



St Brigid's School Newsletter

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March 19th 2026 Term One- Week Seven



We are really excited to welcome Lena and her family to St Brigid's.

Lena loves running, art and said she loves the friends she has made here. Lena has a massive smile and is working hard already!

St Brigid's School Family BYO Takeaway Night

Tuesday 24th March 5-7pm

**Bring your family, dinner,
your bikes,**

scooters or skates and

come along and relax with our community.



LENT WEEK FOUR

This week we reach the fourth week of Lent, sometimes called Laetare Sunday, a moment when the Catholic Church reminds us that the joy of Easter is getting closer.

While Lent is a time for prayer, helping others, and making good choices, it is also a time of hope.

At school we are encouraging our students to think about how they can bring joy to others through small acts of kindness. **A kind word, helping someone who needs it, or including others in play** are simple ways to share God's love.



30-Second Family Prayer

Loving Te Atua,
Thank you for the joy and hope you give us.
Help our whānau to share kindness and love with others this week.
May our actions bring light and happiness to those around us.
Amen.

Share Joy!



Joy

Made by Sam Mackle 2026

Dear Whānau,

Thank you to all who attended parent interviews this week. We really value the opportunity to share your child's progress and next learning steps with you. With the recent changes to the curriculum, there is a lot for children to learn. We are actively implementing these changes from the 2025 Curriculum within our teaching programmes.

Our teachers are experienced and classrooms are high functioning, with teachers carefully planning to meet the diverse needs of all learners. They are tracking the progress of every child and ensure that extra support is in place where needed.

At St Brigid's we prioritise teacher aides in every class and have systems in place with our learning support register and outside agencies to track and support learning.

Please remember, you are always welcome to reach out if you have any questions about your child's learning. Regular attendance and your partnership is more important than ever.

Teenaka Kennedy



**House Leaders
2026**



Enviro Leaders 2026



**School Leaders
2026**

Attendance

Regular attendance is vital for your child’s learning and wellbeing. In New Zealand, students who attend school consistently achieve better academically, build stronger social skills, and develop good habits for life.

Every day counts—thank you for helping your child make the most of their learning opportunities.

We will be following our attendance management plan and this colour system. Please let us know if you need any support.



**Holiday Programme
Monday to Friday
St Brigid’s School Hall
57 Bayfield Road**
Bookings
Ph: 0223826983
Email: kidszoneonmornington23@gmail.com

**Move It March
Keep on moving!**



We have loved seeing the scooters, bikes and skates and children walking to and from school. Remember if you can’t walk to school do some extra laps of the court when you arrive.

All completed Move it March cards will be entered into the prize draw at assembly on Friday the 27th

TRINITY CATHOLIC COLLEGE’S PRODUCTION OF
Disney **THE LITTLE MERMAID**

5 MAY ~ 8 MAY 2026, 6:30PM

TRINITY CATHOLIC COLLEGE AUDITORIUM

Tickets available at:

<https://theatretickets.co.nz>

Music by ALAN MENKEN	Lyrics by HOWARD ASHMAN & GLENN SLATER	Book by DOUG WRIGHT
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Based on the Hans Christian Andersen story and the Disney film produced by Howard Ashman and John Musker and written & directed by John Musker and Ron Clements
Originally produced by Disney Theatrical Productions
Licensed exclusively by Music Theatre International (Australasia)



Who was St Patrick?

Saint Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland and is remembered for bringing Christianity to the Irish people. He was born in Britain but was taken to Ireland as a slave when he was young. After escaping, he later returned to Ireland as a missionary to share the message of Jesus. St Patrick is known for using the shamrock to explain the Holy Trinity – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. His life reminds us to be brave, to forgive others, and to share God’s love wherever we go.

Ō LĒ VAIASO LONA LIMA LENEI Ō LE FAGAFULU

Preparing Our Hearts



As we enter Week Five of Lent, we are getting closer to the most important time in the Christian year. This week invites us to think more deeply about the love and sacrifice of Jesus Christ and how we can follow His example in our own lives.

Throughout Lent, our children have been encouraged to pray, make good choices, and show kindness to others.

Week Five is a time to reflect on how these small actions help us grow closer to God and prepare our hearts for the events of Holy Week and the joy of Easter Sunday.

FAMILY CHALLENGE:
Each day this week, try one way to “clean your heart” by choosing kindness or forgiveness.

You might:

- Say sorry if you have hurt someone
- Forgive someone who upset you
- Choose kind words instead of unkind ones
- Help someone without being asked

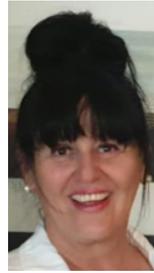
At the end of the day, share one way you tried to show kindness.

SMALL CHOICES CAN HELP OUR HEARTS
GROW MORE LIKE THE HEART OF HĒHU

♥♥♥ KARAITI.

Create in me a
clean heart, O God.

Psalm 51 10



Welcome back Robby Firmin! We have missed your energy and smile, and we are all so pleased to have you back. Robby will be working to support maths intervention across all classrooms.

We also warmly welcome back two fabulous teachers Phil and Trish, who will be supporting reading twice a week across the school.

Welcome to Sophie Jonathon, a Year 12 student from Trinity, who will join us every Thursday to support our classrooms as a Gateway student for 2026.



You can now access School accounts via the Hero app. Please download this app if you have not already. This also allows you to send in detailed reasons of any lateness and absences.



Do you love gardening? Would you be keen to run a gardening group or to adopt a garden to keep tidy at our school?
Please see Teenaka



Room 4 tamariki have been learning and sharing their Pepeha with their class.





March

- 23rd – Otago Anniversary - Public Holiday
- 24th – Fish and Chip Night and “Bring Your Wheels to School”
- 27th – Mass, 10:30 am/ Assembly 2.30pm
- 31st – Room 4 Holy Week Play, 2:30 pm/ Caritas Challenge - Bucket Challenge

April

- 1st – Room 3 Holy Week Play, 2:30 pm/ Caritas Challenge - Eat and Shelter
- 1st – BOT Meeting, 7:15 pm / Caritas Challenge- Giving to others
- 2nd – Hub Holy Week, 2:30 pm Last Day of Term 1
- 3rd – Good Friday

TOD - Friday May 15th and August Friday 28th

School Assembly - 27th March

Account Name:

St Brigid's School Board of Trustees
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 St Brigid's School PTA
 Bank Account – 06 0901 0797125 00



BBO April Holiday Camp
 Tue 7th - Thu 9th Jan 2026
 9am-12pm @ Edgar Centre
 Children in Y1-8
 \$35 per day or \$90 for three days

Reg Link:

<https://membership.mygameday.app/regofor m.cgi?formID=120858>



Youth Digitech

GAMING AND SAFE SOCIAL SPACES ·
 GAME DEVELOPMENT · PIXEL ART · 3D MODELLING ·
 RASPBERRY PI · WEB DEVELOPMENT

MINECRAFT CLUB	Tuesdays 3:30 - 5:30pm Ages 8 - 12
CODE CLUB	Thursdays 3:30 - 5:30pm Ages 11 - 13
YDS <small>Youth Digitech Studios</small>	Sundays Standard: 2:00 - 3:30pm Advanced: 4:00 - 5:30pm Ages 10 - 15

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As a Catholic community, we reflect and grow in faith through a monthly focus topic. We invite you to share your ideas with us. This month our topic is

What does it mean to be a disciple of Christ?

Follow the link to share your thoughts.

<https://forms.gle/s2F6znrNBT1vDxK36>

