

# St Brigid's School Newsletter



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## Room 3 Class Report

Kia ora everyone We can't believe it is the end of week 11 already!  
(We are on the countdown to school holidays!)

**Reading** – We are now very good at using the punctuation when we read and have been using it more in our writing too! We have been working on our strategies to help us with the harder books we are reading. We are also enjoying exploring our old and new books both in the classroom and in the school library.

**Writing** – We are super-duper authors! We are writing delightful descriptions and wonderful winter stories full of amazing adjectives!

**Maths** – We have been learning lots of different strategies to help us solve addition and subtraction problems. We have also been working on measurement with Mrs Chisholm. We have measured almost everything and now are working on a giant street map so we can measure the distance between different places.

**Religious Education** – We have been doing lots of Holy Spirit art. We made some beautiful stained glass windows, some Trinity Shamrocks and used some drama to demonstrate the Holy Spirit at work in us and others.

**Topic Cave** – We are patiently waiting for our Kiva to be finished as it is "Under Construction". We wonder what it will look like and what Topic we are going to be learning about next term when all is revealed...

**Exploration Station** – We have been learning how to solve Wasgijs. These are tricky back to front puzzles that we have to solve by only using the clue on the box, instead of recreating a puzzle box picture. We love these!!

**Art** – We have made some great measurement art and created some spooky silhouettes with Mrs Chisholm.

**STEAM** – We have finally decided (after much deliberation!) that we are going to design and create a Green Infrastructure Solution for our Dunedin 2040 Challenge. Over the next few months we will be working on ways we can help reduce the environmental footprint of urban development and make Dunedin a nicer place to live.

Have a safe and happy weekend everyone!

Love from Room 3 ☺



## Principal's Message

Let us have a look at Social *Justice*. Jesus taught this principle over 2000 years ago! In his Parable of the Last Judgment, Jesus made it abundantly clear that faith in him will be judged by how well that faith was put into action: Then the righteous will answer him:



“Lord, when did we see thee hungry and feed thee, or thirsty and give thee drink? And when did we see thee a stranger and welcome thee, or naked and clothe thee? And when did we see thee sick or in prison and visit thee?” And the King will answer them, “Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.” (Matthew 25:37-40). How do we translate this faith into action? Here are seven principals.

### **Dignity of the Human Person:**

We are called to ask whether our actions as a society respect or threaten the life and dignity of the human person.

### **Call to Family, Community, and Participation:**

We are called to support the family—the principle social institution—so that people can participate in society, build a community spirit, and promote the wellbeing of all.

### **Rights and Responsibilities:**

We are called to protect the rights that all people have to those things required for a decent human life, such as food, clothing, and shelter.

### **Option for the Poor and Vulnerable:**

We are called to pay special attention to the needs of those who are poor.

### **The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers:**

We are called to protect the basic rights of all workers: the right to engage in productive work, fair wages, private property, and the right to organize, join unions, and pursue economic opportunity.

## **Here are some more thoughts on Baptism and Non Preference**

If your child is an Open Place child (non-Catholic) at St Brigid's School, have you thought of getting your child baptised here. To quote a former Bishop of Palmerstone North: “No Baptism; no first Reconciliation; no First Communion; no full participation in a class or school Mass. Who wants to live life left on the side-line of the playing field of faith?”

The process of baptism at Saint Brigid's is quite straightforward. If your child or children are under seven they will require a couple of visits to Mass over the next three months. This can occur after mass with the Priest or the person from the parish taking other children through their first Holy Communion. Once these have been completed a day, normally on a Sunday Mass, will be arranged for the actual baptism. If you are over seven it is very much the same process but you are asked to attend the Sunday Mass and Education programme (lasting 30 mins) after Mass on several occasions.

