

St Brigid's School Newsletter

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Dear Parents / Caregivers

Principal's Message

9th March 2023
Term 1 – Week 6



Kia Koutou St Brigid's Whanau

Although excellence is not one of our school values, it is something we should aspire to use. The search for excellence is seen as an integral part of the spiritual quest. Christians are called to seek perfection in all aspects of their lives. In Catholic education, pupils are therefore given the opportunity to develop their talents to the full. We use innovative ideas to be excellent role models serving our community and using our talents to inspire others. This means that:

We are becoming excellent role models serving our community

We are using our talents to shine

We help each other to be great.

We look for new ideas

How does this relate to NZ Curriculum Principles? The New Zealand Curriculum offers all students a broad education that makes links within and across learning areas, provides for coherent transitions, and opens up pathways to further learning. The value of excellence is about trying your very best in everything that you do. It does not matter if something is new and really hard, or something you do every day – you give it 100% effort every time.

Kind Regards, Andrew Pozniak

Parent Teacher Discussions: A reminder that our first discussions for the year will be on Monday 27th March and Wednesday 29th March from 3pm – 6pm.

Please complete the Google Form by 5pm on Monday 13th March (see link below). Next Friday a confirmation slip will be sent home with your time.

NB – School closes at 3pm on both days. <https://forms.gle/6XV9Xkvocbrxq2FD7>

What's on this Term	
Sunday 12 th March	St Brigid's School Mass at St Patrick's 9:30am followed by a sacramental meeting at 10:30am
Monday 20 th March	Otago Anniversary Day School Closed
Friday 24 th March	Fair set up
Saturday 25 th March	School Fair 11am - 2pm
Monday 27 th March & Wednesday 29 th March	Parent-teacher interviews 3:30pm-6:00pm
Sunday 2 nd April	Palm Sunday Mass at 9:30am at St Patrick's
Monday 3 rd April	Caritas Challenge Day
Monday 24 th April	Teachers only day

2023 TERM DATES:

TERM 1: Thurs 2 Feb - 6 April
 TERM 2: 24 April - 30 June
 TERM 3: 17 July - 22 Sept
 TERM 4: 9 Oct - 20 Dec

Values Awards

This term we are focusing on:
 Te Tapu o te Tangata - Respect
 Certificates were given to the following children:

Rm 4 - Charles Michael

Rm 3 - Yumi Lawas

Hub - Jack Blick

St Brigid's House Groups:

Congratulations to **Aubert House** -
 the winning house this week.
 Our House Token Winners this week:

Aubert House: Ailbe O'Kane

McAuley House: Isla Toomalatai

de Paul House: Willa Higgs



The GOLDEN TICKET

Congratulations to the following children who received Golden Tickets this week
 for displaying outstanding values:

Aryan Prasad, Drake Elcarte, Miles Osland and Effie Spaven



Futsal:

Results from week 6:

St Brigid's Strikers: Won. P.O.D: Ailbe O'Kane

St Brigid's Hotspurs: Won. P.O.D: Aryan Prasad



Bookclub orders: are due no later than Wednesday 15th March. Please click on the link below to take you to the Loop page for online ordering.



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

COVID

Although we do not have any identified cases of COVID it is still around the community. If you do happen to have a positive case within your household, please let us know ASAP as it helps us to manage any spread the best that we can.

Parking/Driveway

Our parking signs will continue in term 1. They are there to prevent people from parking over driveways and broken yellow lines. We will continue to remind you there is no access between the hours of 8:30am and 9:30 am unless by special permission. Please drop off and pick up your children at the bottom of the driveway if you are in vehicles. However, we would warmly encourage you to come up to the classroom if you would like to drop off or pick up your child on foot.

Please be aware that we are only responsible for children at school after 8:30 am and up to 3:30 pm. If you wish to drop off or pick your child up before these times then you can always use the after school care program run by MASH (My After School Headquarters) on 03-366 9408

Notices

- It is wonderful to have assemblies back in the hall starting at 2:30 pm on Wednesdays. Principal awards will be given out in weeks 6 and 8 of this term. All parents are welcome to join us for these weekly celebrations of children's achievements and successes.
- Newsletter is sent via email every Thursday and is also available on the Facebook page. We will also be sending paper copies home with your child/ren
- Absences- This is a reminder that children will be marked as truant if the school is not contacted by 9:30am at the latest. No children should be at school before 8:30 am unless they have been booked into the afterschool care programme run by Mash. The classrooms will not be open until 8:30am.

