# St Brigid's School Newsletter

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We have been off to a great start for Term 3 with lots of exciting learning happening in these first two weeks!

The students have been enjoying their swimming lessons on Thursdays and are quickly gaining confidence in the water.





In Reading we have just finished reading Fantastic Mr Fox and have been focusing on our decoding skills.

In Writing we have been starting to learn about how to write information reports and how to structure them.











In Religious Education we are exploring the gifts that God blessed us with.

We have also been learning the Maori days of the week and trying to put them in the correct order.







Welcome to Ashreya Prasad, Harper Williams, Serah Manjesh Jacob, Katherine Binu and Skyla Horrell who started school this term in Room 4

#### Values Awards

Congratulations to the following students who were recognised as living the value of Whakahaere - Responsibility.

Room 4 - Hayden Hong

Room 3 - Brylee Keane

Room 2 - Louis Heyward

Room I - Isla Bell

Room 5 - Ashlyn Bennett and Hollie Moloney



Parent / Teacher Discussions: will be held on Monday 12th August and Wednesday 14th August from 3.10pm – 6pm. School closes at the normal time of 3pm on both days. Discussions are scheduled for 10 minutes at a time. Request forms are due back by Monday 5<sup>th</sup> August, thank you to everyone that has already returned theirs. Discussion times will be sent out next week.

Remember that school will close as normal at 3pm on both days.

#### Celebration:

This term we are holding our Celebration Fridays on 9<sup>th</sup> August and 20<sup>th</sup> September at 2:40pm.



#### Year 6 Camp Fundraiser:

Don't forget to get your Wet Bags orders into school by next Friday, 9th August.



This is our fundraiser for camp! These bags are a great size for wet clothes, sports gear, sports boots, toiletries, fruit and veges at the supermarket, library books ... the options are endless!.

Swimming: Just a reminder that swimming is every Thursday for all of Term 3. Children need to wear their SPORTS UNIFORM on swimming days. They need to have their togs, goggles and towel in a named swimming bag. Please check that everything is named so the children end up with the right clothing at the end of swimming.

If you are a helper and unable to make it to a

What's Happening Next Week?	
August	
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup>	Kavanagh College Open Day from 2pm
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup>	Kavanagh College Consent Forms –
	3.10pm in Staffroom.
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup>	Ariki Cup
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming – Every Thursday this term.
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup>	Celebration Friday – 2:40pm
	Fair Mufti Day (see Fair Notice)
What's Happening This Term?	
August	
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup>	Peninsula Art Exhibition Week
	Parent/Teacher Discussions 3-6pm
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup>	Parent/Teacher Discussions 3-6pm
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup>	Parish/School Mass at St Patrick's
	9:30am – Confirmation Preparation at
	St Patrick's after Mass
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup>	Dunedin Catholic Schools Parent
	Evening, Mercy Parish at 7pm
Tues 27 <sup>th</sup>	Years 5 & 6 Futsal Tournament
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup>	BOT Meeting at 6pm
September	
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup>	Mufti Day – Young Vinnies
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup>	BOT Meeting at 6pm
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup>	Confirmation 11am at St Patrick's
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	Celebration Friday – 2:40pm
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Parish/School Mass at St Pat's 9:30am
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day of Term 3
	Mufti Day and Sausage Sizzle

#### **Special Lunch Days**

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August – Pizza

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August – Wraps

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September – Pizza

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September – Sausage Sizzle

#### **Stationery / EOTC / Sports:** Just a reminder

- there are still a few outstanding Term 2 accounts. Thank you to those that have already paid and to everyone that has set up automatic payments – this is greatly appreciated!

Each year our Board of Trustees sets a budget with the funding we are allocated from the Ministry of Education. These payments and contributions help to support the school with the shortfall in this budget, providing funding for classroom equipment, materials and trips.

## Sports News

Netball: Results — St Brigid's Stars won 8-3 against Sacred Heart. P.O.D — Isla Bell for awesome work in the circle and moving the ball. Draw to be advised

Hockey: game was cancelled

Kiwihoops:

Gold won. P.O.D — Chloe Lam Silver won. P.O.D — Madison Bryce Bronze won. P.O.D — Sasha Lam

#### 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) and Classic Hits (89.4FM) during the cancellation service that generally follows each news bulletin. There is also a pre-recorded cancellation line service which is (03)474 8426 or (03) 471 7555. Late starts and cancellations will also be posted on our Facebook page as soon 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.

#### **Some Important Reminders**

- → Sickness: there are a number of viruses going round at the moment, if your child is very unwell please keep them at home to help with their recovery and to keep the spread of viruses at bay.
- ♣ Jerseys / Jackets: all children should be coming to school with a jersey and jacket. No hoodies please as they are not part of the school uniform.
- ♣ 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 at office@stbrigidsdn.school.nz

Kind regards - Deborah Charleson

Save the Date...

#### **Dunedin Catholic Schools Parent Evening**

Mercy Parish, 7pm
With Dr Melinda Webber

St Brigid's School Fair Saturday 2 November, Ilam — 2pm

> 9 August Fair Mufti Day 'Bringing Week'



Next week children are asked to please bring the following baking items:

Room 5 - Butter/Eskimos

Room I - Butter/condensed milk

Room 2 - Flour/sugar

Room 3 - Chocolate chips/dried fruit

Room 4 - Cocoa powder/chocolate chips

# CARING FOR OUR COMMON HOME Caring for our Common Home



### Food Miles/Kilometres: \* Lower carbon emissions \*Healthier economy

Don't let your food be more travelled than you. The average supermarket item is transported hundreds, if not thousands, of kilometres. But the further food travels, the greater the associated CO<sup>2</sup> emissions. Reduce your food travel by \* buying local produce at the growers'/farmers' markets. \*Check labels – how far has this food come? \* Choose seasonal fruit and vegetables

\* Choose seasonal fruit and vegetable grown locally. **Together we make the difference!** 

**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

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



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### R E Comment

Week 2

Thirteen of our schools and colleges in the Dunedin Diocese have a commitment to the Dominican heritage, charism or history.



Ten Dominican nuns arrived in Dunedin In February 1871. Within a few days of their arrival they established Dunedin's first Catholic high school for girls.

Let's celebrate these amazing women and their gift of faith and education to us on the 3rd of August.

### **B.O.T News**

- **↓** Next meeting: Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August.
- ♣ Driveway Realignment: work is continuing on our Bayfield Road driveway for another few weeks so we will continue to use the Silverton St walking access. Thank you for your patience and understanding!

#### PTA NEWS

- **↓ School Fair** Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. Save the date!
- **Next Meeting:** Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30pm − venue to be confirmed. All welcome.

# Kavanagh College Open Day - this Sunday 4 August starting at 2pm in the Auditorium.

**Kavanagh College Consent forms.** Year 6 children going to Kavanagh College next year need to obtain consent forms from their Parish Priest. Please note the following times that have been set aside for consent forms to be signed for Kavanagh College:

Kavanagh College Open Day Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> August 3.10pm - St Brigid's (in the staffroom)

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August 6.15pm - Forbury Presbytery

<u>Please phone the parish office beforehand (ph 455 8933) to put your name on the list of those wanting Proprietor Consent forms.</u>







