

St Brigid's School Newsletter



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Room 2 Class Report

What a busy start to the term we have had in Room 2.

We are really excited to welcome Josh and his family to Room 2 and St Brigid's this year.



We love our daily fitness time with lots of new exercises and games learnt already. Our favourite has to be our relay races and it has been great to see a variety of children winning these.

Maths with Room 1 has been going really well. We have learnt a variety of games in our maths groups and it has been great to have lots of different children to play with.

In Writing, we have started our VCOP programme with our first focus on vocabulary. We have been learning all about how to up-level our sentences using great language.

In R.E. we have been learning about Lent and the work Caritas does during the year to help a variety of people around the world.

So far we have had a great start to the year and we are excited about all the different things we have planned for the year ahead!

Until next time, Nga mihi,

Room Two



Values Awards

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 Te Tapu o te Tangata – Respect.

Congratulations to the students who were recognised as living Te Tapu o te Tangata – Respect:

Room 4 – *Elizabeth Daniels*

Room 3 – *Koby Stanton*

Room 2 – *Flynn Bishop*

Room 1 – *Teddy Leckie*



St Brigid's House
Groups
Congratulations to our
House Token Winners
this week:

Aubert House:
Yumi Lawas

McAuley House:
Bear Valentine

de Paul House:
Amelia Cheng



Principal's Message

Lent began a few days ago with Ash Wednesday and finishes on Good Friday. Remember that today and Good Friday are the two days in the church year whereby those over 14 are asked not to eat meat. A small sacrifice really considering Jesus gave his life for us. The church teaches that Catholics who have made their First Reconciliation (Confession for those of my generation) should go to Reconciliation at least once a year. Consider making Lent the time that you turn to God and ask for forgiveness through this healing Sacrament.

Baptism –Non Preference

If your child is an 'Open Place' child (non-Catholic) at St Brigid's School, have you thought of getting your child baptised here. To quote Charles Drennan, the former Bishop of Palmerston North, "No Baptism, no First Reconciliation, no First Communion, no full participation in a class or School Mass - who wants to live life left on the side-line of the playing field of faith?"

The process of Baptism at St Brigid's is quite straightforward. If your child or children are under seven they will require a couple of visits to Mass over the next three months. This can occur after Mass with the Priest or the person from the Parish taking other children through their First Holy Communion. Once these have been completed a day - normally on a Sunday Mass - will be arranged for the actual Baptism. If you are over seven it is very much the same process but you are asked to attend the Sunday Mass and Education Programme (lasting 30 mins) after Mass on several occasions - something to think about.

Thank you for all of your support and understanding during our Alert Level 2 Restrictions.

NZ COVID Tracer App: please continue to scan the NZ Covid QR Code that is located in the office or in the hall upon arrival.

Sickness: if your child is feeling unwell please keep them at home as recommended by the Government. If your child has had vomiting or diarrhoea, they should not be back at school for 48 hours following their last episode.

Just a reminder: children should not be at school before 8.15am but it is important that they are here before 9am. Children should also be picked up by 3.15pm as we cannot guarantee supervision outside of these morning and afternoon times. Alternatively you are able to book in for Te Kaha Kids, our onsite After School Care Programme. <https://tekahakids.com/signup/>

Cricket Smash Morning

On Monday 22nd February we are going to have a Cricket player coming to take a cricket session with each class. Please make sure your child is wearing their Sports Uniform on Monday. (NB this was rescheduled from last week due to Level 2 restrictions).

PE Wednesdays: Please make sure your child is wearing their Sports Uniform every Wednesday for our whole school PE afternoons.

Kapa Haka: We are excited to begin our new Kapa Haka programme next week with Tim Lucas from Kavanagh College. This is part of a new Kāhui Ako initiative that all of the Catholic Primary Schools are involved in. Mr Lucas will be taking the programme every Tuesday afternoon across the whole school.

Community Assembly our next Assembly is on Friday 26th February at 2.40pm in the hall. Shared Prayer is by Room 2. Everyone is welcome.

