

St Brigid's School Newsletter



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Term 2 – Week 9

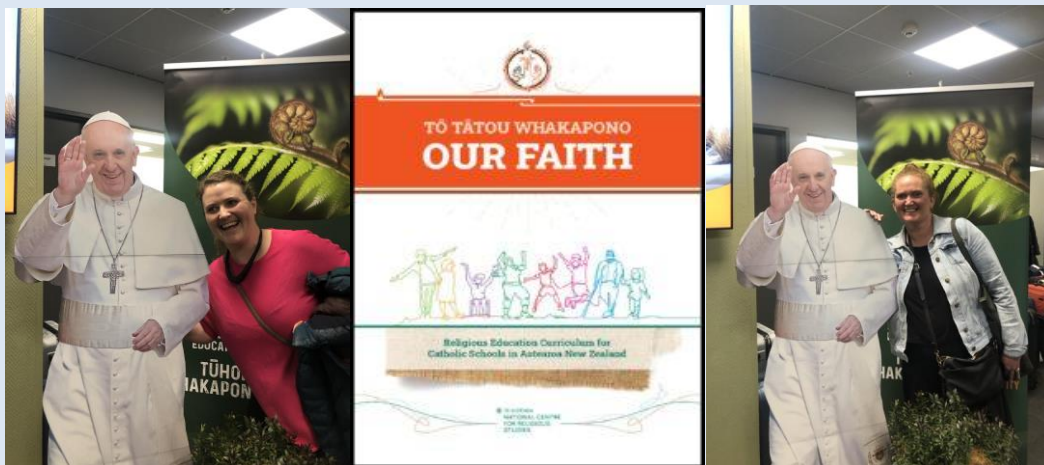
Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Kia ora koutou,

Carmel and I were so grateful to attend the National Conference for Catholic Educators in Wellington last week. It was amazing to network with many other Catholic schools across New Zealand. We were blessed to listen to many different speakers on a variety of topics. A massive thank you to the Mercy Sisters who supported us to attend.

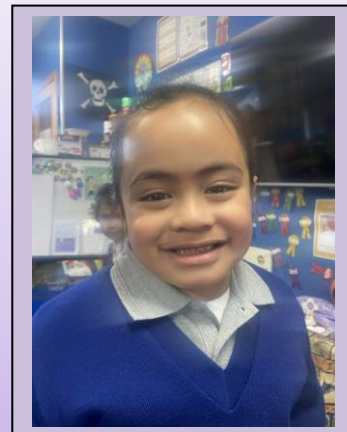
At the conference, we were also proud to support Colin McLeod, our presiding member who officially launched Tō Tātou Whakapono Our Faith - The New Religious Education Curriculum for Catholic Schools in Aotearoa. Colin and his team have worked hard and have had worldwide affirmation for their work in our curriculum. Teachers in the Junior school are enjoying sharing this new curriculum.

Manaaki te Atua
Teenaka Kennedy



Welcome!

Welcome to Opini and his family. We are excited to welcome you and your family to the St Brigid's Community. Opini, fa'afeiloa'i i le a'oga ma moomoo ia te oe se malaga a'oa'oga matagofie.



Life Education

This week we were fortunate to have a visit from Rachael Carter and Harold from Life Education. We learnt all about what makes us special and unique, how we can be good friends and how to recognise how other people are feeling.



We are looking for helpers to run a BBQ fundraiser for our school on the night of the Dunedin All Black test on the 6th of July. If you can volunteer your time to support us, we are planning to run the BBQ before and after the game. Please let Teenaka or Jane know.

Kupe- Room 4 Kupe Art



Kupe, the Polynesian navigator who discovered Te Ika a Maui (the North Island) over 1000 years ago. Kupe's voyage through Hokianga, marked by significant events such as catching an octopus in Cook Strait and leaving behind two taniwha, has left an enduring legacy. Fast forward to January 10, 1838, when Bishop Pompallier arrived in Hokianga, welcomed by the Māori who believed in Kupe's protective taniwha. Pompallier's unique mission included preaching in Te Reo Māori and emphasizing the importance of understanding the Māori perspective, laying the groundwork for genuine bicultural relationships. The signing of He Whakaputanga (The Declaration of Independence) in 1835 and Te Tiriti o Waitangi (The Treaty of Waitangi) in 1840 further established the rights and responsibilities of Māori and the Crown, creating a foundation for our bicultural heritage.

In our school community, we strive to honor this heritage by fostering relationships based on truth (pono), justice (tika), and love (aroha). We aim to create an authentic Catholic community that reflects the loving and caring nature of a family, committed to enhancing relationships rooted in whakapapa (genealogy). By appreciating the deeper meanings embedded in Te Tiriti o Waitangi, we work together for the good of each other, ensuring the mana (authority) of each individual is respected. Let us continue to draw inspiration from our shared history, building a united community where everyone thrives.

