

St Brigid's School Newsletter



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WELCOME



Welcome to Ben and Stella Anstey, Hana Manu and Breezsha Jensen who have started in Room 4.

Principal's Message



Dear Families,

Thank you for the many compliments and comments of appreciation for the way the staff have welcomed your children back over the week.

We were very mindful that your child's return to school was going to be one of both excitement and nerves. The students and staff have had a wonderful week getting to know each other again and hearing about the various ways in which 'lockdown' was spent.

The children appeared to be really happy to be back at school and apart from postponements and rescheduling of some events, school ran very smoothly.

Thank you to parents and whanau for their support around our health and hygiene regulations and also to the children who have adapted quickly to the regulations back at school.

In a time like Covid lockdown, communication is always an issue so it is important that parents either read our facebook post or check the school has your current email address / cell phone number so that you can be updated. Without one of these forms of communication, we will struggle to communicate important messages.

We have a few events in the last 2 weeks of school that are likely to be affected by alert level 2 regulations so please read the notices either in this newsletter or on our facebook page.

Lastly I wish to give a big thank you to all of our staff who worked tirelessly to ensure your children were well resourced with work online or in hardcopy. Also to the rest of the staff, thank you for the great work you all did over lockdown and continue to do over these challenging times.

Andrew Pozniak

Communication: just a reminder we will endeavour to respond to any emails or messages within 48 hours. If you have any urgent messages please contact the office.

Important Covid-19 Reminders

At Alert Level 2, if your child is unwell please keep them at home.

If you are concerned about your child's health you should contact your GP or Healthline.

Thank you so much for your ongoing support with our Level 2 guidelines, especially with the children arriving at school from 8.30am. We will continue with this until further notice with the duty teacher continuing to hand sanitise the children before they walk up the driveway from 8.30am – 9am.

St Brigid's House Groups

Congratulations to de Paul House the winning House this week.

Our House Token Winners this week:

Aubert House: *Passion Anthony*

McAuley House: *(Halaina Sparks) & Miya Bijin*

de Paul House: *(Leo Patston) & Charlotte Tallon-McCarthy*

(NB: If one of the winning child is absent, they still receive their prize and there is a redraw for that House.)

School Events Update: The following events have been postponed due to Covid-19:

- ◆ Kahui Ako Cultural Evening
- ◆ Room 1 Choice Day
- ◆ Confirmation (In the meantime, please continue to work through the Confirmation Workbook that was emailed to you.)

These events will be held sometime in Term 4, when we move Alert Levels. We will let you know as soon as we receive the new dates.

Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori

This week we celebrated Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori. We have enjoyed lots of Maori myths and legends and continued to use lots of te reo this week.

At 12pm on Tuesday, the whole school participated in Te Wā Tuku Reo Māori (The Māori Language Movement), by singing a waiata. It was great for our tamariki to be involved in this annual event.

BOT News:

Next meeting: To be confirmed.

New Board Member – we are pleased to announce that the St Brigid's School Board of Trustees has selected Josh Osborne to fill the Parent Representative vacancy. Welcome to the Board, Josh.

PTA News:

Next Meeting: Tuesday 21 September at 7pm.
School Fair has been postponed until March 2022

Kavanagh College Enrolment Closure Date: a reminder from Kavanagh College that 24 September is the closing date for Year 6 pupils to enrol for 2022.

Dates To Remember

What's On Next Week?

Fri 24	Assembly at 2:40 in the Hall. Shared Prayer Rm 1
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What's On this Term?

Mon 27	Summer Sports Registrations Due
Fri 1 Oct	Last Day of Term 3

What's On in Term 4

18 Oct	First Day of Term 4
25 Oct	Labour Day – School Closed
16 Dec	Last Day of Term 4

EOTC Week 2021

This year EOTC week will take place in the week of 29th November - 3rd December. The week's plan has been finalised and is as follows:

Monday - Whole School Futsal Tournament at the Edgar Centre.

Tuesday - Whole School trip to Berwick Forest for Bush Craft and Games. Senior children will stay overnight. Family BBQ is at 6 pm.

Wednesday - Senior children participating in adventure programme at Berwick Camp, Junior children to take bikes and scooters to the Dinosaur Park for a Picnic.

Thursday - Whole School to Rialto Cinemas for Movie Day with small popcorn.

Friday - Wheels Day at school.

There is a substantial cost for putting on events like EOTC week. Your EOTC contributions make it possible for us to give the children these amazing experiences. These are currently set as:

\$30 per term for Rooms 1 and 2

\$25 per term for Rooms 3 and 4

We appreciate your prompt payment of these contributions.

We are also very grateful to the PTA for their support in helping to subsidise the cost of this week.

