



St Brigid's School Newsletter

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Santa has saved the date. Have you?

St Brigid's School Christmas Market

Saturday 5th December

11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.



Thank you for joining us for our Matariki Liturgy on Tuesday. Matariki is a special time to reflect on the past, celebrate the present, and look forward with hope to the future. As we gather together, we are reminded of the many things that make St Brigid's School such a special place—our faith, our children, our families, and our strong sense of community.

As we look ahead, we are beginning to develop our 2027 Strategic Plan, and we would love to hear your thoughts. Your ideas and feedback are important to us and will help shape the future direction of our school.

Some questions are displayed in the hall and will remain there until Parent Interviews. We invite you to take a few moments to share your ideas by answering the following questions:

- What makes St Brigid's Catholic School special, and what are we doing really well?
- How can we continue to strengthen our connections with whānau, culture, and our wider community?
- What could we improve or change to make learning and experiences even better for our children?
- What would you like to see as part of the future of St Brigid's School?

You are also very welcome to come and talk with us at any time or send us your thoughts via email. We value your partnership and appreciate your feedback as we work together to continue making St Brigid's School the very best it can be for our children and families.

Teenaka

After School Care and Teacher only day

Our school care programme runs daily in our school hall. Please book with Isobel. Isobel will also be open for the Teacher only day on August the 28th

\$20 for the day. Phone Isobel 022 382 6983

Maligayang pagdating- Welcome



Happy 5th Birthday to Raniel. Raniel had his first day on Tuesday. Raniel got a robot for his birthday and enjoyed a chocolate cake. His favourite colour is green and he is enjoying making new friends. He excited to join his cousins Danelle and Daneen at school. God Bless you as you begin your school. journey.

We are so happy you are here!

Parent interviews

We would love to share and celebrate your child's progress. The last day to register for interviews is tomorrow Friday. Thank you Deborah for the time you take to organise the times for these.



ST BRIGID'S SCHOOL

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RESPECT • CARE • RESPONSIBILITY

PB4L BEHAVIOUR MATRIX

Following Jesus every day through
Respect, Care and Responsibility.

WHERE WE ARE:	CLASSROOM	LEARNING SPACES & HALL	PLAYGROUND	TOILETS	CHURCH & PRAYER
 RESPECT Manaakitanga	• Listen when others are speaking. • Use kind words. • Look after learning equipment. 	• Walk quietly. • Use inside voices. • Respect everyone's learning. 	• Include everyone. • Play fairly. • Use respectful language. 	• Give others privacy. • Keep toilets clean. 	• Enter quietly. • Listen respectfully. • Participate prayerfully. 
 CARE Aroha	• Help others. • Encourage classmates. • Take care of our classroom. 	• Hold doors for others. • Look after displays. • Keep spaces tidy. 	• Use equipment safely. • Care for younger students. • Look after our environment. 	• Wash hands. • Leave the area tidy. • Report problems. 	• Show reverence. • Care for sacred spaces. • Join in prayer respectfully. 
 RESPONSIBILITY Kaitiakitanga	• Come ready to learn. • Try your best. • Complete your learning. 	• Walk safely. • Be in the right place. • Follow instructions. 	• Solve problems peacefully. • Use equipment correctly. • Tell an adult if someone needs help. 	• Flush the toilet. • Wash hands. • Return to class promptly. 	• Bring what you need. • Participate respectfully. • Represent St Brigid's with pride. 
We are a Catholic school community. 	AT ST BRIGID'S WE...  Respect ourselves, others and God's creation.  Care with kindness and compassion.  Take responsibility for our choices and learning.			He waka eke noa We are all in this together.  	

Our PB4L posters are now up around the school. We have been reviewing our behaviour expectations and ensuring they clearly support the positive learning environment we want for all our children. We know that a positive environment helps children to learn, grow, and thrive. Our focus is on recognising and celebrating positive behaviours and rewarding children who are living our school values of Care, Respect, and Responsibility every day. By creating a positive environment, we support all children to feel safe, valued and ready to achieve their best.

St. Brigid's Community Recipe Book We need recipes from all families!

Recipes can be handwritten or emailed to office@stbrigidson.school.nz or dropped into the office.

NIDD
REALTY

July NIDD Spirit Award

Teamwork

Celebrating students who work well with others, encourage their peers/siblings, and contribute positively to group activities both at school and at home. Last week to get those nominations in! office@stbrigidson.school.nz.
Presentation day- July 31st.



This week we welcomed Rowan from the DCC Environment Team, who talked with all classes about reduce, reuse, recycle and the ways we can all help care for our environment. The children learnt about the importance of making responsible choices and how small actions can make a big difference.

As a rubbish-free school, we encourage everyone to use reusable containers and minimise packaging wherever possible. This is one of the ways we show Care for our planet and take responsibility for protecting the environment for future generations.



Our Busy Bees programme began this week. This is a wonderful programme for our four-year-old children and is open to all families. Busy Bees provides an opportunity for children to become familiar with our school, build relationships, and begin their learning journey with us in a fun and supportive environment.

Please spread the word if you know someone who may be interested in joining us. We would love to welcome more children and families into our St Brigid's School community.



