

St Brigid's School Newsletter



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Room 2 Class Report

Wow, what a busy start back to school we have had!

We have been really excited to learn some new skills on our new Chromebooks since we have returned to school. We have been learning how to make Google Docs, Slides, Websites and Kahoots! We have so much fun using these new skills to enhance our literacy and numeracy programs.

Writing: We have implemented a new writing program called VCOP. This stands for Vocabulary, Openers, Connectives and Punctuation. This programme encourages us to up level our writing by adding new skills from the next levels of the focus areas. At the moment we are focusing on vocabulary and have been finding wow words to put in our writing from the thesaurus. We have put all our wow words on the wall so we can use them in the future!

Reading: In reading, we have been working on understanding what we read and communicating information to others. We have been reading a variety of non-fiction books and are making Slide shows to teach others the information we have learnt in our books.

Maths: In maths we are focusing on a couple of different things. Some of us are focusing on adding using different strategies, some of us are focusing on reading and adding decimals and some of us are working on a financial literacy project where we have to buy a list of different things with a given amount of money. We were amazed at how much daily household items cost!

Dunedin 2040: We have chosen to explore Green Infrastructure for the Dunedin 2040 project. We have been learning about green roofs and what their benefits are. We couldn't believe how much storm water a green roof could soak up!

R.E.: In R.E we have been exploring the Trinity and the Ten Commandments. It has been really interesting learning about how 3 can be 1.

As you can see from all our photos in the newsletter, we have been SUPER busy over the past few weeks!

Ka kite ano,
Room 2



Principal's Message

Tena kotu

The influence of digital technology is becoming more prevalent. There is immense pressure to keep up with the unrealistic and often unhealthy expectations that we, as parents, put on ourselves and feel from others.

Some of these pressures have always been a part of the parenting journey, but there continues to be more and more pressure bombarding parents today. I was reading something recently that illustrated 9 parenting pressures, for instance; constantly entertaining our children, well behaved, self-controlled children, children who excel at something, working parents, whether we have done something wrong if our children are not reading at the age of four, ensuring our children have a variety of afterschool activities and so the list goes on.

It is essential that we, as Christians, turn to God and serve God through our parenting. We need to take time to stop and ask, who are we serving and call upon the Holy Spirit to help us recognise the pressures we are placing upon ourselves. We could spend time in God's Word and consider ways to apply the messages from the Gospel to support our parenting as well as evaluating our priorities as a family and making a list of the goals and values that are truly worth pursuing.

Regards
Andrew



School Values



Congratulations to the following students who were recognised as living the value of Atawhaitia – Care.

Room 4 – Hugo Anstey
Room 3 – Freddy Patston
Room 2 – Louis Heyward
Room 1 – Kalo Ashton



St Brigid's House Groups

Congratulations to **Aubert House** who were the winning House this week.

House Token Winners this week were:

Aubert House: Freddy Patston

McAuley House: Skyla Knopp

de Paul House: Harper Williams

School Assembly

This is next Friday 26th June at 2.40pm in the School Hall.

Shared prayer is by Room 4.
Everyone is welcome!

Parish School Mass this Sunday, 21st June, is going to be a Parish School Mass at 9:30am at St Patrick's.




We look forward to seeing you all there.

Parent / Teacher Discussions: will be held next week on Monday 22nd June and Wednesday 24th June from 3.10pm – 6pm. School closes at the normal time of 3pm on both days. Discussions are scheduled for 10 minutes. If you would still like to book a time please contact the office.

Dates to Remember

What's On This Week?	
Sun 21 June	Parish/School Mass 9:30am at St Pat's
Fri 26 June	Mass 10am – Room 3
	Assembly Rm 4 at 2:40pm in Hall
What's On This Term?	
Fri 3 July	Mass 12pm – Whole School – note change in time.
	Last Day of Term 2
Mon 20 July	Term 3 Begins

Some Important Reminders...

-  **Bayfield Road Parking:** Please refrain from parking on yellow lines and across driveways as this is very unsafe and illegal as these areas need to remain clear for access at all times.
-  **Silverton Street:** we ask that you do not drive down Silverton Street Access as this is a Private Road.
-  **School Driveway:** We would also appreciate if you did not drive up the school driveway between 8.30am – 9.15am and 2.45pm – 3.15pm as these are very busy foot traffic times.

NZ COVID Tracer App: we are supporting contact tracing by having QR code posters in the office and hall if you wish to keep a track of your own movements – so if you haven't already downloaded the App the Ministry of Health's [NZ-COVID Tracer app page](#) has information to help you do that.

Sports News

Winter Sports Update: Thank you to everyone who registered for Kiwihoops and Netball. We are sorting through registrations and will notify every one of their teams in the next week or so.

We might not be able to register a team in every section, apologies in advance.

