

St Brigid's School Newsletter



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Room 1 Class Report Looking back over Week 1 in Room 1...

We have had an awesome first week in Room 1. Some of our highlights included the Tinker Lab, getting outside for some P.E., making Plaster of Paris casts of our hands and starting our Reading and Maths activities for the year. Here are some pictures from our week:



Reminders for Week 2...

Monday: Homework comes home

Thursday: Dinosaur Park Trip
11am – 1:30pm

Friday: Library Day



WELCOME



Aryan Prasad

Rm 3



Hana Khalil

Rm 4



Neve O'Donnell

Rm 4

Welcome to the new pupils, their families and returning families to St Brigid's School for 2019.

Staff / Classes for 2019

Teaching Staff

Rm 5: Yrs 5 & 6 – Mrs Whitty (mornings) & Miss Carvell (afternoons)

Rm 4: New Entrants – Miss Wassell

Rm 3: Yrs 1 & 2 – Miss Carvell (mornings) & Miss Charleson (afternoons)

Rm 2: Yrs 2 & 3 – Mrs Gillan

Rm 1: Yrs 3 & 4 – Mrs Van der Hilst (Mon – Thurs) & Mrs Idour (Friday)

Mrs Chisholm also teaches part time as our classroom release teacher.

Support Staff

Moira O'Shea – School Secretary (mornings)

Catherine Mirfin – Teacher Aide / Librarian

Sharon McRae – Teacher Aide

Robyn Firmin – Teacher Aide

Marie Heyward – Teacher Aide

Fr. Sani – School Chaplain

Parish / School Mass

Our first combined Parish / School Mass for 2019 is on Sunday 17th February at 9.30 am at St Patrick's in Macandrew Road.

These are important occasions and are part of school life. We would like to see as many families there as possible.

2019 Term Dates

Term 1 7 February – 12 April

Term 2 29 April – 5 July

Term 3 22 July – 27 September

Term 4 14 October – 18 December

School is also closed on the following days:

Monday 25th March – Otago Anniversary Day

Monday 3rd June – Queen's Birthday

Monday 28th October – Labour Day

Te Kaha Kids

This year we are offering after school care on site from 3pm – 6pm, run independently by Te Kaha Kids. Please contact Petra if you are interested in enrolling your child on 021 2147031 or info@tekahakids.com

Seesaw

It is great to see that so many parents have signed up to Seesaw already. If you would like more information about this please contact your class teacher.

Roadworks

Bayfield Road is currently undergoing major roadworks and as a result is closed for access and parking (limited access is available for residents and emergency services). Pedestrian access is available at all times.

What's Happening Next Week?

Wed 13 th	BOT Meeting 6pm
Thurs 14 th	Rm 1 & 2 Dinosaur Park Trip – 11am – 1.30pm
Sun 17 th	Parish / School Mass – 9.30am at St Patrick's

What's Happening in Term 1?

February

Mon 18 th	ChatBus
Tues 19 th	PTA AGM – 7pm in Staffroom

March

4 – 8 th	Walk and Wheel Week
Mon 4 th	Parent / Teacher Discussions 3pm – 6pm ChatBus
Wed 6 th	Ash Wednesday Parent / Teacher Discussions 3pm – 6pm
Sun 10 th	Weetbix Tryathlon
Sun 17 th	Parish / School Mass – 9.30am at St Patrick's
Mon 18 th	ChatBus
Mon 25 th	Otago Anniversary Day – School Closed

April

Mon 1 st	Chatbus
Fri 12 th	Last Day of Term 1

School Drop off and Pick up

We would appreciate if you would park on Silverton Street and walk down the access way (rather than drive) for the safety of all children. There is no parking available on the access way. Please be aware that there are a number of driveways that are attached to this access way. At 3pm the children will be walked up the driveway by the Duty Teachers to be collected from Silverton Street instead of Bayfield Road until further notice.

Hall Update

The contractors have started work on our hall renovation and this is on schedule. Construction is continuing and there is a Health and Safety Plan in place. We are excited about the learning opportunity this will provide the children over the coming weeks.

Parent / Teacher Discussions

Our first discussions for the year will be on Monday 4th March and Wednesday 6th March from 3pm – 6pm. Prior to these days each family will receive a request form about which day you would prefer. We will then send back to you a time for each discussion.

