

St Brigid's School Newsletter



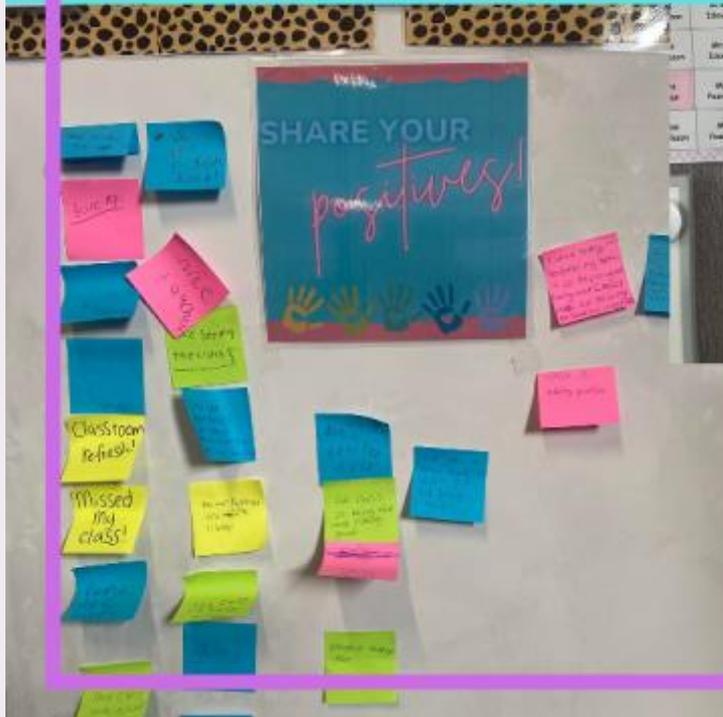
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ROOM 1 CLASS REPORT!

In Writing we have been working on using punctuation consistently! We wrote about ourselves in some fingerprints to remind each other we are unique!

In Reading we are working on comprehension strategies. In maths we're working on Multiplication and Division & Statistics



WALL OF
POSITIVES!
We have a wall of positives in our class where we write down positive things that happened in our day! Come and have a read!

Principal's Message



Welcome back to a very busy term after what I hope was a relaxing school holiday. This term will be very busy for everyone at school. We already had an Education Review visit this week (as I explained earlier in the year it's a new model and they will visit the school twice a term), swimming has started and there is a Kapa Haka festival to look forward to.

Our school believes in fostering a strong partnership between home and school to ensure students receive the best possible educational opportunities. The school has an open door policy that encourages parents to work alongside us and to raise any questions or issues they may have.

School and home are a partnership and we want to work together for each child to reach their potential. If there are any concerns throughout the year with your child, please contact your child's classroom teacher first. If you are not satisfied, then you should make contact with the Principal.

This is an imperative process to follow and the teacher should always be the first port of call. There are many things that happen to children in their day and if you are concerned, it is best to come in and see the teacher or email them with a time to meet to discuss your concern. We need to make sure we have all the information before we discuss the concern. We need to work in partnership to grow the capacity of our children.

Andrew Pozniak



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.

Parent Teacher Discussions

Monday 2 August and Wednesday 4 August from 3pm – 6pm

Confirmation slips were sent home this week.

NB – School closes at 3pm on both days.

Swimming: Just a reminder that swimming is every Thursday for all of Term 3.

Children need to wear their sports uniforms on swimming days. They need to bring their swimming gear: togs, towel and goggles, in their swimming bag. Please make sure your child's swimming bag is big enough to hold their whole school uniform while they are swimming. A great swimming bag hack is using a supermarket chiller bag, they are a perfect size and zip up – brilliant!

School Assemblies

Assemblies will be held now every third Friday in the hall at 2.40pm. All families and extended whanau are most welcome to come along.

Children share their work and children's achievements are recognised and celebrated. The advertised class shares a prayer (gospel story).

Assemblies for Term 3 are:

Room 4 – Friday 13 August

Room 3 – Friday 3 September

Room 1 – Friday 24 September

Dates To Remember

What's On Next Week?

Mon 2	Dunedin Study Trip – Rooms 1 & 2 Parent/Teacher Discussions 3-6pm
Tues 3	PTA Meeting – 7pm
Wed 4	Parent/Teacher Discussions 3-6pm
Thurs 5	School Swimming (continues every Thursday for the whole Term).

What's On this Term?

August

9-13	Peninsula Art Exhibition at Bayfield High School Hall
Wed 11	BOT Meeting
Sun 15	Parish/School Mass 9:30am at St Patrick's
Mon 16	Student Council Visit Dunedin City Council
Wed 25	Ariki Cup Cross Country
Thurs 26	O'Mathlon Competition
Tues 31	Rm 1 Choice Programme Fun Day

September

Mon 6	Digi Tech Visit Animation Research
Wed 15	BOT Meeting
Fri 17	Teacher Only Day – School Closed
Thurs 20	Kahui Ako Cultural Evening

October

1 Oct	Last Day of Term 3
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Sports Update

Miniball Results:

No games were played this week.

