

St Brigid's School Newsletter



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Room 1 Class Report



Last week we had an amazing week at camp. We travelled back to the past, panned for gold, climbed, kayaked, sailed, lugged, rode, laughed and had a great time on the first combined Years 5 & 6 Camp.



A massive thanks to Jo, Talea, Lynda, Larry, Marlise, Nigel, Gemma and Craig for being amazing helpers too!



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Principal's Message

Every year there is some debate among Catholics and other Christians: Is Halloween a satanic holiday or merely a secular one? Should Catholic children dress up like ghosts and goblins? Is it good for children to be scared? Lost in the debate is the history of Halloween, which, far from being a pagan religious event, is actually a Christian celebration that's almost 1,300 years old.



The Christian Origins of Halloween

"Halloween" is a name that means nothing by itself. It is a contraction of "All Hallows Eve," and it designates the vigil of All Hallows Day, more commonly known today as All Saints Day. ("Hallow," as a noun, is an old English word for Saint. As a verb, it means to make something holy or to honour it as holy.) All Saints Day, November 1, is a Holy Day of Obligation, and both the feast and the vigil have been celebrated since the early eighth century, when they were instituted by Pope Gregory III in Rome. (A century later, they were extended to the Church at large by Pope Gregory IV.)

Despite concerns among some Catholics and other Christians in recent years about the "pagan origins" of Halloween, there really are none. The first attempts to show some connection between the vigil of All Saints and the Celtic harvest festival of Samhain came over a thousand years after All Saints Day became a universal feast, and there's no evidence whatsoever that Gregory III or Gregory IV was even aware of Samhain.

In Celtic peasant culture, however, elements of the harvest festival survived, even among Christians, just as the Christmas tree owes its origins to pre-Christian Germanic traditions without being a pagan ritual.

Combining the Celtic and the Christian

The Celtic elements included lighting bonfires, carving turnips (and, in America, pumpkins), and going from house to house, collecting treats, as carollers do at Christmas. But the "occult" aspects of Halloween—ghosts and demons—actually have their roots in Catholic belief. Christians believed that, at certain times of the year (Christmas is another), the veil separating earth from Purgatory, Heaven, and even Hell becomes thinner, and the souls in Purgatory (ghosts) and demons can be more readily seen. Thus the tradition of Halloween costumes owes as much, if not more, to Christian belief as to Celtic tradition.

Andrew Pozniak

School Values

Respect -
Te Tapu o Te Tangata
Care -
Atawhaitia
Responsibility -
Whakahaere

This term we are focusing on all of our school values: Te Tapu o te Tangata – Respect, Atawhaitia – Care, Whakahaere – Responsibility. Congratulations to the following children who received Value Rewards this week:

Rm 4 – Koby Stanton & Passion Anthony
Rm 3 – Hayden Hong & Brianna Baltar-Boorer
Rm 2 – Sasha Lam & Shynnie Tan
Rm 1 – Kalo Ashton & McKenzie



St Brigid's House Groups

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

House Token Winners this week were:

Aubert House: Neve O'Donnell

McAuley House: Kyla Roberts

de Paul House: Neriah Ngaro

Dates to Remember

What's On Next Week?	
Sun 1 Nov	Parish School Mass 9.30am at St Pat's
Wed 4 Nov	South Zone Athletics
Fri 6 Nov	South Zone Athletics (cancellation day)
	Assembly – Rm 3 at 2:40pm in the Hall
	PTA School Disco
What's On in Term 4?	
Tues 10 Nov	PTA Meeting 7pm
Wed 11 Nov	BOT Meeting 6pm
Fri 13 Nov	PTA Mufti Day
Sun 15 Nov	First Holy Communion Preparation: Special Mass at 12pm in the Community Centre followed by Shared Lunch
Fri 20 Nov	Assembly Rm 4 at 2:40pm in the Hall
Sun 22 Nov	First Holy Communion at 9.30am at St Patrick's.
Fri 11 Dec	Room 1 French Play – 2:30pm
Fri 4 Dec	Assembly Rm 2 at 2:40 in the Hall
Wed 16 Dec	End of Year Mass followed by BBQ 6pm
Thurs 17 Dec	Last Day of the School Year – 12:30pm Finish
Wed 3 Feb '21	First Day of Term 1

Next Special Lunch Day: Friday 6th November –
Domino's Pizza

Next Assembly: is on Friday 6th November in the hall
at 2:40pm. . Shared prayer is by Room 3 All welcome!

