

St Brigid's School Newsletter



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Dear Parents / Caregivers,

1st August 2024
Term 3 – Week 2



Book fair

A big thank you to our school community for supporting the Scholastic Book Fair. We were lucky to be able to purchase new library books with the money raised from the Book Fair.



When we have visitors in our school they always comment on the welcoming and friendly atmosphere that is St Brigid's.

This week we have welcomed the Catholic Review team who have been immersed in our classes, staffroom, and interviewed different people in our school community. Together we have reviewed and reflected the successes and next steps in our St Brigid's School Catholic Character. We look forward to sharing their findings with you.

Last night we gathered as a school community to celebrate our Term 3 Liturgy - You are inspired. Thank you for coming and making time to celebrate.

Teenaka Kennedy

Classroom Writing – Who inspires you?



I'm inspired by Miya and the teachers because the teachers work so hard and they are forgiving. Miya is a mini Jesus. She's trying to share Jesus' love around the universe. **Phillip**

Jesus Inspires me because he inspires people. I want to be like him. **Yumi**

A person who inspires me is Seb because he is very talented in everything. He is good at soccer and basketball. I also like how he lets anyone play his games. If there is no space, he lets people have a go.

The person who inspires me is my dad. He works hard. He is a fast runner, funny and caring. He is also very smart. My mum volunteers a lot to help the school. She inspires me to help out. **Seb**

My mum inspires me to work hard and she inspires me to be good to everyone. My dad inspires me to be the best I can be. **Elizabeth**

I am inspired by Mrs C, our class teacher. She is so kind and so good. I'm also lucky to get a good teacher who always helps us on all subjects. **Jaden**

Swimming

Children have begun swimming lessons at Moana Pool. We would like to thank the NZCT for their grant to support the cost of the buses and some lessons. Our Parent donations make up the rest of this cost.

Parent Interviews- Monday 5th and Wednesday 7th August

Teachers are looking forward to sharing your children's school progress with you next week. Forms with the confirmed date and time were sent home this week. If you have not made a time and would like one, please contact Rachel in the school office.

NB – School closes at 3pm on both days.

Omathlon

We are taking eight children to participate in the Omathlon on August the 22nd. We wish these children well.

Active August

Let's get moving!

Walk and wheel to school during August and be in to win!

This week children will receive an 'Active August' card. During August, children are encouraged to walk or wheel to and/or from school, they can get their card marked each time. Children who come in cars can still participate - they can walk or wheel around the courts once they arrive. Once they have walked or wheeled 10 times, children can exchange this for a Scout sticker and a new card. Their completed card goes into the draw to win a spot prize courtesy of Sport Otago.

Wacky Hat Day Competition

Wednesday 14th August is Winter Walk or Wheel to School Day!

Wear your craziest, wackiest and/or brightest headwear as you walk or wheel to school!

Families can win one of three \$50 Otago Sports Depot vouchers by sending wacky hat day photos to transport@dcc.govt.nz by Wednesday 21 August.

Active travel to school has many benefits for our tāmariki. It can improve independence, decision making, and road safety skills, as well as being a great opportunity for daily exercise.

On Friday August 16th, 2024, Scout will visit in the morning and provide Milo (or an alternative) to children who walk or wheel to school.



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14TH AUGUST, 2024

Green Island Rugby Club

Neill St, Abbotsford

Doors open : 6:15pm

Game starts: 7:00pm

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\$15 for 10 games + \$5 a super house
Cash sales only
Raffles will be sold throughout the night

The bar and kitchen will be open.

Please share and join us for a night of fun while we raise money for our tamariki for learning resources and activities. Thank you for your donations. Jason McCook has collected some wonderful raffle prizes, make sure you bring cash along on the night to be in to win.

Summer Sports

We will be offering Summer Sports soon. Please keep an eye out for registrations.

Year 1-6 Touch Rugby – Played at the Oval every Thursday 3:15- 5:00pm

Year 1-6 Futsal - Played at Edgar. Time anywhere between 3:30 and 6:00pm

School Accounts

Statements of accounts will be sent out next week. You are most welcome to pay these in full or set up an automatic payment for these. We really appreciate your payments to support the successful operation of our school.

What's on in Term 3	
August	
31 st July/ 1 st August	Catholic Review Team at School
Monday 5 th August	Cook Island Language Week
Monday 5 th & Wednesday 7 th August	Parent Interviews
Thursday 8 th August	School Swimming
Thursday 8 th August	P.T.A Meeting
Friday 9 th August	Mass at school 10am
Tuesday 13 th August	Board Meeting 6pm in the staffroom
Wednesday 14 th August	Bingo Fundraiser Green Island Rugby Club 7pm
Thursday 15 th August	Feast of the Assumption Assembly 2:30pm- no swimming
Sunday 18 th August	School Mass at Mercy 9am
Thursday 22 nd August	Omathlon/ Swimming/ Assembly 2:30pm
Friday 23 rd August	Mass at School 10am
Thursday 29 th August	Swimming/ Assembly 2:30pm
September	
Sunday 1 st September	Fathers Day
Thursday 5 th September	Swimming/ Assembly 2:30pm
Friday 6 th September	Mass at School 10am
Monday 9 th September	Conservation Week
Monday 9 th September	Māori Language Week
Monday 9 th September	Polyfest Week- our day and time to be confirmed
Thursday 12 th September	Swimming/ Assembly 2:30pm
Sunday 15 th September	St Brigid's School Mass
Monday 16 th / Tuesday 17 th September	Road Safety Lessons with Constable Eddie
Wednesday 18 th September	Catholic Social Justice Day
Thursday 19 th September	Swimming/ Assembly 2:30pm
Friday 20 th September	Mass at School 10am
Thursday 26 th September	Swimming/ Assembly 2:30pm
Friday 27 th September	Last Day of Term 3
Monday 14 th October	First Day of Term 4
Monday 28 th October	Labour Day- School is closed.

Save the Date. Teacher only day:
Monday 21st October

R.E. Comment...

This year is the fourth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly falls on July 28th, two days following the feast day of Saints Joachim and Anne. In January 2021, Pope Francis announced the establishment of this dedicated day of celebration. "old age is a gift and that grandparents are the link between generations, passing on the experience of life and faith to the young. Grandparents are often forgotten and we forget this wealth of preserving roots and passing on."



Martha, Mary, and their brother Lazarus were evidently close friends of Jesus. He came to their home simply as a welcomed guest.

Saint Martha is a Patron Saint of: Cooks, Homemakers, Restaurant servers

Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus are Patron Saints of: Siblings.

St Dominic feast day is also this week. Five primary schools and two colleges in our diocese carry the Dominican Charism. The Dominican motto is Veritas meaning Truth or Pono. The mission is to Praise Whakapaingia, to Bless Whakanuia, to Preach Whakapaoho. It is their feast day or celebration day on Saturday but many may choose another day close to celebrate.

Community News.....

School Bank Account Details

Board of Trustees - School Account:

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(For stationery payments, sports fees, EOTC & Copier contributions etc)

PTA – Fundraising Account:

06-0901-0797125-00

(For fundraising, uniform shop, lunch orders etc)

Please reference your child's name and reason for payment

A poster for Trinity Catholic College Open Day. It features a group of students in school uniforms standing in front of a large white building. The text on the poster includes "TRINITY CATHOLIC COLLEGE" with a logo, "Open Day", "4th August, 12.30pm", and "Please meet at the Trinity Catholic College Auditorium".