Regards  
Andrew

## School Values



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

Room 4 – Miles Osland

Room 3 – Haydon Hong

Room 2 – Conall Higgs

Room 1 – Lola Tiatia



## St Brigid's House Groups

**Congratulations** to De Paul House who were the winning House this week.

House Token Winners this week were:

**Aubert House:** Tandia Porter

**McAuley House:** Harper Guthrie

**de Paul House:** Georgia Higgs



## Dates to Remember

What's On This Week?	
Wed 1 July	Mufti Day for St Vincent de Paul – please bring along a can of food or non-perishable item
Fri 3 July	Mass 12pm – Whole School – note change in time.
	Last Day of Term 2
Next Term:	
Mon 20 July	Term 3 Begins

## Friday Mass

**Next Friday we are having a whole school Mass at 12:00 to celebrate the end of term.**

**We ask that you join us and bring along your lunch to eat with your children! A hot drink will be provided.**

**We look forward to you joining us.**



## We CAN do it!

First kahui Ako Social Justice challenge

Bring along a can of food or non-perishable item to be donated to St Vincent De Paul.

Mufti Day for St Vincent de Paul on Wednesday 1 July.

**Bring along a non-perishable item or two Spaghetti and Baked Beans have been requested!!**  
**(or a gold coin!)**

**A massive thank you!**

**Thanks for the amazing hamper that we received from you all. It was a lovely surprise!**

**We are truly blessed to have such a wonderful school community!**



**Swimming:** Thank you for returning your notices and for all of your offers to help with swimming next term.

Our swimming helpers' roster will be going home early next week.

## Room 4

Some exciting news – Room 4 will be moving classrooms to the old Room 5, which is attached to the administration block. There are a number of reasons for this but primarily moving room 4 there creates a presence in the admin area.

It is also a bigger classroom creating more space for room 4 children and for children in Room 3, as we are able to deconstruct the partition between the classrooms. We should have everything up and running by the start of term 3.

## Parish School Mass

Thank you for joining us at our first Parish School Mass after lockdown last Sunday. It was great to be able to celebrate as a Parish School Community again.

**Parent / Teacher Discussions:** Thank you for all of the positive feedback received at this week's discussions, it was most appreciated!

Kind regards –

Andrew Pozniak & Deborah Charleson

## Stationery/EOTC Payments

Accounts were emailed out earlier this week for those yet to pay for stationery purchased at the beginning of the year and for outstanding sports fees. Payment before the end of the term would be appreciated.

Please remember that you can spread the cost throughout the year by making small regular payments rather than paying in a lump sum.

## BOT News:

- ❖ Next meeting: Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August
- ❖ 2019 Audited Accounts are available at the office for perusal and on the website.

## PTA News

- ◆ Next Meeting/AGM – to be confirmed.

# Community News

## TennisPlus+

TennisPlus+ Coaching are running free tennis coaching sessions on the 1/2 court for children aged 5 to 10. Details are:

**Venue:** Edgar Centre

**When:** During the last 2 weeks of school and during the school holidays

**Day/time:** Whenever it suits you - just let us know.

**Cost:** \$0

**Why:** To see if your child would like to enrol into our term 3 programme

We are also running a 1/2 and 3/4 court tournament on **Friday June 26th 4pm - 4.30pm** so if you think your child would be keen to play let us know.

Contact Options:

**Email:** [tennisplusdunedin@](mailto:tennisplusdunedin@)



## R E Comment

Week 11

This week in 1964 Beatlemania hit New Zealand. 7000 hysterical fans greeted the Fab Four in Wellington



On 22 June the Beatles played their first New Zealand concerts, repeating a 30-minute 11-song set as fans screamed.

We thank God for musicians, and the lift they give to us with their creativity and talent. We especially thank God for all those gifted people and families that inspired us with their music through the lockdown.

A colorful poster for the Kelly Sports Holiday Programme. It features two children, a boy and a girl, in athletic wear. The boy is standing and cheering, while the girl is crouching in a starting position. The text on the poster includes "KELLY SPORTS", "SPORT OTAGO", "HOLIDAY PROGRAMME", "Mon 6 to Fri 17 July", "Kelly Sports RULES!", "Star Jumps", "Ships", "Hula Hoops", "Join us for a fun-filled School Holiday Programme including a Tough Kid Challenge, lots of sports, awesome games &amp; MUCH MORE!", "Some activities may need to be swapped for other exciting ones! Go online to check out a full, up-to-date timetable for your school.", "OSCAR PROGRAMME SUBSIDIES AVAILABLE! (Customise apply)", "BOOK ONLINE NOW AT", and "KELLYSPORTS.CO.NZ".

**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