St Brigid's School Newsletter

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WELCOME

Happy 5th birthday to Alex!
Alex began her school journey at St Brigid's School on Monday and has settled in so well.

A warm welcome to Alex, her mum, dad, and brother Max.

We are so glad to have you join our school community!

Kia ora koutou,

During this Lenten season, we are reminded that joy can be found in the simplest acts of kindness. Maggie and Quinn both six years old recently made rhubarb jam with Quinn's mum using fruit from our school garden.

On Wednesday, we drove around our parish and community delivering these jars as gifts. The joy from those who received them was priceless — smiles, gratitude, and a real sense of connection. It was a beautiful reminder that small gestures can brighten someone's day.

Let us all be encouraged to carry out small acts of kindness. You never know who might need it, or when it might make all the difference.

Teenaka Kennedy

NIDD REALTY

Spirit Award

Chloe and Kerri from NIDD Realty are bringing back the Spirit Award . We will share the value on our facebook page on Friday.
Parents, teachers, and children can make nominations to the school office.
All nominated children will go into a draw and one lucky person will receive a prize!

The Prize draw will be on March the 27th

We are devestated to share the sudden passing of Sharon's husband, Kevin this week. Sharon works in Room 3 and The Hub as a much loved teacher aid and friend.

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Sharon and her family have been treasured members of our school for over 25 years. Kevin supported our school as a past parent, at school events and generously helped with groundskeeping over the years.

Our staff are devastated by this news, and our thoughts and prayers are with Sharon and her whānau at this very difficult time.

We ask that you keep Sharon and her family in your thoughts as they navigate this loss. As a school, we will continue to support Sharon in every way we can.

It can be really helpful for children to have a safe place to talk about what's happening for them. Our Hearing You – Whakarākona Mai counsellors are qualified and experienced, providing confidential support to children and young people at school. Children can self-refer, and counsellors can also receive referrals from teachers, parents, or external agencies. Jamisha our cousellor visits every second Tuesday. Let us know if you would like to access this service.

A big thank you to the Mercy Trust for supporting this service in our Catholic schools. They donate $45, 000 a year for us to have this service.

On Wednesday all Dunedin Catholic school staff came together for the launch of Te Korowai o te Kotahitanga, marking the next chapter of our community of learning.

We celebrated the progress we have made together, especially in building strong relationships, supporting learning building teacher knowledge , and growing our professional practice. It was also a chance to reflect on how we support both teachers and students, while celebrating our special character and shared values.

We are excited about this journey ahead as we continue to grow, learn, and support one another.

On Tuesday night, Pasifika families from our Catholic schools in Dunedin came together for a Talanoa evening. It was a special time of prayer, sharing, and celebrating the successes of our Kāhui Ako, while also focusing on how we can better support Pasifika learners.

We listened to voices from our community and heard from a lecturers from Victoria University of Wellington, sharing our learning over the last five years.

The evening finished with an umu, celebrating culture and community.

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

Who do I understand Jesus to be?

Follow the link to share your thoughts.
https://forms.gle/s2F6znrNBT1vDxK36

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School policies

At St Brigid's School, our school policies are provided by SchoolDocs. SchoolDocs is an independent service that provides core policies that meet legislative and regulatory requirements and good practice, with school-specific information.
We invited you to be part of each terms review
https://www.schooldocs.co.nz/
Username: stbrigidsdn
Password: brigids57

Parent / Teacher Discussions

A reminder that our first discussions for the year will be held on Monday 16th March and Tuesday 17th March between 3pm – 6pm. Please complete the Google Form by 5pm Monday 2nd March (see link below). A confirmation slip will be sent home later that week.
NB – School closes at 3pm on both days.
https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSfSy2LsEi5.../viewform

St Brigid's School Family Community Night

Fish and Chip night change of date
Tuesday 24th March 5-7pm

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

Welcome to all families.

February
27th – Mass 10:30 am

March
3rd – PAL Training Year 6 children
13th – Mass, 10:30 am
16th - P.T.A 7:00pm
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
27th – School Fun Run 2:00 pm
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 with one to confirm

School Assembly every second week
The dates are:

27th February
13th March
27th March

Move It March

We are excited to announce Move It March!

This is a chance to get active by walking, wheeling, or scooting to school as much as you can.

If you can't bring your wheels to school, you can still do some laps before the day begins.

Let's get moving and have fun! There are prizes to be won!

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This Sunday is the Weetbix Tryathlon in Mosgiel.
Good luck to all athletes taking part.
We hope you have fun!