Sports Update

Summer Sports Registrations

We are now taking registrations for our summer sports for Term 4. We will be offering T-Ball/Softball, Rippa Rugby, Futsal and Flippaball. All registrations are due by Monday 27th September. Playing in a sports team gives children so many wonderful opportunities to learn about participating and communicating with others and being part of a team! Sign up on the Google Form using this

link: <https://forms.gle/GJNGDlfxYy4paTIM6>

Summer Sports Registrations are due on Monday 27th September

Rippa Rugby is played on Mondays

Futsal is played on Tuesdays or Wednesdays

T-Ball / Softball is played on Saturdays

Flippaball is played on Sundays

RE Comment

Social Justice Week: 12th – 18th

Māori Language Week 13 September to 19 September (13-19 Mahuru).

Social Justice Week 2021 runs from September 12-18 and will highlight the Beatitudes with the theme of encounter and community



All powerful God,
Touch the hearts
of those who look only for gain
at the expense of the poor and the earth.
Teach us to discover the worth of each
thing,
to be filled with awe and contemplation,
to recognize that we are profoundly united
with every creature
as we journey towards your infinite light.

Kind regards

Andrew Pozniak & Deborah Charleson

Ariki Athletics Club

Is your child interested in running, throwing and jumping? Ariki Athletics Club offers athletic training and coaching for kids aged from 4-14 on Monday evenings from 6-7pm at the Dunedin Caledonian Ground with trained coaches in the summer terms.

Kids can also compete on Saturday mornings against other clubs if they wish. We emphasise learning lots of new skills while having fun and getting fit!

You can register your child online at <https://ariki-athletics.org.nz/contact> and then drop in to the information night on 27 September at Bayfield Pavilion (behind Bayfield School) from 6-7.30pm to find out more, ask any questions you have, collect an Ariki top, and a competition number for athletes wanting to compete on Saturdays.

Community News



St Brigid's School community's link to the latest Tots to Teens digi-magazine is <https://issue2109si.totstoteens.co.nz/>.

WRITE like an AUTHOR

Holiday Writing Camp

Are you a word warrior? Do you love writing? Have you ever thought that maybe one day you'd like to be an author? Or do you just enjoy making up stories for friends?

If you'd like to have a book published there are more opportunities for you now than ever before and this course will give you the skills and techniques you need to write awesome stories.

Who is it for?
This course is for middle-grade students who are enthusiastic about writing.

What will I Learn?
Write Like an Author will teach you the skills you need to construct well crafted, imaginative stories.

Working alongside a published author, you will be taken on a guided journey at the end of which is a story you have created entirely from scratch.

It's the first step on your own road to becoming a published author.

Course Book
The course book covers each day's material, along with worksheets and exercises to help you reach the next level in your writing.

Where? When?
Otago Girls' High School
41 Tenynson Street, Dunedin
4 Oct to 6 Oct 2021

Who?
The camp facilitator is: **Maria Gil**
A award-winning author of 60 books including Kate Sheppard, Anzac Heroes, and New Zealand Ghosts.

Andy Griffiths says
"I wish this camp had been around when I was a young writer. Storytelling is a craft and the more you learn, the more fun you can have!"

The Course
Write Like an Author was developed by award-winning author and writing coach **Brian Falkner** in consultation with English teachers. It has been tested and proven over many years in classrooms in Australia, New Zealand and the USA.

Students say
"The best thing was having an author supporting us all the way."
- James (11) - Lindisfarne Grammar School camp
"I loved meeting other young authors and learning awesome techniques that will help my writing."
- Gabriella (14) - Immanuel Lutheran College camp
"It made writing easier for me and explained aspects of stories I didn't really understand."
- Anna (12) - Southwell School camp

for more information go to:
writelikeanauthor.com



Don't forget to enrol in the Winter Playball Holiday Programme. We will be operating from Bayfield High School during the upcoming holidays 8 am - 6 pm Daily. With specialised sports clinics delivered to children via our highly trained coaches, everyone is guaranteed to have lots of fun. In addition to this, we have Trip Days to Dunedin Gymnastics Academy, Megazone, Bowling & Climb & Climb. For the full schedule and more information head to <http://playballotago.com/> or email: coachliam@playball.co.nz. Be QUICK as spaces are filling fast. WINZ Subsidies available.

Kavanagh Boys Uniform for Sale - the uniform is in really good condition and the price is negotiable.
Uniform items: 2x long sleeve shirts size 14;
1x short sleeve size 1; 1x Jersey 87cm;
3x shorts size 76; 3prs Socks; 1x sun hat and 1x tie.

These items were only worn one year so are in near new condition.
Contact number: 0212959163

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