

St Brigid's School Newsletter



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Principal's Message

It is great to be back together at school and believe it or not this is our first full week. There are plenty of smiles on masked and unmasked faces! (Watch for the crinkly eyes and listen for the laughter).



Thank you to everyone for your support in following our health and safety procedures by wearing masks when picking up your children, physical distancing while waiting and continuing to help your children have a positive attitude towards wearing their masks. Be reassured we are doing all we can to follow the guidelines given to us to be prepared for Covid and specifically Omicron.

Some highlights over the past three weeks include:

The delight our children have in seeing each other again, the sound of play.

The thought, care and inspiration our teachers have for your children.

Conversations across the school that remind us of how much we love the special character, the diversity and energy of our school.

Offers of support and help from our wider community in creatively thinking about how we can still offer rich and interesting programmes, this has been demonstrated over the last couple of days with Beach Education Programme. We had great parent support with what is a very important programme.

Our greatest strength is in working and learning alongside each other. Parents and teachers have a passion for knowing your whānau so your children will thrive and stay excited about learning. Let us make the best of the coming term. Just one reminder if you have an issue or concern about your child your first port of call is the child's teacher, if you need further consultation then you can contact the Principal.

Andrew Pozniak

Welcome

A warm welcome to two children this week who have joined the St Brigid's community. Evalyn Wood and Finn Smith. Evalyn joins Room 2 and Finn is in Room 4.



Evalyn



Finn

St Brigid's House Groups

Congratulations to our House Token

Winners this week:

de Paul House: Freddy Patston

Aubert House: Harper Williams

McAuley House: Elizabeth Daniels

School Assemblies

Because of the current Covid restrictions there will be no school assemblies until further notice.

Beach Education Days

Thank you to all of the parents who helped at the Beach Education Day. You and the children were very brave to enter the rather cold water at St Kilda Beach



Sickness

If your child is feeling unwell please keep them at home. It would be prudent for your child to have a Covid test and keep them at home until you receive notification. If your child has experienced vomiting or diarrhoea they should not be back at school for 48 hours following their last episode.

COVID

The health and wellbeing of our staff and community are our top priority. As you may be aware, Covid appears to be moving into our community and several local places have been named as exposure events.

No confirmation of a positive case has been identified at St Brigid's School therefore no action is required by the school at this stage.

If a case is identified at St Brigid's School the MoH & MoE will be in touch and provide further information on our next steps. We will update you as often as we hear new information. Please read carefully the school's Continuity Plan flow chart that is being sent out with this newsletter.

We will continue to follow Public Health measures designed to keep our staff, students, and community safe.

What's on it Term 4

February

Mon 21	Life Education Bus
Tues 22	Life Education Bus
Wed 23	BOT Meeting by Zoom

R. E. Comment

Week 3: Green 14th - 18th

February

14th St Valentine

14th Saints Cyril and Methodius



Saint Valentine, lived in 269, when Claudius II was the ruler of Rome. Claudius II did not like Christians, and he needed soldiers to fight in his wars. He made a law that people couldn't get married because he thought that if men got married and had families, they would not want to go off and fight in his wars.

Saint Valentine was a priest and would marry the men and women who were in love, and this was against the law. So, St. Valentine is the patron saint of love and marriage.

Prayer for St Valentine's Day

God of love, you give us St. Valentine as an example of love.

As we celebrate the feast of this loving and caring saint we ask you to bless our friendships.

May the love and affection we share with each other, always come from a sense of care and respect.

May we always follow the example of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is Lord forever and ever.

Amen.

Sports News

Sports Code of Conduct forms are now available on the Team Messenger groups. Please complete these as soon as possible.

Futsal:

Please check your Team Messenger groups and Facebook pages for current information and updates.

St Brigid's Superstars - Games are played each Tuesday at the Edgar Centre, Competition starts next Tuesday 22 February.

St Brigid's Strikers - Games are played each Wednesday at the Edgar Centre, Competition starts next Wednesday 23rd February.

Some important Reminders

- **Newsletters** are sent via email every Friday and are also available on Facebook page.
- **Office hours** Moira our office manager is in the office until 12:30
- **Parish School Mass** which was due be held on Sunday 20th February at 9.30am at St Patrick's. This is now cancelled due to Covid.

School Bank Account Details (Please ensure you deposit money into the correct account)

Board of Trustees - School Account:
06 0942 0045712 00

PTA - Fundraising Account:
03 1732 0001257 00

Kind regards
Andrew Pozniak