

St Brigid's School Newsletter



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PIRATES!

CAPTAIN LONG BEARD'S LOG

MAP!

WRITING

READING

MATHS

SHAPES

RABBITS!

ROOM 4 HAS HAD A WHIRL WIND START TO 2020. WE HAVE BEEN ENJOYING OUR PLAY BASED LEARNING! HAD A VISIT FROM A BUNNY RABBIT! A FUNERAL FOR A BIRD! LEARNED ABOUT HOW WE CAN SHOW RESPECT! WRITTEN LOTS OF STORIES! MADE SALT DOUGH SHAPES! HAD A PARTY! IN THE PROCESS OF FINDING CAPTAIN LONG BEARD'S TREASURE AND PRACTISING LOTS OF COUNTING AND ADDING SO WE CAN COUNT OUR BOOTY! IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION WE ARE LEARNING ABOUT JESUS AND COMPARING HIM TO OUR LIVES. WE FOUND OUT THAT HE MIGHT HAVE EATEN LOCUSTS!

NOAH'S ARK

2BY2

BIRD FUNERAL

RESEARCH

PARTY!

Principal's Message

I have been thinking about home and school partnership and what this might look like for 2020

Partnerships are about being proactive rather than reactive. Parents need to TRUST that the school and the teachers are working with them, alongside them and supporting them and their child to grow. Too often, when there is no trust in the practice of teachers or the school, relationships break down and the child misses out.

Research tell us that if the parents are involved in supporting the child in their learning and their school, then the child will be able to engage and learn so much better.



At St Brigid's, home school partnerships looks like the following:

- Two formal meetings each year where the child's learning is discussed formally.
- Two written reports each year.
- Possible Information Evenings based around the curriculum areas.
- Social gatherings which include -family BBQ at the start the of year, activity days like
- Athletics, sports, trips and classroom support.
- Online communication which includes - website, school app, emails
- Social media (Facebook, Seesaw etc.) and the school newsletter.
- Informal discussions with teachers before and after school.
- Celebration of learning four times a year.
- Community and School Mass

Below is a list of successful aspects of successful home school partnerships. I will be reviewing what we do, based on these features moving further into 2020. If this means changing what we do, tweaking some of our already practices then this will happen. Unless we focus on this a community from classrooms level to Board of Trustee level, then we become reactionary rather than proactive!

The research literature suggests that successful home-school partnerships display many of the following features:

- Relationships in successful home-school partnerships are collaborative and mutually respectful.
- Successful partnerships are multi-dimensional, and responsive to community needs.
- Successful home-school partnerships are planned for; embedded within whole school development plans; well-resourced and regularly reviewed.
- Successful partnerships are goal oriented and focused on learning.
- Effective parental engagement happens largely at home.
- There is timely two-way communication between school and parents in successful partnerships.

The better the engagement between parents, families, and schools, the greater the positive impact on student learning. Partnerships with whānau/iwi and the wider community can be enhanced. This leads to improved learning outcomes for students through blended, culturally inclusive, and sustainable practices.

Andrew Pozniak

School Values

This term we are focusing on Te Tapu o Te Tangata – Respect. Congratulations to the following students who were recognised as living the value of Te Tapu o Te Tangata – Respect.

- Room 4 – Bear Valentine
- Room 3 – Leeyah Than
- Room 2 – Jasper Green-Brough
- Room 1 – Oliver Hawkins



Dates to Remember

What's On Next Week	
Mon 9 March	Parent/Teacher Discussions 3-6pm
Tues 10 March	PTA AGM 7pm
Wed 11 March	Parent/Teacher Discussions 3-6pm
Fri 13 March	Mass 10am – Rooms 1 & 4 Assembly Room 3 at 2:40pm
What's On This Term	
Wed 18 March	BOT Meeting 6pm
Thurs 19 March	Whanau Hui Animal Dress Up Day
Fri 20 March	Kahui Ako Mass at Edgar Centre Sports Day at Edgar Centre
Mon 23 March	Otago Anniversary Day – School Closed
Fri 27 March	Mass 10am – Room 2 Assembly Room 4 at 2:40pm
Fri 3 April	Mass 10am – Room 3 PTA Sausage Sizzle & Ice Blocks
Thurs 9 April	Paschal Meal 11:45 End of Term 1

WANTED



LUNCH TIME CLUB VOLUNTEERS

THE WHANAU HUI (STUDENT COUNCIL) ARE LOOKING FOR SUPERMEN AND SUPERWOMEN WHO CAN HELP US!