Dates To Remember

What's On This Week?	
Sun 21 Feb	Parish School Mass 9.30am at St Patrick's
Mon 22 Feb	Cricket Smash Morning
Wed 24 th Feb	BOT Meeting 7pm
Fri 26 th Feb	Friday Mass – Room 3 10am in Hall Assembly – Room 2 at 2.40pm in hall
What's On This Term?	
March	
Thurs 1 Mar	Keeping Ourselves Safe Parent Information Afternoon. 2:30pm in the Hall
Fri 5 Mar	COL Sports Day & Mass
Sun 7 Mar	Weetbix Kids TRYathlon
Wed 10 Mar	Dunedin Schools Triathlon
Fri 12 Mar	Friday Mass – Rooms 1 & 4 10am in Hall Assembly – Room 3 at 2.40pm in Hall
Sun 14 Mar	Open Afternoon 2pm
Mon 15 Mar	Parent / Teacher Discussions 3 – 6pm
Wed 17 Mar	Parent / Teacher Discussions 3 – 6pm
Fri 19 March	Friday Mass – Whole School 10am in Hall
Mon 22 Mar	Otago Anniversary Day – School Closed
Thurs 25 Mar	Sacrament Evening 6pm at St Patrick's
Fri 26 Mar	Friday Mass – Room 2 10am in Hall Assembly – Room 4 at 2.40pm in Hall
Sun 28 Mar	Parish School Mass 9.30am at St Patrick's
April	
Fri 2 Apr	Good Friday – School Closed
Mon 5 Apr	Easter Monday – School Closed
Tues 6 Apr	Easter Tuesday – School Closed
Fri 9 April	Friday Mass – Room 3 10am in Hall
Fri 16 Apr	Friday Mass – Whole School 10am in Hall Last Day of Term 1

Ash Wednesday Mass – On Wednesday we celebrated the beginning of Lent. This signifies the start of a very important season in the Church calendar. We look forward to celebrating this as again as a community next year.

Parish School Mass is on this Sunday 21st February at 9.30am at St Patrick's. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Sacrament Evening: The Parish is holding an information night for parents of Year 4 children that are interested in doing the Sacraments this year; this is on Thursday 25th March at 6pm in the Bart Winters Room at St Patrick's - more information to come.

Absences: If your child is going to be absent please ring the office prior to 9am or leave a message on the answerphone. You can also send the office an email on office@stbrigidson.school.nz Due to regulations schools are required to code children's absences for the Ministry so please let us also know the reason your child is not at school, for example illness, doctors appointment, etc.

Sports Update

Sports Code of Conduct Form - Thank you all for promptly returning your Summer Sports Code of Conduct forms!

Flippaball:

The team won by default last weekend. There is no Flippa game on this weekend due to the NZ Junior swim meet - but we will have a practice this Saturday at 11am at Andersons Bay School Pool.

Futsal:

There were no games this week due to Covid Level 2 restrictions.

Draw: To be advised.

T-Ball: Results:

Steelers lost P.O.D - Flynn Bishop

Saints won P.O.D – Calum McGurk

Draw for this Saturday:

Saints have a Bye

Steelers vs East Taieri 10:00, Diamond 9

Rippa Rugby: St Brigid's has a bye this week.

2021 Weetbix Tryathlon Dunedin: Sunday 7th March, Memorial Park – Mosgiel. Get your team together or participate as an individual, such a fun event. We will have a marquee for St Brigid's there on the day to hang out in. We have a St Brigid's School group set up to join, click here <https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/GroupAcceptance.aspx?E=40598&G=119807>.

OTAGO PRIMARY SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS

10 APRIL 2021 | MOANA POOL, DUNEDIN

If you would like to enter your child in this, please contact the school.

Entries close midnight, Wednesday 31st March 2021

Entry Fees for individual event is \$5.00, per event.

Entry Fees for relay events is \$6.00, per team.

●Facebook and School Email

Please check that you are a member of our St Brigid's School Dunedin (Official) Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1568584149837502> which is our private group and that you are following our Public St Brigid's School Page <https://www.facebook.com/stbrigidsdunedin> as often important information is posted on these pages (especially our official one) that can sometimes be time sensitive such as google forms for sports, lunch orders etc that are often closed at a certain time.

This is the best way to get school information out to everyone quickly. We also email information regularly; newsletters etc so please email office@stbrigidsdn.school.nz to update your details if you have not been receiving these.

RE Comment

WEEK 3 15th – 19th February (Green)
17th Ash Wednesday (Violet)

Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent in preparation for Easter.

It is also the start of the Caritas Lenten Program.

The theme for Lent 2021 is "A New Way Forward" – taken from Pope Francis' encyclical, *Laudato Si'*.

This theme reminds us that God provides everything we need to overcome obstacles and push through the walls of fear and uncertainty throughout our life's journey.



SUNDAY 7TH MARCH DUNEDIN CATHOLIC PARISHES GOLF TOURNAMENT 2021



Fundraiser for
Nano Nagle
Charitable Trust



BBQ
Prizes

Tee Off 1pm

Get a Team Together

Test your skills
18 or 9 Hole options

Get a Team Together

Please return the registration form for a team or individual entry.

If you can't make it for the golf, you are most welcome to join us at the golf club from 5:30pm for the prize giving and refreshments.



ENTRIES

Please return this form and cheque made out to (Nano Nagle Charitable Trust) to:
Lee-Ann Henry,
Catholic Pastoral Centre
PO Box 1941, Dunedin 9054
lee-ann.h@outlook.com

BOT News:

❖ Next meeting: Wednesday 24th February

PTA News:

Next meeting: Tuesday 9 March

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