

St Brigid's School Newsletter



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Rm 1 Class Report



Hard to believe
we are in Week
6 already,
WOW!! We have
been busy and
creative ...



Literacy – We are involved in the Keep NZ Writing project, where we have to produce several pieces of writing to send away to a 'sister' school, in our case St Mary's in Rotorua. We have been writing Sestina poems which are an ancient French style of poem and very complex! Each line is only 6 words which is trickier than you would think!

STEAM – As part of our reading program we have been given 6 design challenges to choose from. We can select any, with the Sibling Controller proving to be the most popular so far ... We need to produce a design, share it with the class, respond to feedback and then we can make a prototype.

Religious Education – We have been finding out about Caritas and the work they have done to improve the lives of others, with our first focus being on Kiribati. We have the Caritas Challenge to look forward to in week 10 as well. In Young Vinnies we have been thinking about what it means to be a Young Vinnie and projects we can be involved in, we completed our first one this week by baking for morning tea after Sunday's Mass.

Today we have taken part in the Catholic Schools Rippa Rugby Competition.



Principal's Message



In 2020, the Ministry of Education expects that schools will be using the revised Technology learning area to strengthen the positioning of digital technologies in The New Zealand Curriculum and Te Marautanga o Aotearoa. This is for all students from year 1–13. This revised learning area aims to provide students with even broader opportunities to learn in and about technology, informed by the new content around computational thinking and designing and developing digital outcomes.

The role of technology and its influence within education is to some people a top priority. The question is how can technology engage students to improve learning outcome? How can it be used by the teacher to improve their learning? With this in mind, here are some technologies we should expect to see more of within classrooms during the next few years.

Artificial Intelligence in Education (AIE)

The use of AIE in the classroom sounds as if it belongs in Science Fiction fantasy; however it's getting closer and gathering momentum. Imagine the possibilities of each student having their own AI that can support them. I still don't think the teacher will become redundant though.

Immersive Experiential Learning

This is learning through virtual reality experiences both inside and outside the classroom.

The Hyper collaborative classroom

This would be collaborative sharing to deliver on demand and personalised learning through a network of sources ideally with more than two participants. It also strengthens the idea of 'anywhere learning'

Coding

Coding continues to grow in popularity and the way it is taught is evolving fast. A number of big name companies are developing programmes for coding or designer kits specifically aimed at coding which will accelerate design thinking and logical thinking.

The way we learn and manage our education is evolving rapidly. As I said in my introduction it may seem like science fiction but soon for many people it will be as familiar as using a Chromebook or Ipad. We need to be prepared to ensure that students and teachers embrace the new technologies so that the classroom is a workplace for the future. Andrew Pozniak

School Values

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.



- Rm 4 – Serah Manjesh Jacob
- Rm 3 – Sebastian Hawkins
- Rm 1 – William Bingley



Welcome to Phillip Balu Joy who started school in Room 4 this week.

Communication with School

Strong connections between schools and parents and whanau are essential. However it is important to know that if as a parent you need to discuss the behaviour of another child, you need to see that child's teacher.

It is important that you do not confront the child directly or their parent /caregiver as this could impact on the school community.

If you are not satisfied with any resolution you and the teacher may have discussed then you should speak to the Principal.

Parish School Mass

This Sunday at 9:30am

Greeters at the Door - Valentine Family

Prayers of the Faithful - Isla

Offertory - McGurk Family

Community Assembly

Our next Assembly is on Friday 27th

March at 2.40pm in the hall.

Shared Prayer is by Room 4.

Everyone is welcome.

Parent / Teacher Discussions

Thank you for all of the positive feedback received at this week's discussions, it is most appreciated.

If you were unable to come this week please just contact your child's teacher to make a suitable time.

WANTED



LUNCH TIME CLUB VOLUNTEERS

THE WHANAU HUI (STUDENT COUNCIL) ARE
LOOKING FOR SUPERMEN AND
SUPERWOMEN WHO CAN HELP US!

THERE HAS BEEN AN OVERWHELMING CALL FROM THE TAMARIKI
FOR LUNCH TIME CLUBS. THE WHANAU HUI HAVE DECIDED ON
THE FOLLOWING IDEAS FOR CLUBS:

SCIENCE/STEAM
ARTS AND CRAFTS
BAKING
ORIENTEERING
BOOK
SPORTS
CO-SPACES
MUSIC

IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP PLEASE CONTACT MISS WASSELL AT
CARMELW@STBRIGIDSDN.SCHOOL.NZ OR 4543477.




