

St Brigid's School Newsletter



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Principal's Message

There are many challenges that children face either at school or at home. They may face domestic unrest at home or struggles at school with relationship issues. Sometimes children can benefit from specialised input by mental health professionals.



Following the withdrawal of Chatbus services in Dunedin due to financial issues, our Catholic Kahui Ako primary schools got together to find a possible way to provide this support that makes such a big difference to the well-being of our students. In partnership with Catholic Social Services and with the support of Works of Mercy and the Caring Foundation, we have now been able to engage a counsellor who will work across our nine Catholic primary schools.

We are very excited about having this new support service for our students; it is called "Hearing You." Further information about how this service can be accessed will be emailed out soon.

Andrew Pozniak

Value Awards were received by the following children this week:

- Room 1 Vincent Beatson
- Room 2 Serah Jacob
- Room 3 Hugo Anstey
- Room 4 Jesse Lavea



St Brigid's House Groups

Congratulations to our House Token

Winners this week:

- de Paul House:** Kulle Calderon
- Aubert House:** Matalasi Tuigamala
- McAuley House:** Julian Osland

SOME IMPORTANT DATES

School Term Dates 2022

Term 1: Thurs 4th Feb- Thurs 14th April
(Easter is included in Term 1 Break)

Term 2: Mon 2nd May - Fri 8th July

Term 3: Mon 25th July -Fri 30th Sept

Term 4: Mon 17th Oct- **Thurs 15th Dec**
NB last day of school has been changed.

25 February 2022
Term 1 Week 4

Dear Parents/Caregivers

St Brigid's School Leaders

At Wednesday's Assembly we announced the St Brigid's Student and House leaders for 2022. We try to support opportunities like this to celebrate and encourage children to grow and lead as citizens' while exemplifying our Catholic Character.

Congratulations to our Student Leaders and House Leaders they are:

Student Leaders:

Olivia Anstey and Sirafin Mariya Binu



House Leaders:

Aubert House:

Austin Gillespie
Mason Voyce

McAuley House:

Harper Guthrie
Halaina Sparks

de Paul House:

Leo Patston
Shynn Timer

Sickness

A reminder that if your child is feeling unwell please keep them at home. It would be prudent for your child to have a Covid test and keep them at home until you receive notification. If your child has experienced vomiting or diarrhoea they should not be back at school for 48 hours following their last episode.

Walk 'n' Wheel Week 2022

Monday 7th March -Friday 11th March

Sport Otago have organised a Walk 'n' Wheel Week. This week is designed to create safer walking and wheeling environments around schools by reducing the number of cars and reducing congestion at the school gate.

Our school can encourage walking and wheeling by participating in the events.

There will be themes for each day of the week therefore Monday 7th is 'Move it Monday' and then it will be, 'Choose it Tuesday', 'Wacky Wednesday' 'Thoughtful Thursday' and 'Foot it Friday'

Further information will be sent out next week.

What's on it next week

Tues 1 March	Futsal begins for St Brigid's Superstars
Wed 2 March	Futsal begins for St Brigid's Strikers

What's on this term

7 - 11	Walk n Wheel Week
Sun 27	St Brigid's Family Mass at St Patrick's
Wed 30	BOT Meeting

Driving and Parking

Please be aware of the parking restrictions during drop off and pick up of your children at school along Bayfield road.

It is illegal to park over someone's driveway or on yellow lines. It is not advisable to park in the middle of the road when dropping your child or picking them up.



Please be aware of the current road restrictions and keep our children safe.

Sports News

Sports Code of Conduct forms are now available on the Team Messenger groups. Please complete these as soon as possible.

Futsal:

We have just had confirmation that Futsal will start next week as planned on Tuesday 1 March for St Brigid's Superstars and Wednesday 2 March for St Brigid's Strikers. The draw will be available later today.

There is likely to be a significant disruption to the season as more and more people come down with Covid. This is likely to lead to teams having to default and games being changed.

Please check your Team Messenger groups and Facebook pages for current information, draws and updates.

A Covid Phase 3 Update will be emailed out tonight.

School Bank Account Details *(Please ensure you deposit money into the correct account)*

Board of Trustees - School Account:

06 0942 0045712 00

PTA – Fundraising Account:

03 1732 0001257 00

Kind regards - Andrew Pozniak

R. E. COMMENT

Week 4: Green 21st - 25th February

21st Saint Peter Damian

22nd Chair of Saint Peter

23rd Saint Polycarp

Chair of Saint Peter Every year on February 22, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter. Confusing to many, this feast is less about an ancient piece of furniture than it is about the Office of the Pope and his role as a sign of unity and peace. To be seated is to be in a position of patience and listening, hospitality and charity. Remembering the Chair of St. Peter through this lens recalls Peter's role (and the role of all popes since) to be the Supreme Pontiff (or Pope).

