



St Brigid's School Newsletter

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6th August 2026. Term 3 Week 3



St Brigid's School - Peninsula Arts Exhibition

Everyone is an artist, and we are so proud of the wonderful artwork our children have created.

Every student has produced a special piece of art that is now displayed at the Otago Peninsula Art Exhibition.



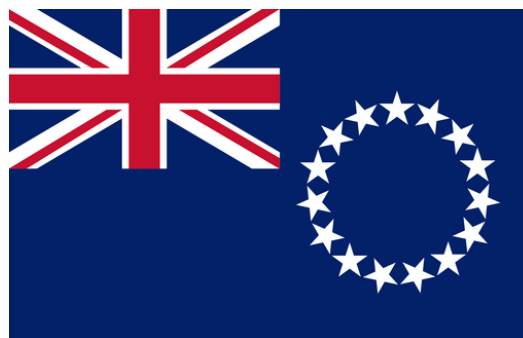
It has been fantastic to see the creativity children have shown through their artwork.

The exhibition has been open at the Bayfield School each day until 5:00pm. We encourage you all to pop down and view the amazing talent.

Congratulations to our St Brigid's School winners

Erin Chadwick- Y6
Kairo Astiilla- Y1

They will attend the prize giving with all other school winners tonight at Bayfield High School.



Cook Islands Language Week celebrates the rich language, culture, history, and traditions of the Cook Islands. It is an opportunity for us to honour Cook Islands Māori language and strengthen connections with our Cook Islands families.

This week classes have been exploring Cook Islands traditions, art, and dance and learning some phrases. As a school we are also learning a Cook Island Drum dance to perform at the Otago Polyfest on the 11th September. We are thankful to the Cook island community for supporting us in this.

Some phrases:

Kia orana – Hello / Welcome

Meitaki ma'ata – Thank you very much

Ka kite – Goodbye / See you

Aere mai – Welcome / Come here

Eaa tō'ou ingoa? – What is your name?

P.T.A Women's Wellness Day – Thank You



Welcome Whaea Glennis.

We are so happy to have you in the Hub while Mrs C is on leave.

Please keep Mrs C and her family in your prayers

What a wonderful afternoon we had at our Women's Wellness Day!

Beth McLean led a fabulous pilates session. We had a reflective self care session with Dr Kumari Valentine, and an informative session with our dietitian, Jo Murphy

Jane, Jess and Jan also made and delivered a great menu for afternoon tea. The day was a perfect opportunity for everyone to relax, connect, and focus on wellbeing.

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our day and gave up their precious weekend time to help make it such a success. We are very grateful to have raised around \$800 for our school. Thank you to everyone who helped, supported, and attended — we really appreciate it.

After School Care Available

Did you know we have After School Care available right here at St Brigid's School? Our programme is held in the school hall and operates Monday to Friday until 5:30 pm

If you would like more information or would like to enrol your child, please contact Isobel 022 382 6983

Teacher only day August 28th

Our after school care will also be open for the Teacher only day on August the 28th \$20 for the day. Please contact Isobel

St. Brigid's Community Recipe Book.

We need recipes from all families!

Recipes can be handwritten or emailed to office@stbrigidsdn.school.nz or dropped into the office. it is going to be so special to have the recipes from each family in our community.

Congratulations to our children preparing for Confirmation!

Confirmation is a special time when you say “yes” to God and welcome the Holy Spirit into your life. Through this sacrament, you receive strength, courage, and wisdom to follow Jesus and share His love with others.

During the celebration, you will be anointed with holy oil as a sign that the Holy Spirit is with you and guides you on your faith journey. Confirmation is a new beginning as you continue to grow in faith, serve others, and live as a disciple of Jesus.

Confirmation children will meet after our school mass on the 16th November for preparation with Father Hishon.

Active August is Here!

We're excited to kick off Active August with lots of fun opportunities to get moving.

Wacky Hat Day – Tuesday 12 August

Wear your wackiest hat to school and join in the fun while celebrating Active August!

Walking School Bus

Our Walking School Bus meets every morning at 8:40 am at the corner by the old bowling club. We'd love to see more children join us! If your child would like to walk with the group, please let the school know.

We hope that we will be able to organise another day for Guy and Scout from the DCC to come to our school. Remember every day you are active tick your Active August card and be ready to go into the draw for some awesome rewards.



Champions are Made Every Day

Commonwealth athletes inspire us because they show the power of commitment and determination. Their achievements are the result of years of practice, hard work, and never giving up when things become difficult.

They remind us that success is not just about winning – it is about setting goals, showing resilience, supporting others, and always striving to improve.

Every one of us can learn from these athletes. Whether in sport, learning, friendships, or life, greatness begins with effort and the courage to keep trying.

“Champions are not made in moments of victory; they are created through the commitment, discipline, and determination shown every day.”

