



St Brigid's School Newsletter

57 Bayfield Road, Dunedin 9013

Phone: 454 3477

Email: office@stbrigidsgn.school.nz

March 12th 2026 Term One Week Six

St Brigid's School Family Community Night

Fish and Chip Night Tuesday 24th March 5-7pm



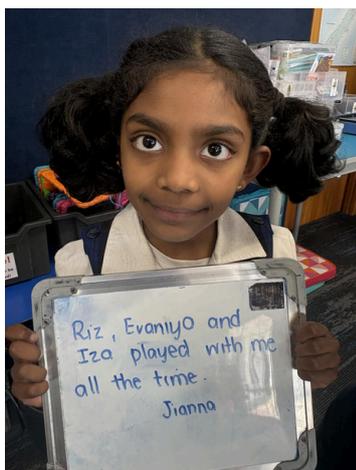
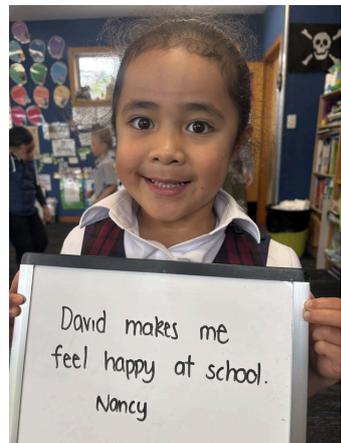
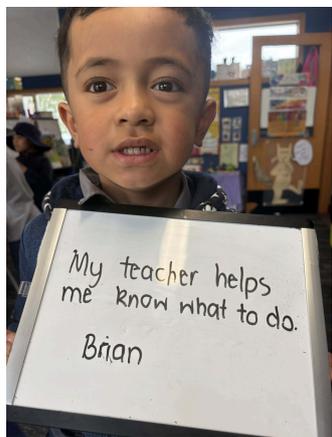
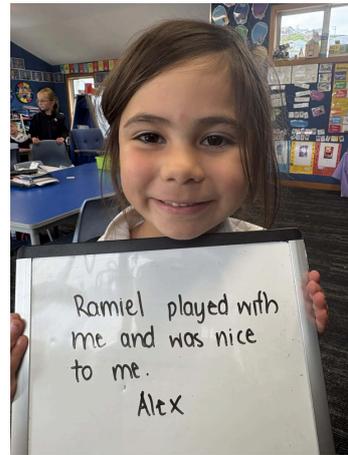
Bring your family, dinner, your bikes, scooters or skates and come along and relax with our community.

During this season of Lent, we continue to reflect on how we can live out our faith through our actions. One way we can do this is by noticing and celebrating the people in our school community who show welcoming hearts and kindness to others.

We are looking for tamariki in our community who go out of their way to make others feel included, supported, and cared for. These small but powerful actions help make our school a place where everyone feels they belong.

If you notice someone showing kindness, offering a helping hand, or making others feel welcome, we would love to hear about it. These are some thoughts from our newest community members.

Together, let us continue to grow a community that reflects the love, compassion, and hospitality we are called to show during Lent and throughout the year.
Teenaka Kennedy





Finn Murphy made me feel safe here. He was kind and friendly.

Alice and Bonnie were first kids I met. They made me feel like I'd been here for years

Daneen and Helyn comforted me and made me feel happy!

LENT WIKI TORU

CLICK OR SCAN TO JAM ALONG TO A SONG ABOUT KINDNESS!



BE KIND TO ALL KIND



We are now in Week Three of Lent. A special time in the Church year when we keep growing our hearts to be more like Jesus.

This week, we are reminded that Lent is not just about giving things up. It is also about cleaning out our hearts and making space for love, kindness, and forgiveness. Just like we sometimes tidy our classrooms or bedrooms, Lent is a time to "tidy up" the way we treat others.

Some things to think about this week:

Are my words kind?

Do my actions help others?

Is there someone I need to forgive?

When we choose kindness, honesty, and patience, we are preparing our hearts for the joy of Easter.



Family Challenge

Spend a few minutes together as a whānau talking about ways you can show kindness or help someone.

