

# St Brigid's School Newsletter



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## Year 6 Highlights...time to say goodbye.

It has been a delight to watch you all grow into the magnificent individuals you are. We wish you all the very best for your futures and look forward to hearing of the great things you aspire to. We will continue to be proud of your achievements and successes as we hear of what you get up to on the next phase of your journey.

The Production was an amazing experience; I loved every aspect of it!

I have really enjoyed the friendships I have made during my time at St Brigid's.

We have been very fortunate to have had lots of fabulous experiences and trips like the Art Gallery, Museums and Movies etc.

Our playgrounds are awesome. I love having fun on the playground equipment with my friends especially chilling on the new swings.

Last year's camp was great! I loved the horse riding and the kayaking.

My highlight was definitely the STEAM 2040 Project when we were able to design and make a prototype of what we want Dunedin to look like in 20 years' time.

I love St Brigid's and am really going to miss it next year. On my first day I remember that I just felt like I belonged and have ever since!



Camp was a fantastic opportunity to try new things; it was great to see everyone encouraging one another during the activities.

We are so lucky to have done lots of cool art with Mrs C and learn heaps of different art techniques throughout the years.

My favourite memory was on my first day of school running up the driveway to my new friends.

I have loved going to Moana Pool every year especially when we go on the Hydro slide.

I love playing with my friends on the new playground equipment and having the space to run around and have a good time.

We are so lucky to have chromebooks and I love learning how to use all of the Apps.

## Principal's Message

This will be the last newsletter of the year as we look forward to Christmas and the New Year. I get to work with amazing staff who put in so many hours that are often not recognised or realised and I get to share in their joys as they facilitate and encourage the curiosity of your tamariki. I see first-hand, every day the school values that your child displays.



I would also like to thank, parents and Board of Trustees for their support over the last year. Together we have seen our St Brigid' children fully embed our Gospel Values into all activities they have been involved in. I thank everyone for the confidence they place in us as a staff. Your support enables our school to successfully educate value and inspire our students.

I would also like to thank Room 1 teacher Emily Gillan. As you are aware Emily will be leaving us for pastures new. I would like to thank Emily for the passion she brings to teaching, for the dedication to the children and the school community and her professionalism to the teaching profession in what was a very demanding year.

On behalf of all the staff at St Brigid's we wish you all a very happy Christmas. Enjoy a restful holiday and we look forward to an exciting year ahead in 2022

Finally, let us not forget that Christmas is about the birth of Christ. Remember to keep the Christ in Christmas.

Andrew Pozniak



## Values

Congratulations to the children who received Values Awards this week



Room 4 – Ben Anstey & Stella Anstey  
Room 3 – Miya Bijin & Maddex Porter  
Room 2 – Calum McGurk  
Room 1 – Andre Bell & Isla Bell



## St Brigid's House Groups

Congratulations to de Paul House the winning House this week.

Our House Token Winners this week:

Aubert House: *Calum McGurk*

McAuley House: *Stella Anstey*

de Paul House: *Eleanora Aloysius*

**Library Stocktake:** is now well underway. Thank you to everyone that has located library books at home and returned them. We still have a few outstanding.

If your child's name is still on the list we will be contacting you next week.

### End of Year Reports

These will go home next Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December. Please check your child's bag for these. Reports are paper copies in an envelope addressed to you.

## Mission Afternoon

On Tuesday 14th December, Room 1 will be holding our traditional Mission Day. This is the day we run lots of fun activities for the Missions overseas. Please bring along your silver coins and gold coins and be ready to have some fun and win some prizes.



## Production:

Thank you so much for your help and support with costuming and props over the last few weeks. We are happy to report that the children were amazing and we are all very proud of how well they sang and performed. A video of the Production will be available on a Private Youtube account early next week. A link for this will be emailed and put on Facebook for you all to access. A special mention goes to the wonderful parents that have spent the last week sewing, painting, designing, cutting and gluing our fantastic props and costumes!

## End of Year Mass and Prizegiving

Due to number limits this will be invitation only. This will be held at St Patrick's at 6pm on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December.

Under the new traffic light system everyone attending will have to be fully vaccinated, wear a mask and show their Vaccination Passport to gain entry. NB: This is subject to change depending on advice from MOE / MOH regarding COVID.

