



St Brigid's School Newsletter

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20th August 2026. Term 3 Week 5



Ariki Cup Cross Country 2026

Congratulations to all tamariki who participated in the Ariki Cup Cross Country on Tuesday.

Every runner finished the course and braved the cold wind, finishing the race puffed but proud of their effort. Special mention to Ailbe who was placed in the top ten coming fifth in the year five race. He now qualifies for the Otago Championships!

Mālō e lelei! This week we celebrate Tongan Language Week 🇳🇵

We are excited to celebrate Tongan Language Week in our classrooms! We are looking forward to having Nancy's Family coming in soon to share all about Tonga with us.



Common Tongan Phrases to Try at Home:

Mālō e lelei – Hello / Warm greetings

Fēfē hake? – How are you?

Sai pē, mālō – Good, thank you

Mālō 'aupito – Thank you very much



We love learning from you all and celebrating the many cultures in our school community.



Biodome back in Action

Jennie from Enviro School has been working every week with our gardening group. Our Biodome is now back up and running. We have had various children helping out and learning about how to get the soil ready for growing our vegetables. Pictured- Lasi celebrating getting the plants in on Tuesday.



Omathlon

This Thursday, we have two teams compete in the OMATHlon. The OMATHlon is a fast-paced maths challenge where teams work together to solve maths questions. Each team has one or two runners who race around a circuit to take their answers to be checked before running back to their team with a new question.

If the team gets the question correct, they earn 2 points. It was exciting and lots of fun! Well done to all our competitors for representing our school.



Congratulations to Farran on the arrival of your new baby brother!
We wish your family lots of love, joy and special moments as you welcome your newest family member.

Walking bus is active in August. Great team effort.



Polyfest.

Our whole school is preparing for the Otago Polyfest. We are so proud of all of the children with how they are preparing. This year there are many super leaders singing, calling and playing instruments in our items. We can't wait to share it with you.

Please note the updated time for our school performance on the 11th of September which is now 11:50 am.



Golden Ticket lunch

It was an awesome Principal lunch with these wee treasures on Monday. Our next principal lunch will be held in Week 10.

