

St Brigid's School Newsletter



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Term 2 – Week 5

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Talofa Lava,



Another week has flown by, and it has been a week of Sacramental celebrations. Congratulations to Izzy, Connor and Cooper who were baptised into the church on Saturday, supported by their family and friends. It was a very special celebration led by Fr. Michael. This Sacrament marks the beginning of their journey into the life of the Catholic Church.



Congratulations to Damian, Yumi, Willa and Izzy and our St Bernadette's School friends who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Wednesday night. This was a wonderful celebration of peace and love. Please remember them and their wonderful families in your prayers.

Teenaka Kennedy

Heavenly Father,
We ask for Your comfort and peace to surround the Trinity Catholic College community during this time of loss. Grant strength to the tamariki, staff, whānau, and all who are grieving. May your love provide strength and hope. Amen.





Sāmoan Language Week.

The theme for 2024 is 'Tautua i le alofa, manuia le lumana'i – Serve in love for a blessed future'.

Trinity Sunday

Last Sunday we celebrated the Feast of the Holy Trinity. It is the day we celebrate the greatest mystery of all – the Holy Trinity!

God is so great that Jesus taught us to understand him as three persons in one being who is God. As we try to understand this mystery, Jesus taught us the greatest lesson of all. GOD IS LOVE and that God wants us to be a part of this love.

We give thanks to God for the gift of the Holy Trinity as a model for our school that we strive to live by each day, through the way we grow together with our values of Care, Respect and Responsibility. We are all a part of God's love.

Polyfest 2024

We are grateful for the support of our parents who are helping us prepare for the Otago Polyfest. Thank you, Lara and Fesi. Children and teachers are really enjoying learning cultural song and dance.

St Brigid's Jackets

These are proving very warm and popular. Fully lined jackets. Come and see Rachel in the office to purchase yours today. \$40 each.

Attendance

As a parent or caregiver, you play a key role in building strong habits of regular school attendance for your children. Regular attendance is needed for children to continue learning and improving their basic reading, writing and other skills they need. It also means they are likely to experience educational success.

Parents and caregivers must make sure their children are at school every day, and let the school know on the day if they are absent. Holidays, or tiredness are unjustified absences. The Ministry of Education collects information on absences from every school once a week.

All students are legally required to attend school every day and it is a shared responsibility to make sure our children attend and engage in learning at school.

It is also important that children come to school **on time (before 9.00 a.m.)** each day.

WHY IS ATTENDING SCHOOL EVERY DAY IMPORTANT?

Attending school every day is essential for learning. It means your child can:

- Make progress in reading, writing, maths and other skills
- Feel confident in the classroom
- Make friends and build social skills
- Build good habits for life

When children are regularly absent from school they miss out on important learning. They may get behind in their schoolwork, find it difficult to maintain friendships, and may feel unsettled and anxious about coming to school.

How parents can support good attendance:

- Have a good routine in the morning and evening so your child is organised and prepared for school
- Switch off devices in the evening and remove from bedrooms to encourage a good night's sleep
- Arrange medical and other appointments after school where possible
- Keep family holidays and trips away in school holiday times
- Talk with your child regularly about their learning and celebrate their progress
- Talk to your child's teacher if you're having difficulty getting your child to school or have any concerns or worries.

In New Zealand children are legally required to attend school every day between the ages of 6 and 16.

OYWT
Otago Youth Wellness Trust



St Brigid's School

BINGO

14 AUGUST, 2024

Green Island Rugby Club

Doors open : 6:15pm

First numbers called 7:00pm

\$15 dollars a book

Purchase on the night

Raffles- Please bring cash

Fundraising

Thank you for your donation of prizes. If you missed out, you are welcome to drop your donation off to the school office. Money raised will support activities and resources for our tamariki.



St Brigid's School

21st June 5-7

DISCO

Whānau Fun

Save the date!

Fun for the whole family.

We look forward to seeing you all there 😊

What's on in Term 2	
Term 2	
May	
Thursday 30 th May	Samoa Language Week
Friday 31 st May	Teacher Only Day- School Closed. No School Mass
June	
Monday 3 rd June	King's Birthday- School Closed
Wednesday 5 th June	Assembly 2:30pm in the hall
Wednesday 12 th June	Assembly 2:30pm in the hall
Friday 14 th June	Mass 10am in the hall
Wednesday 19 th June	Assembly 2:30pm in the hall
Friday 21 st June	School Disco 5-7pm
Mon 24 th & Tues 25 th	Life Education Bus
Wednesday 26 th June	Assembly 2:30pm in the hall
Friday 28 th June	Matariki - School Closed
Friday 5 th July	-Last Day of Term 2 -Mufti day- please bring a chocolate donation for our Bingo night on the 14 th August -Mid-year reports go home to parents
Other Important Dates for 2024	
Monday 22 nd July	First Day of Term 3
Friday 27 th September	Last Day of Term 3
Monday 14 th October	First Day of Term 4
Monday 28 th October	Labour Day- School is closed.

We need your help to keep children safe.

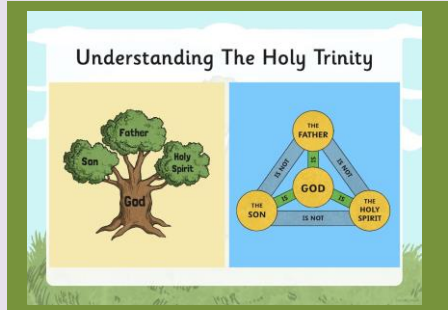
Please do not use our school driveway for turning or drop offs, The driveway is closed for all cars for the safety of our children. Please do not park on the yellow lines or over driveways. We really appreciate your support with this. If you see anything of concern, please call the school office.

Teacher Only Day

School will be closed tomorrow, Friday, May 31st, for teachers to complete professional development using the new curriculum, and also on Monday for King's Birthday weekend. We look forward to seeing you all back at school on Tuesday.

R.E. Comment...

Paul VI was known as the "flying pope" because he was the first pope to travel widely—70,000 miles—and to go by plane. In 1964 he made a visit to the Holy Land, becoming the first pope to leave Italy in 150 years.



What is Trinity Sunday?

Trinity Sunday is the day we celebrate the truth that God is made up of the Father, the Son (Jesus) and the Holy Spirit. The bible tells us that there is only one God but that this God is made up of three parts, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. The word we use to describe this 3 in 1 God is "Trinity." That is a word made up of the word "Tri" which mean 3 (EG A tricycle has 3 wheels) and the word "Unity," which means "One" or being unified together.



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.

Community News.....



Board News

St Brigid's School Board Casual vacancy for a parent representative

A casual vacancy has occurred on the school board for an elected parent representative.

The board has decided to fill the vacancy by selection.

If 10% or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held.

Request for a by-election should be sent to:

Colin MacLeod
Presiding member (chair)
St Brigid's School Board
Address: 45 Dundonald Street, Tainui, Dunedin.
by: 19th June 2024