R. E. Comment

Anniversary of election of Pope Francis, 2013

This week is the anniversary of the election of Pope Francis and marks 10 years as pope. He was the first pope from Latin America and the first to use the name Francis. Francis has been noted for his humility, emphasis on God's mercy, international visibility as pope, concern for the poor, and

commitment to interreligious dialogue. He has continued to push for climate change reform, better treatment of refugees and greater attention to persecution of religious minorities. Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. That is the golden rule according to Pope Francis.



PTA News

Earlier this month the PTA held their Annual General Meeting and the following office bearers were elected:

Chair: Shweta Prasad

Secretary: Gemma Wilson

Treasurer: Jane Hawkins

Congratulations Shweta, Gemma and Jane!

Our next PTA Meeting is: Tuesday 14th March, 7pm in the staffroom. All welcome!

School Fair News

There is still time to drop off any donations for the school fair on the following dates!

- Sunday 12th March School Mass, see Jane.
- Sunday 19th March 2-4pm- drop off at school.
- Monday 13th- Friday 17th- please bring any donations to the bottom of the school drive at school pick up time.

School Bank Account Details

Board of Trustees - School Account:

06 0942 0045712 00

(For stationery payments, sports fees, EOTC & Copier contributions etc)

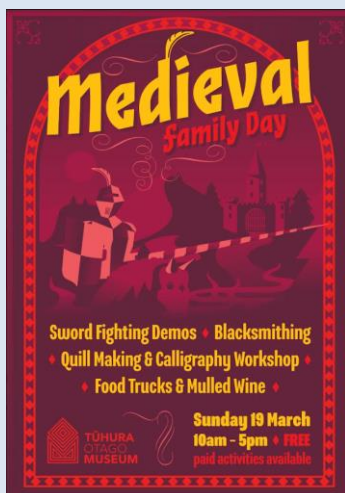
PTA – Fundraising Account:

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.

Community News



MIHA MĀORI
Nau mai, haere mai

6:30pm, Rātapu 12 Poutūterangi
Sunday 12 March
Followed by a kōrero and a kai

St Patrick's Basilica
Mercy Parish
40 Macandrew Road

This Mass in Te Reo Māori is a result of a conversation with Māori Whānau of Trinity Catholic College in 2022. We are blessed to have Fr Gerard Aynsley who will be our presider. Please promote our first Miha Māori for 2023 to your whānau and friends. Contact me if you have any enquiries: Pesamino Tili, pesaminotili@trinity.school.nz, 477-3408 Ext 222

FREE TENNIS SESSION
FOR 6 TO 11 YEAR OLDS ON THE 1/2 COURT

Tues Mar 28th, Thur Mar 30th & Fri Mar 31st
3.45pm – 4.20pm or 4.25pm – 5.00pm

ENROL: Scan QR Code/Text 0274366166
or check out our Facebook post with link

St Francis of Assisi Dunedin Trust

In 2022 small teams of volunteers prepared over 2000 meals that were delivered to schools and social agencies. A little something to help some families out. Another team of volunteers cut and delivered close to 100 trailer-loads of firewood to families referred to us by various social agencies. Another group of volunteers helped deliver household appliances and furniture. Yet another group of volunteers provided soup and buns meals during the winter. All of this work of the St Francis of Assisi Trust occurs in order to support our local community and to help people avoid going into debt by taking on high-interest loans.

Would you like to become a volunteer in any of the areas above, even to be available from time to time when called upon? Please email Gerry at stfrancistrustdunedin@gmail.com.

Firewood Working Bee, Saturday 18 March 10.00 – 2.00pm.

Looking for helpers to chainsaw logs and to split firewood. Most of the logs are not large diameter so should suit most handyman size saws. There will be two splitters working. Please text Russell on 027 4343178 if you are able to help and for directions.