

St Brigid's School Newsletter



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Room 3 Class Report

Kia ora everyone,



This term we have welcomed five 'newies' to our Room 3 family; Aaleah, Hart-Lee, Miles, Maddex and Bear. They have settled so well and with the 'oldies' are having the best time ever!

Writing → We are learning about how to write fantastic information reports about living and non-living things. We are really enjoying writing about different animals and can't wait to find out what else Miss Charleson has in store for us.

Reading → We have been reading so many books this term and working hard on using our strategies to help us with the unknown words we come across.

Maths → We are working hard on learning our number knowledge at the moment. We have been looking at 'teen' and 'ty' numbers, our before and after numbers and place value. We have also been working on Statistics with Mrs Chisholm and making, reading and explaining graphs.



Religious Education → We are working on our Church Strand and learning about what a Parish is and how we gather, celebrate and live God's presence.

Swimming → We have been busy working on improving our swimming. We are becoming more confident and can swim using a board and some of us are pretty good without a board too.

Art → We made glorious goldfish with Mrs Chisholm that were on display at the Peninsula Art Exhibition this week. We can't wait to hang them in our classroom and admire them.

Our New Space → We love our bigger classroom. The best thing is that we have two kivas - one has turned into "The Land of Stories" the other one is still "Under Construction" (we can't wait until next week when it's open!)

STEAM → We are working hard on our Dunedin 2040 Project. We have been busy looking at ways we can help reduce the environmental footprint of urban development and make Dunedin a nicer and greener place to live.



See what we mean → **best time ever!**

Have a safe and happy weekend everyone!

Love from Room 3 ☺



Principal's Message



Social understandings and behaviours are closely interwoven with emotions, temperament, values, attitudes, knowledge and skills.

At St Brigid's we try to teach the students that in all interactions we have with others, it is important to always show love and compassion. That we need to be supportive of one another and demonstrate respect and care. Unfortunately, in the everyday learning and play situations children find themselves in, this can be easily forgotten. Just as with adults, sometimes children just don't get along. God created us each individually and gave each of us different gifts, talents and interests. Recognising and accepting these can sometimes be difficult. However, with some guidance, reflection and open communication we can learn to work with others.

In these situations, we work with students to restore relationships and develop strategies to deal with difficult situations they may find themselves in. We strongly encourage open communication in regards to the education of your child. Sometimes pressure to take every misdemeanour seriously and to step in to work out conflicts may result in interrupting a normal part of social and emotional development. We need to be careful not to dilute the value of everyday unpleasantness, and of children learning for themselves how to deal with it. There are times when we must protect and act and other times we need to learn to step back and let kids be kids when other social challenges occur.

Andrew

School Values



Our St Brigid's School Values are very important to us. By living these Values every day we are living the way that Jesus wants us to live and act.

This term we are focusing on Whakahaere – Responsibility.

Congratulations to:



Rm 4 – Coby Stanton

Rm 3 – Nahoa Fox

Rm 2 – Dom Helson-South

Rm 1 – Oliver Hawkins & Kelvin Cortezano

St Brigid's House Groups

Congratulations to **McAuley House**

who were the winning House this week.

House Token Winners this week were:

Aubert House: Madison Bryce

McAuley House: Skyla Knopp

de Paul House: Dominic Helson-South

Nano Nagle Mufti Day

Thank you for supporting our Nano Nagle Mufti Day today.



All funds are used by the trust to directly assist children and their families facing financial difficulty attending a Catholic School, including families at St Brigid's.

School Assemblies: Our next Assembly is on Friday 14 August at 2.40pm in the hall. Shared prayer is by Room 3. All welcome.

Swimming: Just a reminder that if you are unable to make it to a swimming session please contact the office or class teacher as early as possible.

Parish School Mass Save the date!

Our next Parish School Mass is at 9.30am on Sunday 16th August at St Patrick's.

We look forward to seeing you all there!

Dates to Remember

What's On Next Week?	
Tues 11 Aug	PTA AGM & Meeting
Wed 12 Aug	BOT Meeting 6pm
Thurs 13 Aug	Swimming
Fri 14 Aug	Mass 10am – Rooms 1 & 4 Assembly Room 3 at 2.40pm
Sun 16	Parish/School Mass – 9.30am at St Patrick's
What's On This Term?	
Fri 21 Aug	Mass 10am – Room 2
Sun 23 Aug	Confirmation Preparation after 11am Mass – Activities and Shared Lunch
Fri 28 Aug	Mass 10am – Room 3 Assembly Room 4 at 2.40pm
Mon 31 Aug	Dunedin 2040 Steam Presentation – Evening at 6.30pm
Fri 4 Sept	Mass 10am – Rooms 1 & 4 PTA Disco
Fri 11 Sept	Mass 10am – Room 2 Assembly – Room 2 at 2.40pm
Sun 13 Sept	Confirmation 9.30am with Bishop Michael
Thurs 17 Sept	PTA Quiz Night at the Kensington
Fri 18 Sept	Mass 10 am – Room 3
Fri 25 Sept	Mass 10am – Whole School Last Day of Term 3
What's On in Term 4?	
Mon 12 Oct	First Day of Term 4
Sun 15 Nov	First Holy Communion Preparation: Special Mass at 12pm in the Community Centre followed by Shared Lunch
Sun 22 Nov	First Holy Communion at 9.30am followed by celebration

