



# St Brigid's School Newsletter

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**Term Two - Week 8, 11<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

# WELCOME

A warm welcome to Owie who joins big brother Quinn in Room 4. Owie is seen with the other keen football players on the field at break times and has settled in like a pro to the classroom routines. We are so happy you are here!



## Lighting the way for all to shine

### Exciting news for St Brigid's

We are delighted to share that, due to continued growth in our school roll, we will be opening a fourth classroom for Term 3 and 4. This is wonderful for our school and reflects the strong support of our community and the positive learning environment we provide for our tamariki.

The new classroom will create an additional learning space and helps us to ensure we continue to offer high-quality Catholic teaching and learning opportunities for our children. Congratulations and welcome to Annabel Low who will be joining our team. We look forward to welcoming Annabel in Term 3.

Thank you to our families and community for your ongoing support as our school continues to grow.

**ST BRIGID'S BUSY BEES**  
Four year old programme

Every second Wednesday 1:45- 2:45pm  
Term 3 Dates: 29th July, 12<sup>th</sup> August, 26<sup>th</sup> August, 9<sup>th</sup> September

Is your child getting ready to start school?  
Our fun, Busy Bees Programme is the perfect way to help them feel confident and excited about their school journey.

Through games, art and craft, hands-on activities, and new friendships, children will:

- Explore early literacy and numeracy skills
- Build fine motor skills
- Develop confidence and social skills
- Become familiar with our school environment and teachers

**BOOK NOW FOR TERM 3**

57 Bayfield Road, Tainui/ Andersons Bay  
03 4543477 or [office@stbrigidsdn.school.nz](mailto:office@stbrigidsdn.school.nz)

PARENTS AND/OR CAREGIVERS MUST BE PRESENT, SO COME ALONG AND MEET OTHER PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS.



## After School Care

After School Care is available in our school hall each day from 3:00pm – 5:45pm. If you require care on a regular basis or for casual days, please contact Isobel on 022 382 6983 for more information.

## Teacher Only Day – 28 August

Isobel will also be running After School Care on the Teacher Only Day, Thursday 28 August. The cost for the day is \$20 per child.

Please contact Isobel directly to make a booking.



## CARDRONA FAMILY SKI WEEKEND

St Francis Xavier School is organising a ski trip to Cardrona Ski Field and warmly invites St Brigid's families to join them on the weekend of 8th–9th August.

This is a fantastic and more affordable way to introduce your family to skiing, with costs significantly lower than standard public prices.

Families will need to arrange their own accommodation and will meet on the mountain to collect gear and lift passes.

If you are interested in attending this trip, please email [andrew@stfrancisxavier.school.nz](mailto:andrew@stfrancisxavier.school.nz). Once your email is received, a booking form will be sent to you to complete and return.

Please ensure all bookings are submitted by Thursday 18th June.

## Celebrating excellence

### Mercy Values, Golden Tickets and School Achievement



## Room 3 Writing

### Grizzly Bears



Grizzly bears are mammals. They are a type of brown bear. Grizzly bears have four strong legs and light brown fur. They have a large hump on their shoulders.

Grizzly bears are found in North America, Canada and Alaska. They can be found inland in mountains and forests.

Grizzly bears are omnivores because they eat plants and meat. Grizzly bears eat plants and roots and berries. Grizzly bears also eat meat and salmon.

I like grizzly bears because of the food they eat.

By Alistair Strang



Grizzly bears are mammals. They are a type of brown bear. Grizzly bears have four strong big claws to smash their prey. Grizzly bears have a large hump shape on their shoulders. This is a mass of muscle attached to the backbone.

Grizzly bears are found in North America, Canada and Alaska. They live in the forests and grasslands. Grizzly bears hibernate for five months in dens that they dig in the ground.

Grizzly bears eat plants, berries, grasses and small mammals and fish because they are omnivores. Their favourite fish to eat is salmon.

I like grizzly bears because of their big sharp powerful claws.

By Renman Dayon



## Philippines Independence Day – Cultural Dress Day

On Friday, 12 June, we will celebrate Philippines Independence Day. We invite all children to wear Filipino cultural dress or clothing that represents their own cultural heritage. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the rich cultures within our school community and learn more about the traditions and history of the Philippines.


We look forward to a colourful day of celebration!

Maligayang Araw ng Kalayaan!" (Happy Philippines Independence Day!)



### Room 3 Writing

**Grizzly Bears**



Grizzly bears are mammals. They are a type of brown bear, but they are smaller. They have light brown fur. Grizzly bears have four strong legs and sharp claws.

Grizzly bears live in North America, Canada and Alaska. Their habitat is grasslands, forests and mountains.

Grizzly bears are omnivores because they eat meat and plants. They forage for plants like roots and berries, with their sharp claws. They eat meat and fish, with their sharp teeth.

I like grizzly bears because they have sharp claws.

By Iza Abin



Last week, we had a visit from a second-year nursing student who worked with our senior students. They planned and delivered a series of engaging lessons focused on friendship, positive relationships, and wellbeing. Tamariki enjoyed the activities and discussions, which encouraged them to think about what makes a good friend and how to build healthy relationships with others. The lessons were well planned, and provided valuable learning opportunities for all involved.

We thank our nursing student for the time and enthusiasm they brought to our school and wish them all the best with the remainder of their studies.

### Every day at school counts!

Thank you for supporting school attendance. Being at school regularly helps children learn and achieve their best.

We are pleased to share that our attendance has improved from 63% in Term 1, 2025 to 74% in Term 1, 2026.

