

St Brigid's School Newsletter



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Room 2 Class Report

We have been busy in Room 2 so far this term!

In Reading, we have been busy reading our way through chapter books. For some of us, this is the first time we have finished a whole chapter book. Others have been focusing on learning the meaning of unknown words using a game called Ishkabobble.

In Writing, we have been focusing on how we open our writing. We have also been learning about our new pen pals from Oruaiti School at the top of the North Island. We can't wait to exchange our first letters with them!



We have also been very busy building our model for the STEAM presentation and though this has been postponed due to COVID we can't wait to present it to you in a few weeks!

In R.E. we are starting to research different Saints in preparation for Confirmation.



In Maths, we have been practising our times tables! We are using a variety of games and activities to practise them as much as we can.



As you can see we have been very busy this term so far!
Until next time,
Ka kite,
Room 2

Principal's Message



"Mass is boring." "I don't get anything out of Mass — why should I go?" "Why can't I just pray alone?" These are common feelings, especially among young people but among many adults as well. Someone once said, "If you don't get anything out of Mass, it's because you don't bring the right expectations to it. The Mass is not entertainment. It is worship of the God who made us and saves us. It is an opportunity to praise God and thank Him for all that He has done for us".

We had the family Mass at St Patrick's a few weeks ago, it was well attended and served its purpose by bringing together some families who do not regularly attend Mass on Sunday. We hope that Mass is meaningful for us all and we will want to go to Mass, therefore we should understand that Mass is God's precious gift to us, and we would not think of refusing that gift.

Finally, I will leave the last words to Mother Teresa who once wrote: "Jesus is my God, Jesus is my Spouse/ Jesus is my Life/ Jesus is my Everything. Because of this, I am never afraid." Mother Teresa went to Mass every day, (although we are not asking you to do that). If we love the Mass as she did, we too, will live in Jesus and Him in us and we will never be afraid.

Andrew Pozniak

School Values

This term we are focusing on Whakahaere —

Responsibility.



Congratulations:

Rm 4 — Passion Anthony
Rm 3 — Miles Osland
Rm 2 — Mason Voyce
Rm 1 — Skyla Knopp



St Brigid's House Groups Congratulations to:

McAuley House who were the winning House this week.

House Token Winners this week were:

Aubert House:

Leeyah Than

McAuley House:

Hart-Lee Goodship

de Paul House:

Aaleah Dean

Dates to Remember

What's On Next Week?	
What's On This Term?	
Tues 8 Sept	PTA Meeting
Fri 11 Sept	Mass 10am – Room 2
Sun 13 Sept	Confirmation 9.30am with Bishop Michael
Wed 16 Sept	BOT Meeting at 6pm
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

Confirmation - To register for Confirmation 13th Sept 2020 fill in this form, by clicking on the link below.

Please submit completed details by Monday 7th September. Thank you.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd7m1otCNEI_27Q8XIQgWcAgFiwzAwhNVhkQFUpgaOvtJeZgg/viewform?usp=sf_link

Thank you so much for the time and effort you have put into supporting our recent message about school uniforms.



We really do appreciate how much work goes into keeping the uniform clean and tidy and making sure they have on the correct items.

The children are looking amazing and seem to be walking just that wee bit taller in a uniform they are proud of.

School Assemblies: We are cancelling our Friday Assemblies for the rest of this term due to ongoing Level 2 restrictions.

Sports Update

Netball: St Brigid's Stars lost. P.O.D – Kalo Ashton

Kiwihoops – SFX Bulls lost.

Netball & Kiwihoop Draws will be advised

If you know of any families that want to join our wonderful school in 2021 please encourage them to make contact with us as we are starting to make plans for next year.

Student Council: We have had a great first week of exciting lunch clubs run by our wonderful student council reps (and helpers).

A massive thank you for showing our School Values of Respect, Care and Responsibility in organising and running these great initiatives. We can't wait to see what is planned for next week.

Covid-19 Update

- Children should not be at school during Level 2 before 8.30am. The duty teacher will hand sanitise them before they walk up the driveway.
- NZ COVID Tracer App we are supporting contact tracing by having QR code posters in the office and hall if you wish to keep a track of your own movements – so if you haven't already downloaded the App the Ministry of Health's [NZ-COVID Tracer app page](#) has information to help you do that.

RE Comment

Week Six

We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful way.

A prayer for our earth

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love,

that we may protect life and beauty.



PTA News

✚ Next Meeting: Tuesday 8th September at 7pm.

✚ Entertainment Book Fundraiser

We're fundraising with the Entertainment Book App. Normally 20% of the sale price goes back to our fundraising but from 14th August until 13th

September we get an extra \$10 for any single city membership or \$20 for the multi-city membership!

If you haven't had one before, this is a great App with heaps of discounts at local restaurants, cafes, retail outlets, accommodation, car rentals, and tourist attractions.

Your digital membership can be accessed from up to four different devices so it's perfect for sharing with friends/family.

There's never been a better time to help us. Here is the link below:

<https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/26021s3>

✚ Ski Trip: 12-13 September – email

Ptachair@stbrigidsdn.school.nz to register your interest.

✚ Disco & Quiz Nights have been postponed due to Level 2 restrictions. We will let you know when we have secured new dates for these events.

BOT News:

❖ Next meeting: Wednesday 16th September

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

Sympathy

The school community would like to express its sympathy to Mrs Sue Idour and her family following the death of her mother.

Please keep Sue and her family in your prayers.



Kind regards –

Andrew Pozniak & Deborah Charleson