

# St Brigid's School Newsletter



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## WELCOME



Elizabeth Daniels  
Rm 4



Joshua Woods  
Rm 2

A big St Brigid's welcome to our new pupils, their families and returning families for 2021.

### St Brigid's 2021

#### Class Organisation:

Room 4: New Entrants & Year 1 - Miss Wassell

Room 3: Years 2 & 3 - Miss Charleson

Room 2: Years 3 & 4 - Mrs van der Hilst (Mon - Thurs) & Mrs Idour (Friday)

Room 1: Years 5 & 6 - Mrs Gillan (Mon - Thurs) & Mr Pozniak (Friday)

Mrs Chisholm also teaches part time as our classroom release teacher.

#### Support Staff:

Moirá O'Shea - School Secretary

Catherine Mirfin - Teacher Aide / Librarian

Sharon McRae - Teacher Aide

Robyn Firmin - Teacher Aide

Marie Heyward - Teacher Aide

Fr. Gerard Aynsley - School Chaplain

## Principal's Message



Welcome back, well the holidays are over for most of us. I hope you had a wonderful and meaningful time with family, friends, and everyone had a good rest.

We are all looking forward to an exciting year of learning ahead and once again, we have a very busy term with a prospective ERO visit and a possible Special Character review later in the year.

The staff at our School are committed to Catholic Education within an environment, which allows each child to reach their full potential. We have the normal curriculum focuses in Reading, Writing and Maths as well as our Inquiry Topics including the emphasis on Science as well as focuses on the Arts and Sport.

Together we will create a year of excellence for our children. We are looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure our children can achieve their highest potential. As partners, we share the responsibility for our children's success and we will do our very best to carry out our responsibilities.

Thank you for your continued commitment and dedication to your child's education at St Brigid's.

Andrew Pozniak

## Some Important Reminders:

- School Day: School starts at 8.55am (this is when the first bell goes).  
Morning Tea: 11.00 – 11.20am  
Lunch Time: 12.30 – 1.30pm  
School finishes at 3.00pm
- Absences: if your child is going to be absent or late please ring the office before 9am or leave a message on the answerphone. You can also send the office an email at [office@stbrigidsdn.school.nz](mailto:office@stbrigidsdn.school.nz)
- Morning Drop Off: children are able to arrive at school from 8.15am, the hall will be open at this time, and classrooms will open at 8.30am as normal. You are more than welcome to walk your child up the driveway in the mornings.
- Afternoon Pick Up: at 3pm a staff member will walk the children down the driveway to Bayfield Road. Any children not collected by 3.15pm will be taken back up to the office. At the end of the school day you are welcome to walk up the driveway and wait for your tamariki outside the classrooms.
- Use of the Driveway: cars are not permitted to use the driveway between 8.30 – 9.15am and 2.45 – 3.15pm.
- Uniforms: a reminder that children will be wearing their summer uniform for Term 1. Please check that all uniform items are clearly named.
- Sunhats: all children must have a wide brimmed navy blue sunhat at school next Tuesday as these are compulsory.
- Water Bottles: it's a great idea for children to have a named water bottle at school.
- Sunscreen: please make sure you have applied sunscreen to your child before they arrive at school. We recommend an SPF50+.
- NZ COVID Tracer App: we will continue to support contact tracing by having QR code posters in the office and hall if you wish to keep a track of your own movements.

# Dates to Remember

What's On Next Week?	
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Waitangi Day observed – School Closed
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Summer Sports Registration Closes 9am
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Welcome Mass 11.30am in hall Meet the Teacher Evening 6.30pm in hall
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Mass 10am – Room 1 & 4 Assembly – Room 1 at 2.40pm in hall
What's On This Term?	
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	Parish School Mass 9.30am at St Patrick's
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	BOT Meeting 7pm
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Assembly – Room 2 at 2.40pm in hall
<b>March</b>	
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Mar	COL Sports Day & Mass
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Weetbix Kids TRYathlon Open Afternoon 2pm
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Dunedin Schools Triathlon
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Assembly – Room 3 at 2.40pm in hall
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Parent / Teacher Discussions 3 – 6pm
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Parent / Teacher Discussions 3 – 6pm
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	Otago Anniversary Day – School Closed
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Assembly – Room 4 at 2.40pm in hall
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Parish School Mass 9.30am at St Patrick's
<b>April</b>	
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> Apr	Good Friday – School Closed
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Easter Monday – School Closed
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Easter Tuesday – School Closed
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Last Day of Term 1

ST BRIGID'S SCHOOL

# Meet the Teacher Night!

6:30pm in the School Hall  
Wednesday 10th February

Come and hear about what's happening in 2021.

Timetable:

6:30pm: Introductions  
6:35: Keeping Ourselves Safe Talk  
6:50: Principal Message  
7pm: Class presentations in classrooms

## Sports Update

**T-Ball and Softball:** The second part of the T-Ball season begins on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> February.

**Flippa Ball:** begins on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February. Training on Saturday. Venue to be advised. Any queries to Linh Ashton 021 800 859.

### Summer Sports Registrations:

2021 sports registrations close at 9am on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February. No late entries will be accepted. Please fill in asap. Any questions please get in touch! All sports are on the same form this year so just choose the ones your child wants to play. Team sports are a really amazing way to learn all sorts of skills like teamwork and communicating with others so we would love to see as many children playing as possible! Fee amounts for each sport are on the form. We understand these fees may be hard for some families so please get in touch if you need assistance. Please click on the link below to complete the Google Form.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeSj1YZCYoGyzcm37FbQXZxj\\_ldgPsuKz3SKO\\_nBpTQyV6M2g/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeSj1YZCYoGyzcm37FbQXZxj_ldgPsuKz3SKO_nBpTQyV6M2g/viewform)



Gemma Wilson has set up a St Brigid's School group for the Weetbix Kids TRYathlon in Dunedin which will be held on Sunday 7th March 2021.

If anyone wants to join they can use this link below which will take them to our school group page, registrations close Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March at midday.

<https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=40598&G=119807>

### BOT News:

❖ Next meeting: Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February

### PTA News:

❖ Next meeting: T.B.A.



### School Assemblies:

Assemblies are usually held every second Friday in the hall at 2.40pm. All families and extended families are most welcome to attend all assemblies.

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

Assemblies for Term 1 are:

12 February – Room 1

26 February – Room 2

12 March – Room 3

26 March – Room 4

### RE Comment – Week 1 Liturgical Year

Tuesday February 2nd marked 40 days after Christmas and the day [Jesus was presented in the Temple](#). Two people recognised Jesus for who he was, Simeon and Anna.

### Spiritual Reading

This term's spiritual reading is taken from Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter *Patris Corde* - With a Father's Heart. Marking the 150th anniversary of St. Joseph being declared patron of the universal church, Pope Francis proclaimed a year-long celebration dedicated to the foster father of Jesus. The pope said Christians can discover in St. Joseph, who often goes unnoticed, *"an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble...St. Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation. A word of recognition and of gratitude is due to them all,"* he said.

[Take a few minutes to read this summary of the letter released on 8 December 2020](#)

Friday Masses: Every Friday a class celebrates Mass in the hall at 10am. Everyone is welcome! The Mass timetable is as follows:

12 February – Rooms 1 & 4

19 February – Room 2

26 February – Room 3

5 March – C0L Mass and Sports Day

12 March – Rooms 1 & 4

19 March – Whole School

26 March – Room 2

2 April – No Mass (Good Friday School Closed)

9 April – Room 3

16 April – Whole 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 & Deborah Charleson