THERE HAS BEEN AN OVERWHELMING CALL FROM THE TAMARIKI FOR LUNCH TIME CLUBS. THE WHANAU HUI HAVE DECIDED ON THE FOLLOWING IDEAS FOR CLUBS:

SCIENCE/STEAM
ARTS AND CRAFTS
BAKING
ORIENTEERING
BOOK
SPORTS
CO-SPACES
MUSIC

IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP PLEASE CONTACT MISS WASSELL AT CARMELW@STBRIGIDSDN.SCHOOL.NZ OR 4543477.

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

Board of Trustees - School Account:
06 0942 0045712 00

PTA – Fundraising Account:
03 1732 0001257 00

Sports News

Code of Conduct:

Softball & T-Ball – Results:

Stars P.O.D – Neriah Ngaro

Saints P.O.D – Calum McGurk

Steelers P.O.D – Liam Bishop

Draw for this Saturday, 7th March

(Please note the final game is 21st March for this season)

Stars vs Bathgate D 1, 9:00

Saints vs Andy Bay D 5, 10:00

Steelers vs Cardinals D 11, 10:00

Futsal – Results:

Gold won – Friendly Game

Silver lost – P.O.D Louis Heyward

Bronze lost – P.O.D Dusty Stanton

Black lost – P.O.D – Nicky McDonald

Blue won – P.O.D Serah Manjesh Jacob

Draw for Wednesday 11th March

Black 3:30 vs Mac Bay Court 7

Blue 5:00 vs Bathgate Court 11

Bronze 4:30 vs Opoho Court 12

Silver 6:00 vs Sawyers Bay Court 15

Gold 5:30 vs Green Island Court 14

Flippa Ball – Results:

P.O.D for Game 1 – Chloe Lam

Draw for this Sunday, 8th March.

St Brigid's Dolphins have no game or practise this weekend.

Community Assembly

Our next Assembly is on Friday 13th March at 2.40pm in the hall.

Shared Prayer is by Room 3.

Everyone is welcome.

Parent / Teacher Discussions

Just a reminder that these are on next Monday 9th March and Wednesday 11th March. Discussion times were sent home earlier this week - if you haven't booked one yet please just ring the office next week for available times.

Remember that school will close as usual at 3pm on both days.

Learning Support Coordinator



We have the pleasure of introducing and welcoming Annabel Hamman to our team. Annabel has taken up the role as Learning Support Coordinator and will be working closely with St Brigid's and other schools in the Dunedin Catholic Kahui Ako.

The purpose of the LSC role is to make sure that children with mild-to-moderate and neurodiverse learning support needs receive appropriate help when they need it. Annabel will be working with students and their whanau, teachers, leadership and external agencies to co-ordinate support for students with learning needs. We are very fortunate to have Annabel working

LAUDATO SI' – Caring for our Common Home

The Transfiguration

... Jesus ordered them **"Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead"**.



What is our personal mountain top experience? God doesn't want us to live inside these experiences by ourselves. ... We are chosen as witnesses so that we can share our witness with the world ... We have been chosen to spread the word and the love of God, to help reveal him to those who haven't yet met him face to face" - (Caritas Lenten Booklet).

In what ways can we be transformed and reveal Jesus to the world through continuing and extending our small caring deeds for Creation. Nurturing the understanding that we as church can do something by becoming informed and educated; doing something within our sphere of influence.

Renewed by the Spirit - Ka tū tātou - Stand together!

PTA News

AGM Tuesday 10th March at 7pm

BOT NEWS

Next Meeting: Wednesday 18 March at 6pm.

Faith Facts

Caritas Lenten Program

The 2020 school resources are entitled *Caritas in Action: Restoring Hope and Spreading Love* and feature inspiring stories from all around the world of how Caritas is working alongside communities in need to restore hope and help them overcome challenges.

We look forward to being inspired by them!

We will be having our Caritas Challenge Day in Week 10.

Caritas in Action: Restoring Hope and Spreading Love

Caritas e Kokiri
ana i ana Mahi:
Te Whakapiki i te
Tūmanako, te Tuku
Whanui hoki i te Aroha



Coronavirus Update

The Ministry of Health is regularly updating schools on COVID-19 - at this stage they are reinforcing good hygiene practice as the best defence:

- wash your hands often with soap and water before and after eating as well as after attending the toilet
- cover coughs and sneezes with clean tissues or your elbow
- put used tissues in the bin.

Please stay home if unwell.