



# St Brigid's School Newsletter

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**Term Two - Week 6 28<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

Dear Whanāu,

At St Brigid's School, we are guided by our Catholic faith and the example of St Brigid, living out the values of care, respect, and responsibility in all that we do.

This week we received a letter from Fr Michael Pui, New Zealand National Director of the Pontifical Mission Societies, acknowledging our amazing work in raising funds for the missions from last years Missions Day. This is a wonderful recognition of our tamariki's leadership and generosity to help others.

We have also enjoyed having Jennie visit our school to teach the children about developing our garden. This week we harvested some potatoes and planted garlic, preparing for the summer season.

It has been wonderful to see such a keen group of children working together, showing enthusiasm and care for our environment.

This Sunday, we join the wider Catholic Church in celebrating Holy Trinity Sunday, which honours the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit as one God. It reminds us of God's love, unity, and presence in our lives, and invites us to deepen our faith and our relationship with God and others.

Blessings to you all  
Teenaka

*Congratulations*

Damian Seby is our first nomination for our NIDD Spirit Award for Fair Play Award nominated by Theo



## Samoan Language Week 2026

Samoan Language Week 2026 is a special time where we celebrate Samoan language, culture, and heritage. Throughout the week, students will take part in activities that promote learning and appreciation of Gagana Sāmoa, including songs, stories, art, dance, and shared cultural experiences.

This year's celebration provides an opportunity for all students to strengthen their understanding of Samoan values such as respect, family (aiga), faith, and service, and to recognise the important contribution of Samoan culture within Aotearoa New Zealand.

We encourage all ākonga to come together to honour and celebrate Samoan Language Week 2026.



### University Student Teacher Placements

Welcome back to Zara and Michael, our third-year student teachers who will be working in Room 4 and Room 3 for the next three weeks. Zara and Michael have been working closely with their associate teachers to plan learning experiences for the tamariki. During their placement, they will have opportunities to take lessons, work with small groups, and support classroom learning alongside their associate teachers.

We look forward to having them back as part of our school community and supporting them in their teaching journey. This is the first of two placements that they will complete this year before beginning their own classroom in 2027.

### Late Starts and School Closure.

The decision to delay the opening or closing of school is made by a designated group of schools around the Dunedin area. This group then notifies local media, this generally means that we will find out about it in the same way and at the same time as you. 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 We ask that families consider their own safety first with regards to travel to and from school in adverse weather conditions.



### Looking for helpers

Our PTA is looking for volunteers for lunches and supporting school events.

Even a small amount of time can make a big difference! If you are interested in helping in any way, we would love to hear from you.

Please contact the school office or speak with Teenaka for more information.

**Golden ticket lunch  
to celebrate living our school values**

## Winter Sickness

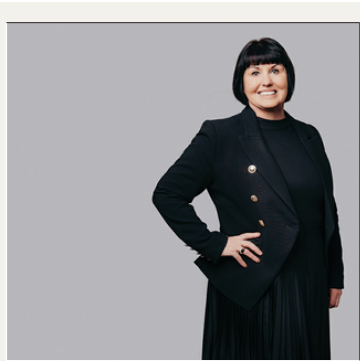
There are currently some cases of COVID and other illnesses in our school community. If your child is experiencing vomiting or diarrhoea, please keep them at home. Children should remain at home for at least 48 hours (2 days) after their last episode of vomiting or diarrhoea. This guideline is from the Ministry of Health and applies to both schools and early childhood education (ECE) services and helps prevent the spread of stomach bugs and other illnesses.

**THANK YOU**  
*Thank you so much!*

Being part of a wider Catholic school community is a wonderful support for both teachers and principals. It provides opportunities for shared learning, collaboration, and professional growth across our schools.

Recently, staff attended a teacher-only day where they took part in a range of workshops. Highlights included learning around trauma-informed practice and rich mathematical tasks, led by our main presenters. These sessions provided practical ideas and strategies that we can use to support teaching and learning in our classrooms.

We would also like to extend a sincere thanks to Geraldine Hermans for her generous donation, which supported our guest speaker and morning tea for our teachers. Your sponsorship was greatly appreciated



### School Counsellor

Jameisha, our school Counsellor is available at St Brigid's School every second Tuesday.

If you would like to refer your child for counselling, please speak with your child's classroom teacher or use the link below.

<https://forms.office.com/r/SNbgJcN02n>



## The Big Sing

Our Year 5/6 students completed The Big Sing. It was great to see them up on stage singing alongside other schools. They were full of energy and enthusiasm. They represented St Brigid's School so well. We're very proud of them all! Thank you Mrs C.



## After School Care

**After school care is available in our school hall each day 3pm - 5:45pm. If you require care on a regular basis or for casual days, please get in touch with Isobel 0223826983**



# School Accounts

St Brigid's School Board of Trustees

Account Number: 06-0942-0045712-00

St Brigid's School PTA

Account Number – 06 0901 0797125 00

# What's coming up?



29th Mass /PALS- tuakana-teina



1st Kings Birthday School is closed

5th Assembly

12th Mass PALS- tuakana-teina

17th BOT

19th Assembly

26th Mass

2nd Reports

3rd Assembly

Last Day of Term 3 - July 3rd

Last day of the school year is 16<sup>th</sup> December -  
Family Carols from 11:30 followed by Lunch.



**Thank you to our team who delivered the firewood to our raffle winners**



# ST BRIGID'S BUSY BEES



## Four year old programme

Every second Wednesday 1:45- 2:45pm  
Term 3 Dates: 29th July, 12<sup>th</sup> August, 26<sup>th</sup> August, 9<sup>th</sup> 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

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