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



Whānau Hui
dress up day!

Dress up as your favourite
animal on Thursday the 19th
of March!"

ANIMAL LOVERS CLUB

Dates to Remember

What's On Next Week	
Wed 18 March	BOT Meeting 6pm
Thurs 19 March	Whanau Hui Animal Dress Up Day
Fri 20 March	Kahui Ako Mass at Edgar Centre
	Sports Day at Edgar Centre
What's On This Term	
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

School will be closed on Monday 23rd March for Otago Anniversary Day.

DUNEDIN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS KĀHUI AKO COMBINED MASS



Friday 20th of
March
10am
Edgar Centre,
More FM Arena

You are warmly invited to join Kavanagh College, St Joseph's Cathedral, St Joseph's Port Chalmers, St Mary's Dunedin, St Mary's Mosgiel, St Francis Xavier, St Peter Chanel, Sacred Heart, St Brigid's and St Bernadette's for our first Kāhui Ako combined Mass with Bishop Michael Dooley.

Sports News

Softball & T-Ball – Results:

Stars P.O.D – Eloise (another school)

Saints P.O.D – Duncan McGurk

Steelers P.O.D – Mason Voyce

Draw for this Saturday, 14th March

(Please note the final game is next weekend – 21st March)

Stars – 10:00 vs Columba Diamond 1

Saints – 9:00 vs Balaclava Diamond 5

Steelers – 9:00 vs Carisbrook Diamond 11

Futsal – Results and Player of Days will be advised in next week's newsletter

Draw for Wednesday 18th March

Black – 3:30 vs Mornington Court 6

Blue – 5:00 vs Sawyers Bay Court 10

Bronze – 4:30 vs Arthur Street Court 10

Silver – 6:00 vs Halfway Bush Court 14

Gold – 5:30 vs St Clair Court 9

Flippa Ball – *Draw for this Sunday, 15th March:*

Dolphins v St Clair Sharks at 4.40pm

NB: There are no games over

Anniversary Weekend

DUNEDIN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS KĀHUI AKO COMBINED MASS

We are looking forward to combining with all of the Dunedin Catholic Schools next Friday 20th March for a combined Mass and Sports Day event at the Edgar Centre.

Children are to wear sports uniform, have a packed lunch and filled water bottle. Please check that all uniform, drink bottles and lunchboxes are clearly named.

Stationery Payments/ EOTC Contributions

Thank you to those that have already paid - payments before the end of the term would be appreciated.

Alternatively, you do have the option of spreading payments throughout the year by setting up regular online payments. Please get in touch with the office if you have any concerns regarding payment / your account.

Outstanding account invoices will be sent home in the next few weeks.

Faith Facts

The Gospel for the Second Week of Lent (Matthew 17:1-9)

Where do you pray?

When Jesus wanted to pray he would often find a quiet, peaceful place away from the crowds, where he could be alone with his heavenly father. What place did Jesus take his friends to pray? What happened to Jesus when he prayed?

We call this the 'Transfiguration.' Jesus was covered in God's glory, just as he would be in heaven, and God's approval for him was apparent. The disciples would remember this later when Jesus was put to death.



PTA News

- ♦ New date for AGM is to be advised
- ♦ Venue change for tonight's colour run – it is now being held at Carisbrook School



Coronavirus Pandemic Update

The Ministry of Health is regularly updating schools on COVID-19 - at this stage they are still reinforcing good hygiene practice as the best defence:

- wash your hands often with soap and water before and after eating as well as after attending the toilet
- cover coughs and sneezes with clean tissues or your elbow
- put used tissues in the bin.

Please stay home if unwell.

If you have any concerns please check online with the Ministry of Health Covid-19 website for the latest information.



Hermione Sparks has been cast to play little Cosette/ Eponine in the MTD season of Les Misérables being staged at the Regent Theatre in May.

Due to many requests from those wanting to get tickets on the nights - Hermione is performing as Little Cosette on the dates below:

Friday 8th May 2020
Tuesday 12th May 2020
Friday 15th May 2020