

St Brigid's School Newsletter



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EOTC WEEK 2020



We all had such an amazing time at EOTC Week this week. A huge thank you to the Botanic Gardens, Orokonui Ecosanctuary, Rialto Cinema, and the Edgar Centre for hosting us and to our amazing parent helpers!



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Principal's Message

It is important that parents and families are involved in their children's schools. Parents should be involved because children do better and have better feelings about going to school if parents are involved in the school. There are many ways that parents can support their children's learning at home and throughout the school year. Here are some ideas to inspire you.



1. Meet your child's teacher. Let the teacher know you want to help your child learn. Make it clear that you want the teacher to contact you if any problems develop with your child.
2. Get to know who's who at your child's school. There are many people at your child's school who are there to help your child learn, grow socially and emotionally, and navigate the school environment.
3. Attend parent-teacher conferences.
4. Find out how your child is doing. Ask the teacher how well your child is doing in class.
5. Let the school know your concerns. Is your child doing well in school? Is he or she having trouble learning?
6. Demonstrate a positive attitude about education to your children. What we say and do in our daily lives can help them to develop positive attitudes toward school and learning and to build confidence in themselves as learners.
7. Learn what the school offers. Read the information the school sends home.
8. Volunteer at your child's school. Teachers appreciate it when parents help out at the school.

Andrew Pozniak

School Photos are being taken next Thursday 29th October. Children need to wear the correct summer uniform (see uniform list that was included in the last newsletter for Term 3). Forms were emailed home earlier this week – please note that you only need to complete one / reply to email if you would like a family or sibling photo taken. Please reply no later than Tuesday 27th October as the photographer requires the information then. Sports teams will have their photos taken in their summer uniform instead of sports uniform.

Important Reminders:

Parking: please park safely and appropriately when picking your children up from school.

Labour Day: School will be closed on Monday 26th October.

Summer Uniform: Children should be wearing their summer uniforms including a wide brimmed navy blue sunhat.

Bookclub orders: are due back no later than Wednesday 28th October. Please make cheques payable to Scholastic. Please click on the link to take you to the Loop Page for online ordering <https://mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz/Parent/Login.aspx>

Last Day of the Year: Thursday 17th December 2020. School will be closing at 12.30pm.

First Day of 2021: Wednesday 3rd February 2021.

Dates to Remember

What's On Next Week?	
Mon 26 Oct	School Closed – Labour Day
Thurs 29 Oct	School Photos
	PTA Quiz Night at Kensington
Fri 30 Oct	PTA Mufti Day
What's On in Term 4?	
Wed 4 Nov	South Zone Athletics
Fri 6 Nov	South Zone Athletics (cancellation day)
	Assembly – Rm 3 at 2:40pm in the Hall
	PTA School Disco
Tues 10 Nov	PTA Meeting 7pm
Wed 11 Nov	BOT Meeting 6pm
Fri 13 Nov	PTA Mufti Day
Sun 15 Nov	First Holy Communion Preparation: Special Mass at 12pm in the Community Centre followed by Shared Lunch
Fri 20 Nov	Assembly Rm 4 at 2:40pm in the Hall
Sun 22 Nov	First Holy Communion at 9.30am at St Patrick's.
Fri 4 Dec	Assembly Rm 2 at 2:40 in the Hall
Wed 16 Dec	End of Year Mass followed by BBQ 6pm
Thurs 17 Dec	Last Day of the School Year – 12:30pm Finish
Wed 3 Feb '21	First Day of Term 1

Sports Update

Futsal – Results:

Gold – bye

Silver – won 1-0 P.O.D. Sasha Lam

Bronze – won 6-1 P.O.D. Hart-Lee Goodship

Draw to be advised.

T-Ball/Softball Draw for this Saturday:

Steelers vs Spartans 10:00, Diamond 10

Saints vs Saints Diamonds 9:00, Diamond 5

Flippa Ball – Linh will notify players if there are games this weekend.

Rippa Rugby: First games are November 2nd.

NB: Miniball and Kiwihoop Players - Please return all tops to school ASAP.

Any sports queries please

email deborahw@stbrigidson.school.nz

Next Assembly: is on Friday 6 November in the hall at 2:40pm. . Shared prayer is by Room 3 All welcome!

Next Special Lunch Day: Friday 30th October – Frankfurter in a Bun

Friday Masses: Next Friday, 30 October Room 3 will celebrate Mass at 10am in the hall.

Save the Date: our 'End of Year Mass' followed by a BBQ will be held on Wednesday 16 December at 6pm.

NZ COVID Tracer App: it continues to be extremely important to keep a track of your movements so please take the time to use the QR code posters in the office and hall to record your visits to the school.

Wanted!! If you have any unwanted wool or buttons at home we would love them for Room 3. Please send them along to the office

RE Comment

On 22nd of October it was the Feast Day of St John Paul II.

"Genuine love ... is demanding. But its beauty lies precisely in the demands it makes. Only those able to make demands on themselves in the name of love can then demand love from others."



BOT News: Next meeting: Wednesday 11 November.

Note change of date.

Kind regards -

Andrew Pozniak & Deborah Charleson

PTA News

- ✚ **Next Meeting:** Tuesday 10th November
- ✚ **Quiz Night:** Thursday 29th October. It's not too late to get a team together for our Quiz. Funds raised are going towards playground development.
- ✚ **Disco:** Friday 6th November. Please remember to fill out the form for entry to the Disco.
- ✚ **PTA Mufti Days:** Friday 30th October and Friday 13th November. Gold coin Donation

An Update from the Dental Therapy Clinic at the School of Dentistry

Thank you to all children, parents, and school staff for your continued support of our programme. We especially appreciated parents' willingness to bring their children to appointments when our shuttle service was not running.

Our students finish clinics for exams at the end of this week but many have volunteered to come back for 2-3 weeks after exams, starting from the 2nd November, in order to provide further care for your children. It is likely that not all children will receive an examination appointment this year though because we have been not able to have as many appointments available, due to the disruption we have experienced with Covid-19.

Parents can be assured, however, that we have not forgotten your children and they will be seen as early as possible next year. In the meantime, if you have any concerns about your children's oral health please contact our administrator as soon as possible on 479 7189 to arrange an appointment.

Susan Moffat, Convenor, Bachelor of Oral Health Programme

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

www.nextchapterparenting.co.nz is offering a free parenting course to parents who might be having a struggle in managing their children, or just need some tips and advice. This course does work and has the potential to be very helpful. All it requires is for parents to look, read, watch and hopefully gain out of the process.

The course is offered on the website and is set out in video, and in written format. Based on filial therapy principles, it is child centred and most definitely works for those that put in the time. Have a look! Happy parenting!

Should you require further information please do not hesitate to contact nextchapterparenting@gmail.com

Community News

Rainbow Run
DUNEDIN | 8 NOVEMBER 2020 | 11.00AM START | LOGAN PARK

only 2000 spots available

3KM FAMILY OPTION
5KM FUN RUN/WALK

5 RAINBOW COLOUR STATIONS
TICKETS: \$10 PER PERSON, FAMILY \$30 (2 ADULTS/2 CHILDREN)
WEAR WHITE OR BLACK TO GET THE FULL BURST OF COLOUR!
SPOT PRIZES!

SPORT STAGO
www.sportstago.co.nz for more details and ticketing