NIDD Spirit Award: **Teamwork**

Celebrating students who work well with others, encourage their peers/siblings, and contribute positively to group activities both at school and at home. Last week to get those nominations in! office@stbrigidsdn.school.nz.



Presentation day- August the 14th

Congratulations nominations for Teamwork at home and school:

Elizabeth, Elijah, Levi, Dexter, Chesca, Juniper,

Parent interviews

Thank you for signing up, we are looking forward to seeing you. We also have some questions to help us plan for the next few years at St Brigid's. Please pop into the school hall before or after your interview and add your voice. If you have not signed up please call Rachel in the office to make your time.

School Calendar

August

Active August
6th Swimming
7th Mass 10:30 a.m Tuakana teina /Cultural time
10th Parent interviews
11th Parent interviews
12th Wacky hat day
12th Board meeting
13th Swimming
14th Assembly Cultural time
18th Ariki Cup
20th Swimming
21st Mass 10:30 a.m/ Tuakana teina
24th/ 25th Art Gallery School
27th Swimming
28th Teacher only day

September

3rd Swimming
4th Family School Disco
4th Concert Year 3-6 Trinity
4th Mass 10:30 a.m Tuakana teina
7th Social Justice week
9th Board meeting
10th Swimming
11th Poly Fest 12pm
11th No Assembly
18th Mass 10:30a.m /Tuakana teina
25th Mercy Day/ Cultural time
Last day of the school year is 16th December -
Family Carols from 11:30 followed by Lunch.

Basketball Opportunities 2degrees Girls Got Game

A fun and welcoming programme designed just for girls in Y5-8 to build skills, confidence and friendships through basketball. It's the perfect way to get active, learn the game and enjoy being part of a supportive environment.



Females in Y5-8
\$50 for 5 weeks
Begins Sun 16 Aug
9:00am to 10:00am
Edgar Centre, Dunedin



<https://membership.mygameday.app/regofrm.cgi?formID=121638>

BNZ Kiwi Hoops

The ideal introduction to basketball for children in Y1-6! Across six weeks, kids will learn the FUNdamentals in a setting that focuses on games-based activities, movement and enjoyment of the game.

Children in Y1-6
\$50 for 5 weeks
Begins Sun 16 Aug
9:00am to 10:00am
Edgar Centre, Dunedin

<https://membership.mygameday.app/regofrm.cgi?formID=121637>

Thank you to our volunteers

from sports, lunches, gardens, fundraising and swimming! We really value your support!

Late Starts and School Closure.
If the school is closed for the day, or starting late, a notice will be made on our school facebook page. The following radio stations generally broadcast school announcements from 7am: The Hits Breakfast with Callum & P (Facebook Page) & Radio Dunedin 1305 A The Breeze 98.2 FM More FM 97.4 FM

KIDS XC SERIES

2026

Collect all 3 Ribbons

- Sun 19 July - Chisholm Park
- Sun 2 Aug - Rotary Park
- Sun 23 Aug - Chingford Park

10am start

AGES 10 & UNDER

Fun event for ALL Awesome obstacles Club & Community runners

Race Entry - Can of Food Donation

All donated cans of food will go given to a local foodbank

No pre entry - Just turn up!

Healthy Smile Swap

GO PLAIN for EVERY DAY

Choose plain MILK or WATER instead of sweetened drinks

Flavoured and sweetened drinks often have EXTRA SUGAR added. Every drink has SWEETENED drinks and leave with a thirst. Plain milk and water are the ONLY SAFE drinks for our team. - Share your empty water bottle and GO PLAIN for EVERY DAY!

Health New Zealand Te Whaiti Ora Community Oral Health Service Talkteeth Southern

ST BRIGID'S BUSY BEES

Four year old programme

Every second Wednesday 1:45- 2:45pm

Term 3 Dates: 29th July, 12th August, 26th August, 9th September

Is your child getting ready to start school?

Our fun, Busy Bees Programme is the perfect way to help them feel confident and excited about their school journey.

Through games, art and craft, hands-on activities, and new friendships, children will:

- Explore early literacy and numeracy skills
- Build fine motor skills
- Develop confidence and social skills
- Become familiar with our school environment and teachers

BOOK NOW FOR TERM 3

57 Bayfield Road, Tainui/ Andersons Bay
03 4543477 or office@stbrigidssdn.school.nz

PARENTS AND/OR CAREGIVERS MUST BE PRESENT, SO COME ALONG AND MEET OTHER PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS.

You are invited

Chris Skinner

Inspirational New Zealand Singer & Songwriter

Sunday 6 September 2026 | 2:00pm
Trinity Catholic College Auditorium
340 Rattray Street, Dunedin

All proceeds to Nano Nagle Trust supporting children to receive Catholic Education

Tickets \$20 | Early Bird \$15 (by 15 August)

For tickets pay: Nano Nagle Charitable Trust
03-1736-0513225-000
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