

St Brigid's School Newsletter



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*31st August 2023
Term 3 – Week 7*

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Another busy week at St Brigid's School. Some of the Highlights include:

Room 3 children have been getting active and measuring their steps with their pedometers for their Virtual Challenge. This has been an excellent lesson in reading bigger numbers as well as making sure they are extending their steps.

Room 4 are secret Math Agents and have been given clues to solve Math problems to catch the Math villains. They have been learning how to share their learning on Seesaw to their parents.

The Hub have been developing Math knowledge using Maths Buddy and have enjoyed taking time to develop new friends in the playground. They continue their Young Vinnies work with Jo Bell learning about Poverty.

A special shout out this week to Aryan who participated in the ICAS exams in the last few weeks, Miya who shared her dance at the Onam festival and Sebastian who will represent our school at the Otago Cross Country tomorrow.

It is always a delight to be in the classrooms at St Brigid's seeing the dedication from staff and the interest and focus of children in their learning.

faamanuia le atua

Teenaka Kennedy

Welcome



A very warm welcome to Alice and her family, Jane, Andrew, and Tessa. We wish you all the very best for your learning and faith journey with us here at St Brigid's School. We are excited for you to join us.



We are so lucky to have the expertise of Mrs C to create amazing artworks. These are a few of our creations on show in the office.



Miya shared her dance at the Onam Celebrations at the weekend.

ST BRIGID'S HOUSE GROUPS:

Due to no assembly yesterday, House Group notices will resume next week.



Keeping Ourselves Safe.

Constable Eddie has begun Keeping Ourselves Safe lessons in all classes this week.

It is great to have him in our school. Ezra enjoyed a chat and picture at the gate on Tuesday.



What's on in Term 3

Every Thursday this term	School Swimming
Monday 4 th September	Scooter Skills- Hub and Room 3
Tuesday 5 th September	Whole School Mass
Friday 8 th September	Keeping Ourselves Safe
Friday 8 th September	Kindergarten visits 9-10am
Friday 8 th September	School Disco
Sunday 10 th September	Confirmation
Tuesday 12 th September	Mass Room 3
Wednesday 13 th September	Biking Skills Hub
Wednesday 13 th September	Board Meeting 6pm
Friday 22 nd September	Mercy Celebrations - Trinity
Friday 22 nd September	Last day of Term 3
Term 4	
Monday 20 th September	Teacher only day

FREE ENTRY

St Brigid's

SCHOOL DISCO

FRIDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER | 5.30PM | GLOWSTICKS, SNACKS & DRINKS FOR SALE | PRE-ORDERS FOR PIZZA

The GOLDEN TICKET

Due to no assembly yesterday, Golden tickets will resume next week.



Active August.

Kerri, Sandra and Scout joined us to celebrate Active August. Hot Chocolate was made for everyone.



The New Challenge.

Introducing the Inflatable World WOW Challenge!
We all know how hard it can be to walk or wheel every day to school due to weather, after school commitments or even just waking up late! So that is why Scout is challenging Dunedin primary school-aged children to walk or wheel *at least once a week*, as even a little change can make a huge difference! Plus, it doesn't need to be the same day each week, just choose the day that suits!

How the challenge works

- Every student who wants to participate is given a card, with the aim to walk or wheel at least once a week.
- Each week they walk or wheel to school, they can colour in a Scout on their card.
- At the end of the term, if the student has walked or wheeled at least once a week, each week and gets their card signed off by a teacher as verification.
- Then, they can take their completed card to Inflatable World to claim their free session and certificate!

PTA NEWS

As a school we rely on our team to raise funds to support school activities and resources. We are currently selling honey. Please post this on your social media and ask friends and neighbours. All orders need to be back in by the 13th of September for delivery on the 18th. Money can be paid to the PTA account. Please use your child's name and class as the reference and honey as the code.

PTA-Fundraising Account:
06-0901-0797125-00



After School Care

Are you able to provide support for people who might need the odd after school care? Please email Teenaka if you are able to help.

