



St Brigid's School Newsletter

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Welcome Levi!

Levi turned five this week and is joining his sister Elizabeth and brother Elijah at St Brigid's. We are so excited to have you here! God bless you on your St Brigid's School journey.

Magandang araw po sa inyong lahat!

Last week, Colin McLeod, our presiding Board member and I attended the New Zealand Primary Catholic Principals' Conference in Wellington. It was a wonderful opportunity to connect with other Catholic principals from across New Zealand, listen to inspiring speakers, and gather in prayer.

A highlight was celebrating Mass in the beautiful Wellington Basilica. I was especially moved by two speakers: Vince Ford, who spoke about the power of storytelling and the importance of knowing each other's stories, and Markus Winter, who is renowned for his sand art that explores history and culture in a unique and reflective way.

This week, we also take time to honour and celebrate our Filipino community as we mark Philippine Independence Day. On Thursday, we invited our school community to come together for a shared afternoon tea at 2:30 pm as a way to celebrate, connect, the rich culture of our Filipino whānau. Thank you all for organising this for us.

As a school team we are often reflecting on our journey as a school, it is time to review and plan our next strategic plan. As part of this process, we want to gather your voice and work together as a community. The first opportunity to share your thoughts will be at our Matariki Community Night on Monday the 16th, followed by parent interviews in Week 4 of the term. We encourage you to have your say and be part of shaping our future direction—you are always welcome to make time to talk with your child's teacher or with me at any stage.

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MATARIKI
St Brigid's School Community
Liturgy Celebration
Monday 16th June 5:30pm – 6:30 pm
in the School Hall

Matariki is the Māori New Year, marked by the rising of the Matariki star cluster, symbolising reflection, renewal, and celebration of the past, present, and future.

Parent interviews

Parent interviews are for all parents, and we would love to see you to discuss your child's progress. These meetings are an important opportunity to share information, celebrate successes, and work together to support your child's learning.

Interviews will be held in Term 3 over two days. A form will be sent out at the beginning of term with booking details. We strongly encourage all parents to attend and connect with their child's teacher.



Nuggets Basketball

We were delighted to host members of the Otago Nuggets Basketball team at school this week. They spent time working alongside our school basketball players, sharing skills and their love of the game.

Following this, the school gathered for a question-and-answer session. Our students enjoyed hearing about the players' journeys, routines, and life as professional athlete.

A huge thank you to the Nuggets for coming.



Swimming Lesson Term 3 Parent Helpers Needed

We are seeking parent / Grandparents volunteers to assist with our swimming program in Term 3.



Support is needed both in and out of the pool.

Details:

- When: Every Thursday starting Week 1 – 17th July 2025
- Time: 10:30am – 11:30am
- Where: Moana Pool

Your help is essential to ensure the sessions run smoothly and safely. Even if you're able to assist for just a few sessions, we would love to hear from you.

A sign-up form is here

<https://forms.gle/1THqRoQxGt8zWZsX7>

Thank you for your support!



Venerable Suzanne Aubert
New Zealand's First Saint in the Making

Since Suzanne Aubert's death on 1 October 1926, people from all walks of life have acknowledged her goodness and holiness. Today, she lives on in the hearts and minds of New Zealanders and people throughout the world as the process continues for the Catholic Church to recognise her as a holy person or saint

This Thursday, 19th June, is the 190th anniversary of the birth of our Meri Hōhepa Suzanne Aubert. To honour the occasion and celebrate this remarkable woman, a special Mass will be held by Fr. James Lyons at 9.00am in the Chapel of Our Lady of Compassion, Island Bay. The Mass will be celebrated in Te Reo Māori, with readings and Prayers of the Faithful in English.

We warmly invite everyone to follow the ceremony through our livestream on YouTube.
You can join our livestream here: <https://youtube.com/live/sdWcna-Drmg>



Our Christmas Market will run from 11 am-2 pm on Saturday 29th November 2025

The Hall will be open from 8:30 on Saturday if you need to set it on Friday night that can also be sorted.

