

St Brigid's School Newsletter



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Term 3 – Week 1

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

You are loved, You are welcomed, You are inspired

Kia ora,

Welcome to Term 3.

Thank you for the wonderful welcome to the St Brigid's School Community.

This week I have loved walking through the classrooms to meet the children and see their learning in action.



Message from the Principal.

I was born and raised in Dunedin. I have spent my teaching career teaching in Catholic Schools. My husband Mike and I have two very active boys aged 11 and 9. My free time is spent trying to keep up with all their adventures and I enjoy spending time with my extended family and friends, reading, movies, fun at the beach and camping.

My passion is for teaching and learning in Catholic Schools. It is my desire for our school to be a community in which Christ is encountered and where the faith and practices of the Catholic Church are passed on and experienced.

I am committed to growing the staff by providing them professional development opportunities to continue the high standard of teaching and learning at St Brigid's. I will continue with high expectations for pupil achievement in all facets of school life and developing the learners' skills, attributes and attitudes that are required so that they grow into lifelong learners. I support a positive and caring and respectful environment and I will work to ensure all students will be prepared to become confident, connected citizens who contribute positively to the Catholic community they live in.

I look forward to spending time in the classes and connecting with each family. I look forward to working with you all.

Ngā mihi nui,

Teenaka Kennedy

Welcome

To Jaden Goundar who has begun in the Hub this week and welcome back to Elizabeth Daniels who is in Room 3.



Values Awards

This term we are focusing on the value of Responsibility. We love to see children in class and in the playground using our term value.

The GOLDEN TICKET

Teacher nominated: Ezra Toomalatai



Tuesday Masses

Held from Tuesday 1st August at 10:00am in our Sacred Space. We welcome you to join us.



What's on in Term 3

Thursday 20 th July	School Swimming starts and continues every Thursday for all of Term 3.
Tuesday 25 th July	PTA Meeting 7pm
Tuesday 1 st August	St Brigid's Parent Information night 5:30pm
Wed 2 nd August	Board Meeting 6pm
Wed 16 th August	Ariki Cup
Monday 21 st & Wed 23 rd August	Parent interviews
Tuesday 29 th August	Kahui Parent meeting John Parsons 6:00-7:00pm Trinity
Friday 22 nd September	Last day of Term 3

ST BRIGID'S HOUSE GROUPS:

Congratulations to **Aubert House** who was our winning house this week. Our House Token Winners this week:
Aubert House: Matalasi Tuigamala
McAuley House: Finn Smith
de Paul House: Sofia Bingley

School Counselling Service.

Hearing You is a free service provided by Catholic Social Services. It provides a safe space for children to visit with India, a registered counselor who can offer support and understanding with any struggles they are facing. India is at St Brigid's every second Tuesday. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

Bookclub orders—

Are due back at school no later than Wednesday 26th July.

Please click on the link below to take you to the Loop Page for online ordering.

<https://mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz/Parent/Login.aspx>

Consent forms

Fr Gerard will be signing consent forms at St Bernadette's school on Wednesday 26th July at 3:15pm and at St Brigid's on Thursday 27th July at 3:15pm. Also, he will be available after the 11am Mass on Sunday 30th July at the Basilica.

Swimming



Thank you to all of our helpers this week for swimming. We are grateful to the Bendigo Trust for their support with swimming this term.

Sports News

Winter Sports will continue this week. Draws will be emailed to you. Please check your game times.

Summer sport Registrations will be taken soon for Term 4. Options will be:

Futsal – Year 1-6 Tuesday or Wednesday at the Edgar Centre.

Touch Rugby - Year 3-6, Thursdays at The Oval

Flippaball- Year 3-6, at Moana Pool (must be a confident swimmer)

Registrations will be emailed out in Week 5

Get Active in August!

Active August is an incentive run by the DCC to encourage families to get active.

How it works?

During August, all children will be issued with a card and every time they walk or wheel to and/or from or around school, parents can sign the card. 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.

You can also join in the **Winter Walk to School Day - Wednesday 16 August 2023!** The theme is Wacky hats!

Children are encouraged to wear a wacky, crazy and/or bright hat as they walk to school! Plus a family photo competition! Families can win one of three \$50 Otago Sports Depot vouchers by sending their wacky hat competition photos to transport@dcc.govt.nz by

Wednesday 23 August 2023. Children are encouraged to walk or wheel (skate, scoot, cycle) to school, with parent/caregiver/older sibling or independently, as considered appropriate.



R.E. Comment...

Mary Magdalene travelled with Jesus as one of his followers. She is mentioned by name more than most of the apostles and more than any other woman in the gospels, other than Jesus's family. All the gospels say she is, either alone or a member of a larger group of women which includes Jesus's mother, as the first to witness the empty tomb, and is the first to witness Jesus's resurrection. Mary Magdalene is known in some Christian traditions as the "apostle to the apostles".

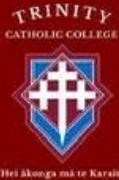


Lord, please bless all our teachers, friends and whanau as they make their way back to their classrooms for another term. Help them to feel excitement and joy in the promise of a new start.

Help to keep our schools and homes warm. Give

them everything they need to start their classes. Help us to support those who are hungry and cold. Give them and us all we need all this winter.

Amen.



We warmly invite you to visit our beautiful campus, meet our inspiring staff and students, and discover the benefits of attending Trinity Catholic College

OPEN DAY



Starts 12 noon Sunday 30th July

Meet at the Trinity Catholic College Auditorium
(Entry off Tennyson Street)



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If you are unable to attend, we are very happy to organise a personalised tour at a time that suits!

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PTA NEWS

Next Meeting: Tuesday 25th July at 7pm. All welcome.

BOARD NEWS

Next Meeting: Wednesday 2nd August

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.