurs, and history.

GET OUT AND ABOUT IN YOUR GARDEN - There is so much wildlife on your doorstep, so get outside in your own garden, explore and record.

FOCUS ON SPECIFIC SKILLS - If you know that your child is struggling in a particular area then spend 15 to 30 minutes a day focusing on that area.

Andrew Pozniak

Value Awards were received by the following children this week:

- Rm 4 - Felicity Burke
- Rm 3 - Passion Anthony
- Rm 2 - Miya Bijin
- Rm 1 Leo Patston



St Brigid's House Groups

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

Our House Token Winners this week:

de Paul House: Koby Stanton

Aubert House: Harper Williams

McAuley House: Elizabeth Daniels

Ukraine Mufti Day



Thank you to those children who contributed to the Ukraine Mufti day. We contributed \$73.80c.

Every little bit helps.

Covid-19 Information

New Zealand remains at red.

Currently, we have several confirmed cases of COVID within our school. While these are not our first cases, they are different in the fact that there may have been students at school during a period when they are infectious. We are confident that our health and safety procedures will certainly slow transmission between students, however we cannot ignore the fact that there will be more cases.

We really appreciate your support in relation to COVID, and we ask that you bear with us and be patient as we do everything that we can to keep our school running and our kids safe. This does mean that we are having to be really careful with children that display any symptoms and will be in touch with families in this instant. For our children in Rooms 1 & 2 continued mask-wearing, combined with good hygiene, is proven to be the most effective way to avoid transmission.

If you do happen to have a positive case within your household, please let us know asap as it helps us to manage the spread the best that we can. We really appreciate the communication from families.

Once again, thank you for your support, we are working extremely hard to keep your children safe and the school running as 'normal' as possible.

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.

Stationery Purchases - there are still some payments owing for beginning of the year stationery. We encourage parents to look at the option of setting up automatic payments to spread the payments throughout the year which can be easier on a budget than paying in a lump sum.

Copier & Term 1 EOTC Contributions - we greatly appreciate and are reliant on parents' contributions towards the costs of photocopying and Education outside the Classroom activities.

What's on Next Week

Tues 5 April	Futsal - Superstars
Wed 6 April	Futsal - Strikers
Fri 8 April	PTA Lunch & Donut Day Raffle Cards to be returned
Sun 10 April	Palm Sunday Mass

What's on this Term

Mon 11 - Thurs 14 April	Holy Week covers the last week of Term 1. Caritas Challenge begins on Monday 11 April - more information next week.
Thurs 14 April	Last Day of Term 1
Mon 2 May	Term 2 Begins

Sports News

Futsal - Results:

Superstars won. P.O.D - Koby Stanton
Strikers won. P.O.D - Conall Higgs

Winter Sports - Registration forms are available on the School Facebook page

If your child is not able to play, please contact your coach as soon as possible. Please be on time to pick up your children after their game. If you are running late please let your Coach know.

R. E. COMMENT

Week 9: Violet 28th - 1st April
4th Week Lent

Pope Francis prayer intentions for APRIL
For health care workers

We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.



St Brigid's School Board News

◇ The Board warmly welcomes Jane Hawkins as a new member to the School Board. Jane has been appointed as a Proprietor's Representative.

◇ Next Meeting -
Wednesday 18 May at 6pm

PTA News

✚ A big thank you to the PTA who have agreed to pay the fees for any child who signs up for winter sports. The registration forms for winter sports are available on the St Brigid's School Facebook page.

✚ The new PTA bank account is St Brigid's Home & School **06-0901-0797125-00**.

✚ Now that Covid restrictions have relaxed a little bit the PTA will be organising lunch and donut day on Friday 8th April.

✚ We welcomes Shweta Prasad who has joined the PTA.

✚ Easter Raffle - tickets are going home to families today - please return all cards with money to school by next Friday, 8 April.

Kind regards
Andrew Pozniak



Hi Everyone. I am Debs Whitty and I am the Parish / School Support person. Many of you will be familiar with me as I have taught in both St Brigid's and St Bernadette's over the past 2 years.

One of the roles I have is helping to prepare school age children for the sacrament of Baptism. Another is in leading the parish sacramental programme as children prepare for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion.

Please feel free to contact me with any queries debswhitty26@gmail.com, - I look forward to working with many of you throughout this year!

Palm Sunday Mass 10 April at 9:30am at St Patrick's Basilica

We would love as many families as possible to come along to the Mass on Palm Sunday. Please join us in this celebration.



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:

NB: New Account Number:

06-0901-0797125-00

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

Community News

Poppy Day ANZAC Day

Poppies will be available at the school office for the rest of this term for a gold coin donation.



An interactive art scavenger hunt by Tini Whetū ki te Rangi Find the secret passphrase to unlock your reward!

Saturday 16 April to Saturday 30 April

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The Secret Path

Saturday 16–Saturday 30 April

For families looking for super fun (and Covid-safe) activities these holidays, *the Secret Path* is an interactive art scavenger hunt in the centre city. Pick up a scavenger hunt booklet from the **Dunedin City Library** and participating shops to start the journey. The booklet contains a map of each artwork clue word - discover all the clues to complete a passphrase sentence and unlock a prize!