

# St Brigid's School Newsletter



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## Principal's Message



When social media first burst onto the scene a number of years ago, I noticed that some of our students (at my previous schools) had signed up despite the clear age restrictions and I found myself having to follow up with social media issues at school.

It was clear that primary aged tamariki did not have the capacity to safely navigate these platforms. Often students would post things without a thought of how it would be received at the other end. They would put information online that shouldn't be shared on a public forum and many didn't have the appropriate privacy settings for their accounts. As a school I contacted families and discussed these issues. At the same time Netsafe was active in the media discussing the dangers of students connecting to social media below the age restrictions. In recent years, we have not had the same issues until the last 12 months.

During the lockdown with many students having more time on their device we saw a resurgence of students using social media. This was particularly accelerated by the introduction of Tik Tok. This platform has proven very popular with children and I know there are children as young as 7 years old in our school who have accounts. Like other social media, Tik Tok is not suitable for primary age children. A lot of the content is not appropriate and some of it is out and out dangerous. It is not all funny dance videos

As parents, it is ok to ask your children to show you what they are watching on their devices and it is also ok to say no to social media until you are at high school (or beyond). Netsafe does some great work in the social media space and they are a good place to go if you have concerns about your child's use of their device and access to social media.

<https://netsafe.org.nz/social-media-parents/>

## Values

This term we are focusing on  
all of our school values  
Te Tapu o te Tangata –  
Respect,  
Atawhaitia – Care  
Whakahaere – Responsibility

Room 4 – Breezsha Jensen  
Room 3 – Koby Stanton  
Room 2 – Brianna Baltar-Boorer  
Room 1 – Kalo Ashton



## St Brigid's House Groups

**Congratulations** to Aubert House  
the winning House this week.

Our House Token Winners this  
week:

Aubert House: *Hayden Hong*

McAuley House: *Stella Anstey*

de Paul House: *William Bingley*

## Production Update

**Production Update: The production is still on but...due to the logistics of the current COVID Alert Level and the implications around original venue cancelation and finding an alternative, number restrictions, vaccination status etc we have decided to still go ahead and film the production rather than cancelling it as many other schools have. Next week we will send home individual costume lists and a production prop list.**

## Library Stocktake



It is that time already!

Our annual stocktake begins on Monday 22

November -

so please check thoroughly for any library books at home and return them to school next week.

**Outstanding Stationery & Sports Accounts:** As mentioned last week there are still some outstanding overdue accounts which need to be paid. If you are having difficulties paying accounts please let the Principal or office know. You can expect to be contacted by the Principal soon if accounts remain unpaid.

**Sickness:** We have recently had a lot of sickness making the rounds. If your child is unwell please keep them at home to reduce the spread of illness. If your child has been vomiting or has had diarrhoea we would appreciate it if they could remain at home for 48 hours following their last episode as this is in line with the Ministry of Health Guidelines.

**EOTC Week 2021:** Just a reminder that:

- EOTC Week will take place from Monday 29 November – Friday 3 December.
- Please complete the EOTC Google Form that was sent earlier this week by Wednesday 24 November. <https://forms.gle/VAJJWG4XFaTb2sYB7>

**First Day of 2022:** Thursday 3 February 2022.

**Before and After School Care 2022:** Just to let you know that our current after school care provider, Te Kaha Kids will finish on Friday 10 December. We would like to thank them for providing our after school care for the last 3 years. We are excited to announce that from 3 February 2022 Magic Kids Club will be our new provider with before school and after school care options available onsite. They also run a number of holiday programmes at sites across Dunedin that you are able to access. More details to come.

**Lost Jersey:** We have a two missing jerseys at the moment and we would appreciate if you could please check at home in case they have accidentally turned up there. One is a navy blue woollen jersey, size 4 with "Valentine" on the label another is a navy blue cotton jerseys size 6-7 with "Marks and Spencer" or "M&S School" on the labels. If found please return to your class teacher.

