



St Brigid's School Newsletter

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9th October 2025

Dear Whānau,

Welcome back to Term 4!

It has been wonderful to see everyone back at school, refreshed and ready for another great term. Classes have made a fantastic start, and this term our children are exploring an inquiry into being Rubbish rangers and a Flora and fauna inquiry.

We're continuing to care for our school gardens and would love your help with some odd jobs around the school. We'll be hosting a Working Bee on Saturday, 18th October, from 9–12pm, and we'd really appreciate any support—even an hour makes a difference! A list of jobs is available in the office if you'd like to see how you can help.

We're also excited to be hosting our Christmas Market later this term! 🎄

We're looking for helpers to run stalls and food stations—if you're able to lend a hand, please add your name to the list in the office.

Looking ahead, we are currently exploring staffing for 2026. If you know someone who might be interested in joining our St Brigid's community, we'd love to hear from them.

Ngā mihi,

Teenaka Kennedy



The Month of the Holy Rosary 🌹

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary.

On Tuesday, we celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary.

The word rosary comes from the Latin word meaning a garland of roses. The rose is a flower often used to symbolise Mary, the mother of Jesus.

The Rosary is a form of meditative prayer that can be prayed individually or in groups, such as with your class. The prayer beads are used to help count prayers. As we pray the Rosary, we reflect on important events in the lives of Jesus and Mary, called the Mysteries, while praying the Hail Mary, Our Father, and other special prayers.

Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary



• Care • Respect • Responsibility



To our families who have lost a loved one, we send our love and prayers to you all.

To those who are unwell, please know that we are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers. Please reach out if you need any support.



What you, our community said - What makes our school unique?

Strong sense of community and whānau – everyone feels welcome and known.

Small school with a close, family-like atmosphere.

Authentic, positive teacher–student relationships – teachers know all the children.

Inclusive, multicultural environment where every child is celebrated as an individual.

Strong Catholic values, faith, and character development lived out in daily practice.

Positive behaviour and strengths are recognised and celebrated.

Rich opportunities beyond the classroom – swimming, arts, performances, Friday lunches, community nights.

Parents and students feel heard, problems are dealt with efficiently.

Quality teaching in core subjects, with extra support (e.g. teacher aides, small classes).

Warm, caring, welcoming environment led by a committed principal and staff.

Christmas Market Update

Clothing Stall – good quality, clean clothing for children and adults.

Book Stall – high-quality children's or adult books.

Please only send items that are in good condition.

Donations can be brought to school and stored in the office.

We will need one volunteer from each family to help us at our Christmas Market on 29th November. A job list is available in the school office, so please come along and see how you can support us.

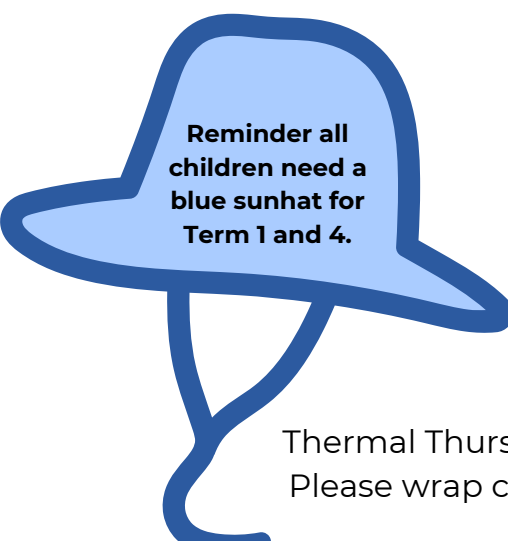


17th October- Non uniform Day

Bring a Toiletry Item for the Christmas Market

As part of our Christmas Market, we are collecting toiletry items some ideas of things we can use as prizes - Soap or body wash, Shampoo or conditioner, Toothpaste or toothbrush, Deodorant, Hand cream or lotion, Hairbrush or comb, Face cloths or wipes

The School board has agreed that St Brigids will be closed on the 23rd of October due to staff participation in NZEI sanctioned industrial action. While the inconvenience and disruption this causes for families and young people's learning is regrettable, the board is supportive of improved educational conditions for our highly committed teachers and support staff. (In the unlikely event that the situation is resolved and the national strike is formally called off, parents will be notified as soon as possible that the school will remain open as usual.)



Reminder all children need a blue sunhat for Term 1 and 4.

Assembly will be continue to be on Thursdays for this term. 2:30 pm. If you would like a cup of tea before come along at 2pm

Thermal Thursdays are back!

Thermal Thursdays were a big hit last term, so we're continuing them this term. Please wrap cooked food in tinfoil and clearly write your child's name and class number on it.



