

St Brigid's School Newsletter



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Room 3 Class Report

Hi everyone,

We can't believe how fast this term is going; it must be true what they say that time flies when you are having fun!

Writing – We have been learning how to write Information Reports about living and non-living things.

Reading – We have been developing our vocabulary and learning many new words with our Better Start Literacy Approach. We have also been working our sounds and letter combinations and using these to blend and segment - make and break words.

Maths – We have been learning about Measurement with Mrs Chisholm. We are working on measuring different objects, ordering, and comparing the length of them. We are also working on our addition and subtraction strategies as well as becoming faster with our doubles and basic facts.

Religious Education – We have been learning about the Ascension and Pentecost, we have also started 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. We are also creating two Holy Spirit murals, one for St Patrick's and one for our class.

Inquiry – We are having an awesome time learning lots of interesting space things. We are becoming Solar System experts and can name all eight planets.

We are also excited about our top secret astronaut training programme.



Have a safe and happy weekend everyone!

Love from Room 3 ☺



Book Character Day

Principal's Message

It was wonderful to see learning going on outside the classroom all this week. I'm of course talking about our visit to the Beverly Begg Observatory. A trip to the observatory aimed to support the schools science inquiry programme with an education programme driven by learning objectives and aligning with the New Zealand curriculum. The trip aimed to show students and parents fundamental principles of astronomy and how amazing space is. It was great to see children and adults ask the BIG questions – what else is out there? How far can we go? How did it all begin? This encourages curious minds which we want to develop amongst young people.

Obviously, we had to visit the observatory after dark and unfortunately, for some groups, because of the weather they were not able to use the impressive telescopes to look at the stars. There was however plenty to do, although with hindsight it did not suit the very young.

We would like to thank the Dunedin Astronomical Society for sharing their knowledge and the observatory with us and I would like to thank the teachers for organising it and the parent /caregivers for turning up with their children for what was a week of extremes, in terms of the weather.

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 **Atawhaitia – Care**.

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

Room 4 – Elizabeth Daniels

Room 3 – Hugo Anstey

Room 2 – Nahoa Fox

Room 1 – William Bingley

WELCOME!



Welcome to Ailbe O'Kane who started school in Room 4 this week.



St Brigid's House Groups

Congratulations to McAuley House - the winning House this week.

Our House Token Winners this week:

Aubert House: *Austin Gillespie*

McAuley House: *Sirafin Mariya Binu*

de Paul House: *Serah Manjesh Jacob*

Dates To Remember

What's On This Term?	
May	
Sun 23	Parish/School Pentecost Mass 9:30am
Fri 28	Assembly – Shared Prayer Rm 3 2:40pm
June	
Fri 4	Catholic Schools Teacher Only Day
Mon 7	Queen's Birthday – School Closed
Fri 11	Assembly – Shared Prayer Rm 2 2:40pm
Fri 18	Nano Nagle Mufti Day (gold coin donation)
Fri 25	Assembly – Shared Prayer Rm 1 2:40pm
July	
Fri 9	Mufti Day (gold coin donation) Last Day of Term 2

Teacher Only Day Friday 4th June is our next Teacher Only Day. The school will be closed on this day. This is tagged on to Queen's Birthday weekend as the school is also closed on Monday 7th June for Queen's Birthday.

School Assemblies: our next Assembly is on Friday 28th May at 2.40pm in the hall. Shared Prayer is by Room 3. Everyone is welcome.

A few thanks...

♥ Observatory Visits: Thank you to everyone that joined us this week for our star gazing experience. It was a great opportunity for us to use expertise from our community to enhance our inquiry topic on Space. We are also very proud of the way everyone demonstrated our school values of Respect, Care and Responsibility so beautifully.

♥ Book Fair: A very big thank you for your overwhelming support of our fair this week! Scholastic will let us know hopefully next week what our final total is and how much will be donated back to the school so we can purchase new school library books.

♥ Pink Shirt Day: A massive thanks to everyone for supporting our Pink Shirt Day as we united with all of Aotearoa to Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu, Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora – Speak Up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying!

Uniform Reminder: We have noticed a number of non-uniform items being worn lately. We would appreciate if you could please remind your child to wear their navy blue school jerseys instead of hoodies etc. We still have a few jerseys in the uniform shop if you need to buy another one.

Parish School Mass: This Sunday 23 May we are celebrating Pentecost, the Church's Birthday! Mass is at 9.30am at St Patrick's, **please wear something red**. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Save the Dates: Mufti Days this term are as follows
Nano Nagle Mufti Day Friday 18th June (gold coin donations please)
Last Day Mufti Day Friday 9th July (gold coin donation please)

Contribution / Donation Receipts: will be issued in the next few weeks. These amounts are tax deductible.

Sports Update

Next week the Code of Conduct Agreements for our Winter Sports will be sent home. We would appreciate it if you could please go through these with your child as a reminder of the school's expectations when representing us in a sports team.

Miniball Results:

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

Eagles (Year 5 & 6) won P.O.D: Kalo Ashton

Ravens (Year 3 & 4) won. P.O.D Hayden Hong

Hawks (Year 1 & 2) Had a bye

Miniball Draw for next week to be advised.

Netball will start in at the beginning of June.

