

# St Brigid's School Newsletter



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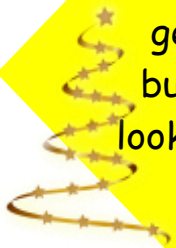
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## The Final Word goes to Year 6 ...

I have enjoyed doing School  
Production and the Year 6 Camp.



I really liked  
getting a  
buddy and  
looking after  
them.



My  
favourite  
thing that  
I got to do  
as a Year 6  
was  
Science at  
Kavanagh.



I really  
enjoyed  
all the  
Art  
that we  
got to  
do.



I liked how when we do some  
activities we do it together with  
the whole school.



I liked playing in the  
elephant tree.



I have really enjoyed the staff, they are  
really helpful if I get confused or stuck.





As this is our last newsletter for the year, we thank you for all of your support during 2019 and wish you a very happy and holy Christmas with families and friends. Have a great holiday!



Congratulations to the following children who were recognised as living the values of:

**Respect -  
Te Tapu o Te Tangata**

**Care -  
Atawhaitia**

**Responsibility -  
Whakahaere**

Room 4: Serah Manjesh Jacob  
Room 3: Jasper Green-Brough  
Room 2: Sasha Lam  
Room 1: William Bingley  
Room 5: Amelia Dickel



**Thank you to the PTA** – This year the PTA have contributed over \$12000 to school.

This helped fund sports equipment, Kapahaka, Year 6 Camp, new school sign and drinking fountain, playground bark chips, and ½ contributions to sports registrations for netball, hockey, kiwihoops, futsal, t-ball and flippaball for the year.



Thank you for supporting these great fundraising efforts throughout 2019.

### 2020 Organisation:

Room 4: New Entrants & Year 1 – Miss Wassell

Room 3: Years 2 & 3 – Miss Charleson

Room 2: Years 3 & 4 – Mrs van der Hilst (Mon – Thurs) & Mrs Idour (Friday)

Room 1: Years 5 & 6 – Mrs Whitty & Mr Pozniak

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

Mrs Gillan will be returning from her Maternity Leave in Term 2 in her new part time position.

Mr Abraham and Miss Carvell will be leaving us as full time teaching staff at the end of this year, we wish them all the best for their future endeavours.

### Some exciting Projects to keep an eye out for in 2020...

**QUEST:** we can't wait to share our new and improved programme for next year.

**STEAM LAB:** we are in the process of repurposing our old computer suite into an exciting new space for the children that is dedicated to Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics.

**Sensory Garden:** we are also in the process of creating an amazing playground area that will help encourage our children to explore nature using their 5 senses.

**Playbased Learning and Projectbased Learning:** we are excited about continuing with this initiative next year throughout the school.

We also have a few other exciting initiatives up our sleeves for 2020 which we can't wait to roll out.



## What's Happening Next Week?

Mon 16 <sup>th</sup>	Mission Day
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup>	End of Year Mass 12pm
	Last Day of the School Year
<b>What's Happening this Year</b>	
<b>February</b>	
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup>	First Day of Term 1

**EOTC Contributions** – requests for Term 4 EOTC were sent home last Friday. Thank you to those who throughout the year have made regular payments – there are still a few outstanding stationery and sports fees that need to be paid.

We would appreciate these payments and your contributions being paid before the end of this year.

## Final Reminder

Library Stocktake – our annual library stocktake is now underway so please check thoroughly for any library books at home and return them to school ASAP.

## Reminder -Mission Afternoon – this Monday, 16 December

From 1:45-2:45

Bring along your small change

All activities are 20c, 50c or 70c

Run by Room 5, great prizes!

All proceeds got to help the Missions work overseas.



## Sports News

Thank you – as sports finish this week a BIG THANK YOU to all of our coaches who have done a wonderful job with our teams.

T-Ball –

Stars P.O.D – Whole Team!

