

St Brigid's School Newsletter



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Dear Parents / Caregivers,

*9th May 2024
Term 2 – Week 2*

Kia ora,

Last term all children participated in the Caritas challenge. Children were sponsored for three challenges that helped children to demonstrate solidarity for those living with poverty or injustice. Together as a school, we raised \$1010.60. Ka mau te wehi!



Last Thursday we enjoyed a visit from Father Michael Pui, the National Director of Mission NZ. He talked to the school about helping others through prayer, action, and service. His special visit was also to personally thank the children and staff at St Brigid's for their ongoing support of the missions. We do this each year through our Market Day led by our senior students. We are one of ten schools in New Zealand who regularly support Mission NZ.

This is an outstanding effort from everyone. Thank you all.

Teenaka Kennedy

Nau Mai Harere Mai!

Welcome to Genevieve. Genevieve has a sister, Felicity in Room 3. Felicity has been enjoying supporting Genevieve this week.

We also welcome Riz. Riz and her family are new to our St Brigid's School community. We are really excited to welcome you and your families to our Kura.



Book Fair: The countdown is over. The books have arrived! Our Book Fair is on from Monday 13 May – Friday 17 May. It will be open in the school hall from 8.30am – 9am and after school from 3pm – 3.15pm.

Parent night this Monday 13th May at 5:30pm

We are loved. As part of our Religious Education, we are learning how we show God's Aroha to each other. Please come and celebrate our St Brigid's School community. The book fair will be on. Please bring a plate of food to share.

Pink Shirt Day: *Friday 17th May.*

Pink Shirt Day is about working together to stop bullying by celebrating diversity and promoting kindness and inclusiveness. To show our support please wear a pink top with your muffi – no money required.

Our Friday Mass is changing.

We are now having class Mass every second week on a Friday at 10am in the Sacred Space. Our first Mass is next Friday the 17th of May.

Enrolments

If you know anyone who would like to enrol for 2024/2025, please encourage them to pop into school to get an enrolment pack.

After School Care

We do have an option for before and after school care. Please let Rachel in the office know if you would like information about this.

School Uniforms

We are looking for good quality uniforms that you no longer need. If you have any that you would like to donate, please drop them into the school office.

Miniball



Good luck to our miniball players. Games begin tonight. The draws will be emailed each week. Remember all tamariki need a mouth guard to play. Please also note there is no game on the 16th of May as the Otago Nuggets have a home game. We are still waiting on some payments for miniball, please email Rachel in the office if you need any more details.



Bayfield PE students

We had a wonderful session with the Bayfield students from Year 12/13 Physical Education class who led some inside activities this week. We had a blast working together.

Attendance

We are required to submit attendance data to the Ministry of Education each week, rather than each term, which is what we have done in the past. This is to enable the Ministry to identify and understand the key drivers of non-attendance. It is important whānau ensure we are given the reason for any tamariki absences so we can ensure the absence is coded correctly.

WHY IS ATTENDING SCHOOL EVERY DAY IMPORTANT?

Attending school every day is essential for learning. It means your child can:

- Make progress in reading, writing, maths and other skills
- Feel confident in the classroom
- Make friends and build social skills
- Build good habits for life

When children are regularly absent from school they miss out on important learning. They may get behind in their schoolwork, find it difficult to maintain friendships, and may feel unsettled and anxious about coming to school.

How parents can support good attendance:

- Have a good routine in the morning and evening so your child is organised and prepared for school
- Switch off devices in the evening and remove from bedrooms to encourage a good night's sleep
- Arrange medical and other appointments after school where possible
- Keep family holidays and trips away in school holiday times
- Talk with your child regularly about their learning and celebrate their progress
- Talk to your child's teacher if you're having difficulty getting your child to school or have any concerns or worries.

In New Zealand children are legally required to attend school every day between the ages of 6 and 16.



What's on in Term 1

Term 2

May

Sunday 12 th May	Mothers Day
Monday 13 th May	Book Week/ Parent night 5:30pm
Tuesday 14 th May	PTA AGM- All welcome
Wednesday 15 th May	Assembly 2:30pm in the hall
Friday 17 th May	Mass 10am in the hall
Sunday 19 th May	Combined St Brigid's/St Bernadettes School Mass
Wednesday 22 nd May	Trinity Musical for the Hub 10:00am - 12.30pm
Wednesday 22 nd May	Assembly 2:30pm in the hall
Friday 24 th May	Mufti Day- please bring a toiletry prize for our Bingo Night
Wednesday 29 th May	School Assembly
Thursday 30 th May	Samoan Language Week
Friday 31 st May	Teacher Only Day- School Closed. No School Mass

June

Monday 3 rd June	King's Birthday- School Closed
Wednesday 5 th June	Assembly 2:30pm in the hall
Friday 7 th June	Mass 10am in the hall
Mon 24 th & Tues 25 th	Life Education Bus
Friday 28 th June	Matariki - School Closed

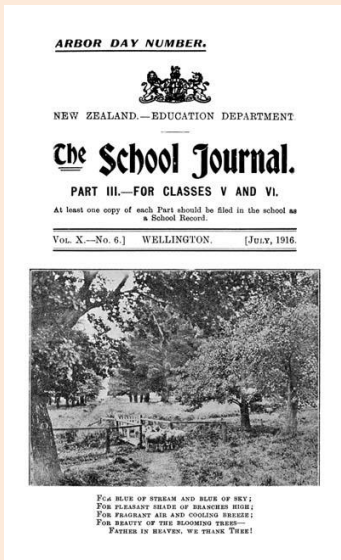
Other Important Dates for 2024

Friday 5 th July	Last Day of Term 2
Monday 22 nd July	First Day of Term 3
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.

Room 4 Writers



R.E. Comment...



This week is the anniversary of the first New Zealand School Journal being published. In 1907 New Zealand pupils were for the first time able to read a schoolbook published in their own country. It is believed to be the longest-running serial publication for children in the world, the School Journal continues to provide seven- to 13-year-olds with reading material that is relevant to their lives. We thank God for all the people who had the vision and dedication to make this possible for our children over so many years.

Significance of the Paschal Candle



- Fire—it represents Christ's resurrection.
- Light—Christ's light that shines in the darkness.
- Grain of Incense—they represents the 5 wounds of Christ.
- Alpha & Omega—Christ is the beginning and an ending.
- Cross— it represents Christ and His eternal life.
- Year—it reminds us of God's presence here & now.

NOTE: During the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night the priest or deacon carries the candle in procession into the dark church. A new fire, symbolizing our eternal life in Christ, is kindled which lights the candle.



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The sixth week of Easter

What is the Easter Season?

The Easter season is fifty days from the Sunday of the Resurrection of Jesus to [Pentecost Sunday](#). The first eight days of the Easter season is called the Octave of Easter and is celebrated. It is a way of prolonging the joy of the initial day. During the Easter season the Paschal Candle, a symbol of the presence of the Risen Christ among the people of God, stays in the church near the Altar until Pentecost Sunday.

BOARD NEWS

Next Meeting: Wednesday 22nd May

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.

PTA NEWS

AGM

The Annual General Meeting will be held on the 14th of May at 7pm in the Staffroom. We would love to have you join us.

St Brigid's School Bingo save the date 14th of August, Green Island Rugby Club.

For this we will run two Muffin days. Please check the school calendar for reminders of these events.