

St Brigid's School Newsletter



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*1st February 2024
Term 1 – Week 1*

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Tēnā koutou katoa,

Welcome to 2024. We have loved seeing everyone safely back after the holiday break. We hope you have all had a wonderful summer break with family and friends.

Our staff have been working hard to prepare their classrooms and learning for the term. On Friday children will bring home a class newsletter to inform you of their classroom routines.

At St Brigid's School, we are here to support you and your child in their school journey. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to come and see us or email your child's teacher. Teachers are unable to reply to emails during the day when they are teaching, however they will aim to get back to you as soon as possible.

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. 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.

Blessings for the new year,
Teenaka Kennedy

Welcome to our new students!



Liam - Happy 5th Birthday Liam. We know big brother Damian will enjoy having you at school. Happy School Days!



Alana - Happy 5th Birthday Alana. A warm welcome to you and your family Mum and Dad; Georgia and Ernie



Cooper, Connor and Izzy - Happy 5th Birthday Cooper. Cooper is also joined by brother and sister, Connor in Room 3 and Izzy in The Hub. A warm welcome also to Mum and Dad; Sarah and Jason. We are excited to have you here.

University of Otago Students



We are excited to welcome Ella Perkins and Ashleigh Reihana who are completing their final year teaching practicum in Room 3 and 4. They will visit every Tuesday and with the support of Carmel and Deborah complete two teaching blocks during the year.

School Counselling

Every second Monday, we have a school counsellor on site. This is a free service. If you would like your child to access this service please let your classroom teacher or the office know.

Welcome Father Hishon



We look forward to working with you and welcoming you as our new parish priest. Father Hishon visited all classes on Wednesday to introduce himself.

Māori Teacher of Learning

We are excited to have Lauana Thomas working in our school again for this term to help teachers and students develop our Te reo Māori and we will work towards a Matariki performance for our whānau.

Staffing 2024

School Staff Organisation 2024

Our Team

Room 4	NE/ Y1	Carmel Wassell (DRS)
Room 3	Yr 1- 2	Deborah Charleson (DP)
Hub	Y4-6	Natalie Chisholm/ Teenaka Kennedy (Fridays)

CRT Release: Sue Idour

Special Education Needs Coordinator: Carmel Wassell

Learning Support Coordinator/ RTLB : Courtney Sherman/ Cathy Reid

Administration Officer: Rachel Chadwick

Support Staff: Marie Heyward , Robyn Firmin , Sharon McRae , Catherine Mirfin

School drop off and pick up

Please remember that our classrooms open at 8:30. We do not have supervision for children before this time as teachers are often in meetings and getting ready. We continue to investigate after school care options.

If you are going to be late or are absent for any reason, please email the school office. We do not have office staff on Fridays as everyone is teaching.

office@stbrigidsdn.school.nz

Driveway.

Our driveway is closed between 8:30 a.m -9:30 a.m and 2:30 - 3:30 to ensure the safety of all children. Please park safely on the street keeping off the yellow lines.

After School Care

Please fill in the google document if this is a service you may require. We continue to look into a range of options. But this is dependent on numbers.

<https://forms.gle/WHKUeuFcy9WvdBEr7>

Sports

If you would like to play a summer sport for our school, please complete the registration form by Friday 2nd February

The link for Futsal and Touch Registration can be found on our Facebook page.

Stationery

Thank you for your support in ordering Stationery online. Teachers have collected all the stationery, and it will be handed out as it is needed.

Family events

Beginning of the year Mass. This will be a St Brigids and St Bernadettes combined mass on Sunday the 18th of February 9:30 am at Mercy Parish.

Welcome Liturgy. Monday 19th February 5:30pm

Our Year 6 children will be presented with their leaders badges. This will be followed with a shared community dinner. Please bring a plate of food to share. This will be a wonderful opportunity to begin our new year together.

Healthy Active Learning

Our school is part of the Healthy Active learning contract. We are working with Sport Otago to enhance our kura to improve the wellbeing of tamariki through healthy eating and drinking and quality physical activity.

Enrolments

We have a lot of interest in our school for 2024. If you know of people interested in joining our school. Please tell them to contact us to secure their place.

Strategic plan

Thank you for your feedback. With your feedback the Staff and the Board have worked to create our 2024/2025 strategic goals.

Lighting the way for ALL to shine
St Brigid's School 2024-2025
Through Christ we are committed to:

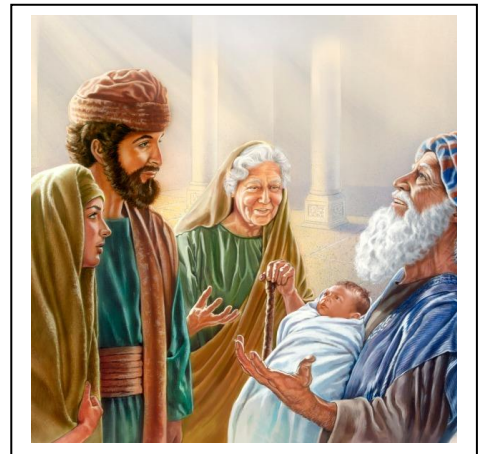
Goal	1. Enriching Faith To celebrate our faith and grow on our shared spiritual journey NELP 1,2,3,4	2. Engaging Whanau To enhance connections by nurturing and valuing cultural identity and belonging. NELP 1, 2, 3	3. Empowering Learners To Develop a high quality local curriculum to support all learners NELP 1, 2,3,,4
Initiatives	Strengthen Parish/School relationships. Implement To Tatou Whakapono in Year 1-4	Foster stronger partnerships between our parent/ Whānau and wider community	Design a local curriculum underpinned by Te Mātaiaho/ the curriculum refresh Strengthen staff pedagogy and practice across the school

R.E. Comment...

A new School Year Did Jesus go to school?



Jesus was like most Jewish boys at the time. He learned from His parents at home about the Scriptures and Jewish history and culture. All Jewish males were also offered free public education which was instituted for all male students in the first century, BC. As part of their education all the boys were taught Scripture and law but also included reading, writing, history, elementary sciences and mathematics.



2nd Feb Presentation of Jesus in the Temple
When Jesus was 40 days old Mary and Joseph travelled to the temple in Jerusalem for a ceremony. A bit like baptism. They dedicated their son to God in the temple. On this day in the church we celebrate Jesus' dedication.

School Bank Account Details

Board of Trustees - School Account:

06 0942 0045712 00

(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

(e.g. stationery / pizza / etc.) when paying online.

BOARD NEWS

Next Meeting: Wednesday 21st February

PTA NEWS

We would love to see some new members on our P.T.A. If you are interested please see Teenaka or Rachel in the office.

Community News...

Do you have surplus of backyard fruit?
We'll pick it and get it out to the community.

COMMUNITY FRUIT HARVEST
ŌTEPOTI DUNEDIN

How it works.

- Just before the fruit is ripe (ideally!) contact our coordinator: 021-0273-1251, harvest@ourfoodnetwork.org.nz
- We'll contact volunteers near you and arrange a day and time to pick
- Fruit will be given to food banks, street pātaka/pantries, or to other organisations who process it into yummy baking or other goods which are then given away freely

Please note we will not take damaged, rotting, or small amounts of fruit. We can only pick fruit that is reasonably safe to reach.

Want to help?
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Fridays (8 weeks)
16th Feb- 5th April
4pm - 5pm
Logan Park Turf

Register Now: Term 1 2024 Fantails Registration
Contact: kirsten@southernfootball.co.nz