ST BRIGID'S BUSY BEES

Four year old programme

Every second Wednesday 1:45- 2:45pm

Term 3 Dates: 29th July, 12th August, 26th August, 9th September

Is your child getting ready to start school?

Our fun, Busy Bees Programme is the perfect way to help them feel confident and excited about their school journey.

Through games, art and craft, hands-on activities, and new friendships, children will:

- Explore early literacy and numeracy skills
- Build fine motor skills
- Develop confidence and social skills
- Become familiar with our school environment and teachers

BOOK NOW FOR TERM 3

57 Bayfield Road, Tainui/ Andersons Bay
03 4543477 or office@stbrigidsdn.school.nz

PARENTS AND/OR CARERS MUST BE PRESENT, SO COME ALONG AND MEET OTHER PARENTS AND CARERS



The 2026 theme for Vanuatu Bislama Language Week is "Tokbaot klaemet jenis – Hemi tru samting mo yumi mas lukaotem gud laef" - Talk about climate change – it is real, and we must look after life. The theme encourages everyone to take action on climate change while celebrating and promoting the Bislama language within Vanuatu communities in New Zealand. To celebrate Vanuatu Bislama Language Week, here are some helpful greetings and phrases to use in your emails and conversations this week:



ENGLISH	BISLAMA
Hello	Halo
Good morning	Gud moning
Greetings everyone	Halo long yufala evriwan
See you tomorrow	Lukim yu tumoro
Please	Plis
Blessings	God i blesem yu
See you later	Lukim yu
Thank you (very much)	Tankyu (tumas)
You're welcome	I oraet nomo
All the best	Gudlak
Excellent	Nambawan
God is good	God i gud
Well done	Naes tumas
Goodbye	Tata



For more information about Vanuatu Language Week, check out the Ministry for Pacific Peoples website.





Everyone is an artist, and we are so proud of the work our children have created. Every student has produced a piece of artwork that will be displayed in the Otago Peninsula Art Exhibition.

The exhibition begins at Bayfield School on Tuesday. We encourage you to pop down and view the amazing masterpieces created by our talented young artists. The exhibition will be open daily until 5:00pm in the school hall.



Women's Wellness Mini Retreat

Worth over \$200

Saturday August 1st
St Brigid's School Hall
1-3.30pm \$45



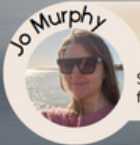
Pilates

Clinical Mat Pilates instructor & PT
with 18 years experience



Clinical Psychologist

Host of Just a Minute with Dr Kumari,
21 years experience



Dietitian

Supports healthy, holistic relationships with
food along with current nutritional knowledge

3 engaging
expert speakers

Incl. nourishing
afternoon tea

School fundraiser,
give back while you recharge!

Secure your spot today!

wellnessminiretreat.nz



You are invited

Chris Skinner

Inspirational New Zealand Singer &
Songwriter



Sunday 6 September 2026 | 2:00pm
Trinity Catholic College Auditorium
340 Rattray Street, Dunedin

All proceeds to Nano Nagle Trust supporting children to receive
Catholic Education

Tickets \$20 | Early Bird \$15 (by 15 August)

For tickets pay: Nano Nagle Charitable Trust
03-1736-0513225-000

Email: nanonagletrust@gmail.com
Scan for details



School Calendar

Term 3 Dates

July

30th Swimming whole school
31st Assembly
1st Womens Wellness day

August

Active August begins
3rd Peninsula Art Festival
6th Swimming
7th Mass 10:30 a.m Tuakana teina /Cultural time
10th Parent interviews
11th Parent interviews
12th Wacky hat day
12th Board meeting
13th Swimming
14th Assembly Cultural time
18th Ariki Cup
20th Swimming
21st Mass 10:30 a.m/ Tuakana teina
24th/ 25th Art Gallery School
27th Swimming
28th Teacher only day

September

3rd Swimming
4th Family School Disco
4th Concert Year 3-6 Trinity
4th Mass 10:30 a.m Tuakana teina
7th Social Justice week
7th - 11th PolyFest - Time to be decided
9th Board meeting
10th Swimming
11th Assembly/ Cultural time
18th Mass 10:30a.m /Tuakana teina
25th Mercy Day/ Cultural time
Last day of the school year is 16th December -
Family Carols from 11:30 followed by Lunch.



God
bless
you



KIDS XC SERIES 2026

Collect all 3 Ribbons

Sun 19 July - Chisholm Park

Sun 2 Aug - Rotary Park

Sun 23 Aug - Chingford Park

10am
start

AGES 10
&
UNDER

Fun event for ALL
Awesome obstacles
Club & Community runners

Race Entry -
Can of Food
Donation

All donated cans of food will
be given to a local foodbank.

No pre entry - Just turn up!

Late Starts and School Closure.

If the school is closed for the day, or
starting late, a notice will be made
on our school facebook page. The
following radio stations generally
broadcast school announcements
from 7am: The Hits Breakfast with
Callum & P (Facebook Page) & Radio
Dunedin 1305 A The Breeze 98.2 FM
More FM 97.4 FM

St Brigid's School Board of Trustees

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