

# St Brigid's School Newsletter



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## Principal's Message



Welcome back to the start of Term 4. I hope the children have had a good break and you have enjoyed your time with them. Haere Mai to our new families!

All the best to this final term for our awesome Year 6 class, thank you for the model and witness that you set in our school! Remember this term is only 8 weeks and three and a half days, time will fly. In the meantime we continue to dedicate ourselves to fun activities and learning with a particularly busy time to pack in under nine weeks; this includes a camp and a production so as you can see it's very, very busy.

On Sunday, NZ joined the Global Synod inspired by Pope Francis. I encourage you to continue to share your faith and stories. Walking together, Pope Francis is asking all Catholic dioceses around the world to start consulting with parishioners from October 17 to hear the voices of the People of God. As an important part of the Church, a Catholic school is, "... embedded in the Church; it is the Church in action, an authentic expression of the Church's mission." (Catholic Education of School Age Children, NZCBC, 2014, #6)

The word 'synodality' means walking or journeying together. Pope Francis says, "It is precisely this path of synodality which God expects of the Church of the third millennium. We will pray for the success of the synod and ask the Spirit of God to help us to contribute in communion with each aspect.

Andrew Pozniak

## St Brigid's House Groups

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

Our House Token Winners this week:

*Aubert House: Theo Hawkins*

*McAuley House: Julian Osland*

*de Paul House: Charlotte Tallon-McCarthy*

# WELCOME

Welcome to  
Jesse Lavea  
who started  
school in  
Room 4 this  
week.



*Labour Day: School will be closed this Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October.*

Dear Parents / Caregivers

## Before School Care

Next week our Before School Care trial begins. We know how difficult school drop off has been recently and have really appreciated your support with following our Level 2 access to school in the mornings. If you would like your child to be at school before 8.30am please sign up!

'Before School Care' will be supervised by a duty teacher in the hall from 8am – 8.30am. Numbers are limited and will be offered on a first-come-first-served basis. Classrooms will be opened at 8.30am as usual. If your child is going to be on school grounds before 8.30 they need to be enrolled in this programme.

If you would like to take advantage of this new trial please sign up for the term using the following link. <https://forms.gle/SCNpPXoEx6RLD7kY6>

Please note that children will no longer be hand sanitised at the bottom of the driveway, they will now be either sanitised by the duty teacher in the hall or those arriving after 8.30am will be sanitised in class by their teacher.

**Covid Level:** please continue to contact us if you are picking your child up early. Any visitors onsite must continue to scan our QR Code and wear a mask.

**Sports Fees** – invoices are coming home today to those still to pay for Term 4 sports fees. As the cost of sports teams registrations are initially paid out of the school account we are reliant on parents reimbursing the school for the sports fees they have signed their children up for.

School Photos are being taken on Thursday 4 November. Children need to wear the correct summer uniform (see uniform list that was included in the last newsletter for Term 3). Sports teams will have their photos taken in their summer uniform instead of their sports uniform. This year we have a new photographer, please read her message below.

*Hello! - Charlotte here from 'Just Love Photography'. We are looking forward to coming to your school in a few weeks to do your children's school photos.*

*As we have an online process for ordering your school photos, we require the school to provide us with your email address. Your email address will only be used for providing you with information regarding school photos (including login details for your private online gallery, how to place an order, along with cut-off date reminders).*

*We do require your permission to use your email address, if you do not want the school to provide us with your email address, please let the school know ASAP to advise them not to provide your details.*

*If the school does not hear from you, it will be assumed you have given consent for Just Love Photography to access your email address. Please be assured, we will respect your privacy and your email won't be used for any other reason than contacting you with regards to your school photos.*

*Feel free to contact me at [photos@jlp.nz](mailto:photos@jlp.nz) if you have any questions.*

*Thanks, Charlotte.*

BOT News:

Next meeting: 3 November

PTA News:

Next Meeting: To be confirmed



## Dates To Remember

### What's On Next Week?

25 Oct	Labour Day – School Closed
26 Oct	Futsal Years 3-4 Competition begins
27 Oct	Futsal Years 5-6 Competition begins
30 Oct	Flippa Ball Competition begins

### What's On in Term 4

1 Nov	Rippa Rugby Competition begins
3 Nov	BOT Meeting
4 Nov	School Photos
16 Dec	Last Day of Term 4

Last Day of the Year: Thursday 16 December 2021.  
School will be closing at 12.30pm.

First Day of 2022: Thursday 3 February 2022.

## RE Comment

### THE U.N. CONFERENCE OF PARTIES (COP 26) IN GLASGOW begins Sunday 31 October.

Pope Francis, who will attend the start of this summit, met recently with world religious leaders with a joint appeal for the UN Climate Change Conference to offer concrete solutions to save the planet from "an unprecedented ecological crisis".



