

St Brigid's School Newsletter



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Dear Parents / Caregivers,

*25th July 2024
Term 3 – Week 1*

Welcome back to school for Term Three!



Our theme this term is inspired and being inspired.

Term Three Liturgy and Shared Kai

We invite our school community to join us for our Term Three Liturgy and shared kai on Wednesday, 31st July at 5:30pm. Please bring a plate of food to share. Let's gather inspiration and welcome for the term ahead!

Catholic Education Review Team Visit

Next week, we will welcome the Catholic Education Review team to our school. There will be our usual Assembly on Wednesday, 31st July at 2:30pm in the school hall. The team would like to meet with parents about our Special Character School before the assembly. If you are able to, please come to the school at 2:00pm and meet in the staffroom.

Term 3 Parent/Teacher Discussions

These will be held on Monday, 5th August, and Wednesday, 7th August between 3pm – 6pm. Please complete the [Google Form](#) by 5pm Friday, 26th July. A confirmation slip will be sent home with your time next week. Note: School closes at 3pm on both days.

We look forward to seeing you all.
Teenaka Kennedy



Junior School Reading Time

Children learning to read use decodable texts that are specially designed reading materials that match children's current phonics knowledge. These texts allow children to practice their segmenting (breaking words into sounds) and blending (combining sounds to form words) skills. This practice helps them recognise words quickly and effortlessly, building their reading confidence and success. By using decodable texts, children develop the ability to read independently with greater ease and enjoyment.

Values



This term we are focusing on the value of **Responsibility**. We love to see children in class and in the playground living our school values. At the end of last term, we were able to celebrate children living the values through our golden ticket lunch. Great company and food!

Community Shout out!

BBQ



We had a wonderful group of staff and parents who helped run a BBQ at the All Blacks game. Special Thanks to Jane and Alex for organizing the event and to Karen for making your famous Spring Rolls. We were able to raise about \$1500 dollars for our school.

Active August

Children are encouraged to walk or wheel (skate, scoot, cycle) to school, with a parent/caregiver/older sibling or independently, as considered appropriate.

During August, all children can get a "Walk to School" progress card and every time they walk or wheel to and/or from school, they will get their card marked (or they mark it themselves). Once they have walked or wheeled 10 times, children can exchange this for a Scout sticker and a new card and then the completed card goes into the draw to win a spot prize.



Winter Walk to School Day - Wednesday 14 August 2024!

- The theme for Winter Walk to School Day is Wacky Hats!
- Children are encouraged to wear a wacky, crazy and/or bright hat as they walk to school! Plus, there will be a family photo competition!

Soup and Buns for all!

Everyone is welcome at Mercy Church Foyer 3.30pm- 6pm every Thursday. Come along and join us for soup and company.

Year 5 / 6 Camp We are excited to announce that our Year 5/6 camp will take place at the end of this year. We will be joining St Mary's Kaikorai for this event.

Venue: Camp Columba, Pukerau, Gore

Dates: Term 4 - Wednesday 4th- Friday 6th December. Please check your emails for more information.

What's on in Term 3

Friday 26 th July	You will receive school report via email
Tuesday 30 th July	PTA meeting, 7pm in the staffroom. All welcome.
Wednesday 31 st July	-Meet our Catholic Review Team 2pm in the Staffroom - Community night- You are inspired Liturgy
Monday 5 th & Wednesday 7 th August	Parent interviews
Tuesday 12 th August	Board Meeting 6pm
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.

Save the Date - Peninsula Schools Art Exhibition 2024

"Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once we grow up" Pablo Picasso

We are excited to be entering some of our pieces into the Peninsula Art Exhibition. We encourage you all to take a look to celebrate our young artists. It is free and open to the public. It will be held in Herron Hall, which is located through the reception entrance of Bayfield High School and will be open to the public from Tuesday 6th- Friday 9th August, 8.30am – 5.30pm.

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BINGO

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14TH AUGUST, 2024

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Green Island Rugby Club

Neill St, Abbotsford

Doors open : 6:15pm

Game starts: 7:00pm

\$15 for 10 games + \$5 a super house

Cash sales only

Raffles will be sold throughout the night

The bar and kitchen will be open.

Please share and join us for a night of fun while we raise money for our tamariki for learning resources and activities. Thank you for your donations. Jason McCook has collected some wonderful raffle prizes, make sure you bring cash along on the night to be in to win.

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.

Working Bee.

Board members, staff, parents and children joined us for a few hours in the holidays weeding, cleaning spouting's and spreading new wood chips on the playground. Thank you so much for your mahi!

Thank-you Father Hishon who arrived early to prune trees and Sharon for pruning the roses. Our grounds are a wonderful resource for the children but do require lots of work. If you are able to lend a hand at any time, please let us know.



R.E. Comment...



Welcome back to school for our winter term. Be near us loving God, we pray, as we move through winter, seeking the warmth of your presence and the light of your grace. Remind us of the quiet beauty of a hard frost, the magic in a snow angel, the comfort in a mug of hot chocolate, and the rhythm in finding joy in each season, even one as dark and cold as winter. Help us find a peaceful and kind place in our classrooms where we can learn in comfort and have the joy of an inquiring mind. Amen

FEAST FACTS WITH ST JAMES THE GREATER

- 1 HE WAS THE SON OF ZEBEDEE AND SALOME, BROTHER OF JOHN THE DISCIPLE AND ONE OF THE 12 APOSTLES
- 2 THE TITLE "THE GREATER" WAS ADDED TO DISTINGUISH HIM FROM THE OTHER JAMES WHO WAS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN SHORTER
- 3 HE WAS ONE OF JESUS' FIRST DISCIPLES AND ONE OF THREE TO SEE CHRIST'S TRANSFIGURATION

FEAST DAY: JULY 25

Community News.....

The Community Oral Health Service **IS GOING DIGITAL!**

We're saying goodbye to posting letters and we're going digital! You will now receive all new appointments and reminders via FREE text message (SMS).

1 It's quick, easy and better for the planet!

COHS A dental appt has been made for Jane Smith on Thursday 20/07/24, 09:00 at Bluff Mobile Dental Clinic. If you need to change this, please Ph 0900 872 543

Health New Zealand Te Whatu Ora Community Oral Health Service

Scan this code for more great tooth tips

FUN STICKS HOCKEY

McMillan Hockey Centre

TERM 3

Scan here to register

Wednesdays 3.30 - 4.15pm

5 week programme Starts Wed 24 July

<https://oha.org.nz/get-involved/junior/>

NE - Yr 2 AGES 5-7

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OUR ACTIVITIES

- ✓ Basic Fundamental Skills
- ✓ Hockey specific skills
- ✓ Make new friends
- ✓ Lots of FUN!

Contact us:-
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TRINITY CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Open Day
4th August, 12.30pm

Please meet at the Trinity Catholic College Auditorium