

# St Brigid's School Newsletter



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## Principal's Message

It's been a while.....

Hello and Kia Ora from school,

Although we have had newsletters over lockdown it is so great to be able to share with you, once again, the school newsletter produced at school after such a time away from school. It has been very strange and now, we find ourselves a new world to live in.



There has been a lot of chat and discussion about when we went into lock down, health vs business, travel restrictions and tourism etc. etc. etc., but what I must say is we are all VERY blessed to be living and bringing our children up in Aotearoa New Zealand.

Often it is important to stand back from a situation to get a real perspective on just what is important and 'valuable' in our lives! Our poor children and families have certainly had a funny start to their school year thanks to the Covid-19 pandemic! This is especially true of children who started their schooling this year; they say you never forget your first day and I don't think our little ones will! - A historic time to start their learning journey.

You may wonder why we are asking adults to stay outside school grounds. While there are no restrictions on the numbers of people indoors or outside at schools (except visiting groups), we need to record the name of every person who comes onsite every day. This will take time away from staff when they need to be focused on your children. In addition, the more people we have onsite, the harder physical distancing is. Exceptions will be made based on individual circumstances e.g. a child's first school visit.

So far this week it is all about regular and planned hand washing, hand sanitising, cough etiquettes, controlled drop offs and pickups, assemblies are allowed because of our numbers. We also show low tolerance towards any children and adults that are sick or look sick.

There are quite a few changes to the norm but the children and staff have taken it in their stride. I would like to thank them for their resilience and the joy of returning to school.

Andrew

## Welcome back to Term 2 onsite!

It is great to have some sense of the new normal as we had many happy children back at school this week. Thank you so much for all of your wonderful support and understanding with the changes we have had to make due to level 2, it has been greatly appreciated.

Unfortunately all school community events have had to be cancelled for now, including our assemblies. We will keep you posted as to when they will be happening again.



### Teacher Only Days

The two teacher only days that had been planned for this year have also been cancelled; these were to be on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May and Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September. They will be normal school days now.

**Winter uniform:** Children can now wear winter uniforms – see uniform list below.

If you wish to purchase a school jacket you can buy them from NZ Uniforms at 342 Moray Place, Dunedin

**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 Atawhaitia – Care.

### Winter Uniform.

This term the children should be in their winter uniforms. The children should be wearing the correct school uniform with only the winter additions listed below.

#### Girls Winter Uniform:

Same as usual except for the following:  
Navy tights/long navy socks worn with pinafore  
Navy track pants may be worn (no stripes/logos)  
White long sleeved blouse (with peaked collar) or white skivvy

#### Boys Winter Uniform

Same as usual except for the following:  
Navy track pants may be worn (no stripes/logos)  
Long sleeved grey shirt or grey/white skivvy  
Grey three-quarter length socks

**A reminder:** black sports or leather shoes (no coloured, stripes or logos or coloured laces please)

**OPTIONAL:** Navy beanie embroidered with the school name; available from the office for \$11.00 each. **NB:** navy beanies only to be worn.

## Important Reminders

- ✚ At Alert Level 2, if your child is unwell please keep them at home.
- ✚ If you are concerned about your child's health you should contact your GP or Healthline.
- ✚ Remember that under Level 2 we need to continue to observe the physical distancing guidelines from the government when collecting children from school.

## Dates to Remember

### What's On This Term

Mon 1 June	Queens Birthday Weekend
Fri 3 July	Last Day of Term 2
Mon 20 July	Term 3 Begins

**Queen's Birthday Weekend** – school will be closed on Monday 1 June

### Receipts for Voluntary Contributions –

receipts for contributions paid to the school during the period 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020 will be coming home with children today. These amounts are tax deductible.

The amount excludes payments for purchases such as stationery and sports fees.

## PTA News

- ◆ Next Meeting/AGM – to be confirmed.

## BOT News:

- ❖ The next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday 17 June at 6pm.

**Lost Jersey** – Skylah Horrell's jersey is missing. Please check the label on the jersey that your child is wearing in case there has been a mix-up.

**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

We are currently awaiting further information about what our winter sports (Miniball, Hockey and Netball) will look like and when they will begin.

We will let you know as soon as we have any updates.

**Snow Days:** As we approach winter it is important to note that weather conditions sometimes mean that school may open late or be closed for the whole day. The decision to close schools or open late is made by a group of principals and the police.



Announcements are made on Radio Dunedin (95.4FM) and Classic Hits (89.4FM) during the cancellation service that generally follows each news bulletin. There is also a pre-recorded cancellation line service which is (03)474 8426 or (03) 471 7555.

Late starts and cancellations will also be posted on our Facebook page as soon as we are aware of them.

Kind regards

Andrew Pozniak