Thank you
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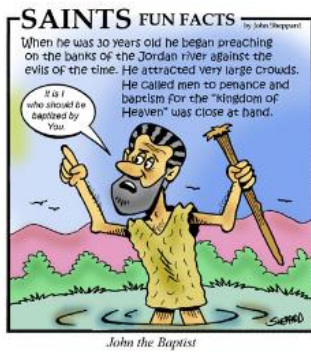
ENROLMENTS

It is time to share the magic and encourage friends and family to come and visit to secure their place for 2024. Please phone the office for more information.

R.E. Comment...

St John the Baptist was a contemporary of Christ who was known for preaching about God and baptising Jesus. John began public ministry around 30 AD, and was known for attracting large crowds across the province of Judaea and around the Jordan River.

When Elizabeth was pregnant with John, she was visited by Mary, and John leapt in her womb. This revealed to Elizabeth that the child Mary carried was to be the Son of God.



BOARD NEWS

Next Meeting: Wednesday 13th September 6pm

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:

06-0901-0797125-00
(For fundraising, uniform shop, lunch orders etc)

Please reference your child's name and reason for payment (e.g. stationery / pizza / etc.) when paying online.

COMMUNITY NEWS....

20:20 Catholic Questions

Spring Sessions - 2023

about

What's going on with Religious Education in Catholic Schools?

An opportunity for adult discussion and learning about what the Church teaches and where we fit.

6.20 pm in St Patrick's Basilica, 40 MacAndrew Rd, Dunedin
20 minutes presentation,
20 minutes for questions (and out the door by 7.00pm!)

21 September

What does RE look like in Aotearoa Catholic Schools?

Colin MacLeod
(Director National Centre for Religious Studies)

Tō Tātou Whakapono Our Faith – what is it? Looking at the structure and intent of the NZ Catholic Bishops' Religious Education programme.

5 October

Why is Grace important in Religious Education?

Colin MacLeod
(Director National Centre for Religious Studies)

We are surrounded by, and filled with, God's grace. What do we understand by grace, and how are we called to respond?

7 September

How does parish life and Religious Education connect?

Gerard Aynsley
(Vicar General, Parish Priest – Mercy Parish)

Woven in Christ. Reflecting on the interconnectedness of the teaching of the Church and lives of the faithful.

19 October

Why is Prayer important in Religious Education?

Amy Armstrong
(Pastoral Ministry Co-ordinator)

Prayer is part of every aspect of living a Christian life. What do we understand by prayer, and how are we called to respond?

2 November

Why is Wisdom important in Religious Education?

Judy McHugh
(Parish Nurse – Mercy Parish)

Wisdom is seeing with the eyes of God. What do we understand by wisdom, and how are we called to respond?

16 November

Why is Justice important in Religious Education?

Gerard Aynsley
(Parish Priest – Mercy Parish)

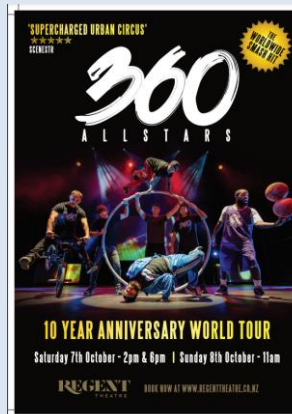
Justice is central to faith. What do we understand by justice, in the light of Catholic social teaching, and how are we called to respond?

30 November

Why is Holiness important in Religious Education?

Slobhan Burke
(Teacher at St Barnabas's school)

Holiness is about being whole. What do we understand by holiness, and how are we called to respond?



September 2023 is Bee Aware Month, and we will be holding workshops to educate on how to promote biodiversity, live more sustainably, and help bees and other important pollinators in your backyard. There will be fun games, gardening tips, and scientists on hand to answer your questions. Play our "Is It A Bee?" game, dig through leaf litter for bugs, visit the bee-feeding station, or get a face painted with your own little critter (11-2)- there are plenty of free activities to keep the whole family entertained and informed on backyard biodiversity!