

St Brigid's School Newsletter



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Room 4 Class Report



IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE THAT TERM 3 IS ALMOST OVER!

ROOM 4 HAS BEEN REALLY BUSY PUTTING THE FINISHING TOUCHES TO OUR DUNEDIN 2040 PROJECT. WE CAN'T WAIT TO SHARE THEM WITH YOU.

WE HAVE ALSO BEEN DOING SUPER LEARNING IN READING, WRITING AND MATHS. COUNTING TO 100 AND ADDING TO TEN IS BECOMING SO EASY!

WE ARE BEGINNING TO ZOOM THROUGH OUR READING AND ARE LEARNING NEW WORDS EVERYDAY! POETRY HAS BECOME VERY MUSICAL WITH THE ADDITION OF THE MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS. WE HAVE BEEN HAVING FUN BECOMING A MARCHING BAND! IN WRITING WE ARE LEARNING TO PLAN OUR STORIES BY BREAKING THEM UP INTO BEGINNING, MIDDLE AND END. WE ARE ALSO LEARNING NOUNS AND VERBS.

IN RE WE ARE BEGINNING TO TALK ABOUT THE HOLINESS OF GOD AND THE SACREDNESS OF PEOPLE AND PLACES.



Principal's Message



Since compulsory primary-secondary education was introduced over 140 years ago, what children learn and the way they learn has changed dramatically. In modern schools, children are encouraged to be independent learners, to share ideas and to work in small groups. The fundamental premise of a place of learning (or scholarship) has not really changed. Look at the proverb below:

Proverb 1:5

Let the wise hear and increase in learning, and the one who understands obtain guidance.

St Bernard sees scholarship as 'A determination to seek and attain excellence in all we do, realising hard work is necessary.'

Although there is no direct mention of Scholarship in Catholic Education of School Age Children (the document which came out of the New Zealand Bishop's Conference of 2014 and written by them), it does promulgate this:

Achieving the best possible academic standards is a goal for all Catholic Schools. In its academic standards the Catholic School is required to be "at least as outstanding" as other schools in its area. Parents should not have to choose between the best academic standards and a Catholic Education; the Catholic School should embody both. Expecting and facilitating the achievement of the best possible academic standards for all children, whatever their ability, is part of enabling each student to use his or her God-given talents in promoting the good of society and the spread of the kingdom of God.

Therefore in relating to what a scholar is in my mind it is the following:

- Scholars are people who are naturally curious.
- Scholars love to learn about everything.
- They enjoy the act of learning itself, not being cleverer than other people or knowing more facts.
- They take in all sides of an argument and as much information as they can before forming an opinion.
- They can come to their own opinions, rather than taking them from someone else. (This is an important skill for scholars.)
- Scholars have to be willing to change their mind when they get new information that challenges their previous views. (This is one of the most important skills for a scholar.)
- They need to be open minded and willing to be wrong, in the pursuit of being right.

Andrew Pozniak



St Brigid's House Groups

Congratulations to:

McAuley House who was the winning House this week.

House Token Winners this week were:

Aubert House:

Sebastian Hawkins

McAuley House:

Andre Bell

de Paul House:

Koby Stanton

School Values

This term we are focusing on Whakahaere

– **Responsibility.**

Congratulations:

Rm 4 – Katherine Binu

Rm 3 – Valerie Beatson &

Kyla Roberts

Rm 2 – Olivia Anstey

Rm 1 – Amelia Dickel

Sports Update

What's On Next Week?	
Sun 13 Sept	Confirmation 9.30am with Bishop Michael
Tues 15 Sept	PTA Meeting at 7pm
Fri 18 Sept	Mass 10 am – Room 3
What's On This Term?	
Wed 23 Sept	BOT Meeting at 6pm
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

Confirmation is going ahead on Sunday 13th September at the 9.30am Mass at St Patrick's. The Mass will be restricted to the Confirmation families only.

Term 3 EOTC Costs

- Requests for Term 3 EOTC contributions were sent home with children last week.
- Thank you to everyone that has paid these.
- The school relies on these contributions to assist with the extra costs incurred for activities; your financial assistance is very much appreciated.

Netball: St Brigid's Stars lost against St Clair. P O D – Madison Bryce for excellent shooting skills and moving into space and McKenzie Bryce for awesome defense and attack (thank you for filling in for us too!).

There is no draw available yet, as soon as we have it we will let everyone know.

Kiwihoops – SFX Bulls won against Halfway Bush. P.O.D – Liam Bishop Draw will be advised.

T-Ball and Softball in Term 4: T-Ball is for 5-8 year olds and Softball for over 9 years. Games are played on a Saturday morning at Bathgate Park between 9:00-11:00.

Please use the link below to register before Monday 21st September.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/ITVpY7JIph7S00tRY6I-zu4vvRhVW_56b4Ixy2f3hM/edit

Futsal in Term 4: Futsal competitions run on Tuesday afternoons for Year 1 – 4 and on Wednesday afternoons for Year 5 – 6. Games begin in week 2 next term and will run for 8 weeks.

Please use the link below to register before Wednesday 16th September.

<https://forms.gle/ATRextcQEDAf943F6>

Dental School: if your child has an appointment at the Dental School during school time please contact the school office to let us know.

