

# St Brigid's School Newsletter



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## Principal's Message

Kia Ora Koutou Katoa,

It's the last week of the term, which has flown by. We have had quite a lot of disruption because of covid, but I think for us, like the rest of the country, covid has hopefully passed its peak.

The holiest week of the year began on Sunday but the world doesn't stop, everything goes on; the regular TV programmes, the regular work schedule and income tax. If you want this to be a Holy Week, what do you want to do? You decide.

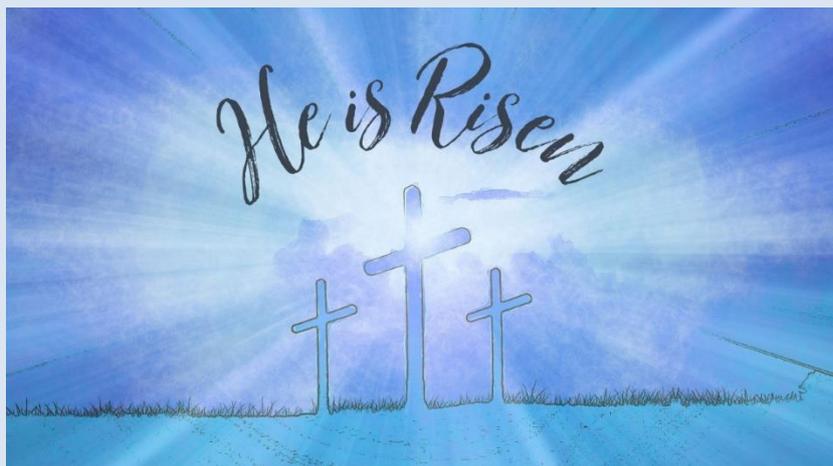
Liturgical Prayer Rites (words and gestures) enable us to pray together - we call this liturgy. Praying the liturgy, on behalf of the whole Church gives a sense of doing it together with the whole Church. The Mass is the most obvious example of a Liturgical Prayer. The celebration of the other Sacraments is also an example of Liturgical Prayer.

There is something special about being together with a group who are experiencing the same event. A special dinner is one example and a sports event is another. Sometimes when a team is playing a championship game in another city people come to the home stadium or gather to watch it together on TV - there is something different about experiencing it together.

In Liturgical Prayer we have a sense of being together with others as we celebrate the same event with those around us, the Church around the world and the Church in Heaven. Most of all we sense the presence of the risen Lord who is always the leader of the Church at prayer. Liturgical Prayer is not hard to do or complicated, we simply open ourselves up to the Word, to ritual symbols and the presence of those around us in the realisation that we are doing this in the name of the entire Church. Holy Week is the perfect time to think about Liturgical Prayer. No other week of the year has liturgy so rich and full of the sacred triduum.

Finally, have a happy Easter and a wonderful term break.

*Andrew Pozniak*



Dear Parents / Caregivers

### St Brigid's Values & House Awards

For the obvious reason, there were no House group or value awards this week.

### Covid-19 Information

As of today, New Zealand moves to Orange. In summary, the affects to our school of moving to orange is that facemasks are no longer required at school. However public health advice is that masks continue to be strongly encouraged when indoors. Wearing a mask is a key health measure that slows the spread of COVID-19 in indoor settings. For that reason, we ask that visitors to the school, including parents and whānau, wear a mask whenever they are indoors on school grounds.

We also ask that your child (if they are in Rooms 1 & 2) continue to bring a mask to school every day. There may be times that we will ask them to wear a mask - for example, when we are having an assembly in the hall. If there are a high number of cases at school or in the community, we may ask that masks are worn in classrooms for a time.

We will continue to keep all the other health measures in place at school that we know slow the spread of COVID-19. These include ensuring our indoor spaces are well-ventilated, maintaining good hand hygiene and cough and sneeze etiquette, appropriate physical distancing whenever we can and, most importantly, staying home if we are sick.

### SOME IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2022

Term 2 Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July

Term 3 Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July -Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September

Term 4 Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October - Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December

### TEACHER ONLY DAYS:

We will be taking two teacher only days on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June (The Friday before Queen's Birthday), and Monday 27<sup>th</sup> of June (The Monday after Matariki public holiday)

## Devices

Thank you to parents who have returned all chromebooks and iPads.

# Sports News

A big thank you to the futsal coaches of the Superstars and Strikers this term, you did a tremendous job considering all of the disruptions we have had and have achieved great success.

On that note, congratulations to the Superstar's futsal team who won their grade this term. What a great effort - the rumour is their coach has accepted an offer from Manchester United.



## What's on Next Week

Thurs 14 April	Last Day of Term 1
<b>What's on Next Term</b>	
Mon 2 May	Term 2 Begins
Tues 17 May	School Hui (see notice below)
Fri 3 June	Teacher Only Day - (School Closed)
Mon 6 June	Queens Birthday - (School Closed)
Fri 24 June	Matariki (School Closed)
Mon 27 June	Teacher Only Day (School Closed)

## School Hui /Meeting

On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May at 6pm we will be holding a meeting for parents in the hall - which will include a focus on assessment. Please look out for further information

## Winter School uniform

Term 2 starts on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May and the children need to wear their winter uniforms. This is:

**Girls** - Navy jersey

School Pinafore or Navy track pants

Long sleeved white shirt or skivvy

Navy tights or long navy socks

Black Shoes

Navy blue hair ties, clips, and ribbons.

**Boys**- Navy jersey,

Navy track pants or winter shorts

Long sleeved grey shirt or grey or white skivvy

Grey Socks

Black Shoes

**General** - no coloured logos or stripes on track pants or shoes.

Sunhats are not required in Terms 2 & 3.

Please make sure your child comes to school with a jacket as Dunedin winters can be very unpredictable.

## St Brigid's School Board News

Next Meeting - Wednesday 18 May at 6pm

## PTA News

Thank you to the PTA for organizing the Easter Raffle if you missed out who won - congratulations to Sarah Strang and Julia Zewald- Sutton.

The new PTA bank account is St Brigid's Home & School 06-0901-0797125-00.

Kind regards  
Andrew Pozniak

## R. E. COMMENT

**Week 11:** Violet 11th - 14th April

Holy Week

The Paschal candle represents Christ, the Light of the World. You see it at the front of the church.

The candle is lit during the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night in Holy Week.

The pure beeswax of which the candle is made represents the sinless Christ. The wick signifies His Humanity, the flame; His Divine Nature, both soul and body.

Five grains of incense inserted into the candle in the form of a cross recall the aromatic spices with which His Sacred Body was prepared for the tomb, and of the five wounds in His hands, feet, and side.



## Community News

### 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:

#### NB: New Account Number:

06-0901-0797125-00

(For fundraising, uniform shop, lunch orders etc).



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