### NIDD Spirit Award Nominations

We are still taking nominations for children showing Fair play. Congratulations to all of our children nominated for Fair play during our Tuakana-Teina time over the last few weeks.



**ST BRIGID'S SPIRIT AWARD**  
*Demonstrating Fair Play*

Celebrating kids who embody the spirit of fair play — showing great sportsmanship, encouraging others, and treating everyone with respect both at school and on the field/court.

- Good Sport**  
Being gracious in victory, respectful at defeat, and supportive of others.
- Playing Fairly**  
Playing by the rules, treating others fairly, and doing the right thing every time.
- Encouraging Others**  
Helping others believe in themselves, celebrating their successes, and lifting them up through challenges.

Together we can achieve great things!

Kerry AND Chloe  
AT NIDD REALTY

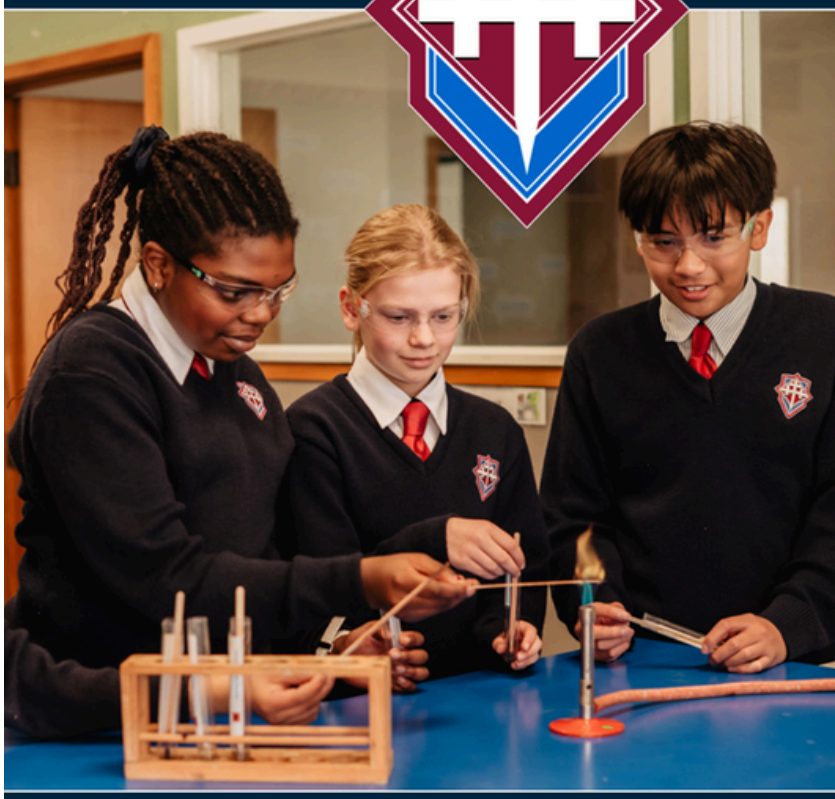
# What's coming up?

- 12th Mass PALS- tuakana-teina
- 17th BOT
- 19th Assembly
- 26th Mass
- 2nd Reports go home
- 3rd Assembly

Last Day of Term 3 - July 3rd  
Last day of the school year is 16<sup>th</sup>  
December - Family Carols from  
11:30 followed by Lunch.

# Trinity Catholic College Open Day

2 August 2026  
12.30pm



Excellence in Learning and Teaching in a Climate of Faith and Pastoral Care

**Dunedin Kindergartens**  
Mara Harahi Puna o Te Ora

**Rotary Park Kindergarten**  
289 Highcliff Road, Waverley



**SPACES ARE AVAILABLE NOW**  
8.30am - 12.30pm 5 mornings a week  
With the option of extending to 2.30pm  
**Full Year Kindergarten**  
2-year-olds can attend for \$2.75 an hour  
3-5+ years are eligible for up to 30 hours free



Enrolment forms are available from the kindergarten  
or online at [www.dk.org.nz/enrol](http://www.dk.org.nz/enrol)

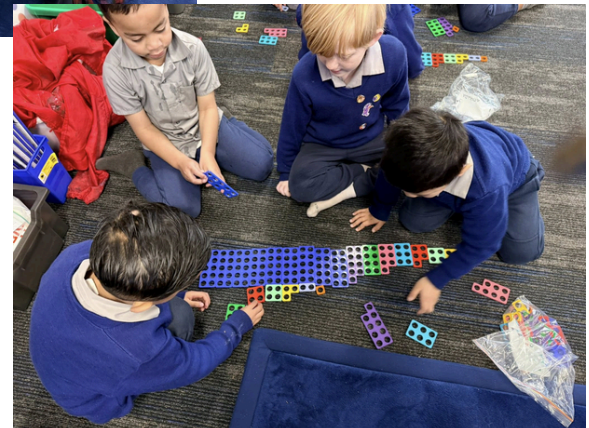
Phone us for more information 03-454-4238  
or email [rotarypark@dk.org.nz](mailto:rotarypark@dk.org.nz)

Check out our Facebook page on  
<https://www.facebook.com/rotaryparkkindergarten>

You are more than welcome to visit with your child at any age and stage.



## Exploring Number together



### Late Starts and School Closure.

If the school is closed for the day, or starting late, a notice will be made on our school facebook page. The following radio stations generally broadcast school announcements from 7am: The Hits Breakfast with Callum & P (Facebook Page) & Radio Dunedin 1305 A The Breeze 98.2 FM More FM 97.4 FM

**Māori Mass this Sunday,  
14 June at 4.30pm at St Patrick's Basilica.**

**St Brigid's School Board of Trustees**  
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