

St Brigid's School Newsletter



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Principal's Message

Sometimes I have the sense that the media too often focuses on the negative news about schools - with that in mind, all Principals should be prepared to spread the good news about their schools. What is the best thing about our School?



We have the most beautiful, interesting, motivated and talented children from a wide range of ethnicities. A true testament that great schools cannot exist without great students.

Every adult and child is enriched by just being part of our school. Every child and every teacher has the special privilege of meeting, talking to and learning with different children and families from places from around New Zealand and all over the world. We learn with joy, understanding and delight in what each of us offers one another. Our school is a perfect example of how different people can live together, work together, and learn together.

The St Brigid's School community respects each other, supports each other, and helps each other to succeed. Here is a quote from the Bible, which perfectly expresses St Brigid's attitude. *"Truly I tell you, whoever accepts anyone I send accepts me, and whoever accepts me accepts the one who sent me". John 13:20*

Andrew Pozniak

Value Awards were received by the following children this week:

Rm 4 - Ben Anstey Rm 3 - Sofia Bingley
Rm 2 - Brianna Baltar-Boorer Rm 1 Julian Osland

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: Kylle Calderon
Aubert House: Matalasi Tuigamala
McAuley House: Kyla Roberts



Otago Anniversary Day

School will be closed this Monday, 21 March for Otago Anniversary Day - enjoy the long weekend!

Walk and Wheel Week

Thank you for your awesome support with this last week! We had a random raffle draw for all those that participated in our Walk and Wheel Week - here are the lucky winners: Maddex Porter, William Valentine, Sirafin Mariya Binu, Olivia Anstey, Shynnie Tan, Felicity Burke, Elizabeth Daniels, Eleanora Aloysius, Nicky McDonald and Jeszyda Paulo.

Thank you to Sport Otago for supplying the prizes. It is great to see that many of the tamariki are continuing with walking or wheeling to school.

Meet the Teacher

Thank you to everybody who participated in the Meet the Teacher Zoom Meeting on Monday. We hope you got as much out of it as we did. We really enjoyed meeting with you and look forward to holding these meeting in person in the future.

Book Club Orders

These are due in by Wednesday 23 March. If you are doing a cash order, please send the correct amount to school in a labelled envelope. 😊

Reporting Absences

If your child is absent from school, we need to be notified of the reason why your child is absent. **If we are not told of the reason we then have to mark the child as Truant.**

Covid-19 Information

- Masks to be worn for children in Rooms 1 & 2 - a reminder to parents of children in Rooms 1 & 2 that they must provide masks for their children. The school only has a limited emergency supply.
- Good hygiene with regular hand sanitising -
- All windows and doors open allowing good airflow
- Social distancing - stay home if you are unwell or have symptoms.

What's on Next Week

Mon 21	Anniversary Day - School closed
Tues 22	Futsal - Superstars
Wed 23	Futsal - Strikers

What's on this Term

Sun 27 Mar	St Brigid's Family Mass at St Patrick's
Wed 30 Mar	BOT Meeting
Thurs 14 April	Last Day of Term 1
Mon 2 May	Term 2 Begins

Sports News

Futsal - Results:

Superstars won by default.

Strikers lost. P.O.D - Hart-Lee Goodship

Please be on time to pick up your children after their game. If you are running late please let your Coach know.

Reminders:

No Lollies at school: just a reminder that our policy at school is no lollies in lunchboxes etc. We would appreciate your cooperation with upholding this. This also applies to children not bringing toys to school. Thank you.

Futsal Fees (\$60) for most of the players is yet to be paid - as the school has incurred the cost of paying the team fees to Football South we would appreciate parents paying ASAP.

Stationery Purchases - there are still some payments owing for beginning of the year stationery. Thank you to all the parents who have already paid or else have set up automatic payments. We encourage parents to look at the option of setting up automatic payments to spread the payments throughout the year which can be easier on a budget than paying in a lump sum.

Copier & Term 1 EOTC Contributions - Thank you for your contributions - the school is very much reliant on parents assisting with the additional costs of transport etc with education outside the classroom activities and greatly appreciate the contributions received from parents/caregivers.

Pick Up & Drop Off

Parents are **not** to drive up the driveway for drop off and pick up between 8:30 -to 9:15am and 2:45 to 3:15pm for obvious safety reasons.

If you do need to use the driveway at other times of the day you must adhere to the speed limit of 10k mph.

R. E. COMMENT

Week 7: Violet 14th - 18th March

2nd Week Lent

13th Anniversary of Election of Pope Francis, 2013

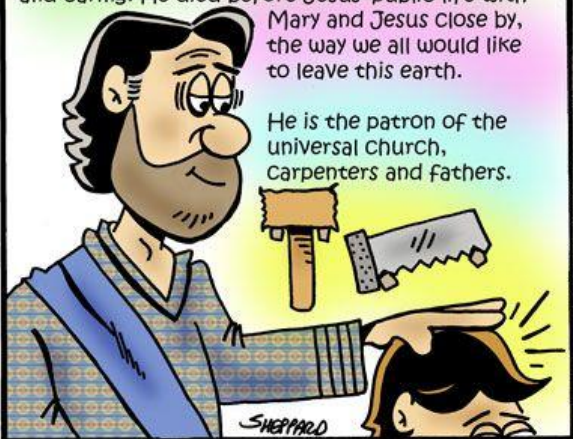
17th SAINT PATRICK

18th Saint Cyril of Jerusalem

19th SAINT JOSEPH

SAINTS FUN FACTS by John Sheppard

A carpenter, a humble man, loving husband and a father. Without question, he heeded God in his dreams to save his family. He respected God and followed his commands. He was also compassionate and caring. He died before Jesus' public life with Mary and Jesus close by, the way we all would like to leave this earth.

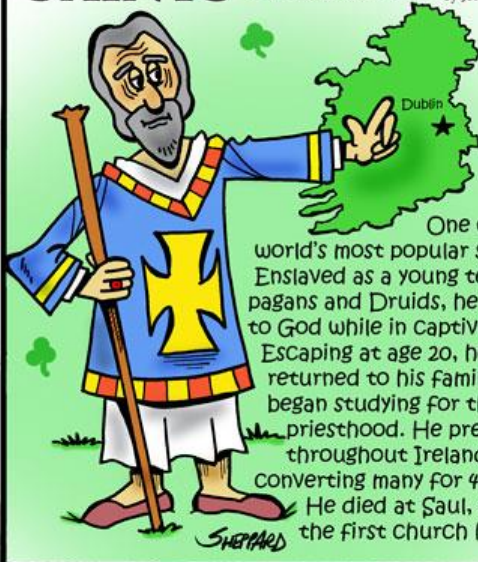


He is the patron of the universal church, Carpenters and fathers.

St. Joseph

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One of the world's most popular saints. Enslaved as a young teen by pagans and Druids, he turned to God while in captivity. Escaping at age 20, he returned to his family and began studying for the priesthood. He preached throughout Ireland converting many for 40 years. He died at Saul, site of the first church he built.

St. Patrick

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This is a big week. The 2nd Week of Lent, Patricks Day and St Joseph's Day and the anniversary of Pope Francis' election as Pope. Lots of things to remember and celebrate.

Kind regards
Andrew Pozniak

BOT News

Next Meeting by Zoom
Wednesday 30 March

PTA News

Zoom Meeting
Tuesday 22 March

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).