

St Brigid's School Newsletter



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ROOM 4'S CLASS REPORT

WE LOVE LEARNING!



WOW! WE ARE ALMOST HALFWAY THROUGH TERM 2! WE ARE LOVING LEARNING TO READ AND SPELL THROUGH THE BETTER START LITERACY PROGRAMME! WE ARE VERY PROUD OF OURSELVES READING A WHOLE BOOK ON OUR OWN! IN MATHS WE ARE LEARNING TO ORDER NUMBERS FROM SMALLEST TO BIGGEST WITH INCREASING SPEED! IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION WE ARE LEARNING ABOUT HOW THE HOLY SPIRIT IS GOD'S BREATH IN US.

HAVE A LOVELY WEEKEND! GOD BLESS.

Principal's Message

I have been thinking about technology lately and how it can engage students to improve learning outcomes. How can it be used by the teacher to improve their learning? With this in mind, here are some technologies we should expect to see more of within classrooms during the next few years.

Artificial Intelligence in Education (AIE)

The use of AIE in the classroom sounds as if it belongs in Science Fiction Fantasy; however it's getting closer and gathering momentum. Imagine the possibilities of each student having their own AI that can support them. I still don't think the teacher will become redundant though.

Immersive Experiential Learning

This is learning through virtual reality experiences both inside and outside the classroom.

The Hyper Collaborative Classroom

This would be collaborative sharing to deliver on demand and personalised learning through a network of sources ideally with more than two participants. It also strengthens the idea of 'anywhere learning'.

Coding

Coding continues to grow in popularity and the way it is taught is evolving fast. A number of big name companies are developing programmes for coding or designer kits specifically aimed at coding which will accelerate design thinking and logical thinking.

The way we learn and manage our education is evolving rapidly. As I said in my introduction it may seem like Science Fiction but soon for many people it will be as familiar as using a Chromebook or Ipad. We need to be prepared to ensure that students and teachers embrace the new technologies so that the classroom is a workplace for the future.

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 – Ant Valentine

Room 3 – Harper Williams

Room 2 – Dusty Stanton

Room 1 – Kirsten Tallon-McCarthy



WELCOME!

Welcome to Theo Hawkins who started school in Room 4 this week.



St Brigid's House Groups

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

Our House Token Winners this week:

Aubert House: *Madison Bryce*

McAuley House: *Julian Osland*

de Paul House: *Amelia Cheng*

Dates To Remember

What's On This Term?	
June	
Fri 4	Catholic Schools Teacher Only Day – School Closed
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)
Tues 22	First Reconciliation 6pm at St Patrick's
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: Next 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 11th June at 2.40pm in the hall. Shared Prayer is by Room 2. Everyone is welcome.

Parish School Mass: Thank you to all of the families that joined us to celebrate Pentecost Sunday.

Contribution / Donation Receipts: will be issued early next week. Please note that the total consists of contributions to EOTC, School camps etc. It excludes payments for items such as stationery and sports fees.

Book Fair Update: We sold a massive \$1800 worth of books at our Book Fair last week. This means that the total amount that we will receive back from Scholastic will be \$660 to spend on new library books. What an awesome result!

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.

Reconciliation: This is for all children baptised Catholic in Room 2.

There is a preparation day this Sunday 30th May. Children need to attend the 9.30am Mass to receive a special blessing, then they will meet in the community centre after Mass for the preparation session where you and your child will complete some activities. There will also be a Shared Lunch so please bring a plate of food to share.

First Reconciliation will be celebrated at St Patrick's on Tuesday evening, June 22nd at 6pm.

Thank you!

Woodchips: Thank you to the wonderful team of helpers that gave up their time last Sunday for the woodchip working bee!

We are so lucky to have such an awesome St Brigid's Whanau!

Sports Update

This week the Code of Conduct Agreements for our Winter Sports were sent home. Thank you to everyone that has already returned these. They are due back by next Thursday 3 June; please let us know if you need another copy.

Miniball Results:

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

Eagles (Year 5 & 6) won P.O.D: Mason Voyce

Ravens (Year 3 & 4) lost. P.O.D Hayden Hong & Flynn Bishop

Hawks (Year 1 & 2) won. P.O.D: Harper Williams

Miniball Draw for next week to be advised.

Netball will start in at the beginning of June.

PTA News:

Next Meeting: Tuesday 8th June. All welcome.

Friday PTA Lunches – Next week there will be no PTA Lunch due to our Teacher Only Day.

BOT News: Next meeting: Wednesday 16 June.

School Communication Update

We have been reviewing how we are communicating with our parents and caregivers and have decided to make some changes in this area to streamline what we have been using. This is what we have decided will be the most effective way we can all communicate together!

- **School Stream** – this is our new App (please see the box below for more info). We will use this for all of our main school notices. Only current parents and caregivers can sign up for this. This will replace many of our school emails and paper notices.
- **Messenger** – we will continue to use this for each of our Sports Teams so we can send out group notices / messages instantly.
- **Our Public Facebook Page** – we are going to use this to let everyone know about the exciting things we have been doing at St Brigid's, we will also use this to help us advertise and promote our school.
- **Our Official Facebook Page** – we are going to continue to use this as our school community page where we can post reminders, you can find updates and as a way that our school whanau can communicate with each other by sharing photos, messages and all the great things that St Brigid's is about!
- **Class Facebook Pages (R1, 2 & 3) / Class Seesaw (R4)** - we will continue to use these for individual class notices, photos and videos of what the children have been doing in class.
- **School Email** – our weekly newsletters will still be emailed out however day-to-day notices will not. Please continue to email the office for absences etc. You are still welcome to email your child's teacher as normal.
- **Paper Copy** notices will only be sent out if absolutely necessary for documents that we require hard copies of such as signed permissions etc.

RE Comment

The Easter season concluded with Pentecost Sunday. We are now in **Ordinary Time**. The days in the Church calendar that are not included in the Seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent or Easter are called Ordinary Time; so that includes the time from Pentecost to the Feast of Christ the King, and between the Epiphany and Ash Wednesday.

The liturgical colour for Ordinary Time is green. It is meant to represent the anticipation and hope in the resurrection of Christ.

Green symbolizes the hope and life of each new day.



School Stream

We are very excited to share with you our new school app! School Stream is widely used in schools across Australia and New Zealand and now we are bringing it to our school as well.

We will be using this for current parents and caregivers to share important dates and notices to start with, so click the link below to download the app and get started today!

Apple:

<https://apps.apple.com/nz/app/school-stream/id680416544>

Google Play:

https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=au.com.unlimitedfx.schoolstream&hl=en_NZ&gl=US

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