BOT News:

- ❖ Next meeting: Wednesday 12th August at 6pm

Sacramental Program

Year 3 - Usually the Sacrament of Reconciliation takes place in term 2, but due to Covid this didn't take place. So instead your child will next year, as a Year 4, take part in Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion.

Year 4 - You should have received a notice on Tuesday about the Sacramental program for this year. If you didn't, please check in with Mrs V or Mrs Whitty. Preparation for Confirmation, on 13th September, has begun.

Sports Update

Netball: Another fantastic game yesterday with St. Brigid's Stars winning 8-3 vs Green Island School. P.O.D - Amelia Dickel for great communication, moving forward & around the circle and goal shooting. Well done team.

Draw for next Tuesday 11th August at 3:40pm on Court 10 vs St. Joe's Cathedral School.

Kiwihoops

Results:

Gold didn't play

Silver lost. P.O.D - Hayden Hong

Bulls were defaulted to.

Draw for Thursday 13 August:

Silver vs St Joes 4:50 Ct 5A

Gold vs Carisbrook 3:4 Ct, TBA

Bulls vs Balaclava 5:25 Ct 4

Hockey – St Francis Xavier Combined Team
– P.O.D – Kalo Ashton

Stationery & Sports Fees

Unfortunately we still have some outstanding accounts for stationery purchased at the beginning of the year and also some overdue sports fees.

As a reminder, statements for overdue purchases will be sent home next week to parents who have neither paid this nor set up to pay by regular small payments.

As these costs are directly incurred by the school we would appreciate prompt payment, however we realise this is a difficult time for families so please contact Andrew if you have any worries about payment.

Peninsula Arts Exhibition

Congratulations to our winners:

First Place: Leeyah Than

Highly Commended: Isla Bell



RE Comment

Week 3

This week is the feast day for Saint Dominic.

He lived during the 12th Century.

He founded the Catholic Order which we call the Dominicans.

Dominic is the Patron Saint of Astronomers and the Dominican Republic.



YOU'RE INVITED TO THE

ST BRIGID'S SCHOOL STEAM PRESENTATION

Come and see the children present the models they have created for the Dunedin 2040 project.

Drinks and Nibbles Provided

RSVP notice to follow
Monday 31st August 6:30pm
St Brigid's School hall

Care Respect Responsibility

Mass:

Mass is celebrated in the School Hall every Friday at 10am.

Everyone is welcome.

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

PTA News

- ◆ AGM meeting - Tuesday 11th August at 7pm
- ◆ PTA meeting - Tuesday 11th August will follow after AGM
- ◆ Quiz Night – 17 September at Kensington Tavern – \$5 a ticket please – email Linh for tickets at ptachair@stbrigidsdn.school.nz Teams of 4-6 people – limited tickets available!
- ◆ Disco 4 September ... watch this space for more information
- ◆ Ski Trip – see below for details.

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SPIRITUALITY NZ

RESIDENTIAL SILENT INDIVIDUALLY GUIDED RETREATS 2020
in the dynamic of the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius of Loyola

'A New Heart' 8 Day: Sept 10 (12pm) – 18 (10am) Fourviere house of prayer and retreat 67 Leithfield Rd, North Canterbury. Cost \$870
Apply to: info@ignatianspirituality.nz

'Come and See' 6 Day: October 25 (10am) – 30 (4pm) St Francis Retreat Centre, 50 Hillsborough Road, Auckland. Cost \$770
Apply to chair@ignatianspirituality.nz

'A Discerning Heart' 8 Day: November 20 (12pm) - 28 (10am) Burns Lodge Holy Cross centre, 89 Church Rd, Mosgiel, Dunedin. Cost \$870
Apply to admin@ignatianspirituality.nz

Ski Trip @ Cardrona Weekend of 12th and 13th September

Single day Lift and Lesson - \$75 -
Single day package - \$100 - Lift, lesson and rental equipment
Under 6's ski for free
Prices are for both Adults and children.
Own travel and accommodation
Limited spaces!
To register your interest please email: Ptachair@stbrigidsdn.school.nz
or for any more information contact Linh Ashton 021 800 859.



Kind regards -

Andrew Pozniak & Deborah Charleson