

# St Brigid's School Newsletter



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## Room 2 Class Report

We have had a busy start to the term in Room 2!

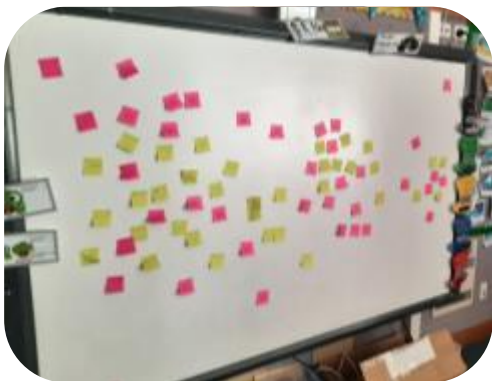
In Maths we have been learning about a few different things. Some of us have been learning about skip counting and how that helps us with our times table. Others have been learning our times tables and others have been working on recognizing mixed and improper fractions.

In Writing, we have recently finished our vocabulary focus and moved into learning about different types of punctuation. We have 5 levels of punctuation and have been working on making sure we include all these in our writing. This week we learnt about where to use commas, brackets, ellipsis, and speech marks.

In STEAM we have been starting to create our models for the Dunedin 2040 project. It's amazing what you can design and build out of cardboard!

In Religious Education we have been focusing on the Church Strand in preparation for our Sacramental programme later in the term.

We are also really enjoying our Thursday swimming lessons at Moana Pool. This is the highlight of our week!



As you can see it has  
been a busy time in  
Room 2.

Until next time,

Aroha mai,  
Room 2



## Principal's Message

### Partners in Learning

Your child's teacher is the most important in-school influence on your child's educational success.

Evidence shows that children's positive interactions with teachers strengthen all aspects of their development, including language, cognition and social-emotional skills, regardless of their age, gender, race, ethnic, language and income level. However, the quality of children's relationships with their teacher varies among individuals, even in the same classroom.

An important factor is children are more likely to be engaged in the classroom and motivated to learn when they trust that their teacher will provide comfort, encouragement and emotional support. Some teachers may provide more support and attention to children with whom they have a close and conflict-free relationship, which in turn, can deeply influence children's school readiness and adjustment. If the teacher-child relationship is perceived as unsupportive or negative, it may lead children to disengage from the enriching instruction happening in the classroom and reduce their interactions with others.

Your child's teacher will take time to get to know your child well. Relationships for learning are important to us here at St Brigid's. Your child is more likely to make progress and succeed when the partnership between school and home is positive. If you have any aspect of your child's learning or wellbeing at school that you need to talk about, please do arrange a time to meet with your child's teacher in the first instance.

Regards  
Andrew



## 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.

**St Brigid's House Groups**  
**Congratulations** to **McAuley House** who were the winning House this week.

House Token Winners this week were:

**Aubert House:** Duncan McGurk  
**McAuley House:** Sasha Lam  
**de Paul House:** Leo Patston



**Friday August 7th**

**Please bring a Gold Coin**

All funds raised are used by the trust to directly assist children and their families facing financial difficulty attending a Catholic School, including families at St Brigid's.

The Trust continues the work of Venerable Nano Nagle, Foundress of the Presentation Sisters, who, despite significant personal danger, set up illegal schools for Catholic children in Ireland during the time of the penal laws.

### BOT News:

❖ Next meeting: Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August at 6pm

Mass: is celebrated in the School Hall every Friday at 10am.

Everyone is welcome.

**School Assemblies:** Our next Assembly is on **Friday 14 August at 2.40pm in the hall.** Shared prayer is by Room 3. All welcome.



## Dates to Remember

What's On Next Week?	
Sun 2 Aug	Kavanagh College Open Day 12.30pm
Mon 3 Aug	Peninsula Art Exhibition Week
Fri 7 Aug	Nano Nagle Mufti Day Mass 10am – Room 3
What's On This Term?	
Tues 11 Aug	PTA AGM & Meeting
Wed 12 Aug	BOT Meeting 6pm
Fri 14 Aug	Mass 10am – Rooms 1 & 4 Assembly Room 3 at 2.40pm
Fri 21 Aug	Mass 10am – Room 2
Fri 28 Aug	Mass 10am – Room 3 Assembly Room 4 at 2.40pm
Mon 31 Aug	Dunedin 2040 Steam Presentation – Evening at 6.30pm
Fri 4 Sept	Mass 10am – Rooms 1 & 4
Fri 11 Sept	Mass 10am – Room 2 Assembly – Room 2 at 2.40pm
Thurs 17 Sept	
Fri 18 Sept	Mass 10 am – Room 3
Fri 25 Sept	Mass 10am – Whole School Last Day of Term 3



## Sports Update

Netball: St. Brigid's Stars won 14 - 1 against Kaikorai. POD- Sasha Lam for a great game of defence, attack and accurate shooting. Draw for next week: Tuesday 4th August at 3:40pm on Court 9 vs Green Island School.