Writing from the Hub.

I rolled out of breakfast to see my wolf dog Luna sitting patiently on the ground. She sprang to her feet as she opened my eyes. "Hi Luna" I groaned. She barked thunderously in response. Her thick black gray, and white coat gleaming in the sun. I lived near a forest crammed with birch oak and fruit, hawk nests and sparrows.
Leeyah

The Spider Web

The old whimsical, majestic tree had a 3D delicate spider web with rough sticks going through it. It had a golden shimmer on it because the hot sun was just rising up on it. I could see in the corner of my eye a cool looking fluffy spider with red eyes eating a big fly in its mouth. The wind was moving fast. I thought the majestic web was going to blow away, but it didn't....
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Exciting News!

Our Hero School Management System is currently undergoing a giant overhaul. This also means that the Reports will now be available / live on Friday 26th July instead of the last day of Term 2 (Friday 5th July). Thank you in advance for your support and understanding of this exciting new development.

We will also hold Parent Interviews in Week 3. From 3-6 pm on Monday 5th August and Wednesday 7th of August.



What's on in Term 2

June/July

Friday 28 th June	Matariki - School Closed
Friday 5 th July	-Last Day of Term 2 -Mufti day- please bring a chocolate donation for our Bingo night on the 14 th August
Saturday 6 th July	PTA BBQ for the All Blacks home game

Other Important Dates for 2024

Monday 22 nd July	First Day of Term 3
Friday 26 th July	You will receive school report via email
Monday 5 th & Wednesday 7 th August	Parent interviews
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.

Swimming will be every Thursday in Term 3. Assembly will also be held on Thursdays in the hall at 2:30 p.m.

Reminder; Non uniform day. Please bring a chocolate donation as a prize for our Bingo night on the last day of term the **5th of July**. Thank you to our P.T.A for the school disco last Friday night. Everyone had a wonderful time together. We appreciate all the hard work that goes into making these nights a success.

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BINGO

14TH AUGUST, 2024

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.

The poster features a central graphic with the word "BINGO" in large, colorful letters. Above it are several bingo balls with numbers like 42, 26, 15, 83, and 7. Below the main text are two circular icons with the number 12 and another with 30. The background is blue with white polka dots.

R.E. Comment...



"LET OUR KINDNESS TAKE A THOUSAND FORMS"

-Meri Hōhepa Suzanne Aubert

At Brigid's, as part of our Positive Behaviour for Learning program, we have three houses. Our year six students lead each house and guide smaller tuakana-teina groups in various activities. Last week, we celebrated the 189th birthday of Suzanne Aubert, the founder of our red house. This is a wonderful opportunity to share her inspiring story and strive to live a life of kindness, just as she did.

Suzanne Aubert, a determined young woman from Lyon, France, embarked on a lifelong spiritual journey after gaining the freedom to decide her own future. At 25, she accepted an invitation to become a missionary in Auckland, working initially at a boarding school for Māori girls. She later moved to Hawke's Bay to work with the Marist Māori mission, gaining a reputation for ministering to both Māori and Pākehā with tolerance and friendship. In 1883, she relocated to Hiruhārama/Jerusalem to revive the Catholic mission, leading to the beginning of the Sister of Our Lady of Compassion.

In Wellington, Suzanne and the Sisters established a soup kitchen and a crèche, and opened Our Lady's Home of Compassion in 1907. Suzanne's efforts gained recognition, and in 1917, Pope Benedict XV granted the Decree of Praise to her congregation. Returning to New Zealand in 1920, she expanded the home to include a surgical section and initiated nursing training. Suzanne passed away in 1926 at age 91, receiving a monumental funeral. She was buried at Karori Cemetery, with her remains later moved to the home she founded in Island Bay.

Community News.....

JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
BEGINNER'S CAMP

FAIRFIELD SCHOOL HALL
School Years 1 to 2
Thursday 18 July, 12pm - 1.30pm
\$25 per child

Join our Cross Over Basketball Beginner's Camp for Year 1 and 2 kids! Designed for young beginners, our programme ensures each child experiences success while having fun. Through engaging games, children will learn the basics of basketball in a supportive environment. Our coaches focus on developing skills like dribbling, passing, and shooting, emphasising teamwork and sportsmanship. The Cross Over Basketball Beginner's Camp is perfect for building confidence, making friends, and loving the game.

CROSS OVER BASKETBALL

SCAN TO REGISTER YOUR SPOT

TIM GILLAN 022 319 4055
xobasketballnz@gmail.com
crossoverbasketballnz

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.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

MONDAY TUESDAY FRIDAY
4:00-5:00PM
WEEK 1: 8TH 9TH 12TH JULY
WEEK 2: 15TH 16TH 18TH JULY

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