

St Brigid's School Newsletter



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Principal's Message



We had our first School Board meeting last week and we acknowledged a few personnel changes due to board members' children graduating St Brigids last year. Craig Ashton has resigned as chairperson but will be staying on the board until the September elections, Dean Bell and Danielle Joseph both resigned in December 2021.

As I reflect on Craig's leadership as board chair I am struck by two things - the first is how his heart has always been in the right place regarding the school, he has demonstrated this by his professionalism and empathy with the school community. Secondly, Craig was always trying to move the school forward - whether it be by setting goals, monitoring progress or liaising with people, he represented the school community, which reflected who we are. Thank you for your service, Craig. I would also like to thank Danielle and Dean for their great work on the board over the years. I would especially like to acknowledge Danielle's tireless work on school promotion and Dean as treasurer whose effort and skill has ensured our financial stability.

Every board member brings their own unique set of skills and experiences to the board. The two School Board members who have stepped into Craig and Deans' shoes are Colin MacLeod, the new chairperson and Chris Higgs, the new treasurer. Both are experienced School Board members and I am sure they will bring their considerable expertise to the new positions.

Andrew Pozniak

St Brigid's House Groups

Congratulations to **McAuley House** who were the winning House this week.

Our House Token Winners this week:

de Paul House: Sofia Bingley

Aubert House: Jesse Lavea

McAuley House: Dexter Valentine



Value Awards

were received by

the following children this week:

Room 4 Matalasi Tuigamala

Room 3 Theo Hawkins

Room 2 Freddy Patston

Room 1 Olivia Anstey

4 March 2022
Term 1 Week 5

Dear Parents/Caregivers



This 'week we celebrated Ash Wednesday by having a lovely Mass which was led by our senior students.

Walk 'n' Wheel Week 2022



Next Monday 7th March
-Friday 11th March

Sport Otago have organised a Walk 'n' Wheel Week. This week is designed to create safer walking and wheeling environments around schools by reducing the number of cars and reducing congestion at the school gate.

Sickness Thank you for keeping your children home when unwell. If your child develops symptoms it would be prudent for your child to have a Covid test and keep them at home until you receive notification. If your child has experienced vomiting or diarrhoea they should not be back at school for 48 hours following their last episode.

Covid If your child has tested positive with Covid please inform the school office immediately. We will continue to follow Ministry of Education guidelines about our school and possible Covid cases. We will **not** disclose individual cases, we are only obliged to disclose classrooms. We will endeavour to protect the names of any individual who may have Covid and we live by the values of our school to support such families.

We stringently follow Public Health measures which are designed to keep our staff, students, and community safe. **The health and wellbeing of our staff, students and school community are our top priority.**

HEARING YOU

Next Thursday will be the first day of our counselling support service, Hearing You. We would like to acknowledge Catholic Social Services for working with our schools to make this happen and to the Mercy Charitable Outreach Fund and the Caring Foundation who have given us funding support. We are very lucky to be able to provide this worthwhile service for our school and it is great that we will have India, our Hearing You Counsellor here at St Brigid's every second Thursday.

Thank you to everyone that has completed the permission form already. If you have not yet, there is still time to give permission for your child to take part in the service. It is important that we gather these as it is a new service and we need to know about each child's permission. Please use the link below to complete the form online, if you require a paper copy please contact the office and we will send one out on Monday.

<https://forms.gle/2kpVgCmoD4Rd2Vm96>

What's on it next week

Mon 7 March	Walk n Wheel Week Begins 'Move it Monday"
Tues 8 March	Walk n Wheel "Choose it Tuesday" Futsal for St Brigid's Superstars
Wed 9 March	Walk n Wheel "Wacky Wednesday" Futsal for St Brigid's Strikers
Thurs 10 March	Walk n Wheel "Thoughtful Thursday"
Fri 11 March	Walk n Wheel "Foot it Friday"

What's on this term

Sun 27	St Brigid's Family Mass at St Patrick's
Wed 30	BOT Meeting

Sports News

Sports Code of Conduct forms: Thank you to everyone who has completed these - if you haven't please complete as soon as possible.

Sports Fees for Futsal (\$60) are now overdue, please pay these as soon as possible.

Futsal - Results:

Superstars won. P.O.D - Ailbe O'Kane
Strikers won by default. P.O.D - Dom Helson-South

Bike School

Yesterday Bike School arrived at St Brigid's! Room 1 had a wonderful day learning bike skills and how to ride safely on the roads. A small group were fortunate to try out their skills and their knowledge of the road rules on the local streets. A big thank you to the instructors who shared their expertise with our tamariki.



Kind regards - Andrew Pozniak

R. E. COMMENT

Week 5: Green 28th - 4th March

2nd Ash Wednesday

4th Saint Casimir

On Wednesday we began the season of Lent with Ash Wednesday celebrations. The ashes are a reminder to try to turn away from sinful things and be sorry for any wrongdoing. Lent is a season of repentance and conversion. The season lasts for 40 days and the liturgical colour used is violet.



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:

03 1732 0001257 00

(For fundraising, uniform shop, lunch orders etc).

If you send money to school, please place in an envelope and include the following information:

- Child's Name
- Classroom Number
- What the payment is for
- The amount

Community News

FOOTBALL SOUTH PRESENTS

FOOTBALL SOUTH

FUN SKILL SESSIONS

Girls and Women

PLAY. DREAM. LIVE

**LOGAN PARK TURF
DUNEDIN
SUNDAY 6TH MARCH
9AM-12.30PM**

**KICKIN' IT
FESTIVAL**

**CVCS NEEDED
FOR THOSE
OVER 12 YEARS
AND 3 MONTHS.**