

St Brigid's School Newsletter



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Room 2 Class Report

Wow what a busy start to the year we have had in Room 2!

In Inquiry we have visited the Life Education classroom and learned about what makes a good friend.

In Writing we have been focusing on our sentence structure and using interesting and exciting adjectives.

In Maths we have been practising our basic facts from addition all the way up to our times tables.

In R.E. we have learnt about different types of prayer and are excited to start learning about different countries Caritas supports.

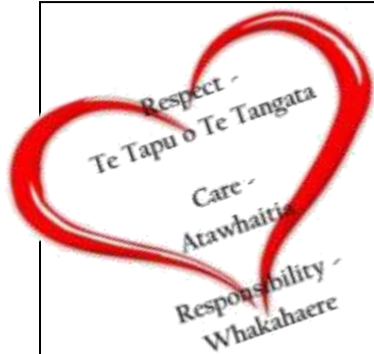
In Reading we have been practising finding different information in the stories we are reading

We have also been very excited about the enchanted tree that was left in our class by some fairies on Wednesday night. We can't wait to see what the fairies do next!

As you can see we have had a busy start to the term! We can't wait to see all the exciting things that Mrs V has planned for us this year!

Aroha nui,
Ruma Rua





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 Te Tapu o Te Tangata – Respect. Congratulations to the following students who were recognised as living the value of Te Tapu o Te Tangata – Respect.

Room 4 – Koby Stanton
Room 3 – Nahoa Fox
Room 2 – Olivia Clark
Room 1 – Isla Bell



Walk and Wheel Week is happening next week 24th – 28th February.



During this week children are encouraged to either walk, bike or scoot to / from school. Every child will receive a progress card that will be signed off at school.

All children that participate in this "Active Transport" for the week / 5 days will go in the draw to win some great prizes provided by Sport Otago.

Next Friday we are holding a Wheels Day where children are able to use their bikes and scooters during morning tea and lunchtime.

Please remember that helmets must be worn at all times when riding bikes and scooters.

Farewell to Fr Sani

This Sunday at the 11:00 Mass at St Patrick's Basilica we are officially saying farewell to Father Sani.

It would be great if you can all join us!

Shared Lunch afterwards

Community Assembly

Our next Assembly is on Friday 28th February at 2.40pm in the hall.

Shared Prayer is by Room 2. Everyone is welcome.

Parent / Teacher Discussions

A reminder that our first discussions for the year will be on Monday 9th March and Wednesday 11th March from 3pm – 6pm.

School will close at 3pm on both days.

Time and day request forms were sent home this week. Please complete this form and return it by Wednesday 26th February so we can allocate a discussion time for you and your child's / children's teacher/s.

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 on office@stbrigidsdn.school.nz

Due to regulations schools are required to code children's absences for the Ministry so please let us also know the reason your child is not at school, for example illness, doctors appointment, etc.

Dates to Remember

What's On Next Week	
24 – 28 Feb	Walk and Wheel Week
Wed 26 Feb	Ash Wednesday Mass 10am
Fri 28 Feb	Mass 10am – Room 3
	Wheels Day
	Assembly Room 2 at 2:40pm
What's On This Term	
Sun 1 March	Weetbix Tryathlon
Fri 6 March	Mass 10am – Whole School
	PTA Lunch – Dominos Pizza
Mon 9 March	Parent/Teacher Discussions 3-6pm
Tues 10 March	PTA AGM 7pm
Wed 11 March	Parent/Teacher Discussions 3-6pm
Fri 13 March	Mass 10am – Rooms 1 & 4
	Assembly Room 3 at 2:40pm
Wed 18 March	BOT Meeting 6pm
Fri 20 March	Kahui Ako Mass at Edgar Centre
	Sports Day at Edgar Centre
Mon 23 March	Otago Anniversary Day – School Closed
Fri 27 March	Mass 10am – Room 2
	Assembly Room 4 at 2:40pm
Fri 3 April	Mass 10am – Room 3
	PTA Sausage Sizzle & Ice Blocks
Thurs 9 April	Paschal Meal 11:45
	End of Term 1

Whanau Hui Leaders



The Whanau Hui leaders for terms 1 and 2 were announced on Wednesday. They are very excited about being able to lead and make decisions about our school in 2020.

Our first meeting took place on Wednesday where we talked about our School Values of Respect, Care and Responsibility. We thought about how our values relate to the people, the culture and the environment at St Brigid's.

As a Whanau Hui we are going to try and always have these key values in mind to help our school continue to be an exciting, innovative, community minded and student led environment.

Sports News

Code of Conduct: Each player has received a Sports Code of Conduct form. Please complete the players and parents sections and return it by Monday 24th February.