Room 3 Step Challenge

Room 3 have their pedometers on and are racing to see who can get the most steps! They're loving the physical activity as well as the chance to read and work with larger maths numbers.



St Brigid's School Lighting the way for all to shine

December 4th, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.
Dunedin Rugby Club
Free admission



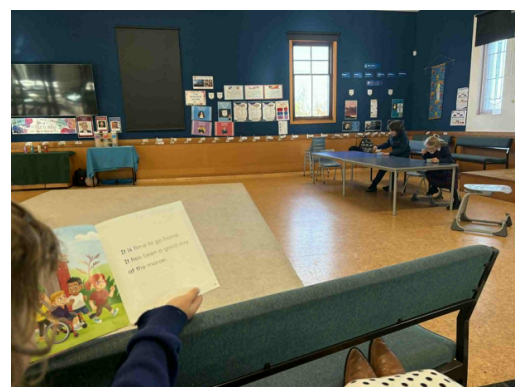
Term 4 -Community Event

Please bring food to share and our Presentation will begin at 6:30pm

Breakfast

Come along eat and read the morning before school with Mrs K and our seniors.

Monday to Wednesday 8:15 a.m - 8:45 a.m in the school hall.



ABSENCES

If your child is sick or you know they are going to be absent from school please phone or email Rachel in the office. The office is unattended on a Friday so please email me or use the Hero app to inform us of an absence.

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Please download the Hero App and link to your child, so you can access your child's reports. You can also message any absences straight to your classroom teacher.



October

Assemblies are held on Thursdays

- 15th Hoiho Basketball Team visit
- 16th The Big Shake
- 17th Mass in the School Hall 10:30 am
- 17th Mufti for School Market - Toiletries
- 19th School Mass at Mercy 9:30
- 22nd Board of Trustees 6 pm in Staffroom
- 23rd School closed Strike
- 24th Small school Sports- Hancock Park
- 27th Labour day School Closed
- 31st Mass in the school hall 10:30

November

- 6th Symphony Orchestra visit
- 18th South Zone sports
- 25th Olympic Ambassador
- 28th Mass in the school Hall

December

- 3rd Board meeting 6 pm
- 4th Lighting the way for all to shine
- 10th Prizegiving 5:30 pm-
- 11th Reports go home
- 12th End of year Mass/ Lunch

Last Day of School for 2025 - December 17th

**ST FRANCIS
XAVIER SCHOOL
FAIR**

SUNDAY 19TH OCTOBER
27 BENHAR STREET, MORNINGTON

10:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Tombola – Chocolate
Wheel – Food Stalls – Bake
Sale – Plants – Kids Zone

Books – Coffee – Blanket
Stalls – Candyland and
much more



**Futsal and Touch Rugby
begins next week.**

Trinity Rugby

Bingo

Night

Fun games with big prizes. 6pm start.

Friday, 17 October
Dunedin Rugby Football Club, Moana Rua Road, St Kilda

You are invited

**St Brigid's
Christmas Market**

Enjoy the magic of Christmas:
 Over 30 market stall holders
 Delicious food
 Take your family photo with Santa in our Santa Grotto
 Activities for children and families

**SATURDAY
29TH NOVEMBER | 11AM-2PM**
57 Bayfield Road, Andersons Bay

St Brigid's School Policies
To check and review our Term 4 School Policies
<https://www.schooldocs.co.nz/>

Username: stbrigidsdn
Community Password: brigids57

BNZ KIWI HOOPS

DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS FOR CHILDREN IN Y1-6

6 WEEKS OF BASKETBALL
SUNDAY 26 OCT - SUNDAY 30 NOV

WHERE?
EDGAR CENTRE
9AM TO 10AM

COST?
\$60 FOR THE
WHOLE 6 WEEKS

CONTACT: WILL@OTAGO.BASKETBALL

USE QR
CODE TO
REGISTER

St Brigid's Home and School
Association –
Fundraising Account -06-0901-
0797125-00
(Lunches, Uniform and fundraising)
Board of Trustees – School Account –
06 0942 0045712 00
(School accounts)

ENTRIES ARE NOW OPEN

**IT'S TIME
TO TRY!**

GIRLS GOT GAME

FREE BASKETBALL SESSIONS FOR GIRLS IN Y4-8

TUESDAY 28TH OCT, TUESDAY 4TH NOV
TUESDAY 11TH NOV, TUESDAY 18TH NOV

WHERE?
EDGAR CENTRE
4PM TO 5PM

COST?
COMPLETELY FREE

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FIGHTING FOR FAIR