



# St Brigid's School Newsletter

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23rd April, 2026 Term Two - Week One

WELCOME  
TO OUR HAPPY  
PLACE



## Meet our newest Superstar!

Welcome to Alistair who joined Room 3 on Monday.

Alistair loves Rugby and is enjoying meeting lots of new friends.

Welcome to you and your family - Jayne, Ryan and Nina.

## Family Games Night.

Tuesday 28th April Community Games Night

5:00 - 6:30 pm

Bring along your favourite card, or board games .

Bring your tea or have it after.

Fun for the whole family

Kia ora whānau,

It's so lovely to see everyone back at school, ready for Term Two.

The children have settled back into the new term so well, and it's a joy listen to them and see their enthusiasm for learning.

We have a very busy term ahead, with a range of visits and experiences across the curriculum. Learning is a partnership, and we encourage you to reach out if you have any questions or we can help in any way.

We would love you to save our School Sunday Mass dates for the term in your calendars so we can all gather together at mass as a Catholic School Community. 17<sup>th</sup> May Sunday combined mass with St Bernadette's School, and Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June just St Brigid's, both at 9:30 am Mercy Parish.

Please also keep our children who will be making the Sacrament of Reconciliation in your prayers, as they prepare for this special sacrament.

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## NIDD Spirit Award



Chloe and Kerry from NIDD love supporting the positive environment at St Brigid's School, and we need your help to nominate this month's Good Sorts.

We are looking for people who are being a **Good Role Model**. We are recognising students who consistently show respectful behaviour and set a positive example for others.

We know we will have a lot of nominations this month and we can't wait to celebrate you all.

## Netball, Hockey and Miniball for Term 2 and 3

Thank you for completing the registrations. We have two netball teams and three mini ball teams, and Juniper is joining hockey with another Catholic school. We look forward to seeing children having fun and learning these new skills.

Please ensure all sports fees are paid before the first game, and let us know if your child is unable to attend any games. Game draws, or details on how to access them, will be sent to your email.



### Emergency Procedures

As part of our school policies, we are required share our emergency procedures with our school community.

Each term we practise evacuation and earthquake drills so everyone knows what to do in an emergency. Last term we were lucky to have the fire service visit, and they were very impressed with how calmly and safely our children responded to this drill.

Our planned off-site assembly point is on the top court outside the hall.

We have recently updated all of our emergency and safety policies, and we encourage families to talk about and practise emergency procedures at home as well.

### Release of Children in an Emergency

If we were to have an emergency, our school release procedures will be strictly followed.

Children will only be released to caregivers listed on their enrolment form. Copies of approved caregivers are kept in each classroom and lockdown area for safety.

Unless permission has been given by the listed caregiver, children will only be released to those named contacts.

**Please take a moment to ensure all your contact and emergency details are up to date so we can keep everyone safe and supported.**

### Big Sing 2026

Our seniors are participating in the big sing which is a fabulous event singing in a mass choir (602 children!). Our Dunedin event is over two nights. **Our school will sing on the 21st of May** at the Regent Theatre. Thank you Nat for preparing the children. We can't wait to see you!



As a Catholic community, we reflect and grow in faith through a monthly focus topic.

We invite you to share your ideas with us. For the month of April our topic is:

**In what ways do I encounter God in this community?** Follow the link to share your thoughts.

<https://forms.gle/s2F6znrNBT1vDxK36>

### Donation Fees

Our School donations provide extra learning opportunities and experiences for our children including education outside of the classroom to support a well rounded curriculum. The price for visits, swimming and buses are rising. A bus alone is costing \$360 each time compared to \$190 this time last year. We are committed to continue these opportunities and appreciate your support. You can access your financial statement via the Hero App.

# Confirmed Teacher only days

School will be closed  
Friday May 15th and Friday August 28th

## Attendance in Term One

71% of our St Brigid's children attended school 90 % or more in Term one. This an imporvement from 63% last year.

**Thank you for supporting our children in their learning.**



## Enviro School


Meet Jennie our Enviro School contact. She is going to get help our Enviro leaders and gardening group get back up and running on a Tuesday interval. If you would like to help come and see us in the office. Thank you to Bunnings for your support of compost and seeds to get us started. We have a long list of keen gardeners.

TRINITY CATHOLIC COLLEGE'S PRODUCTION OF

Disney THE LITTLE MERMAID

5 MAY - 8 MAY 2026, 6:30PM

TRINITY CATHOLIC COLLEGE AUDITORIUM

Tickets available at: 

<https://theatretickets.co.nz>

Music by ALAN MENKEN	Lyrics by HOWARD ASHMAN & GLENN SLATER	Book by DOUG WRIGHT
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Based on the Hans Christian Andersen story and the Disney film produced by Howard Ashman and John Musker and written & directed by John Musker and Ron Clements

Originally produced by Disney Theatrical Productions  
Licensed exclusively by Music Theatre International (Australasia)



**Raffles- Please return all tickets tomorrow Friday**



Dunedin ANZAC Dawn Service 2026  
Queens Garden. Coverage starts at  
6am. Service starts at 6.30am.

## April

Breakfast club runs Monday - Wednesday

Choir - Tuesdays 8:30 in the hall

24th Assembly

27th Anzac Day Closed

28th Parent Community Night 5:00 - 6:30pm

28th/ 29<sup>th</sup> Life Education

## May

1st Mass 10:30 am

1st PALS- tuakana-teina

4th DCC Dog Education

6th Seniors Trinity Musical

8th Assembly

11th Helen Author Visit

13th BOT

14th Thursday - Mass and PALS- tuakana-teina

15th Teacher only day

17th Mass Combined schools Mercy Parish 9:30 am

20th Reconciliation Mercy Parish. All welcome

21st Big Sing- Seniors

22nd Assembly

29th Mass /PALS- tuakana-teina

## June

1st Kings Birthday School is closed

5th Assembly

8th/ 10th Keeping ourselves safe - Constable Eddie

12th Mass PALS- tuakana-teina

15th/ 17th Keeping ourselves safe - Constable Eddie

17th BOT

19th Assembly

26th Mass

2nd Reports

3rd Assembly

Account Name:

St Brigid's School

Board of Trustees

Account Number: 06-

0942-0045712-00

St Brigid's School PTA

Bank Account - 06

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Please note ANZAC  
DAY holiday will be  
observed on the 27<sup>th</sup>  
of April. This is a  
public holiday and  
school will be closed.



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## DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS FOR CHILDREN IN Y1-6

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Manager – Rainbow Preschool

Dunedin

Our long-serving Preschool Manager is retiring and we are embarking on the process of seeking a highly capable and committed leader to step into this key role.

Our preschool is a well-established early childhood centre, licensed for up to 75 children aged 0-5 years. In addition to our core educational programme, we also operate a comprehensive Parent Support Programme.

We are a not-for-profit organisation, with a strong Christian ethos, supported by a team of 15 staff along with a valued group of relievers and volunteers.

We are seeking a trained and fully certified Early Childhood Teacher who demonstrates exceptional organisational and interpersonal skills, along with proven experience in overseeing significant operational responsibilities.

If you would like to register your interest and receive further information, please email [info@calmarine.co.nz](mailto:info@calmarine.co.nz) with your contact phone number and a suitable time for you to receive our call. We would like to receive expressions of interest by 5.00 pm on 30th April 2026.

# GIRLS GOT GAME

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