

# St Brigid's School Newsletter



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## Room 3 Class Report



Hi everyone, we have started this term with a hiss and a roar!

**Writing** – We are learning about how to write great Narratives. We just love trying to come up with lots of solutions to the interesting problems in our stories.

**Reading** – We are continuing with the Better Start Literacy Approach and working hard on using the letters and sounds to work out unknown words in the stories we read. We are also asking and answering many questions to make sure we understand what we are reading.

**Maths** – We are learning all about Statistics with Mrs Chisholm, and focusing on probability, and how we can use our new skills and knowledge to win different games! We have also been working on our Number Knowledge with Miss Charleson. We have been focusing on skip counting forwards and backwards and working on place value with our numbers beyond 100.

**Religious Education** – We have been learning about Our Gracious God and all of the wonderful gifts He has given to us; like our family and friends, creation and of course Jesus!

**Swimming** – We have started our swimming programme and we love it! We are learning how to swim without using a board and improving our freestyle.

**Inquiry** – We are super excited to be continuing with our Space Topic this term. Our kiva has become a secret space lab full of amazing activities. We especially like when the NASA astronauts read us stories and share awesome science experiments from the International Space Station.

Have a safe and happy weekend everyone!

Love from Room 3 😊

## Principal's Message



Here are some thoughts on what makes a Catholic School.

Our Schools are supported and maintained to be places where children encounter the living God, Jesus Christ. Leaders, boards, teachers and families have a responsibility to those who have made sacrifices in the past and continue to make sacrifices in the present and for the future. A thin layer of Christianity is never enough; therefore an encounter with Jesus must be sought through the integration of all documentation - Charters, Curriculum, and Policies. Catholic Schools need to strive to have Jesus at every layer of the school.

We are all called to grace, how each person gets there can be helped or hindered. Effective Catholic Schools call people to know and love the grace of Jesus Christ through explicit and deliberate decisions words and actions. This has been vindicated by our Special Character Review which was completed in June. If you want a copy, please contact the office.

Andrew Pozniak

## 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.

Room 4 – Sofia Bingley  
Room 3 – Amelia Cheng  
Room 2 – Neriah Ngaro  
Room 1 – Leo Patston



## Community Assembly

Our next Assembly is on Friday 3 September at 2.40pm in the hall. Shared Prayer is by Room 3.  
Everyone is welcome.

## St Brigid's House Groups

**Congratulations** to **Aubert House** the winning House this week.

Our House Token Winners this week:

**Aubert House:** *Hayden Hong*

**McAuley House:** *Phillip Balu Joy*

**de Paul House:** *Eleanora Aloysius*

(NB: If one of the winning child is absent, they still receive their prize and there is a redraw for that House.)

Newsletters: Last week we trialled a pdf and photo newsletter on our Facebook page. This week we would like you to vote with your 'Likes' on Facebook as to which version you would prefer by next Thursday.

PDF's will still be emailed out every Friday and available on our website.

## Dates To Remember

### What's On Next Week?

Fri 13	PTA School Disco – 5:30-7:30pm
Sun 15	Parish/School Mass 9:30am at St Patrick's
Mon 16	Student Council Visit Dunedin City Council
Tues 17	BOT Meeting 6pm
Thurs 19	Swimming

### What's On this Term?

#### August

Wed 25	Ariki Cup Cross Country
Thurs 26	O'Mathlon Competition
Tues 31	Rm 1 Choice Programme Fun Day

#### September

Fri 3	Assembly at 2:40 in the Hall– Shared Prayer Rm 3
Mon 6	Digi Tech Visit Animation Research
Wed 15	BOT Meeting 6pm
Fri 17	Teacher Only Day – School Closed
Thurs 20	Kahui Ako Cultural Evening
Fri 24	Assembly at 2:40 in the Hall. Shared Prayer Rm 1

#### October

1 Oct	Last Day of Term 3
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Communication: just a reminder we will endeavour to respond to any emails or messages within 48 hours. If you have any urgent messages please contact the office.

