



St Brigid's School Newsletter

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Welcome to Otis who is five!

Otis loves swimming and is happy to join his big sister Maggie at school. We are so excited to have you here!

Happy School Days to you!



WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

Three years ago, I was incredibly fortunate to become the Principal of St Brigid's School. It continues to be a privilege and an honour to lead such a fabulous school community.

I feel very grateful to work alongside our dedicated and caring staff. They genuinely love our children and consistently go above and beyond, giving so much of their time to carefully plan learning programmes that support every child socially, emotionally, spiritually, and academically.

Education continues to evolve, with many changes and new priorities. Through it all, our focus remains the same – ensuring that every child is at the heart of everything we do. Over the coming weeks, I am working my way through calling each family as we update our school records. It has been wonderful catching up with so many of you and hearing how your children are doing. Please remember that my door is always open, and you are very welcome to come and see us .

My highlight this week has been opening our fourth classroom and welcoming Miss Low to the St Brigid's School team.

Beginning the term with community prayer on Monday was a lovely way to start the term. We welcome you to join us when you can.

There are many events coming up this term, so please take a moment to check the school calendar for all the important dates. In particular, keep an eye out for:

Parent Interviews, Swimming, Peninsula Art Exhibition, Matariki Family Liturgy Evening, Polyfest

Ngā mihi nui,
Teenaka Kennedy



Welcome to Caitlyn who is in Year 6. She loves playing volleyball, cooking and Art.



Welcome to Roman who is in Year 4. Roman loves playing basketball . He also loves Math.



Welcome Hailey to Year 3. Hailey loves art, crafts and singing. Her favourite song is one from Bruno Mars!



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.

Parent interviews



We are looking forward to seeing you all in week four for parent interviews. A form will be shared soon for you to register. Please keep an eye out for this.

Scholastic Book Orders

Last day to order 29th July



Swimming

There is no cost to our families this year as most of these lessons are covered by a grant from NZCT. Thank you NZCT!

Term 3 Swimming The whole school will begin their swimming lessons every Thursday in weeks 2-8. Please read the following information carefully.

Your child needs:

- To be wearing their sports uniform with sandals or velcro shoes;
- Have a separate swimming bag to their school bag. The swimming bag needs to be big enough to contain towel, all clothing and shoes while your child is swimming;
- Togs - to make the changing process quicker, it is a good idea for your child to be wearing their togs underneath their sports uniform.
- Towel and Swimming cap - if required;
- All children with long hair must have their hair in a swimming cap or in a ponytail/bun.
- Goggles - please name these.

The instructors usually have some spare goggles but it is better to have your own pair.

Please ensure that all items belonging to your child are named. This includes underwear, socks, singlets, sports uniform, towels etc.

Swimming timetable:

9.50am - 10am - Bus leaves St Brigid's

10:30am - Senior School have swimming lessons, Juniors in Wave Pool for free time depending on, in water, adult supervision

11 am - Junior School have swimming lessons on, Seniors in Wave Pool for free time 11:30am -

Bus leaves Moana Pool. 12pm approximately back at school

St. Brigid's Community Recipe Book

We would love every family in our school to contribute:

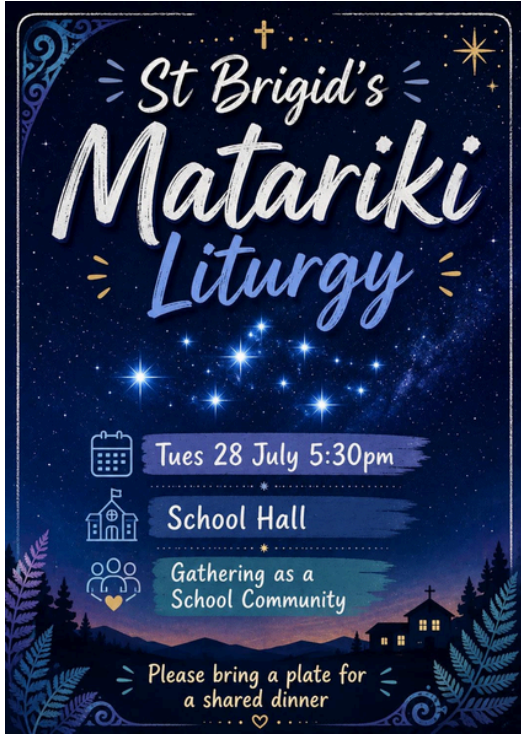
- One or two savoury recipes
- One or two sweet recipes
- Favourite lunchbox idea

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



Congratulations to Molly, Harriet and Poppy who did the Kids XC series in the weekend. Come along; there are two more dates to go!





Winter sports

Winter Sports will continue for a few more weeks -
Basketball the last day 13th August
Netball - Dress. up fun day 11th August



Golden Ticket Lunch

Golden ticket lunches with Mrs K will be held on Monday of week five and week ten.



School Counsellor

If you would like to refer your child to Jamiesha, our school counsellor, please let your classroom teacher know. Jamiesha is at school every second Tuesday this term from the 28th of July.

This is service funded by school and Mercy Hospital

Blessed
TO HAVE
You

After School Care and Teacher only day

Our school care programme is running daily in our school hall. Isobel will also be open for the Teacher only day on August the 28th, \$20 for the day. Phone Isobel 022 382 6983



School Calendar

Term 3 Dates

July

24th Mass 10:30a.m Tuakana teina /Cultural time
27th Enviro meeting
28th Matariki Liturgy and shared food 5:30 pm in the school hall
30th Swimming whole school
31st Assembly
1st Womans 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 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.

St Brigid's School Board of Trustees

Account Number: 06-0942-0045712-00

St Brigid's School PTA

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



Women's Wellness Mini Retreat

Worth over \$200

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

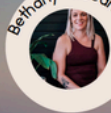
3 engaging expert speakers

Incl. nourishing afternoon tea

School fundraiser, give back while you recharge!

Secure your spot today!





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

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
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