

# St Brigid's School Newsletter



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## Room 5 Class Report

Wow it is hard to believe it is the end of week 4 - it has been (as always) a busy time in Room 5!

**Rocket Challenge** We are very excited to be involved in this project. It is STEAM at its best!

We have Larry and Chris working with us as our expert engineers, we are learning about and putting into practice Newton's First Law of Motion, designing and building water rockets in teams and having a lot of fun along the way! Our final launch will be in week 10 ... we can't wait!



**Weekly Quiz** Each week we do a current events quiz. We work in our class groups and have to research 20 questions in 14 minutes! We are becoming skilled in locating key words and phrases in the questions so that we make our internet search quicker.



**Language Learning** Each week we are lucky to learn Mandarin and French. This week in Mandarin we were practising our calligraphy.



**Polynesian Myths and Art** Our reading focus has been on myths of Polynesia and our art focus with Mrs Chisholm has also been around this theme. We are creating beautiful flower motifs at the moment and are going to look at tapa in the next few weeks. Matariki is also becoming part of our focus.

**Religious Education** - we have looked at the different signs and symbols of the Holy Spirit - Te Wairua Tapu and how they relate to the different traits. We have also thought about how Te Wairua Tapu increases our Mana and helps us to be the best that we can be. We will be continuing to focus on Te Wairua Tapu as we think about the Ascension and Pentecost.



### Values Awards

Congratulations to the following students who were recognised as living the value of as living the value of



Room 4 – Georgia Higgs  
Room 3 – Nicholas McDonald  
Room 2 – Annie Thompson  
Room 1 – Halaina Sparks  
Room 5 – Chloe Trainer-Uluakiola



**Strike Day** – School will be closed on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May as the teaching staff will be on strike. The decision to take further strike action was not taken lightly by any of us.

For the first time, both primary and secondary teachers will be striking together because we need the Government to understand how serious the state of education has become in New Zealand. Thank you for your support.



### Te Kaha Kids

Inclusive After School & Holiday Program

Our independent onsite after school care and holiday programme providers will be open from 8:00am – 6:00pm on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May. Please contact them directly via their website <http://tekahakids.com/contact-us/> or email them at [info@tekahakids.com](mailto:info@tekahakids.com) if you wish your child to attend for this day.

Remember to mention that your child attends St Brigid's School if you are new to the programme. Holiday charges will apply.

### Lighting The Way

Next Friday is our Annual Mufti Day for the Nano Nagle Trust.



The Nano Nagle Trust helps support children and families to be part of the Catholic School Community. This year the Trust has supported several families in our school community. Please support the Trust with a gold coin donation.

Following a review of our Nutrition Policy we are encouraging parents to exclude lollies in children's lunchboxes. School lollies will be confined to Happy Time every fortnight.

**Staffing News:** The Board of Trustees is pleased to announce that Mr Ryan Abraham will be taking over the teaching role in Room 2 later this term while Emily Gillan is on maternity leave. We are looking forward to having Ryan as a member of St Brigid's Staff.

### Zero Waste

We are trialling Zero Waste at school for the rest of this term - this means that your child will be bringing home their uneaten food and all food packaging.

This is in line with us being an Enviroschool.

Thank you for your support!



Reminder: school will be closed on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May for the Teacher's Strike and on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June for Queen's Birthday.



What's Happening Next Week?	
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup>	Chat Bus
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup>	Strike Day – School Closed
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup>	Colin MacLeod – Session 2 “People of the Book” 6-7:30pm at St Patrick’s
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup>	Nano Nagle Mufti Day (gold coin donation)
What's Happening in Term 2	
June	
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Queen’s Birthday – School Closed
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup>	Art Gallery Rms 3 & 2
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup>	Matariki Celebration 5:15pm at St Patrick’s
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup>	Chat Bus
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Meeting
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup>	Parish/School Mass – 9:30am at St Patrick’s
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup>	Art Gallery Trip Room 4
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup>	BOT Meeting at 6pm
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup>	Art Gallery Trips Rooms 1 & 5
	Reconciliation – 6pm at St Patrick’s
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup>	Celebration – 2:40pm
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup>	Chat Bus
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Bowl-a-Thon
July	
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day of Term 2

### Special Lunch Days

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June – Savouries

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June – Pizza

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July – Sausage Sizzle

**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.**

*Kind regards – Deborah Charleson*

## Sports News

**Winter Sports:** If your child is unable to play please notify the school and coach as early as possible so alternative arrangements can be made for the game/team.

**Hockey:** St Brigid’s Combined Team - the Saints won 12-0. P.O.D from the other school

Draw for next Wednesday to be advised.

**Kiwihoops (Miniball):** Results:

Gold lost 10-15. P.O.D – Lucas Burdett

Silver won 8-3. P.O.D – Olivia Clark

Bronze won 5-0. P.O.D – Manu Ahotaeiloa

**Netball:** Results:

Our Gold team lost 4-5. P.O.D – Milly Wright

**On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June we are having a special Matariki Celebration from 5.15pm (please note the earlier time) for our St Brigid’s School Community. This is going to be held at St Patrick’s Church, Macandrew Road. We have arranged a special guest and have an exciting night planned. Please bring a plate of finger food to share for supper.**

**Driveway:** we have had a number of complaints about parent vehicles driving up the school driveway. This is becoming a safety issue and we would appreciate your co-operation with not using the driveway between 8.30-9.15am and 2.45-3.15pm.