Draw for this Saturday, 14 December:

Steelers v Grants Braes 10:00am D 9

Saints v Balaclava 9:00am D 7

Stars v Carisbrook 9:00am D 1

NB these are the final games pre-

Christmas – the season restarts

Saturday 15 February.

(See flyer below for Christmas Celebration party information)



Flippa Ball – Results:

Dolphins won and Saints drew – Liam Bishop was P.O.D for Saints.

Draw for Sunday 14 Dec (final game for the season)

Dolphins v ET Seals at 4:40pm

All Saints v Diamond Seals at 1:45pm

Congratulations to the Dolphins team who have been unbeaten all year and who are playing in the finals.

## Weetbix Tryathlon – 1 March 2020 in Dunedin

Therese Lam has registered St. Brigid's School for the Weetbix Tryathlon - parents will need to enter and pay for their children online. <https://www.runningcalendar.co.nz/event/weet-bix-kids-tryathlon-dunedin/>

If parents choose to send packs to school for collection, there is a discounted option to do so at \$2. Therese has left this open for parents to do so if they wish.

For any questions, please contact Therese via email [thereselam82@gmail.com](mailto:thereselam82@gmail.com) or by phone 0275802905.

## CARING FOR OUR COMMON HOME

In a simple stable alongside the animals, Jesus is born.



As we celebrate the coming of God's Son becoming one of us, let us live simply and walk gently on the Earth/Papatuanuku this summer, leaving few footprints; and continue our efforts for national and global peace and justice in the coming year.



With God's grace, our aroha makes all the difference. We ask God's blessing this Christmas and continuing graces on us all in 2020.

*"For in Him all things were created, things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible .....all things have been created through Him and for Him." (Col 1:16).*



A blessed and very holy Christmas to all!

Meri Kirihimete Ngá manaakitanga ki a koutou katoa

**School Photos:** were sent home earlier this week.

**Sports Uniforms -** We would appreciate children wearing their sports uniforms next week please.

**End of Year Mass:**  
Next Wednesday at 12pm in the Hall.  
All welcome.

## R E Comment

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Advent – Peace

Christmas is nearly here. When Jesus was born the shepherds received light from Him.

They were transformed into shining witnesses of Jesus' birth in Bethlehem. Experiencing the light and joy that Christmas brings, let us too, be witnesses to Christ's mission to spread the word of God and peace in our world.

Jesus, help us focus on you during this busy season. May we stay aware of the light and joy you bring into our lives. We want to find you in the everyday moments and come with hearts of gratitude to your manger at Christmas. Amen.

Happy, blessed and safe holidays everyone!

### End of Year Reports:

A reminder that reports on children's achievement and progress will be sent home on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December.



**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

Kind regards

Deborah Charleson







**Children's Christmas Mass  
Mercy Parish Whānau Aroha**



PRACTISE

We are getting ready to celebrate God reaching out in unconditional love to us all in the birth of Jesus. We want to act out the Gospel at the Children's Mass,

Dec 24th at 5:30 pm.

We need help from EVERYONE who would like to act,  
to read, sing or play instruments.

If you are interested come and join us at the Basilica on

Saturday 14th Dec 12:00 - 12:30

Saturday 21st Dec 12:00 - 12:30 am

If you are not able to make these times but still want to be involved contact  
Jo Bell 0212318889 or jobell47@hotmail.com

EVERYONE WELCOME!

## COMMUNITY NEWS



### Homestays Needed at Kavanagh College

Kavanagh College is looking for caring families to host our international students in 2020.

This is a fantastic opportunity not only for our International students who will experience our New Zealand lifestyle, but also for your family as you experience the pleasure of learning about other cultures whilst building lifelong relationships.

You will receive a generous allowance during their stay which can range between 4 weeks to up to a year depending on what you prefer.

To find out more about this fantastic opportunity for a rewarding, fun and intercultural experience; please email: [llastra@kavanagh.school.nz](mailto:llastra@kavanagh.school.nz) or phone our homestay coordinator on: 034773408 or 0277680788.