

St Brigid's School Newsletter

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Dear Parents / Caregivers

Principal's Message

*2nd March 2023
Term 1 – Week 5*



Kia Koutou St Brigid's Whanau

It would be interesting to know what make a school attractive to a parent, indeed what is a good school. The parents in most cases decide where their children will attend Primary school. Therefore is it location, is it fees? Could it be academic excellence or friendship or the recommendation of the preschool? There are probably many other factors which influence parents, one of the biggest in my opinion is 'word of mouth' defined as oral or written recommendation by a satisfied customer to the prospective customers of a good or service. This is considered the most effective form of promotion.

Which leads us onto 'what is a good school'? Here are just a few ideas

- A good school visibly and substantively improves the community it is embedded within.
- A good school adapts quickly to social change.
- A good school uses every resource, advantage, gift, and opportunity it has to grow students and tends to see more resources, advantages, gifts, and opportunities than lower-performing schools.
- A good school has students who get along with and support one another towards a common goal—and they know what that goal is. (Our common goal is centred around Jesus)
- A good school produces students that are capable, confident and motivated academically and spiritually.
- A good school admits its failures and limitations while working together with a 'global community' to grow.
- A good school has diverse and compelling measures of success—measures that families and communities understand and value.
- A good school is full of students who know what is worth understanding.
- A good school speaks the language of the children, families, and community it serves.
- Incidentally, I think we achieve many of the above and can feel proud of our school and our Catholic values.

Kind Regards, Andrew Pozniak

| What's on this Term | |
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| Tuesday 7 th March. | Classroom masses will resume every Tuesday in the sacred space at 10:00am |
| Thursday 9 th March | Year 5-6 big day out at Trinity College |
| Sunday 12 th March | St Brigid's School Mass at St Patrick's 9:30am followed by a sacramental meeting at 10:30am |
| Monday 20 th March | Otago Anniversary Day School Closed |
| Saturday 25 th March | School Fair 11am - 2pm |
| Sunday 2 nd April | Palm Sunday Mass at 9:30am at St Patrick's |
| Monday 3 rd April | Caritas Challenge Day |
| Monday 24 th April | Teachers only day |

2023 TERM DATES:

TERM 1: Thurs 2 Feb - 6 April
 TERM 2: 24 April - 30 June
 TERM 3: 17 July - 22 Sept
 TERM 4: 9 Oct - 20 Dec

Values Awards

This term we are focusing on:
 Te Tapu o te Tangata - Respect
 Certificates were given to the following children:

Rm 4 - Jayden Lavea
 Rm 3 - Sophia Bingley
 Hub - Jeszyda Paulo



St Brigid's House Groups:

Congratulations to **Aubert House** -
 the winning house this week.
 Our House Token Winners this week:
Aubert House: Matalasi Tuigamala
McAuley House: Stella Anstey
de Paul House: Willa Higgs

The GOLDEN TICKET

Congratulations to the following children who received Golden Tickets this week for displaying outstanding values:

Damian Selby (nominated by Leeyah Than), Leeyah Than and Jayden Lavea



Futsal:

Results from week 5:

St Brigid's Strikers lost POD Damian

St Brigid's Hotspurs- the game was defaulted as the opposition did not have enough players. They played a friendly and all the players were POD.



COVID

Although we do not have any identified cases of COVID it is still around the community. If you do happen to have a positive case within your household, please let us know ASAP as it helps us to manage any spread the best that we can.

Parking/Driveway

Our parking signs will continue in term 1. They are there to prevent people from parking over driveways and broken yellow lines. We will continue to remind you there is no access between the hours of 8:30am and 9:30 am unless by special permission. Please drop off and pick up your children at the bottom of the driveway if you are in vehicles. However, we would warmly encourage you to come up to the classroom if you would like to drop off or pick up your child on foot.

