

# St Brigid's School

## Newsletter



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## Room 3 Class Report

*Talofa tagata uma,*

It is so nice to be back at school, we love learning together and being back with our friends.

**Samoan Language Week** – This week we celebrated Samoan Language Week by creating a beautiful tapa cloth with the other classes at St Brigid's. We also learnt lots of Samoan words and phrases that we have enjoyed using throughout the week. (See our artwork on a separate page).

**Reading** – We have been busy working on using the punctuation in stories when we read. We are getting pretty good at using commas, full stops, exclamation marks and speech marks when we read and it is helping our reading to become more expressive, fluent and interesting to listen to.

**Writing** – We have been writing amazing stories using lots of adjectives (describing words). We are experts at including number, colour, size, shape, texture, position and doing sentences in our descriptions about people, places and things.

**Maths** – We have been working on our addition and subtraction strategies. We are awesome at knowing our number bonds to 5 and 10. We are also getting faster at some of our basic facts.

**Religious Education** – We have been learning about the Holy Spirit and how it works in us. We know that the Holy Spirit helps us to make good decisions and to be kind, helpful and caring towards others.

**Exploration Station** – We have been working hard on different puzzles to solve the mystery of The Cursed Castle. We have cracked grid, logic, pattern, word, and seek and find puzzles as well as tackling riddles, ciphers, acrostics and anagrams – who knew there were so many puzzles! Lots of them were pretty tricky and some took us a while but we have loved it!

**Art** – We have been creating some great art with Mrs Chisholm. We painted Van Gogh's Sunflowers and made some beautiful bubble art as well.

**STEAM** – We just started looking at the Dunedin 2040 Challenge. We are in the process of finalising which one we are going to enter as it has been a very tricky decision because we have so many great ideas of the designs we could create to fix all of the problems future Dunedin may encounter.

Have a safe and happy long weekend everyone!  
Love from Room 3 😊



## Principal's Message



Thank you for the many compliments and comments of appreciation for the way the staff have welcomed your children back over the last two weeks. We were very mindful that your child's return to school was going to be one of both excitement and nerves.

The students and staff have had a wonderful two weeks getting to know each other again and hearing about the various ways in which 'lockdown' was spent. On another note I do not want to keep going on about internet safety but the widespread availability and use of social media applications bring opportunities to understand, engage, and communicate in new and exciting ways. It is important that we are able to use these technologies and services effectively and flexibly. However, it is also important to ensure that we balance this with our duties to our school, community, our legal responsibilities and our reputation. "A digital citizen understands the rights and responsibilities of inhabiting cyberspace."

They are:

- a confident and capable user of ICT
- uses technologies to participate in educational, cultural, and economic activities
- uses and develops critical thinking skills in cyberspace
- is literate in the language, symbols, and texts of digital technologies
- is aware of ICT challenges and can manage them effectively
- uses ICT to relate to others in positive, meaningful ways
- demonstrates honesty and integrity and ethical behaviour in their use of ICT
- respects the concepts of privacy and freedom of speech in a digital world
- Contributes and actively promotes the values of digital citizenship.

To be a good digital citizen you need a combination of technical and social skills that enable a person to be successful and safe in the information age. Like literacy and numeracy initiatives which provide people with the skills to participate in the work force, digital literacy has become an essential skill to be a confident, connected, and actively involved lifelong learner.

Andrew



Welcome to Passion Anthony who started school in Room 4 this week.

## School Values



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

Room 4 – Skylah Horrell  
Room 3 – Sebastian Hawkins  
Room 2 – Olivia Anstey  
Room 1 – Camille Genobe



## Dates to Remember

### What's On This Term

Mon 1 June	Queens Birthday Weekend
Wed 17 June	BOT Meeting at 6pm
Fri 3 July	Last Day of Term 2
Mon 20 July	Term 3 Begins

**Queen's Birthday Weekend** – school will be closed on Monday 1 June

Ideas for Change Survey: Thank you to all of the families that have completed our homework and communication survey, we really appreciate all of your great ideas and feedback.

Remember that the survey closes at 3pm today.

**Paper Copies Update:** Today will be our last paper copy day. We are excited to move to being paperless in our communication platforms, especially as this aligns with our Enviro-school Philosophy / commitment of caring for our environment today and into the future by reducing the amount of waste going into the landfill and into recycling.