## BOT News

- + Next meeting: Tuesday 14 December
- + Staffing Update: We are excited to announce that Mr Paul Forster will be teaching in Room 1 next year along with Mrs Idour.
- + Class teachers for 2022:
  - Room 4: New Entrants & Year 1
    - Miss Wassell (Monday – Thursday) & Mrs Chisholm (Friday)
  - Room 3: Years 2 & 3
    - Miss Charleson
  - Room 2: Years 3 & 4
    - Mrs van der Hilst (Monday all day, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday mornings) & Mr Pozniak (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday afternoons & Friday all day)
  - Room 1: Years 5 & 6:
    - Mr Forster (Monday – Thursday) & Mrs Idour (Friday)

## PTA News

- + Free Sausage Sizzle - In support of the school's Monday school prize day. The PTA will put on a free sausage sizzle for lunch followed by a lemonade ice block.  
Thank you to all our amazing families for your continued support through a very difficult year.
- + Raffle Cards: All raffle cards and money must be returned by Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December to go into the draw for some amazing Weekend Getaway prizes. The draw will be held at our End of Year Mass.

## Dates To Remember

### What's On in Term 4

12 Dec	School Working Bee – 10am
14 Dec	BOT Meeting
15 Dec	End of Year Mass & Prizegiving
16 Dec	Last Day of Term 4 – school finishes at 12.30 pm
3 Feb 2022	Term 1 Begins

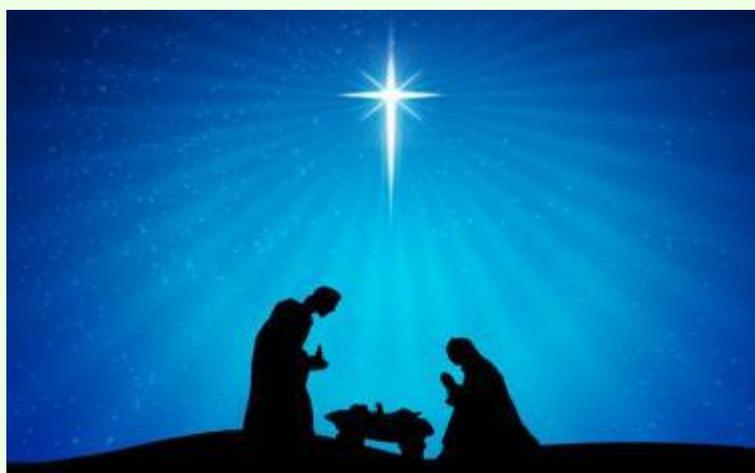
**School Bank Account Details** (Please ensure you deposit money into the correct account)

**Board of Trustees - School Account:**

06 0942 0045712 00

**PTA – Fundraising Account:**

03 1732 0001257 00



As this is our last newsletter for the year, we thank you all for your support during 2021 and wish you all a very happy and holy Christmas with families and friends. We look forward to seeing you next year.

Kind regards

Andrew Pozniak & Deborah Charleson



## Sports Update

Thank you! As our sports are now finished we would like to extend a massive thank you to all of our team coaches and managers that have looked after our sports teams throughout the year. You have done a wonderful job and gone above and beyond this year and we truly appreciate all of your time and effort.

Futsal - Results:

Strikers (Y3&4): Lost: POD: Kyla Roberts  
Beasts (Y5&6): Lost: POD- Kalo Ashton

Flippaball:

Results: Won POD: Whole team  
Congratulations on being first in your grade and being undefeated for the season!

## Working Bee



Working Bee: This Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 10am

The Board would love to get as many parents as possible at school to help with:  
Trimming the trees up the drive  
Moving and digging in the old bars  
General playground tidy up  
If you have a trailer or gardening tools please bring them along!

Please note – you will need to show your vaccine pass on arrival.



# Parish News

## Children's Christmas Mass

Once again the children are invited to help lead our Christmas Eve Mass at 5.30pm. We are looking for as many children as possible to help with the Christmas play - we need a Mary, Joseph, Shepherds, Angels etc. We have costumes available. There will be a practice next weekend (time to be confirmed) and another practice a couple of days before Christmas. No prior acting experience required. Please email the parish office if you would like to be involved - [mercy.parish@extra.co.nz](mailto:mercy.parish@extra.co.nz).

## Sunday Masses with Vaccine Passes

It was wonderful to see our Church full again for Mass last Sunday and not needing to restrict the numbers to 100. A vaccine pass is required for each of our 3 Masses - 6.00pm Saturday Vigil, 9.30am and 11.00am on Sunday. There is a midday Mass at the Cathedral available for those without vaccine passes.

No doubt, it will take a few weeks for us to become accustomed to showing our vaccine passes as we gather for Mass. Please make sure you have your pass close at hand as you come to Mass so the scanning can take place.

I know we all feel a bit awkward about things, but we continue to do our best to support one another and to take care of one another in all the ways we can.



# Community News

Otago Museum on 11 or 12 December



## MONSTER WEEKEND

CELEBRATE THE SEA MONSTERS EXHIBITION OPENING WEEKEND

ONLY 3 SHOWS!



17-19 DECEMBER  
5PM

TICKETS ONLY \$12.50  
FAMILY PASSES \$45



DRESS WARM | BRING A BLANKET  
MASKS & VACCINE PASSES MANDATORY

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