**First Communion:** This Sunday we are excited to celebrate First Communion. This is a very special celebration in our children's sacramental journey. Unfortunately due to Covid Level Restrictions we are unable to gather as a whole school community to celebrate and support our candidates. If your children are participating in this event you will have been contacted by Carmel and Emily with all of the details for this Sunday. Remember that the Mass will be livestreamed on the Mercy Parish Facebook page.

## Dates To Remember

### What's On in Term 4

21 Nov	First Holy Communion
22 Nov	Final Day for Completing the Community Consultation Document
29 Nov – 3 Dec	EOTC Week
16 Dec	Last Day of Term 4
3 Feb 2022	Term 1 Begins

### Important Reminder...

#### St Brigid's School Community Consultation 2021

Shortly the Board of Trustees will prepare a new 3 year strategic plan for our school. It is not too late to tell us what you value most about St Brigid's and what ideas you may have for the future. We would appreciate you completing the document by 5pm on Monday 22 November. Please click on the link below.

<https://forms.gle/M6EzWXaXhicRsoBFA>

THANK YOU to the parents that have already completed this document.

## Sports Update

Please be on time to pick up your children after their game. If you are running late please let your Coach know as due to COVID Restrictions it is very difficult to wait at the Edgar Centre for extra time after games have finished as it affects their numbers.

Rippa Rugby:

Results: St Brigid's lost. P.O.D Valerie Beatson  
Draw to be advised.

Futsal

Results:

Strikers lost. P.O.D Kyla Roberts  
Beasts lost. P.O.D Vincent Beatson  
Draw to be advised.

Flippaball:

Results: St Brigid's won. P.O.D's Madison Bryce and Joshua Elliotte  
Draw to be advised.

## RE Update

### CARING FOR OUR COMMON HOME – Laudato Si'

Government Emissions Reduction Plan (ERP) for next 15 years. This is an opportunity to have your say on planning the future needs of our children.

**Closes this Wednesday at 11.59 pm.**

**LINK:**

<https://consult.environment.govt.nz/climate/emissions-reduction-plan/>

**EMAIL:** [climateconsultation2021@mfe.govt.nz](mailto:climateconsultation2021@mfe.govt.nz)

**POST to: Emissions Reduction Plan Consultation, Ministry for the Environment, P O Box 10362, Wellington 6143.**



He Waka Eke Noa .

We are all in this boat together.

### 2022 School Dates

Term One:

Thursday 3 February to Thursday 14 April  
Monday 7 February 2022 - Waitangi Day (school closed)  
Good Friday, Easter Monday, Easter Tuesday and Anzac Day fall within the school end of term break

Term Two:

Monday 2 May to Friday 8 July  
Monday 6 June Queen's Birthday (school closed)  
Friday 24 June Matariki (school closed)

Term Three:

Monday 25 July to Friday 30 September

Term Four:

Monday 17 October to Wednesday 14 December  
Monday 24 October Labour Day (school closed)

Kind regards

Andrew Pozniak & Deborah Charleson

## BOT News

✚ **Next meeting:** Monday 13 December

✚ **Property Update:** As some of you may be aware a section of our bottom court has been coned off this week. The Diocese has had contractors in to replace some old broken pipes under our bottom court. It has been quite exciting for the children to see diggers and trucks in action and hopefully it will all be completed by Monday.

## PTA News

✚ **Next Meeting:** TBC

✚ **Fair Update:** Save the Date! The Fair is booked in for Saturday 26 March 2022.

**School Bank Account Details** (*Please ensure you deposit money into the correct account*)

**Board of Trustees - School Account:**

06 0942 0045712 00

**PTA – Fundraising Account:**

03 1732 0001257 00

## Community News



The Summer Sustainable Market and Otago Museum Showcase event that was to be held on 27 & 28 November is being postponed due to Covid-19 restrictions.

We hope that next year we can revisit this kaupapa and proceed safely.