Pray that the Holy Spirit enter the hearts of global leaders that they may take action to care for all Creation so that global temperatures will remain below 1.5 degrees. Please keep these intentions in your prayers for the month of the Conference, asking that we each play our part in support of a peaceful and just transition to new, simple lifestyles.

Pope Francis: "Our sin is usually not in what we did, not in what we could not avoid, not in what we tried not to do. Our sin is usually where you and I are comfortable, where we do not feel the need to bother."

**School Bank Account Details** (Please ensure you deposit money into the correct account)

**Board of Trustees - School Account:**  
06 0942 0045712 00

**PTA – Fundraising Account:**  
03 1732 0001257 00

## Sports Update

### Summer Sports:

Currently, the limits on numbers mean the Year 1-2 Futsal Team's start date will be delayed until further notice. At this stage, all other sports will begin as indicated including the Year 3-6 Futsal Teams. NB No spectators are allowed for Futsal games under Covid-19 Level 2.

Code of Conduct Forms: next week we will send home the code of conduct forms, we will also set up Team Groups on Messenger as we have found this a brilliant way for us all to communicate.

Basketball Tops – please return these to school next week.

Rippa Rugby: competition begins Monday 1 November.

Futsal Tuesday: competition begins (Years 3-4): 26 October and runs until 7 December

Futsal Wednesday: competition begins (Years 5-8): 27 October and runs until the 8 December

Flippaball: competition begins 30 October

Summer Uniform: Children should be wearing their summer uniforms including a wide brimmed navy blue sunhat. Sunhats are required in Term 4 as part of our Sun Safety Policy. Tamariki need a wide brimmed navy blue school sunhat this Term. These can be purchased at The Warehouse. Please remember to clearly name your child's hat.

Drink Bottles: please remind your child to bring their drink bottle to school every day. Our water fountains are out of action due to Level 2.

Bookclub orders: are due back at school no later than Tuesday 2 November (to ensure delivery from Auckland!) Please click on the link below to take you to the Loop Page for online ordering.

<https://mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz/Parent/Login.aspx>

Kind regards

Andrew Pozniak & Deborah Charleson

# Community News



## 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 November 3<sup>rd</sup> being taken now.

### FOOTBALL COURSES:

The Younger Years (babies & primary) Wednesday evenings Term 4 (7-9pm)

Starting: Nov 3rd

The Older Years (Teen) Please contact us if interested as times to be confirmed. Run subject to minimum numbers.

### GAME ON (FOR DADS)

Wednesday evenings (7-9pm).

Starting 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov

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.

Game On #2 Also this term

Enquiries to Michelle Morris (e): [michelle@catholic-social-services.org.nz](mailto:michelle@catholic-social-services.org.nz) (ph): 0272767833 or office: (03) 4553838



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## STARJAM IS COMING TO DUNEDIN!

STARJAM IS WHERE YOUNG PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES UNLEASH THEIR POTENTIAL THROUGH THE MAGIC OF MUSIC, DANCE & PERFORMANCE

Our weekly music based workshops are planning to open early 2022! Workshops are available for anyone in between the ages of 6 - 25.

For more information about joining, please email [sally@starjam.org](mailto:sally@starjam.org)



## SOCCER SISTERS FOOTBALL SOUTH STARTS 5TH NOV

FREE TO ATTEND,  
FOR AGES 5-12,  
COACHES INCLUDE  
SOUTHERN UNITED  
PLAYERS & STAFF!



EVERY FRIDAY, 4-5PM  
@ LOGAN PARK TURF



## Queen's Aerobics

NOW ACCEPTING NEW ENROLLMENTS!

Our term 4 'have a go' lessons run from 14 November - 12 December 2021

- Accepting students aged year 4 +
- Lessons take place at QHS, Sunday's 2:30-3:30, \$80.00 term fee
- Gymnastics, dance, or previous sport aerobics experience is recommended
- Lessons are collaborative, inclusive and engaging! Learn basic sport aerobics movement, BIG focus on improving fitness, flexibility, strength and coordination

Don't miss out. Sign up today!

CONTACT US FOR MORE INFO

[queenzaerobics@gmail.com](mailto:queenzaerobics@gmail.com)

**TENNIS OTAGO**

OTAGO  
PRIMARY/INTERMEDIATE  
SCHOOLS  
CHAMPIONSHIP

Friday 5th November  
Stevenson Tennis Centre,  
Logan Park, Dunedin

ENTRIES CLOSE  
FRIDAY 29TH OCTOBER  
REGISTER WITH YOUR SCHOOL'S  
SPORTS COORDINATOR  
ENTRY FEE \$25