Netball Results:

Superstars – won. POD Valerie Beatson

Homework – we have just reviewed our homework and have decided as a school that reading is going to be our only official homework from now on. This is in line with current educational research and other schools. If you are interested in more homework, we have some suggested online sites that are available on our Online Learning Portal on the St Brigid's website.

Teacher Only Day: will be on Friday 17th September as teachers will be participating in Professional Development with all other Catholic Schools from Otago and Southland. The school will be closed.

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L): We are very lucky to be involved with PB4L which is a Ministry of Education backed approach for Behaviour Management in Schools. It is widely used across the country. This approach gives the children clear, explicit guidelines for how to behave to be learning ready. It is grounded in providing positive reinforcement for those children who show this learning ready behaviour. This is what we have been using our school-wide token and house system for. This term we have launched our Positive Behaviour for Learning Matrix. These are our school expectations for behaviour. Our staff and children will refer to the expectations frequently from now on as this is how we expect our children to behave. We have already had some great feedback from the children as they are very excited about the matrix. Please see PB4L Matrix attached.

Student Council: This term our Student Council will be participating in a number of trips, special school visits and Zoom calls with various leaders from our community and further afield. These will start on 16 August with a visit to the Dunedin City Council to meet the Mayor and Councillors. On 23 August, they will have a Zoom call with the current Speaker of the House of Representatives, Trevor Mallard.

PTA News:

Next Meeting: Tuesday 3 August at 7pm. All welcome.

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 13 August Tombola Prizes

Friday 27 August Gold Coin

Friday 10 September Baking Stuff

Friday 24 September Baking Stuff

RE Comment

Week 1 26th – 30th July

26th Saints Joachim and Anne – Jesus Grandparents
29th St Martha

America was the first country in the world to celebrate Grandparents day. They celebrate on the 9th of September. The UK celebrates grandparent in October here in New Zealand we do not celebrate grandparent's day.

The Feast of Joachim and Anne, Jesus's grandparents, gives us a great opportunity to thank them for giving us Mary and a great day to think of our own grandparents too. It is nice to think of Jesus having a grandma (Sava) and grandad (Sav).



BOT News:

Next meeting: Wednesday 11 August



Kind regards

Andrew Pozniak & Deborah Charleson

Community News

**CONNECTEDNESS
INCLUSION
LIFE
HOPE
GOD**

PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP MOVEMENT
CATHOLIC PASTORAL CENTRE
DUNEDIN

ANNUAL DAY WITH THE PASSIONISTS

FRIDAY 27 AUGUST - 6pm - 8pm - LEVEL 2 - THE CATHOLIC PASTORAL CENTRE - 300 RATTRAY ST - DUNEDIN
PRESENTED BY - PAUL TRAYNOR



PARENTING COURSES

Register now for our Parenting Groups run on Wednesdays every Term in 2021!

A child needs consistent, responsive, loving care from parents or adults in their lives. Come along to our parenting courses to learn skills and strategies to help raise the kids in your life.

Current enrolments for August 11th and November 4th being taken now.

Toolbox courses:

The Younger Years (aimed at babies to younger primary kids)
Wednesday mornings (9.30 - 11.30am)

The Older Years (aimed at older primary to teens)
Wednesday evenings (7-9pm)

Both starting 11th August.

Game On (for Dads)

Wednesday evenings (7-9pm)
Starting 11th August.

This group is run for Dads by Dads and over 6 weeks covers discussions around communication, discipline and how to set goals for your children's wellbeing.

Enquiries to Michelle Morris (e): michelle@catholicsocialservices.org.nz
(ph): 027 276 7833 or offices: (03) 4553838



Catholic Social Services

Catholic Social Services, 42 Macandrew Road, Dunedin 9044, PO Box 2047

Passionist Family Group Formation

You are warmly invited to the annual formation time with Paul Traynor, National Coordinator Passionist Family Groups – Aotearoa NZ.

The topic is: *'Connectedness, Inclusion, Life, Hope, God'*

Details are:

- Friday 27 August, 6 – 8pm
- Level 2 Catholic Pastoral Centre, 300 Rattray Street, Dunedin
- Please bring a plate; we'll begin with food and a cuppa.



OPEN DAY

Starts 12 noon Sunday 8th August

Meet at the Kavanagh College Auditorium
(Entry off Tenison Street)

Learn more about:
YEARS 7-8 TE WHAKANGA
SCIENCE • ART • FOOD • DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY • DRAMA
SPORTS • DANCE • TECHNOLOGY • CULTURE • MUSIC

If you are unable to attend, we are very happy to organise a personalised tour at a time that suits!

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