Softball & T-Ball –

P.O.D for last week:

Saints – Flynn Bishop

Stars – Charlotte Tallon-McCarthy

Draw for this Saturday, 22 February:

Stars vs Tainui D 2, 10:00

Saints vs Wakari D 5, 9:00

Steelers vs Spartans D 10, 9:00

Futsal – Draw for Wednesday 26 Feb:

No Shin Pads No Playing!

Gold vs Concord 6:00, Court 14

Silver vs Halfway Bush 6:30, Court 17

Bronze vs BVA Blue 4:30, Court 16

Blue vs Sawyers Bay 5:00, Court 19

Black vs BVA Green 3:30, Court 10

Flippa Ball – the Flippa ball team won their first game P.O.D was a pupil from another school. Draw details for this Sunday will be on the school's facebook page.

Weetbix Tryathlon - For those children still keen to give the Weetbix

Tryathlon a go on Sunday March 1st - please get your entries in as they are filling up fast- visit the link below and join our school group by searching St Brigid's. Look out for our school flag/banner and feel free to come along and support our tamariki giving it a go on the day! Any questions please get in touch:

https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=35579&G=106259&fbclid=IwARlbo5ierv5r2EYall_Csdq9qrd6qWc-E-VeLumDrf0sGnBuQnhfYiwqeMY".

Important Reminders

- ✚ It is important for children to be on time for school. The first bell goes at 8.55am.
- ✚ If you have any concerns/questions about your child your first point of contact is his/her teacher.

Teacher Only Days:

This year we have two Catholic Professional Development days. These Teacher Only Days will be on Friday 29 May and Friday 11 September

BOT NEWS

Next Meeting: Wednesday 18 March at 6pm.

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

Otago Primary School Championships

Saturday 4 April at Moana Pool

If you are interested in entering your child in this event please contact the school.

We have full details, including the qualifying times pupils need to meet in order to enter the competition.

Stationery / EOTC Payments

We still have a number of outstanding accounts (some dating back to last year).

Please get in touch with the office if you have any concerns regarding payments so we can help you with options as we are aware that lump sum payments are difficult at this time of year and we are happy for you to set up weekly / fortnightly automatic payments to spread the cost out.

PTA News

AGM: We will be holding our Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 10th March 7pm in the staffroom.

All welcome.

LAUDATO SI' – Caring for our Common Home

A new year - an excellent time to embrace a new consciousness on our environmental and social responses, called for by Francis in Laudato Si' (2015). What is God asking of us this year?

New Year's morning, with its orange, bush-dust covered skies reminded us that this is indeed urgent.



We are reminded also of God's spirit in our hearts as we journey, bringing hope and peace as we strive daily for intergenerational social justice in our communities and world in 2020.

Ka tū tātou -Stand together!

Faith Facts

Pope Francis' prayer for February

Listen to the Migrants' Cries -

We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

"Human trafficking is one of the most heinous crimes on Earth. Right now traffickers are robbing a staggering 24.9 million people of their freedom and basic human dignity." (June 2019 Michael R. Pompeo US Secretary of State)

Other sources estimate the number is millions higher!



Weetbix Tryathlon

Therese Lam is planning on having an area set up for our school at the Weetbix Tryathlon event - if anyone has a non-branded marquee she can borrow please let her know.

COMMUNITY NEWS

If you would like to enter the Golf Tournament, registration forms are available from the school office or Deborah Whitty

SUNDAY 8TH MARCH DUNEDIN CATHOLIC PARISHES GOLF TOURNAMENT 2020



Get a Team Together

Please return the registration form for a team or individual entry.

If you can't make it for the golf, you are most welcome to join us at the golf club from 5:30pm for the prize giving and refreshments.



Fundraiser for
Catholic Social
Services

BBQ

Prizes

Get a Team Together

Test your skills

18 or 9 Hole options

ENTRIES

Please return this form and cheque made out to (Catholic Social Services) to:
Lee-Ann Henry,
Catholic Pastoral Centre
PO Box 1041, Dunedin 9054
lee-ann.h@outlook.com



Watch Toy Story 4 under the roof

Join us for a great family day out at Forsyth Barr Stadium. Bundle up your family and friends, rugs, and bean bags and settle in on the pitch to watch a great family movie on the big screen – all for a worthy cause. Toy Story 4 was chosen as the movie to be screened from a public vote on the Stadium Facebook page.

Gates will open at 2pm and the movie will start at 2.30pm. Free parking will be available in the East End Stadium Carpark. People can bring their own food and non-alcoholic drinks into the venue, and there will be food vendors on site.

This year's Movie Magic will support Navy Cadets Dunedin – entry will be gold coin donation.