Some Important Reminders

- ✚ School starts at 8.55am, it's important for children to be here on time.
- ✚ Absences: if your child is going to be absent please ring the office prior to 9am or leave a message on the answerphone. You can also send the office an email on office@stbrigidson.school.nz
- ✚ Morning Tea: 11.00 – 11.20am
- ✚ Lunch Time: 12.30pm – 1.30pm
- ✚ School Finishes at 3.00pm
- ✚ Safety:
Vehicles are not permitted to use the driveway between 8.30 – 9.15am and 2.45 – 3.15pm.
- ✚ Newsletters: are sent via email every Friday and are also available on our website and Facebook page. If you would like a paper copy please request one from the office.
- ✚ Friday Masses: are cancelled until further notice due to roadworks. See calendar for when your child's class is attending Mass. All welcome.
- ✚ Uniforms: a reminder that children will be wearing their summer uniforms for Term 1. Wide brimmed navy blue sunhats are compulsory in Term 1 for all children. Plain black shoes are to be worn at school. Please check that all uniform items are clearly named.
- ✚ Water Bottles: it's a great idea for children to have a named water bottle at school.
- ✚ Sunscreen: please make sure you have applied sunscreen to your child before they arrive at school. We recommend an SPF50+.
- ✚ Office Hours: Moira, our school secretary is in the office until 12.30pm.

Sports News

T Ball: Draw for tomorrow 9 Feb:
Saints v Kura Teina D 4 at 9am
Steelers v East Taieri Orange D 10 at 10am.

Flippaball: Registrations have now closed.
Games start on Sunday 17 February at Moana Pool. Practices will commence Saturday 16th between 11:30am and 1pm at Carisbrook Pool

Futsal: Registrations have now closed.
Games start on Tuesday 19 February & Wednesday 20 February and finish on Tuesday 9 April and Wednesday 10 April.

Weetbix Tryathlon: This is on Sunday 10 March.

NB: Remember that our PTA pays half the cost of team registrations.

St Brigid's School Fair

Unfortunately we have had to postpone the School Fair until later in the year (date still to be confirmed).

We are still taking donations - these can be dropped off at school.

PTA NEWS

AGM: Tuesday 19th February at 7pm in the staffroom, followed by usual meeting at 7:30pm.

New members welcome.

NB: Please ensure that this year registrations and orders for anything that the school is organising are in by the due date.

R E Comment

Wednesday was Waitangi Day, the day which marks Aotearoa's foundation as a bicultural nation. It commemorates the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi between the Maori chiefs of New Zealand with the British Crown on February 6th 1840.



The Catholic faith was brought to New Zealand by Jean Baptiste Pompallier SM, a bishop from Lyons, France in 1838, before the treaty was signed. Pompallier celebrated the first Mass in New Zealand on 13 January 1838.

Bishop Pompallier was appointed the first Bishop of Auckland in 1848, a post which he held until 1869.



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:

Kind regards

Deborah Charleson



Te Kaha Kids
All Inclusive
After School & Holiday
Programme

We Offer:

- Individualised Support Plans
- Child Centered Model
- Positive Reinforcement
- Weekly Prizes
- Homework Support
- Support to reach goals
- Opportunities to learn life skills
- Fun environment
- Support (behavioural)

Subsidies Available:

- Oscar Subsidy
- Individualised Funding
- Carer Support

Staff Are Trained In:

- Disability Support
- Child Protection
- Effects of Trauma
- Behavioural Support

Monday to Friday
8-6pm / 8am-6pm
Ages 5-18

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At St Brigid's
School 2019!

Hi St. Brigid's Community- welcome to 2019 where I would like to introduce everyone to my new found occupation as a Licensed Real Estate Agent.

I am happy to assist with any real estate queries or free appraisals if interested. Hopefully I will successfully be able to become the local community adviser.
Carmen Cheng

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Licensee



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Drum Lessons

Welcome to drum lessons in 2019 with Andrew Harray.

I have been playing drums for 16 years, but hitting things since I was two. In that time I have played in various bands, orchestras, and even travelled the country on some tours. I love to pass on my passion and skills to anyone who is eager to learn. Drum lessons happen during school on Tuesday afternoons. Send me an email or give me a ring to find out more.

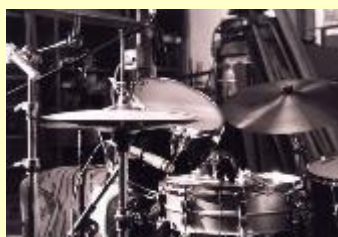
30 minutes individual lesson: \$27

20 minutes for young beginners: \$18

Andrew Harray

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Today you will receive some information about the ChatBus counselling service for children. This is a free counselling service for children in Years 1 – 8. ChatBus' vision is to have a community where all children are valued, safe and happy through restoring hope, building resilience; encouraging, empowering and supporting children through counselling.

ChatBus is a safe place for children to go when they don't want to talk to anyone else. Counsellors are professionally trained and work closely with schools. Referrals can be made by staff, parents and children can freely self-refer.