Covid-19 Update

- Thank you so much for your ongoing support with the children arriving at school from 8.30am. We will continue with this until further notice with the duty teacher continuing to hand sanitise the children before they walk up the driveway from 8.30am – 8.45am.
- Level 2 Contact Tracing we are supporting contact tracing by having QR code posters in the office and hall. We also have a Visitor's Register in the office that you are welcome to use. If you or another family member are at school for any reason please remember to sign in using one of these to help us with contact tracing should the need arise.



Week 8

Caritas Social Justice Week.

Each year the Catholic Bishops of New Zealand set aside a week in September for Social Justice Week, inviting us to reflect and take action on a current social Justice issue. This week can you spare a can of food for the Foodbank?

Clothing Amnesty: if you have any spare school clothing at home please return it to school as our supplies are running very low.

BOT News:

❖ Next meeting: Wednesday 23rd September

School Assemblies: just a reminder that we have no Friday Assemblies for the rest of this term.

Check out our Facebook page on Wednesdays to see highlights of our in-house School Assembly.

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

Congratulations to Kyla Roberts

for winning an amazing prize pack for you and your family by taking part in the Erik's Fish and Chips Reading Challenge. Just a reminder that the Erik's Reading Challenge is still has two draws to go (end of September and end of October). Simply enter at: https://www.eriksfishandchips.co.nz/eriks-online-reading-challenge-post/?fbclid=IwAR10geffDM3LTht_1AZFd-3NEJWdvg1kdmnyT7Sg63988Q3-zbgu2WiJyU4 and you could be one of the super lucky readers to win an amazing prize pack just like Kyla!

Congratulations to Shynn Timer who won Best Performer under 10 division in the Piano competitions last weekend.



PTA News

- ✚ Next Meeting: Tuesday 15th September at 7pm.
- ✚ Entertainment Book Fundraiser

We're fundraising with the Entertainment Book App. Normally 20% of the sale price goes back to our fundraising but from 14th August until 13th September we get an extra \$10 for any single city membership or \$20 for the multi-city membership! If you haven't had one before, this is a great App with heaps of discounts at local restaurants, cafes, retail outlets, accommodation, car rentals, and tourist attractions.

Your digital membership can be accessed from up to four different devices so it's perfect for sharing with friends/family.

There's never been a better time to help us. Here is the link below:

<https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/26021s3>

- ✚ School Disco – at this stage the disco is postponed until we are able to move to Level 1
- ✚ Quiz Night – the up and coming Quiz night has also been rescheduled to 29 October. This is also subject to moving to Alert Level 1.

We apologise for the inconvenience but I'm sure you will understand this is currently out of our control.

Kind regards –

Andrew Pozniak & Deborah Charleson

Community News

“DCC wants to hear your thoughts about the sports you play, how DCC facilities meet your needs and what you would like improved or changed. Your feedback will help DCC develop a sports and recreation facilities plan for Dunedin. Fill out the survey at <https://www.dunedin.govt.nz/community-facilities/parks-and-reserves/dunedin-sports-facilities-review>.”



SOFTBALL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

DATES WEDNESDAY 30 SEPTEMBER
THURSDAY 1 OCTOBER

VENUE EDGAR CENTRE

TIMES 9.00AM - 12.30PM

AGES 7 - 12 YEARS

COST \$30.00: 1 DAY OR
\$50.00: 2 DAYS

PERFECT FOR ALL SKILL LEVELS & ABILITIES!

COME ALONG & LEARN SOME FUN T-BALL & SOFTBALL SKILLS & GAMES

NO GEAR REQUIRED!

FOR MORE INFO & TO REGISTER HEAD TO
WWW.OTAGOSOFTBALL.COM/DEVELOPMENT-1/HOLIDAY-PROGRAMME

KELLY SPORTS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Sept 28 - Oct 9

KIDS VS COACHES

Join us for a fun-filled School Holiday Programme including an All Stars Alliance Day, lots of sports, awesome games & MUCH MORE!

(Some activities may need to be swapped for other exciting ones! Go online to check out a full, up-to-date timetable for your school)

OSCAR PROGRAMME SUBSIDIES AVAILABLE! *Conditions apply

BOOK ONLINE NOW AT KELLYSPORTS.CO.NZ

OCTOBER 2020 HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

KAIKORAI VALLEY COLLEGE GYMNASIUM

A timetable and full programme information is available online or at the programme venue.

Who can attend: Children aged 5-13 yrs

Our holiday programmes give children opportunities to do the things they love in a supportive and encouraging environment. Our friendly staff are passionate about working with children. They are trained in delivering fun activities, first aid and behaviour management. Book online today to get in on the action these holidays!

What do you need to bring: Shoes and appropriate clothing, jacket or sweatshirt, hat, drink bottle and food for morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea.

Payment details: Pay before the holiday programme begins to secure your child's place. You will receive an invoice once you have completed your booking. All payment details will be included on the invoice.

Work and Income OSCAR Subsidy: Some parents and caregivers may be eligible for a WINZ subsidy to help cover the cost of our programme. For more information visit www.workandincome.govt.nz.

Please note: Every care will be taken to ensure the safety of your child and their property. However, organisers of Kelly Sports accept no liability for any injury sustained by your child or any loss or damage to their property while at the programme. If your child is collected late after the conclusion of the programme you will be charged \$15 per 15 minutes or part thereof.

Prices & Session Times:

Full Week: \$265 Mon - Fri, 8am - 6pm	Full Day: \$48 8am - 6pm	Trip Day: Extra \$17 (Included in Full Week)
School Day: \$38 8.30am - 3.30pm	Half Day: \$27 8am - 1pm or 1pm - 6pm	

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