Friday Masses –next Friday 6th November, Room 2
will celebrate Mass in the hall at 10am.

School Photos: order forms will be sent home in the next few weeks.

Congratulations to Kelvin Cortezano, Lola Tiatia and Hermione Sparks who are joint Presidents of the
Student Council

Parish School Mass is on this Sunday, 9.30am at St Patrick's. We would love to see you all there.

French Play: Every year our senior classes learn French with Mrs Idour. As is the tradition, the Year
5 & 6 children perform a French play to showcase their amazing learning. This year Room 1 will be
performing in the school hall on Friday 11th December at 2.30pm. All welcome.

RE Comment

On Monday it was Labour Day. Labour Day commemorates the struggle for an eight-hour
working day. New Zealand workers were among the first in the world to claim this right when, in 1840,
the carpenter Samuel Parnell won an eight-hour day in Wellington.

As we continue to reflect on Covid 19 let us remember to pray for all those Essential
Workers who have worked tirelessly to keep us healthy, safe and with food.



Sports Update

Futsal – Results:

Gold drew. P.O.D – Kalo Ashton
Silver lost. P.O.D. Sebastian Hawkins
Bronze won. P.O.D. Serah Manjesh Jacob
Draw Tuesday
Bronze vs Fairfield, 4:30 Court 10
Silver vs Brockville, 6:30 Court 9
Wednesday
Gold vs Tainui, 4:00 Court 19

T-Ball/Softball - Results:

Steelers lost. P.O.D - Millie (St Francis
Xavier)
Saints won. P.O.D – Philip Balu Joy
Draw for this Saturday:
Steelers vs Carisbrook Diamonds 10:00, D 9
Saints vs East Taieri Tigers 9:00, D 5

Flippa Ball We will have a practice on
Saturday at Andy bay pool from 11am-12pm.
Draw for this Sunday: 3.50pm against ET
Dolphins.

Rippa Rugby: Draw Monday November 2nd
St Brigid's 1 (Rm 1) 3:45 Field 4 vs
Brockville
St Brigid's 2 3:45 Field 1 vs Liberton

NB: Miniball and Kiwihoop Players - Please
return all tops to school ASAP.

Any sports queries please
email deborahw@stbrighidsn.school.nz

BOT News: Next meeting: Wednesday 11 November.

Kind regards –
Andrew Pozniak & Deborah Charleson

PTA News

- ✚ Next Meeting: Tuesday 10th November
- ✚ Quiz Night: Thank you to everyone that supported our Quiz Night last night.
- ✚ Disco: Friday 6th November. Only a few days left to fill out the form for entry to the Disco.
- ✚ PTA Mufti Day: Friday 13th November. Gold coin Donation

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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

Special Lunch Days

Friday 6th November – Domino's Pizza
Friday 20th November – Frankfurter in a Bun
Friday 4th December – Domino's Pizza
Friday 11th December – Sausage Sizzle & Ice blocks

Community
News



Join the Dunedin Symphony Orchestra for a spook-tacular, wooo-nedrful and fanatic Halloween concert this Saturday in the Town Hall.

Also featuring Magician, Jonathan Usher

Parents or grandparents can bring the kids or grandkids in their scariest costume or come dressed as you are to enjoy this chilling event. Prize for the best dressed!

Make use of our 'Halloween Spooktacular' Special Discount offer (see below) that entitles you to one free child ticket when one accompanying Adult or concession ticket is purchased.



'Halloween Spooktacular'
Special Discount Offer!

Saturday, 31 October, 7pm
Dunedin Town Hall

This voucher entitles you to one (1) free child ticket when one (1) accompanying Adult or Concession ticket is purchased to the Dunedin Symphony Orchestra's next Town Hall concert 'Halloween Spooktacular' with conductor Vincent Hardaker.

To get your tickets: Book online through Ticketmaster and enter the code **SPOOKY2020** at checkout or present this voucher (or say the code **SPOOKY2020**) to the Regent Theatre box office. The Regent Theatre is open Mondays to Fridays 9am–5:30pm and Saturdays 10:30am–1pm.

Please book in advance to avoid disappointment.

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