All information:

<https://forms.gle/VjRWn5KXU7nEdYRs8>

Mass

St Brigid's School-Led Mass – Sunday 15 June

Sunday, 15 June, is our St Brigid's School-Led Mass at 9.30am at Mercy Parish

St Brigid's School leads a parish Mass once every two terms, and we warmly encourage all students and families to attend. It is expected that all students will be there to help us sing and celebrate Mass in true St Brigid's style!

Miss Wassell is currently looking for volunteers for readings and a family to take up the gifts at the Offertory. If you and your child are available to help, please let us know – we'd love to have your support.

PTA

☀️ Come Join Our Amazing PTA Team! ☀️

We're looking for friendly, enthusiastic parents and caregivers to join our PTA!

It's a fun and rewarding way to get involved – helping to plan exciting events, support school initiatives, and raise funds that directly benefit our children.

📅 Meetings are just twice a term

☺️ A great chance to meet other parents

Whether you can offer a little time or a lot, we'd love to have you on board! Everyone is welcome – come along and see what we're all about!

17th June 7pm in the Staffroom

Term 3 Reports

Our teachers are currently busy writing mid-year reports, which will be sent out at the end of Term 2.

These reports are designed to share where your child is currently working in relation to the curriculum and their next steps.

With the introduction of the refreshed New Zealand Curriculum, some expectations have been raised compared to previous years. As a result, you may notice a shift in how your child's achievement is reported. We have already identified a gap of instant Basic fact recall which will be a focus school wide for Term 3.

Please remember that learning is a journey, and progress looks different for every child. If you have any questions once you receive your child's report, we encourage you to reach out to their teacher.



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To our Filipino whānau.
Happy Independence Day Thank you for
inviting us all to share in your celebration.



St Brigid's School Spirit Award – June!
Theme of Caring for our environment
Nominations are open to parents and
members of our wider community, so if
you've noticed a child showing exceptional
environmental care, we'd love to hear from
you!

Thank you to the fantastic team at Nidd
Realty for their support of our School
Spirit Awards.

SAVE THE DATE

June

- 15th – School Mass at Mercy Parish
- 16th – Matariki -Whānau Night, 5:30–6:30 p.m.
- 17th - Year 4, 5 and 6 attend Trinity Musical 10 am -1pm
- 17th - P.T.A meeting 7pm in the Staffroom
- 20th – **Matariki - School is Closed**
- 25th - Board meeting 6pm
- 26th – School Reports sent to Whānau
- 27th – End-of-Term Mass at 10:30 a.m.

Term 3 Begins 14th July

July

- 18th - Mass 10:30 am in the school hall

August

- 1st - Mass 10:30 am in the school hall
- 4th -Parent Interviews
- 5th - Parent Interviews
- 10th -Parish Mass
- 12th - Ariki Cup- Cross Country for Year 5/6
- 15th - Mass 10:30 am in the school hall
- 17th - Confirmation Mass
- 26th - Woman Wellness Fundraiser
- 29th - Mass 10:30 am in the school hall
- 30th -Board meeting 6pm in the staffroom

September

- 1st -Polyfest Week- our time to be confirmed
- 8th - Social Justice week
- 12th - Mass 10:30 am in the school hall

Last Day of School for 2025 - December 17th

Stay up to date – follow us on Facebook for updates, reminders, and celebrations.

To check and review our school policies

<https://www.schooldocs.co.nz/> Username : stbrigidsdn

Community Password : brigids57


EXPLORING SLEEP, COGNITIVE ENGAGEMENT, AND CHILD FUNCTIONING

We are recruiting children aged **6 to 10 years** who often **daydream, are inattentive, sleepy, and/or hyperactive**, as well as children who **do not display these behaviours** to take part in our study at the University of Otago.

You will be required to complete a brief log about your child's sleep for one week and attend a one-off 3-4 hour visit at the University with your child.

Parents/caregivers will receive \$40 and children will receive \$20 as a thank you for your participation.

