



# St Brigid's School Newsletter

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## Sacramental Celebrations

Dear Whanāu,

On Wednesday evening, we celebrated the children as they received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time.

Congratulations to Zach, who was also baptised this week. We keep you all in our prayers at this special time.



This Sunday we celebrate Pentecost, a special time in the Church calendar that marks the coming of the Holy Spirit. Pentecost reminds us that we are guided and strengthened by the Holy Spirit in all that we do.

The Holy Spirit helps us to live with open hearts, to seek forgiveness, and to build peace in our relationships. It is a time to reflect on how we can show kindness, understanding, and love to others in our daily lives. Teenaka Kennedy



# Joy Cowley

Joy Cowley has been a much-loved writer of children's books in New Zealand for many years. Chesca has been reading her books since she was three years old, and many of our teachers remember loving her stories when they were children too.

This term, Room 4 has been enjoying the Mrs Wishy-Washy series and has loved the humour and fun in the stories. This week, Molly had the special opportunity to deliver the children's own Mrs Wishy-Washy stories and artwork to Joy herself. It was a very special visit, and Joy was so excited to see the children's work.

Joy kindly donated two books to Room 4, which the children were thrilled to receive. The class is now moving on to the Greedy Cat series, also written by Joy Cowley. The children were excited to learn that Joy is still writing new books in the series today!



## New class for Term 3 and 4!



Due to roll growth, we will be starting a fourth classroom in Terms 3 and 4 for our Year 2 children. This is a wonderful reflection of our growing school community, and we look forward to welcoming more tamariki in the year ahead. We have begun the recruitment for a new teacher and we will keep you updated with any developments.

In Term Three we will also begin our Busy Bees 4 Year old programme for children interested in attending St Brigid's School. This will be held every Wednesday at 1:45pm in Room 4. Bookings are essential. [office@stbrigidson.school.nz](mailto:office@stbrigidson.school.nz)

## Thank you, to our Support Staff!

This week we would like to take a moment to acknowledge and celebrate our wonderful support staff who bring their energy and contribute so much to the life of St Brigid's School.

A huge thank you to Rachel in the office, Marie, Sharon, and Robby for the incredible work they do each day behind the scenes and alongside our children and staff. Their kindness, patience, dedication, and willingness to help in so many different ways make a huge difference to our school community.

From supporting children in classrooms and helping teachers, to welcoming families, keeping things organised, and ensuring our school runs smoothly, their care and commitment do not go unnoticed. We are very fortunate to have such valued members of staff as part of our St Brigid's whānau. Thank you all!



**Robby and Mike have been helping us cut back some overgrown trees in our backyard. The tamariki really enjoyed using some of the offcuts to create huts. It was wonderful to see their teamwork and creativity in action.**



## Reporting

The new reporting requirements outlined by the Ministry of Education continue to change which causes some confusion around what is required and what is simply suggested practice.

In order to avoid reporting errors and unnecessary changes to the format of our reports, we have decided to continue using the same reporting format we have used over the past two years.

This means you will receive progress descriptors showing where your child is currently working at mid-year, along with their next learning steps in reading, writing, and mathematics. More detailed narrative information about your child's progress and achievement will be shared orally during Parent-Teacher Interviews in Term 3.

Once the Ministry's reporting expectations are finalised and we are confident there will be no further changes, we will then update our report format to align with the new requirements.

## The Big Sing

Our Year 5/6 children will be joining students from other Dunedin schools this evening to take part in a mass choir event! With over 600 children on stage, they will come together to perform a selection of songs they have been working hard to learn. We are incredibly proud of the effort and enthusiasm they have shown throughout their preparation. A special thank you to Mrs Chisholm for leading and supporting this wonderful musical experience.



## Netball

This year we have two netball teams, joined by some children from St Francis Xavier School. Thanks to Rachel and Linda, the children were well prepared and loved putting their skills into action on the court.



## School Counsellor

Jameisha, our school Counsellor is available at St Brigid's School every second Tuesday. With parental consent, all children can access this free and confidential support service. Counselling can help children with friendships, emotions, worries, confidence, and challenges they may be facing. If you would like to refer your child for counselling, please speak with your child's classroom teacher or use the link below.

<https://forms.office.com/r/SNbgJcN02n>

## After School Care

After school care is available in our school hall each day 3pm - 5:45pm. If you require care on a regular basis or for casual days, please get in touch with Isobel 0223826983






## Dunedin Trampoline Sports

*Trampoline - Double Mini - Tumbling*

- Fun, supportive and inclusive environment
- Try it out for the rest of term 2 and receive a free trial class
- Opportunity to progress to competitive level
- Ages from 5 to 50+ welcome
- Classes for all levels from beginner through to International and Masters grades

**When:** Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays – recreational classes (enquire about availability)  
**Where:** Caledonian Gym, 265 Andersons Bay Road, Dunedin  
**Cost:** Free trial then \$12.50 per hour (\$18.75 per 1.5hr session)  
 Concession Cards available for casual classes (\$75 for 5 x 1 hr or \$100 for 5 x 1.5 hr classes)

**Website:** [dunedintrampoline.co.nz](http://dunedintrampoline.co.nz)  
**Facebook:** [facebook.com/dunedintrampoline](https://facebook.com/dunedintrampoline)  
**Email:** [dunedin.trampoline@gmail.com](mailto:dunedin.trampoline@gmail.com)  
**Phone:** 027 221 2095




## What's coming up?



21th Big Sing- Seniors Town Hall  
 22nd Assembly  
 29th Mass /PALS- tuakana-teina



1st Kings Birthday School is closed  
 5th Assembly  
 8th/ 10th Keeping ourselves safe - Constable Eddie  
 12th Mass PALS- tuakana-teina  
 15th/ 17th Keeping ourselves safe - Constable Eddie  
 17th BOT  
 19th Assembly  
 26th Mass  
 2nd Reports  
 3rd Assembly

## School Accounts

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



A BUBBLY-BRILLIANT SHOW!



REGENT THEATRE, DUNEDIN  
 FRIDAY 17 JULY, 11AM  
[www.regenttheatre.co.nz](http://www.regenttheatre.co.nz)



Our PTA is a small group of wonderful volunteers who support fundraising and social events within our school community. Their hard work helps create special opportunities for our children and school.

We are currently looking for:

🍷 Helpers for Friday PTA lunches

Even a small amount of time can make a big difference! If you are able to help in any way, we would love to hear from you. Please contact the school office or speak with Teenaka for more information.