It could be:

- Saying something nice to a friend or family member.
- Helping with jobs around the house.
- Forgiving someone if you have been upset with them.

Made by Sam Mackle 2026



School Accounts

You can now access these via the Hero app. Please download this app if you have not already. This also allows you to send in reasons of any lateness and absences.

MOANA NUI Festival

28 MARCH 2026

FORSYTH BARR STADIUM
ŌTEPOTI | DUNEDIN
10AM - 4PM

Parent Interviews

We look forward to meeting with you at our Term 1 Parent Interviews. These meetings are a great opportunity to connect with teachers and learn about ways to support your child.

We have had many changes to our curriculums in the last year and the expectation for all learners have changed. Schools are all implementing these changes to learning programmes and supports.

School attendance

"Every Day Counts"

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem that much but...

If your child misses	that equals...	which is...	and over 13 years of school that's...
1 day a fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 Years
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

Spirit Award Nomination from Linda Grady Congratulations Ailbe!

Ailbe always greets and thanks me on a Friday when I'm making the PTA lunches. When he sees us, he always says, "Hi Vince and Linda," whether we are in the playground or at Mass. He also thanked me by name when I went on the library trip. He never seems to need anyone to prompt him to do this. He is friendly, welcoming and inclusive.

Spirit Award Nomination Congratulations Ben and Lasi!

As a new teacher in the school, I felt warmly welcomed and supported by the children. A special thank you to Ben and Lasi, who helped show me how things worked and where everything was. I feel very lucky to be welcomed into such a warm and positive learning environment.

As a Catholic community, we reflect and grow in faith through a monthly focus topic. We invite you to share your ideas with us. This month our topic is

What does it mean to be a disciple of Christ?

Follow the link to share your thoughts.

<https://forms.gle/s2F6znrNBT1vDxK36>



Last week I attended a trip to Waitangi Treaty Grounds, Kerikeri, and Russell. It was a wonderful opportunity to learn more about Māori history and early life in Aotearoa New Zealand.

We visited Māori pā site, took part in a guided tour of the Waitangi Treaty Grounds, and experienced the celebrations and history of the area. It was also very special to learn more about the work and mission of Jean-Baptiste Pompallier

It was an invaluable opportunity to network with the 15 other principals from Catholic schools across Otago and Southland, sharing ideas and strengthening our Catholic connections.

Year 2 Maths Trial

Our school has been selected to take part in a Year 2 maths trial with our 2026 Year 3 students. This trial is designed to support and strengthen mathematics learning for young students across New Zealand.

Being involved helps the Ministry gather information about the understanding and strategies children use in maths and will contribute to research that will help shape future maths teaching in New Zealand.

Move It March

Last week we had a visit from Scout from the DCC. He came and joined our children at lunchtime to get them excited about our challenge Move it March.

We have enjoyed hearing your Move it March efforts at school and in the weekends!





March

- 16th - P.T.A 7:00pm- All Welcome!
- 16th/17th – Parent Interviews
- 23rd – Otago Anniversary - Public Holiday
- 24th – Fish and Chip Night and “Bring Your Wheels to School”
- 27th – Mass, 10:30 am
- 31st – Room 4 Holy Week Play, 2:30 pm/ Caritas Challenge - Bucket Challenge

April

- 1st – Room 3 Holy Week Play, 2:30 pm/ Caritas Challenge - Eat and Shelter
- 1st – BOT Meeting, 7:15 pm / Caritas Challenge- Giving to others
- 2nd – Hub Holy Week, 2:30 pm

TOD - Friday May 15th and August Friday 28th

School Assembly - 13th and 27th March

Account Name:

St Brigid’s School Board of Trustees
 Account Number: 06-0942-0045712-00
 St Brigid's School PTA
 Bank Account – 06 0901 0797125 00

All welcome
P.T.A
Meeting
16th March 7 pm in
the staffroom

 **School Mass**
 Friday 13th in the school hall
 10:30 am

St Patricks Day
17th March -You are
welcome to wear some
green to school on
Tuesday



School Fun Run
- postponed until Term 4