Kiwihoops

Results:

Gold kiwihoops won, P.O.D – Harper Guthrie  
Silver kiwihoops won P.O.D - whole team  
Bulls kiwihoops won.

Draw for Thursday 6 August:

Silver vs Mornington, 4.15 Court 5B  
Gold vs GSNS, 6:00 - Court to be confirmed  
Bulls vs Bradford, 3.40 - Court to be confirmed

**Winter Uniform:** the children should all be wearing the correct school uniform with only the winter additions this term.

**Girls** same as usual 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** same as usual except for the following:

- navy blue track pants (no stripes / logos)
- grey long sleeved shirt or grey / white skivvy
- grey three-quarter length socks

Black sports or leather shoes (no coloured, stripes or logos or coloured laces please).

All children should be coming to school with their navy woollen jersey and a jacket.

### Catholic School Uniform - New Supplier

NZ Uniforms have just advised that they have recently added the Catholic School Uniform range to their store which will now be a part of their core range and will soon be available to purchase online as well.

They have a range of payment options.

The NZ Uniforms store is located at 342 Moray Place, Dunedin Central – Opposite Countdown.

**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

# RE Comment

Week 2

This week Room 1 celebrated the life of Nano Nagle at their Shared Prayer.

She let her light shine and cared for those that were excluded from schools due to their faith.



Next week we are having a mufti day to support the work of the Nano Nagle Trust which continues this work today.

## Snow Days: 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), The Breeze (98.2FM) and Classic Hits (89.4FM) during the cancellation service that generally follows each news bulletin.

Alternatively you can also check cancellations on their Facebook pages

<https://www.facebook.com/dunedincancellations> or <https://www.facebook.com/thehitsdunedin>

Late starts and cancellations will also be posted on our Facebook page as we are aware of them. It is important that you ensure there is a staff member on site before any child is left at school.

Respect • Service  
**KAVANAGH COLLEGE**  
Justice • Truth

We warmly invite you to visit our beautiful campus, meet our inspiring staff and students, and discover the benefits of attending Kavanagh College.

## OPEN DAY

**Starts 12:30pm Sunday 2 August**  
Meet at the Kavanagh College Auditorium  
(Entry off Tennyson Street)

Learn more about:  
SCIENCE • ART • FOOD • DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY • DRAMA  
SPORTS • DANCE • TECHNOLOGY • CULTURE • MUSIC

*If you are unable to attend, we are very happy to organise a personalised tour at a time that suits!*

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## PTA News

- ♦ AGM meeting - Tuesday 11th August at 7pm
- ♦ PTA meeting - Tuesday 11th August will follow after AGM
- ♦ Quiz Night - 17 September at Kensington Tavern - \$5 a ticket please - email Linh for tickets at [ptachair@stbrigidsgn.school.nz](mailto:ptachair@stbrigidsgn.school.nz) Teams of 4-6 people - limited tickets available!
- ♦ Disco the date is still to be confirmed ... watch this space
- ♦ Ski Trip - see below for details.

## Ski Trip @ Cardrona Weekend of 12th and 13th September

Single day Lift and Lesson - \$75 -  
Single day package - \$100 - Lift, lesson and rental equipment  
Under 6's ski for free  
Prices are for both Adults and children.  
Own travel and accommodation  
Limited spaces!  
To register your interest please email: [Ptachair@stbrigidsgn.school.nz](mailto:Ptachair@stbrigidsgn.school.nz)  
or for any more information contact Linh Ashton 021 800 859.



## IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY NZ

**RESIDENTIAL SILENT INDIVIDUALLY GUIDED RETREATS 2020**  
in the dynamic of the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius of Loyola

**'A New Heart' 8 Day:** Sept 10 (12pm) - 18 (10am) Fourviere house of prayer and retreat 67 Leithfield Rd, North Canterbury. Cost \$870  
Apply to: [info@ignatianspirituality.nz](mailto:info@ignatianspirituality.nz)

**'Come and See' 6 Day:** October 25 (10am) - 30 (4pm) St Francis Retreat Centre, 50 Hillsborough Road, Auckland. Cost \$770  
Apply to [chair@ignatianspirituality.nz](mailto:chair@ignatianspirituality.nz)

**'A Discerning Heart' 8 Day:** November 20 (12pm) - 28 (10am) Burns Lodge Holy Cross centre, 89 Church Rd, Mosgiel, Dunedin. Cost \$870  
Apply to [admin@ignatianspirituality.nz](mailto:admin@ignatianspirituality.nz)

Kind regards -

Andrew Pozniak & Deborah Charleson