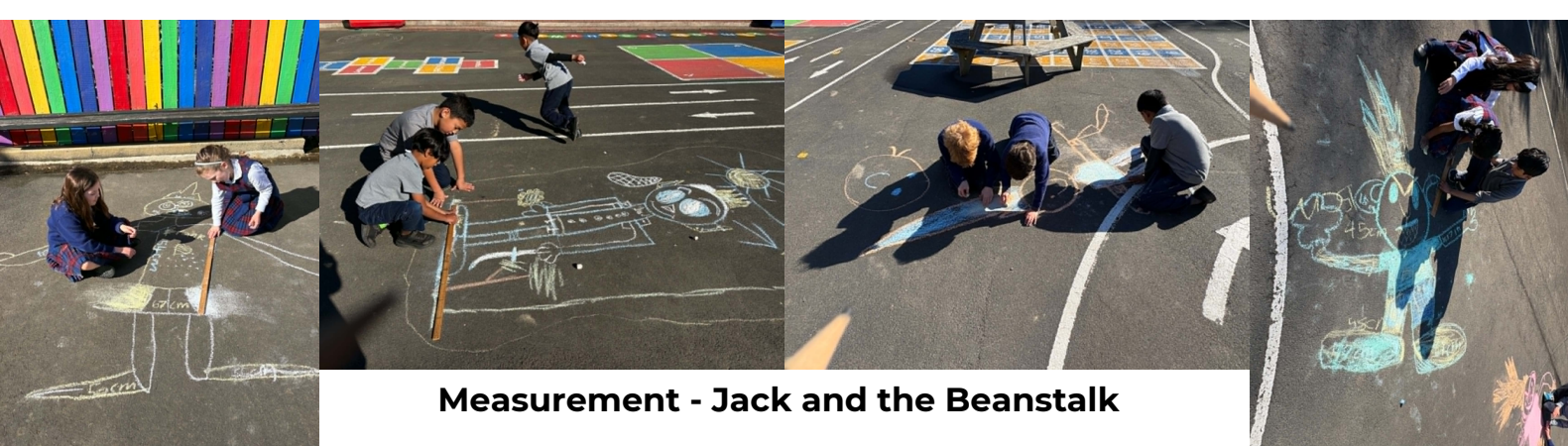


Parent Portal to support school learning
<https://www.education.govt.nz/parents-and-caregivers>

Reminder Friday August 28th

Our After School Care will be open for the Teacher only day on August the 28th \$20 for the day. Please contact Isobel before Wednesday to book in.





Measurement - Jack and the Beanstalk

Ever wondered how big the giant in Jack and the Beanstalk was? **Room 3** know! Here they are measuring the giant using centimetres (cm)

Helping our neighbours- Social Justice Week 2026

SOCIAL JUSTICE WEEK
Helping Your Neighbour
7th-11th SEPTEMBER

Help out at home, school, or in your neighbourhood!

This week, use your time and talents to help others by doing small jobs such as:

- Gardening
- Washing cars
- Cleaning
- Walking dogs
- Household chores
- Any other helpful jobs!

Ask for a donation for your work, then donate the money you raise to support **Edmund Rice Camps for Children - Dunedin**.

WHAT ARE EDMUND RICE CAMPS, DUNEDIN?
Edmund Rice Camps supports children (aged 9-14) to attend camp. Through fun activities, friendship, encouragement, and positive role models, the camps help children build confidence, develop resilience, and create happy memories in a safe and caring environment. All leaders are volunteers age 17-25. The money you raise will help more local children experience the joy and support of an Edmund Rice Camp.

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted."
"Love your neighbour as yourself."
- Mark 12:31

Edmund Rice Camps

Please return your donations to school by: _____

In Week 8 of this term, Catholic schools across Dunedin are coming together to celebrate Social Justice Week by putting faith into action!

We are encouraging our tamariki to support others by taking on odd jobs around the home or neighborhood (such as washing cars, walking dogs, or helping in the garden).

Children can collect sponsorships for their work from family and friends.

All funds raised will go directly to Edmund Rice Camps Dunedin, helping support their incredible work running fun camps for local children and youth who need it most.

Sponsorship forms will be sent home next week. Thank you for supporting our students as they make a positive difference to people in our community!



Disco

St Brigid's School Hall
September 4th 5:30 pm - 7:00pm



End of year Prizegiving 2026

Will be held after our school Musical on the 11th December

Year 6 Leavers Assembly and Carols
will be held on the 16th December at 11:30 am

Summer Sports

Next week we will be taking registration for summer school sports.

All entries must be in and paid for before the end of Term. Please only sign up if you can attend for the season.

Touch Rugby for Year 3-6
Futsal Year 1-6
T ball Year 1-4
Flipperball Year 3-6

St Brigid's School Musical Written by Miss Low
SAVE THE DATE. 11th December

6pm Trinity Auditorium
Auditions will be held soon! Watch this space.



School Calendar

August

21st Mass 10:30 a.m./ Tuakana teina
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
8th Board meeting
10th Swimming
11th Poly Fest 11:52am
11th No Assembly
18th Mass 10:30a.m /Tuakana teina
25th Mercy Day/ Cultural time

Last day of the school year is 16th December



**Tickets Available from
the St Brigid's School Office**

St. Brigid's Community Recipe Book.

We would love a recipe of two from everyone!

Recipes can be handwritten or emailed to office@stbrigidsdn.school.nz or dropped into the office. We would love to have recipes from every family in our community.

After School Care is available!

After School Care at St Brigid's School. Our programme 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



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@stbrigidsdn.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
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Email: nanonagletrust@gmail.com
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