Happiness is Homemade!

Starting next week the Young Vinnies are going to be making Vegetable Soup every week for the Thursday Soup and Buns at Mercy Parish. If you have any spare vegetables at home can you please drop them into the basket that is in the Hall? Thanks!



HAPPINESS IS HOMEMADE!!

FREE SOUP
AND BUNS!

THURS: 3:30-6:00

COME AND JOIN US EVERY THURSDAY
AT MERCY PARISH - ST PATS!
GREAT OPTION FOR DINNER IF YOU
ARE RUSHING BETWEEN AFTER-
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES, OR YOU JUST
WANT A NIGHT OFF!



Stationery/EOTC Payments

Accounts will be emailed out early next week for those yet to pay for stationery purchased at the beginning of the year and for outstanding sports fees.

We are also asking for contributions towards Term 1 Education outside the Classroom Costs (EOTC). Please note that we will not be requesting any EOTC contributions for Term 2, anyone who has pre-paid this will have the amount credited to their account.

As the school does not qualify for the annual Ministry of Education EOTC grant of \$150 per child which some lower decile schools can opt to receive, we are heavily reliant on donations from parents to assist with the cost of bus transport for school trips, visiting performances and attendance at off-site cultural and sports events etc. The school donation is set by the Board of Trustees at a rate each term of \$30 per child for the senior children and \$25 per child for the junior children. These donations are voluntary and tax deductible. An inability to pay will not exclude any child from participating in these activities.

BOT News:

- ❖ The next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday 12 August at 6pm.

Week 10 R E Comment

19th June - Suzanne Aubert's Birthday

Let's hope and pray that Suzanne will be Aotearoa New Zealand's First saint. She was an amazing woman. Find all about her at <https://compassion.org.nz/suzanne-aubert/>

Suzanne Aubert was born on 19 June 1835. Each year the Sisters of Compassion celebrate the occasion with a Birthday Mass.



Zero Waste

Thank you for the huge support we have had with our Zero Waste at school initiative. It is hard to believe we started this a year ago with the children bringing home their uneaten food and all food packaging.



We have had some great feedback during this time regarding this initiative and are extremely appreciative of how families have responded to this aspect of being an Enviroschool.

We are also amazed at the ingenious reusable containers that the children have in their lunchboxes. It is great to see the wider community also embracing these initiatives as we have seen a reduction in single use plastic bags and supermarkets encouraging reusable containers as well as our society moves closer towards everyone recycling, reducing and reusing.

Baptism

If you are interested in getting your child Baptised or would like to arrange a time to come and find out more about this Sacrament and what it means please contact the School Office.

PTA News

- ◆ Next Meeting/AGM – to be confirmed.

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 -

Andrew Pozniak & Deborah Charleson



More Photos from Room 2



Community News



Andersons Bay
Community
Kindergarten



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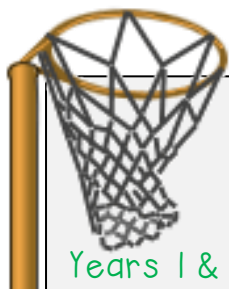
Play based learning
Creative and inspiring fully trained teachers
Open over the School Holidays
Bush walk programme
Connecting with the community in our van
Time and days available to suit your family
No fees for children over three
Two year olds \$3 per hour
Open 8:15am – 2:45pm
56 Jeffery Street, Andersons Bay
Email: info@andybaykindy.co.nz Phone: 03 454 2242

Affordable Food Info Dunedin

A group of students at Otago Polytechnic studying the NZ Certificate in Health and Wellbeing (level 4) are doing a community project on food shortages within Dunedin and have researched a list of affordable food resources they would like to share with the community.

They have compiled all of these resources onto a Facebook page which can be accessed using the link below:

<https://www.facebook.com/affordablefoodinfodunedin/>



NETBALL OTAGO HOLIDAY PROGRAMME



Years 1 & 2: Monday and Tuesday 13 & 14 July 10am – 12pm. Cost per child \$40 if paid online \$42 if paying by credit card. This programme is aimed to introduce netball to players in a positive and supportive way while encouraging movement, exploration, play and fun.

Years 3 & 4: Monday and Tuesday 13 & 14 July 1 – 4pm. Cost per child \$60 online payment; \$63 credit card. This programme is aimed to teach the basics of netball whilst still having fun and gaining a positive experience of netball. Fundamental movement skills as well as basic netball-specific skills will be covered.

Years 5 & 6: Monday and Tuesday 13 & 14 July 9am – 12pm. Cost \$60 online payment; \$63 credit card. This programme is designed to give all players whether they are new to netball or have played previously an opportunity to get ready for the netball season. It is an opportunity to develop the basic skills, understand some of the basic rules of netball and be introduced to the Netball Smart Programme.