

St Brigid's School Newsletter



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Principal's Message

Welcome Back

Well the holidays are over for most of us. I hope you had a wonderful and meaningful time with family, friends, and everyone had a good rest.

We are all looking forward to an exciting year of learning ahead. It has been great seeing all the students back at school this week. We would like to welcome Mr Forster who will be in Room 1 for at least term 1. Mr Forster brings a wealth of experience in teaching and is an especially skilled musician and a champion runner.



As we begin the year, I want to acknowledge that we are heading into Term 1 with a lot of uncertainty. I know that through this Covid pandemic, there will be different perspectives about our nation's Covid response. St Brigid's School's aim is to ensure that our learning environment is safe and inclusive. The protocols we have put in place have been developed from guidance supplied by the Ministry of Education, guided by the Ministry of Health.

There are going to be challenges as we adjust to the current response to Omicron, and these challenges affect everyone. If you have concerns or questions, please email, phone or meet with me. Our teachers are focussing on creating great learning environments and making the start to the year a positive one - we want this to be their priority. Though we, as adults, may carry the worries or concerns about the coming months, the challenge for us all is to remain positive for our tamariki. Let us continue to use our values while following guidelines to keep everyone safe. We hugely appreciate your support.

He waka eke noa - we are all in this together.

Welcome

A warm welcome to Kylie Calderon and Matalasi Tuigamala who started in Room 4 this week, we would also like to welcome Oliver Kerr who started in Room 3



Kylie



Matalasi



Oliver

2022- Class Organisation -Teachers

Room 4: New Entrants & Year 1

- Miss Wassell (Monday - Thursday) & Mrs Chisholm (Friday)

Room 3: Years 2 & 3

- Miss Charleson

Room 2: Years 3 & 4

- Mrs van der Hilst (Monday all day, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday mornings) & Mr Pozniak (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday afternoons & Friday all day)

Room 1: Year 5 & 6:

- Mr Forster (Monday - Thursday) & Mrs Idour (Friday)

Values Awards

Our St Brigid's School Values are very important to us. By living these Values every day we are living the way that Jesus wants us to live and act.

This term we are focusing on **Te Tapu o te Tangata - Respect.**

St Brigid's House Groups

The first draw will be next week Wednesday 16 February.

School Assemblies

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

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.

Kapa Haka:

We are excited to begin our new Kapa Haka programme next week with Patrick Sefo-Cloughley from Kavanagh College. This is part of the Kāhui Ako initiative that all of the Catholic Primary Schools are involved in. Mr Sefo-Cloughley will be taking the programme every Friday afternoon across the whole school.

Some important Reminders

- Children should not be at school before 8.30 am but it is important that they are here before 9am.
- Children should also be picked up by 3.15pm as we cannot guarantee supervision outside of these morning and afternoon hours.
- Alternatively, you are able to book in for, our onsite Before or After School Care Programme. <https://magicchildcare.co.nz/>
- Absences: If your child is going to be absent please ring the office prior to 9:am or leave a message on the answerphone. You can send an absence on the school app or email the office office@stbrigidsdn.school.nz
- Morning Tea-11:00-11:20
- Lunch Time 12:30 -1:30 (Children eat lunch at 1:10)
- School Finishes at 3:00pm
- Safety -Covid Please refer to our previous Covid updates which have been posted on our Facebook page.
- Vehicles are not permitted to use the driveway between 8:30-9:15am and 2:45and 3:15pm.
- Newsletters are sent via email every Friday and are also available on our website and Facebook page.
- Uniforms: A reminder that children will be wearing their summer uniforms for Term 1. Wide brimmed navy blue sunhats are compulsory in Term 1 for all children. Please check that all uniform items are clearly marked.
- Remember that water bottles are a great idea for children it's important they are named.
- Sunscreen: please ensure you have applied sunscreen to your child before they arrive at school. We recommend an SP50+.
- Office hours Moira our office manager is in the office from 8:30am - 12:30pm.

Facebook and School Email

Please check that you are a member of our St Brigid's School Dunedin (Official) Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1568584149837502> which is our private group and that you are following our Public St Brigid's School Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/stbrigidsdunedin> as we often post important information on these pages (especially our official one) that can sometimes be time sensitive such as google forms for sports, lunch orders etc that are often closed at a certain time.

This is the best way to get school information out to everyone quickly. We also email information regularly, newsletters etc so please email office@stbrigidsdn.school.nz to update your details if you have not been receiving these.

Parish School Mass will be held on Sunday 20th February at 9.30am at St Patrick's. We look forward to seeing you all there!

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

What's on it Term 1 2022

February	
Wed 16	Beach Education Rooms 1 & 2
Thurs 17	Beach Education Rooms 3 & 4
Sun 20	Parish School Mass 9:30am at St Patrick's
Mon 21	Life Education Bus
Tues 22	
March	
Sun 27	St Brigid's Family Mass 9:30am at St Patrick's

Sports News

Registrations for Ripper Rugby and Futsal are now closed.

Sports code of conduct forms will be available on the Team Messenger group next week.

Unfortunately at this point in time we have not had enough players for a Ripper team, we are looking at other options and we will let you know.

Futsal:

Please check your Team Messenger groups and Facebook pages.

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

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

R E Comment

Prayer for Waitangi Day from our national Anthem

E Ihowā Atua,
O ngā iwi mātou rā
Āta whakarangona;
Me aroha noa
Kia hua ko te pai;
Kia tau tō atawhai;
Manaakitia mai
Aotearoa



People of every creed and
Gather here before Your face,
Asking You to bless this place,
God defend our free land.
From dissension, envy, hate,
And corruption guard our state,
Make our country good and great,
God defend New Zealand.

Mā tō mātou Ariki mā Hehu Karaiti, Āmene

BOT News

Next meeting: Wednesday 24th
February

Kind regards

Andrew Pozzani
PTA News

Next Meeting: to be confirmed