**Tax Receipts** – receipts for voluntary contributions paid during the last financial year were sent home on Monday – these are tax deductible. If you have any queries, please contact the office.

# RE Comment

Week 4

20 May – 24 May

Since the Middle-Ages, the Church has devoted the month of May to Mary. Many Christians undertake pilgrimages during this month to shrines associated with the Blessed Virgin.



In May, there are also three Marian feasts that are celebrated which help us to understand what Mary can teach us about being disciples.

## PTA NEWS

✚ **Bowl-a-thon** Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 7pm – 9pm. Registration forms were sent home earlier this week. Any questions please contact Linh Ashton 021 800 859 or [ptachair@stbrigidson.school.nz](mailto:ptachair@stbrigidson.school.nz)

✚ **Makikihi Fries Fundraiser:** Keep an eye out for order forms going home next week.

✚ **Next Meeting:** Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 7.30pm in the staffroom. All welcome.

St Brigid's PTA Presents an Adults

# BOWLATHON

evening

Wednesday  
26th June  
7pm-9pm  
\$10 entry fee pp

**COME ALONG & HAVE FUN FUNDRAISING**

Looking for 30 people or more that can pick up a bowling ball and are willing to bowl for 2 hrs to raise money for our School all whilst having a fun and social evening.

All we need is for you to find 5 or more friends, colleagues or family members to sponsor you 5 cents or more for every pin you knockdown during the 2 hrs of tenpin bowling. The more you knock down the more money fundraised.

Prize for most number of pins knocked down.  
Prize for most money raised by an individual.

Get your mates along its going to be an awesome evening. Full bar facilities available.

Please sign up below & return with your entry fee and we will send home a Sponsorship form.

Any questions please contact Linh Ashton 021 800 859 or [ptachair@stbrigidson.school.nz](mailto:ptachair@stbrigidson.school.nz)

 **SCHOOL  
TRUSTEE  
ELECTIONS**

### St Brigid's School Board of Trustees Election Declaration of Parent Election Results

At the close of nominations, as the number of valid nominations was fewer than the number of vacancies required to be filled, I hereby declare the following duly elected:

Ashton, Craig  
Bell, Dean  
Joseph, Danielle  
Valentine, Christopher

Signed  
Maira O'Shea  
Returning Officer



**Stuck for childcare on the next Teachers Strike Day?** We will be operating from Bayfield High School 8 am - 6 pm on the 29th May. With specialised sports clinics delivered to children via our highly trained coaches, everyone is guaranteed to have lots of fun. To enrol visit <http://playballdunedin.com/playball-strike-day.php> or email: [coachliam@playball.co.nz](mailto:coachliam@playball.co.nz). Be QUICK as spaces are filling fast.

**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



# Community News

## WHAT KIND OF ADVENTURE ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?

Girls love adventure! It's a great way to make friends, build confidence, boost self-esteem and learn new skills.

Grants Brae Pippins

Tues 3.45pm in Waverley

0800 22 22 92  
GIRLGUIDINGNZ.ORG.NZ



Girl Guiding  
New Zealand



## YOU BE THE GUIDE

Are you looking for a fun, empowering and exciting opportunity for your daughter this year? Then Girl Guiding NZ could be what you're looking for.

As New Zealand's largest girl-only organisation, it's our vision to see that all girls and young women are inspired and empowered to take action to change their world. Our Grants Braes Pippin unit has spaces available so girls aged 5 – 7 years old in your area have the chance to join us for friendship and fun!

They meet with our wonderful leader Danette Little at the Scout & Guide Hall in Waverley on Tuesdays from 3.45 – 4.45pm.

If you have any questions or would like to set up a visit, feel free to contact Tegan on [Tegan.Dunne@girlguidingnz.org.nz](mailto:Tegan.Dunne@girlguidingnz.org.nz). Make sure you pop Grants Braes Pippins as the subject and include your daughter's name, date of birth, address and your contact phone number. For more information about Pippins, Brownies and Guides check out: <https://www.girlguidingnz.org.nz/>.



## BAYFIELD HIGH SCHOOL'S MATARIKI FESTIVAL

Saturday 8th June, 11am-2pm

Food, performances, bouncy castle, face painting, zorb soccer, smash the car, books, toys... and more!

Eftpos available



Craft, fun and games for primary/intermediate age kids. Held at 4pm on the 2nd Floor, City Library every second Thursday.

### THURSDAY 2 MAY

Cool key rings

### THURSDAY 16 MAY

Stories from your neighbourhood

### THURSDAY 30 MAY

Fabulous frames

### THURSDAY 13 JUNE

Crafting with the Moomins

### THURSDAY 27 JUNE

Midwinter chills

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### Muslims, Christians & Jews - "People of the Book"

The terrible events of March 15<sup>th</sup>, and the powerful response throughout the nation afterwards, drew particular attention to the reality that Muslim people are our neighbours. For Catholic Christians the relationship is even closer, because Muslims, and Jews, believe in the same God that we do – and we teach this in our schools.

There are many differences in understandings, customs and expressions of faith, so come along and find out about some of them as Colin MacLeod, Director of the National Centre for Religious Studies, shares what the Catholic Secondary Religious Education programme teaches about us – together - as People of the Book. Parents and Grandparents of children of all ages and any parishioners interested in this topic will find these sessions valuable.

*(These two sessions are provided at the request of St Brigid's Board of Trustees and are being offered to the whole of Mercy Parish.)*

St Patrick's Basilica, Macandrew Rd  
6.00-7.30pm - Two Thursdays - 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> of May.