We will be using email and Facebook to keep you updated with what's happening at St Brigid's School, you will also have noticed the move to using Google Forms for all sports registrations, lunch orders and questionnaires.

## Library News

We are excited to announce that our school library is opening again next week. Thank you to everyone that has returned library books over the last few weeks.

Please have a look over the weekend for any library books that are still floating around at home so they can be returned.



## Sports News

### Winter Sports Update

Registration forms can be found on our Facebook page, and have been shared by email this week.

Hockey Registration is due back this Tuesday, 2nd June. If you wish to register please go to

<https://forms.gle/7Hp85TzehbtetKK89>

Kiwihoops Registration is due back Thursday 11th June. Below is the link for Kiwihoops Please sign up before June 11.

<https://forms.gle/EwPoj82kZSm4ACNw6>

Netball: we are awaiting further information from Dunedin Netball.

### Teacher Only Days

The two teacher only days that had been planned for this year have been cancelled; these were to be on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May and Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September. They will be normal school days now.

**Money to School:** If you need to send money to school for any reason we would appreciate it if you could please put it in a sealed envelope with your child's name and reason for payment e.g. Bookclub, sports fees, stationery etc

### BOT News:

- ❖ The next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday 17 June at 6pm.

## PTA News

- ◆ Next Meeting/AGM – to be confirmed.



## R E Comment



**Week 7** 25<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> May

Pentecost is a holy day that celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit 40 days after Easter. Some churches consider it the birthday of the Christian church and celebrate it. Before Jesus was crucified, he told his disciples that the Holy Spirit would come after him. And 40 days after Jesus was resurrected that promise came true when Peter and the early Church were in Jerusalem for Pentecost. The Holy Spirit descended upon them - the beginning or birth of the church.

We have all been learning about Pentecost at school this week.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lqG\\_lvZhU-A](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lqG_lvZhU-A)

### Update from the Dental Therapy Programme

We plan to begin student clinics again on Monday 15 June 2020.

For 'social distancing' reasons we are unable to provide shuttle transport at present. Parents will be contacted by telephone and asked to bring their child to their appointment as well as being asked some health pre-screening questions.

When the shuttles are running we will be able to return to the usual day for St Brigid's School.

### 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.**



**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

Kind regards

Andrew Pozniak



## Room 3's Artwork





# PARISH NEWS

## Diocesan Database

Thank you to everyone who has signed up for the diocesan database, you will have received the first diocesan newsletter last weekend.

If you haven't signed up yet, here is the link:

<https://forms.gle/HaGeob6Da1QjaCa8A>

It only takes about 3 minutes to complete.

## Masses resume this Sunday but with restrictions

6.00pm Vigil

10.00am Sunday

11.00am Sunday

### Please note:

- ◆ The obligation to attend Mass remains suspended
- ◆ Please do not come to Mass if you are feeling unwell or anxious
- ◆ Numbers are limited to 100 with 1 metre distancing.
- ◆ Contact tracing is required
- ◆ You will need to sanitise your hands on entering the Church
- ◆ Masses will be simple celebrations
- ◆ Communion only on the hand
- ◆ The opportunity to mingle is limited

## Part time employment opportunities

**Administration Assistant – 25 hours a week**

**Safeguarding Officer – 5 hours a week**

### Administration Assistant

The Roman Catholic Bishop of Dunedin is looking to employ an efficient and self-motivated Administrative Assistant. The Administrative Assistant will support the Diocesan Administration Manager, Education Manager and Property Manager with filing and secretarial tasks and will be responsible for the diocese's communication platforms and database.

This is a permanent part-time (25 hours per week) position and is based in Dunedin.

Confidential enquires can be made to the Bishop's secretary, Pauline Lee [paulinel@cdd.org.nz](mailto:paulinel@cdd.org.nz) or phone 474 5750. Applications close at 3pm on Friday 5th of June 2020

### Safeguarding Officer

The Roman Catholic Bishop of Dunedin is looking to employ a safeguarding officer to work with the bishop, parishes and other church-based groups to ensure policies and processes adhere to the approved National Safeguarding Guidelines and other national policy. The Safeguarding Officer will need good communication and administration skills, and will be responsible for arranging the National Office for Professional Standards (NOPS) training workshops for priests, religious and staff within the diocese. The ability to facilitate these training sessions, while not essential, would be an added advantage.

This is a fixed-term (one year) part-time (5 hours per week) position.

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