

# St Brigid's School Newsletter



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## ROOM 4'S CLASS REPORT!



**ROOM 4 IS LOVING THEIR NEW LOCATION!**

WE HAVE BEEN HAVING SO MUCH FUN CLIMBING THE BIG TREE, THROWING AND KICKING BALLS, PLAYING IN THE SANDPIT, WATERING AND PLANTING PLANTS, AND TESTING OUT OUR BOOMERANGS. WE HAVE ALSO BEEN BUSY LEARNING HOW TO MAKE PREDICTIONS WHEN READING, WRITE RECOUNTS AND INCREASE OUR MATHS KNOWLEDGE.

THIS TERM'S VALUE IS RESPONSIBILITY, SO WE ARE TRYING VERY HARD TO BE RESPONSIBLE STUDENTS AND FRIENDS. IN RE WE ARE TALKING ABOUT WHO IS IN OUR FAMILY, OUR SCHOOL FAMILY AND OUR CHURCH FAMILY.

THE DUNEDIN 2040 PROJECT IS COMING ALONG NICELY. WE HAVE BEEN BUSY BUILDING HOTELS, SHOPS, PLAYGROUNDS, RESTAURANTS AND MORE TO MAKE THE OCTAGON A BETTER PLACE TO VISIT. WE CAN'T WAIT TO SHARE OUR CREATIONS WITH YOU!



## Principal's Message

I am often asked what the difference between Catholic schools and state schools is. You could for instance explain about religious education teaching or going to Mass as a fundamental difference. I would like to think it is more than that. Catholic schools place a strong emphasis on the social and emotional well-being of students, teaching fundamental skills necessary for wellbeing and life effectiveness. These skills improve the quality of learning and life of young people and the communities in which they learn and grow.

Catholic schools use Jesus as a role model. The Gospel teaches that Catholic schools welcome everyone and should be places that welcome the poorest and the most disadvantaged members of the community. Jesus cared for the poor, campaigned against injustice and forgave his enemies. Our faith dimension is a wonderful instructional teaching base that fosters a caring culture. It is important that students leave school with both a sense of their own worth as individuals but also a commitment to how they might serve their community. Our world needs good strong people with a strong commitment to social justice and Catholic schools strive to play a part in that.

Catholic schools strive to be more through their Catholic mission. Catholic schools also focus on a holistic education of the whole child – socially, emotionally, spiritually, physically and culturally. All-important is preparation for life, and a life of worth at that – not merely a life of work.

Andrew Pozniak



Thank you all for your support and understanding as we once again entered into Level 2 this week. It has been reassuring how quickly we have been able to adapt to the Guidelines again.

We have been very impressed with our tamariki who are all working hard to demonstrate our School Values of Respect, Care and Responsibility around keeping themselves and others safe.

Just a reminder... We will update you via email and Facebook as any new information comes to light. If your contact details have changed (email, phone number, address) please contact the school office so we can update our system.

NZ COVID Tracer App: we are supporting contact tracing by having QR code posters in the office and hall if you wish to keep a track of your own movements – so if you haven't already downloaded the App the Ministry of Health's [NZ-COVID Tracer app page](#) has information to help you do that.

## Student Council



**Congratulations to our newly elected Student Council Representatives**

Room 4 - Koby Stanton and Katherine Binu

Room 3 – Nahoa Fox and Kyla Roberts

Room 2 – Vincent Beatson and Harper Guthrie and Dusty Stanton

Room 1 – Hermione Sparks and Lola Tiatia and Kelvin Cortezano

## School Values

Our St Brigid's School Values are very important to us. By living these Values every day we are living the way that Jesus wants us to live and act.

This term we are focusing on Whakahaere – Responsibility.



Congratulations to:

Rm 4 – Serah Manjesh Jacob

Rm 3 – Sebastian Hawkins

Rm 2 – Leo Patston

Rm 1 – Chloe Lam

## Dates to Remember

What's On Next Week?	
Sun 16	Parish/School Mass – 9.30am at St Patrick's (see separate notice)
Thurs 20	Swimming
Fri 21 Aug	Mass 10am – Room 2
	Assembly Room 3 at 2.40pm
Sun 23 Aug	Confirmation Preparation after 11am Mass – Activities and Shared Lunch
What's On This Term?	
Fri 28 Aug	Mass 10am – Room 3
Mon 31 Aug	Dunedin 2040 Steam Presentation – Evening at 6.30pm
Fri 4 Sept	Mass 10am – Rooms 1 & 4
	Assembly Room 4 at 2.40pm
	PTA Disco
Fri 11 Sept	Mass 10am – Room 2
Sun 13 Sept	Confirmation 9.30am with Bishop Michael
Wed 16 Sept	BOT Meeting at 6pm
Thurs 17 Sept	PTA Quiz Night at the Kensington
Fri 18 Sept	Mass 10 am – Room 3
	Assembly – Room 2 at 2.40pm
Fri 25 Sept	Mass 10am – Whole School
	Last Day of Term 3
What's On in Term 4?	
Mon 12 Oct	First Day of Term 4
Sun 15 Nov	First Holy Communion Preparation: Special Mass at 12pm in the Community Centre followed by Shared Lunch
Sun 22 Nov	First Holy Communion at 9.30am followed by celebration

### Parish School Mass

I am sorry for the uncertainty around Mass this Sunday. At this stage it seems likely that we will continue at level 2 which means numbers will be restricted to 100. We won't know until 5.30pm tonight which makes it difficult to make decisions.