Bilingual Support Workers: Our Dunedin Catholic Schools Kāhui Ako was recently successful with a funding application that enabled us to appoint two bilingual support workers to work across six of our schools for Term 3 and Term 4 this year. We were excited to welcome Mrs DeviKrishna Sanoop and Dr Shalini Kumar to our Kāhui Ako community last week. Both DeviKrishna and Shalini originally come from Kerala, which is a southwestern coastal state of India. They are both highly qualified and very enthusiastic about supporting our students. DeviKrishna will be working at St Brigid's every Thursday afternoon. She has so far had two very busy sessions introducing herself to all the children, meeting with our Indian students and planning activities.

Student Council: On Monday 16 August the Student Council will be visiting the Dunedin City Council to talk to the Mayor and some Councillors about leadership.

#### BOT News:

Next meeting: Tuesday 17 August  
NB: Change of Date

## Sports Update

Miniball: Please remember mouthguards are required. Please arrive 10 minutes before each game.

This week's results:

Eagles won. P.O.D – Skyla Knopp

Ravens won. P.O.D – Freddy Patston

Hawks won. P.O.D – Hart-Lee Goodship

Draw for next week to be advised.

Netball Results:

Superstars lost. P.O.D Harper Guthrie

## RE Comment

### Week 3 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> August

10th St Lawrence

11th St Clare

15<sup>th</sup> Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary,  
Patron Saint of New Zealand

### WHAT IS A CATHOLIC FEAST DAY?

The Catholic Church assigns one date out of the year for each and canonized saint — known as the saint's feast day.

The saints are remembered on their individual feast days with special mention, prayers, and possibly a scripture reading.

The 15<sup>th</sup> of August is the feast of the Assumption of Mary. Mary is the Patron Saint of Aotearoa New Zealand.



### PTA News:

Next Meeting: To be advised.

Save the Date: School Fair Saturday 6 November

Fair Mufti Days: During Term 3 we will be hosting a number of Mufti Days where we will be requesting donations for the fair.

Friday 27 August Gold Coin

Friday 10 September Baking Stuff

Friday 24 September Baking Stuff

Kind regards

Andrew Pozniak & Deborah Charleson



**St Brigid's and St Bernadette's School Mass  
Sunday 15 August at 9:30am at St Patrick's Basilica**

This Family Mass coincides with the Feast of the Assumption of Mary.

Mary, the Mother of Jesus, is the Patron Saint of New Zealand.

This year the celebration of the Assumption will include the rededication of New Zealand to Mary. There is a special hymn called "Mō Maria" which was composed by the first Catholic Bishop of New Zealand, Bishop Pompallier in 1842. It is hoped that this song will be sung in Parishes throughout New Zealand at this Sunday's Mass. It will definitely be being sung at the 9:30am Mass by the children of St Brigid's and St Bernadette's.

Please join us for this very special celebration.



‘Mō Maria aianeī, ō tātou waiata.  
Kia kaha rā, kia nui te aroha.  
‘Mō Maria aianeī, ō tātou waiata.  
Kia kaha rā, kia nui te aroha.

For Mary now, our songs;  
Let us be strong,  
Let there be great love

**School Library News**





**[View Upstart magazine's August / September issue](#)**

Using the above link, St Brigid's School pupils can access the current issue of Upstart Magazine.

This digital copy of our print publication includes a wide range of in-class activities, as well as opportunities for Kiwi kids to share their stories, successes, creativity and more.

There are also lots of competitions for children to enter and opportunities to have their work published in a nationally distributed magazine.

## Community News

### SOUP & BUNS

*If you are heading to the Edgar Centre, gym or dance on Thursday, pop in for free soup and buns at Mercy Parish, 42 Macandrew Rd, from 3.30pm - 6pm*



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**Board of Trustees - School Account:**

06 0942 0045712 00

**PTA – Fundraising Account:**

03 1732 0001257 00