Please be aware that we are only responsible for children at school after 8:30 am and up to 3:30 pm. If you wish to drop off or pick your child up before these times then you can always use the after school care program run by MASH (My After School Headquarters) on 03-366 9408

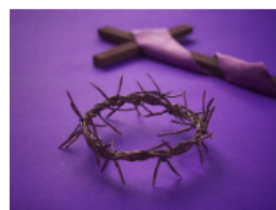
Notices

- It is wonderful to have assemblies back in the hall starting at 2:30 pm on Wednesdays. Principal awards will be given out in weeks 6 and 8 of this term. All parents are welcome to join us for these weekly celebrations of children's achievements and successes.
- Newsletter is sent via email every Thursday and is also available on the Facebook page. We will also be sending paper copies home with your child/ren
- Absences- This is a reminder that children will be marked as truant if the school is not contacted by 9:30am at the latest. No children should be at school before 8:30 am unless they have been booked into the afterschool care programme run by Magic. The classrooms will not be open until 8:30am.

R. E. Comment

Why do we see the colour violet in churches and the classrooms in Lent?

In the ancient world the colour violet, often called "purple", was associated with royalty. When the Roman soldiers mocked Jesus before his crucifixion, they "clothed him in a purple cloak, and a crown of thorns" (Mark 15:17). Then Pilate showed Jesus to the crowd, saying, "what shall I do with the man whom you call the **King** of the Jews?" (Mark 15:12).



Violet became a perfect colour for the Lenten season, calling to mind Jesus' passion, our call to repentance, and even the reality that Jesus is the true "King of kings".

PTA News

School Fair News

Thank you to those who have returned raffle cards already, if you would like any more raffle cards, please contact the office or Jane Hawkins 02040928377

We are still collecting new and used clothing, white elephant items, sporting equipment, kitchen goods, furniture, toys, etc.

Items can be dropped off at the school office during school hours. The garage will be open every Wednesday and Friday 2pm-3.30pm and on Sunday 5th March 2pm-4pm.

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.

Community News

Spaces available 8.30a.m. – 12.30p.m. 5 days a week at

Rotary Park Kindergarten
289 Highcliff Road
(03)4544238
rotarypark@dk.org.nz



Does your child enjoy singing?

We're looking for more children to sing with the St Joseph's Choristers, a small group who sing with the cathedral choir at Sunday Mass once a fortnight. All children aged between 7 and 11 are welcome to join. No previous musical experience is needed, and membership is free.

As well as learning the music sung at Mass, the Choristers learn about musical notation and how to use their voices well. We sing in a variety of musical styles and languages.

We rehearse 3.30–4.15pm on Thursdays in the cathedral chapel, and sing at Mass twice a month with a warm-up rehearsal at 10am.

Please contact the Organist and Choir Director David Burchell on d.c.burchell@outlook.com / 021 135 2535 if you are interested.

St Francis of Assisi Dunedin Trust

In 2022 small teams of volunteers prepared over 2000 meals that were delivered to schools and social agencies. A little something to help some families out. Another team of volunteers cut and delivered close to 100 trailer-loads of firewood to families referred to us by various social agencies. Another group of volunteers helped deliver household appliances and furniture. Yet another group of volunteers provided soup and buns meals during the winter. All of this work of the St Francis of Assisi Trust occurs in order to support our local community and to help people avoid going into debt by taking on high-interest loans. Would you like to become a volunteer in any of the areas above, even to be available from time to time when called upon? Please email Gerry at stfrancistrustdunedin@gmail.com.

Firewood Working Bee, Saturday 18 March 10.00 – 2.00pm.

Looking for helpers to chainsaw logs and to split firewood. Most of the logs are not large diameter so should suit most handyman size saws. There will be two splitters working. Please text Russell on 027 4343178 if you are able to help and for directions.



**MIHA
MĀORI**

**Nau mai,
haere mai**

6:30pm, Rātapu 12 Poutūterangi

Sunday 12 March

Followed by a kōrero and a kai

**St Patrick's Basilica
Mercy Parish
40 Macandrew Road**

This Mass in Te Reo Māori is a result of a conversation with Māori Whānau at Trinity Catholic College in 2022. We are blessed to have Fr Gerard Aynsley who will be our president. Please promote our first Miha Māori for 2023 to your whānau and friends. Contact me if you have any enquiries: Pesamino Tili, pesamino@trinity.school.nz, 477-3408 Ext 222