St Brigid's School Newsletter

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February 19th, 2026 Term One Week Three

Kia ora koutou,

This week we celebrated Shrove Tuesday in our classes. The children enjoyed making pancakes together and learning about the meaning of Shrove Tuesday. A special time as we prepare our hearts for Lent.

On Wednesday, we gathered as a school community for our school Ash Wednesday liturgy.

Let us use this time of lent to listen, pray, and help others, preparing our hearts for the joy of Easter

Loving God,
as we begin the season of Lent,
help us to grow closer to you each day.

Teach us to be kind, forgiving, and thoughtful in our words and actions.

May our hearts be open to loving others as you love us.

Amen.

Made by Sam Mackle 2026

Last Sunday was our beginning school mass. This was a special time to gather with St Bernadette's and our parish community. Thank you to Bonnie, Ailbe. Chesca, Theo, Kylle and Ramiel for helping in our mass. We were so proud of you. We welcome all children to come along and take part in our mass as singers, readers and alter servers.

As a Catholic community, we reflect and grow in faith through a monthly focus topic.
We invite you to share your ideas with us. This month our topic is

Who do I understand Jesus to be?

Follow the link to share your thoughts.
https://forms.gle/s2F6znrNBT1vDxK36

Keep our children safe!

To help keep our children and families safe, we kindly ask that no vehicles use the school driveway between 8:30–9:30am and 2:30–3:30pm.

At the end of the day, families are welcome to walk up the driveway to the classrooms or wait at the bottom of the driveway. **Please ensure all children cross at the designated crossing zone and are met by a parent or caregiver.** The road is getting busier and we appreciate your help to keep our tamariki safe

PLEASE DO NOT PARK on yellow lines, across the driveways or do u turns on our street. It is unsafe.

Celebrating our School Holiday Readathon participants

Thank you for taking part you raised $520 dollars to purchase new books for our school library.

We have also noticed how your hard work has given yor reading a great start to the year. Well done Tamariki!

School policies

At St Brigid's School, our school policies are provided by SchoolDocs. SchoolDocs is an independent service that provides core policies that meet legislative and regulatory requirements and good practice, with school-specific information.
We invited you to be part of each terms review
https://www.schooldocs.co.nz/
Username: stbrigidsdn
Password: brigids57

Isobel from Kidszone is now offering before school care in the school hall. Please call her for prices and details

Breakfast club is still running from 8:15- 8:45 Monday to Wednesdays . Thank you to kick Start Breakfast for supporting this.

All children must come the the school hall until clasrooms open at 8:30 am

We would really appreciate all children being at school ready to start the day at 9am. We have seen an improvement in beginning the day well when children are on time.

Our First Golden Ticket Winners for 2026

Golden tickets are awarded to children seen living all three values in our school. Nominations come from students and staff. Winners enjoy lunch with our principal once a term.

Hero App

For new families please download the Hero app and login with your email address supplied on your child's enrolment form and create a password. Choose our school and then you will be able to access to report absences. If you have any issues with this please do not hesitate to call the school office.

P.T.A donation

We have lots of exciting fundraising and family events planned for this year, and we're off to a great start! Our first fundraiser is catering for a group at the church, which will raise $3,500 for our school over ten weeks. Thank you to everyone who has already offered to help — We still need help for the 12th and 19th of April for two hours.

We will also be running a firewood raffle, so keep an eye out for more details coming soon.
We are very grateful to our PTA, who at our last meeting have generously donated $12,000 to the school. This has bought $1,000 worth of big books for shared reading in classrooms, woodchips for our school grounds as well as additional funding to support our teacher aides working in every class.

Thank you for your support — it makes a difference for our children and school community
We are looking for Friday lunch helpers- a form will be sent out next week.

February
25th – BOT Meeting, 7:15 pm
27th – Mass 10:30 am /Futsal Skills for all

March
3rd – PAL Training Year 6 children
13th – Mass, 10:30 am
16th - P.T.A 7:00pm
16th/17th – Parent Interviews
23rd – Otago Anniversary - Public Holiday
27th – Mass, 10:30 am
27th – School Fun Run 2:00 pm
30th – Fish and Chip Night and "Bring Your Wheels to School"
31st – Room 4 Holy Week Play, 2:30 pm/ Caritas Challenge - Bucket Challenge

April
1st – Room 3 Holy Week Play, 2:30 pm/ Caritas Challenge - Eat and Shelter
1st – BOT Meeting, 7:15 pm / Caritas Challenge- Giving to others
2nd – Hub Holy Week, 2:30 pm
TOD - Friday May 15th and August Friday 28th with one to confirm

School Assembly every second week

The dates are:

27th School Fun run at School 2:00pm
13th Assembly 2:30pm
27th Mass Assembly 2:30pm

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