There is **free parking** and **weekend and school holiday sessions available!**

INTERESTED?
Email: selfregulationresearchcentre@gmail.com
Phone: 021 279 0549

ETHICS REFERENCE NUMBER #22/116

TRINITY CATHOLIC COLLEGE PRESENTS




BACK TO THE 80'S
...THE TOTALLY AWESOME MUSICAL!

Written by Neil Gooding
 By arrangement with David Spicer Productions
www.davidspicer.com.au

16-19 JUNE 2025 | 6.30PM

TRINITY CATHOLIC COLLEGE AUDITORIUM
 (cnr York Place & Tennyson Street)

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT:
<https://www.theatretickets.co.nz>



St Brigid's School Winter Jackets

For sale \$40 each in the school office.

If you have a smaller size that no longer fits. Please come in and swap it for a bigger size.

Winter Weather Notifications

As we move into the Winter Terms, we may experience adverse weather conditions, such as snow or ice. If St Brigid's School needs to close or open late due to winter weather, we will inform you in the following ways:

St Brigid's School Facebook – updates will be posted by 8:00am

Radio announcements – tune in to **The Hits**
 The Hits Facebook page also updates regularly with school closures

The decision to close or delay the opening of all Dunedin schools is made by a lead principal group, in consultation with the Dunedin City Council (DCC) and Police.

Thank you for your understanding and support in keeping everyone safe during the winter season.


**UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO
SCIENCE EXPO**


**NEW ZEALAND
INTERNATIONAL
SCIENCE FESTIVAL**

Be a scientist for a day!

Drop in. Get curious. Experience science.

Saturday 28 June 2025 | 10am-4pm
 Sunday 29 June 2025 | 10am-2pm
 University of Otago Business School

Free community event


Scan QR code for more info


University of Otago
 OTĀKOU WHAKAIHU WAKA

KidzActive Football Holiday Program

TEST YOUR ABILITY WITH OUR SCORING SYSTEM

DAILY WORLD CUPS

GRANTS BRAES AFC

THEMED DAYS AND PRIZES

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

7 JULY - 11 JULY

1 DOMAIN AVE
OCEAN GROVE
DUNEDIN

AGES 7-13

JOIN US FOR AN ACTION PACKED PROGRAM INCLUDING...

FOOTBALL CHALLENGES
 RONALDO DAY
 MESSI DAY
 DE BRUYNE DAY
 GERRARD DAY
 BELLINGHAM DAY
 MINI TOURNAMENTS
 SCORE RATINGS

SCAN HERE TO SECURE YOUR SPOT:

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE EMAIL:
KIDZACTIVECOACHING@GMAIL.COM


 FOOTBALL HOURS ONLY:
 9AM-3PM
 \$50
 FULL DAY HOLIDAY CARE:
 8AM-6PM
 \$60

NZ ISC NEW ZEALAND INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE FESTIVAL

28 June - 6 July 2025
Dunedin | Ōtepoti

90+ events for the whole family and most of them are free!

scifest.org.nz





OPEN TO BOYS & GIRLS IN Y1-8

BASKETBALL OTAGO

GROUPS WILL BE SPLIT BY AGE

HOLIDAY CAMP

8TH - 10TH JULY
9AM TO 12PM

WHERE?
EDGAR CENTRE
116 PORTSMOUTH DRIVE
DUNEDIN, 9012

COST?
\$35 FOR ONE DAY OR
\$90 FOR ALL THREE

USE QR CODE TO REGISTER



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JOIN US FOR OUR ... WINTER HOLIDAY PROGRAM



Ideal for tamariki aged 5-14 years old, we welcome tamariki from all backgrounds, so whether you have done gymnastics before or not this is the program for you!

Week 1: June 30th - July 4th
 Week 2: July 7th - July 11th

Fun filled days of gymnastics, parkour, trampoline, circus skills, games and so much more!!


 Dunedin Gymnastics Academy,
 Otaki Street

For more info and to register please visit:

<https://dunedingymnastics.co.nz/>
 or email:
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