

# St Brigid's School Newsletter



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## WELCOME BACK!



A PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS...



LOVE FROM, ROOM 4.



## Principal's Message

Decision-making is often a daunting process and when done in collaboration with like-minded people it can feel a lot more powerful.



I would like to let all parents know that should you ever need any support to make decisions around your child's education or faith, we are here to support you. The function of a Catholic school is to bring each child into a personal encounter with God. It is delightful for me to hear our children talk about God being with them and their relationship with Jesus. Irrespective of whether the child is baptised Catholic or not, each child grows in Christ during its experience at our school. I believe that they believe they are Catholic as a result. I would be keen to meet with families at our school, who have not yet baptised their children to discuss ways we can fully and respectfully support you, to support your child to receive this beautiful and Blessed Sacrament.

This leads us to participation. At every Catholic school and Church, I have associated with I am asked the same question. What is the silver bullet that will get more of our school families along to Mass on Sundays? Everyone seems to have an answer... there could be music more suited to children, the priests could make their sermons shorter, if children attend Mass on a Sunday they could receive a lollipop at school on Monday. Unfortunately, most of these ideas are not going to work.

Removing any possible 'obstacles' from attending and supporting is a main concern, and one way of doing this is to look at Baptism. For many parents the thought of 'returning to the church' can seem overwhelming; but 'faith' is the very reason you as parents chose St Brigid's School for your child over any of the other Schools. We need then to reconcile and encourage 'inclusion' of all School members within our faith experiences including class prayers, school liturgies, and school/parish masses.

Andrew

## School Values



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

Room 4 – Serah Manjesh Jacob

Room 3 – Leeyah Than

Room 2 – Sirafin Mariya-Binu

Room 1 – Teddy Leckie



## St Brigid's House Groups

Our House Tokens are in full swing with lots of children earning tokens for being excellent members of St Brigid's School and demonstrating fantastic behaviour.

Each week the tokens are tallied and converted to House Points, we also hold a raffle and one lucky child from each House wins a pick from our special Treasure Box.

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

**House Token Winners** this week were:

**Aubert House:** McKenzie Bryce

**McAuley House:** Halaina Sparks

**de Paul House:** Nicholas McDonald

## Dates to Remember

### What's On This Week?

Wed 10 June	Bookclub orders due
Thurs 11 June	Netball Registration closes
	Kiwihoops Registration closes

### What's On This Term?

Wed 17 June	BOT Meeting at 6pm
Fri 3 July	Last Day of Term 2
Mon 20 July	Term 3 Begins

### Stationery / EOTC Payments

Thank you to those that have already paid. We still have some outstanding stationery and sports payments from Term 1 – later in the term invoices will be sent home for those yet to pay, along with requests for contributions towards Term 1 EOTC.

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.

**Term 3 Swimming:** notices are coming home today about our swimming programme in Term 3.

Please send them back by Friday 19 June.



Bookclub orders are due Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June. Please make cheques payable to Scholastic.



## PTA News

- ◆ Next Meeting/AGM – to be confirmed.

## BOT News:

- ❖ The next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday 17 June at 6pm.

## Sports News

**Winter Sports Update:** Registration forms can be found on our Facebook page, and have been shared by email this week.

**Hockey Registrations** have now closed.

**Netball Registrations:** Netball will be played in Term 3 on a Tuesday, beginning in week 1, July 21. (There is no game on August 25th for Year 1 - 4.) Cost is \$30 per player, this includes the PTA subsidy. We need parents to coach and manage teams!

Please register using the link below by Thursday 11th June.

<https://forms.gle/lu7cgZRn7tzGgLG6>

**Kiwihoops Registrations:** Kiwihoops (Junior Basketball) will be played every Thursday during term 3 at the Edgar Centre. If you are interested please register below before Thursday 11th June. Registration with Basketball Otago will be compulsory for Contact Tracing purposes. Every player must have a mouth guard. Please register using the link below by Thursday 11th June.

<https://forms.gle/EwPoJ82kZSm4ACNw6>

## Some Important Reminders...

**Sickness** – if your child is unwell please keep them at home. If you are concerned about your child's health you should contact your GP or Healthline.

**Jerseys / Jackets:** all children should be coming to school now with a jersey and jacket.

Kind regards

Andrew Pozniak

Deborah Charleson

## R E Comment

### World Environment Day Prayer

God of the sun and moon, of the mountains,  
deserts and plains,  
God of the mighty oceans, of rivers, lakes  
and streams,  
God of all creatures that live and move on  
this sacred Earth,  
we are formed by Christ into your people  
called to bring the world into your  
marvellous light.  
May we know our ecological vocation so  
that we will care for this earth which you  
have created  
We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.



**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

## Sunday Masses with restrictions

6.00pm Vigil

10.00am Sunday

11.00am Sunday

### Please note:

- ◆ The obligation to attend Mass remains suspended
- ◆ Please do not come to Mass if you are feeling unwell or anxious
- ◆ Numbers are limited to 100 with 1 metre distancing.
- ◆ Contact tracing is required
- ◆ You will need to sanitise your hands on entering the Church
- ◆ Masses will be simple celebrations
- ◆ Communion only on the hand
- ◆ The opportunity to mingle is limited



## 2020 U13 Rep Trials

**When: Sunday 14th & 21st June**

**Who: Kids Aged 13 and Under**

**Time: Boys 4-6pm**

**Time: Girls 10-2pm**

**Where: Edgar Centre**

**Cost: Edgar Door Fee - \$2.50**

Here is the official registration form:

[Click Here:](#)

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