With this being likely, may I suggest that Mass be restricted to the children participating in the Mass - readers, choir etc and their families. If other people come we can take them through to the Chapel for a separate Mass.

Fr. Gerard

School Assembly we are moving all of our Assemblies a week later for the term. The new dates are as follows:

21 August – Room 3

4 September – Room 4

18 September – Room 2

## Sports Update

Netball: Another great game and very close as we drew 8-8 vs St. Joe's Steel. P.O.D - Chloe Lam for an awesome game at defence and getting the ball through the court.

Draw for next Tuesday - 4:30 vs Sacred Heart on Court 11.

Kiwihoops: was cancelled under Level 2 restrictions – if there are games next week the draw will be advised via email.

### St Brigid's House Groups

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

House Token Winners this week were:

**Aubert House**: Tandia Porter

**McAuley House**: Jack Blick

**de Paul House**: Hazel Evans

### Sickness

There is zero tolerance for sickness at school at the moment.

If your child has any of the following they must be kept at home:

- Runny nose
- Cough
- Sore tummy
- Vomiting
- Diarrhoea
- Temperature above 37.5
- Headache
- Muscle aches

If a child arrives at school with these conditions or develops them at school they will be isolated from the rest of the school population and parents rung to collect them ASAP.

## School Uniforms

Our uniform is the Catholic School uniform for the Dunedin area. We expect our full uniform to be worn to and from school each day. We expect children who come to St Brigid's to wear their uniform with pride, this means wearing the correct uniform (see below)

As a Catholic School, we wear a school uniform but why? Here are some reasons why:

- Wearing uniforms instils school pride and unity and identify us as Catholic.
- School uniforms bring equality among students, decreasing peer pressure.
- School uniforms make getting ready for school easier and faster, can improve punctuality:
- School uniforms puts the schools on the map, A school uniform is in essence a way of advertising a school, which can be really useful in gathering support and forming external relationships with the local community
- A school uniform saves parents money



### Girls Uniform: **Summer**

- Regulation royal blue/black/red tartan pinafore
- Royal Blue v-neck pullover
- Plain white ankle socks
- Navy shorts may be worn at school under the pinafore

Blue ribbons or headbands only may be worn. No jewellery is to be worn at school except watches. Plain gold or silver ear studs may be worn.

**Winter** – same as above except for the following

- navy tights/ long navy socks worn with pinafore
- navy blue track pants (no stripes / logos) white long sleeved blouse or white skivvy



### Boys Uniform: **Summer**

- Open necked grey short sleeved polyester/cotton shirt or grey polo-style knit shirt
- Grey shorts
- Royal blue v-neck pullover
- Grey ankle socks

### **Winter:**

- Navy track pants may be worn (no stripes/logos)
- Long sleeved grey shirt or grey/white skivvy
- Grey three-quarter length socks

### **General:**

Black sports or leather shoes (no coloured stripes or logos) suitable for all activities, or sandals - sandals may be worn without socks in summer.

### **Sports Uniform:**

The sports uniform which is compulsory for all pupils consists of a navy polo shirt with the school name embroidered on it (available from NZ Uniforms at 342 Moray Place) and plain navy knit shorts/plain navy track pants (no stripes/logos)

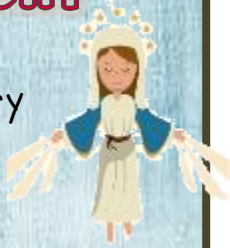


# RE Comment

Week Four

15th Assumption of Mary

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary:



This day celebrates the mystery that Mary was taken into heaven body and soul.

Mary's assumption into heaven is also the patronal feast of the Catholic people in New Zealand. In other words, she is the Patron saint of New Zealand and this week is her feast day.

## congratulations

Congratulations to McKenzie Bryce and Dominic Cheng who performed exceptionally well in the New Zealand Taekwondo Open 2020 in Christchurch at the weekend.



Their results were:

Bronze: Under 12 Kyorugi (Sparring):

Dominic - first place - gold medal - pairs event

Dominic - second place - silver medal - individual event.

McKenzie - first place - gold medal - individual event

McKenzie - third place - bronze medal - sparring event



## PTA News

- ♦ PTA meeting – 8 September
- ♦ Quiz Night – 17 September at Kensington Tavern – \$5 a ticket please – email Lynda Evans ph 027 5444 049 Teams of 4-6 people – limited tickets available!
- ♦ Disco 4 September ... watch this space for more information
- ♦ Ski Trip – 12 – 13 September – email [Ptachair@stbrigidsdn.school](mailto:Ptachair@stbrigidsdn.school) to register your interest

**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

## BOT News:

- ❖ Next meeting: Wednesday 16 September at 6pm

Kind regards –

Andrew Pozniak & Deborah Charleson