

St Brigid's School Newsletter



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Principal's Message



As we approach the end of the year it's good to reflect on the many opportunities we have had for living out our school vision of learning, loving and serving.

This year in particular, because of the unusual times, we have faced challenges and uncertainties which make us even more grateful for our school community, our mums and dads, our grandparents, our uncles and aunties, our children and staff, our parish priests, our Board of Trustees and PTA and our many friends of the school who continue to support, cherish and work together with us to help us be the best we can!

This brings me on to a very sad announcement that we have to make. Mrs Gillan from Room 1 has given the B.O.T her resignation. Emily has secured a full time position next year at North East Valley School. We are pleased that she has secured a new full time role and I'm sure Emily will impart all of her knowledge and teaching skills as well as her adaptability, her engaging and empathetic nature and her wonderful communication skills. We wish her nothing but the best and would like to thank her for everything she has given to our school, our community and to the many children whose lives she has helped shape over the last few years.

Andrew Pozniak

Values

This term we are focusing on all of our school values

Te Tapu o te Tangata – Respect,
Atawhaitia – Care
Whakahaere – Responsibility



Room 4 – Felicity Burke
Room 3 – Katherine Binu
Room 2 – Valerie Beatson & Kyla Roberts
Room 1 – Shynn Timer

St Brigid's House Groups

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

Our House Token Winners this week:

Aubert House: *Leeyah Than*

McAuley House: *Ezra Toomalatai*

de Paul House: *Dominic Cheng*

WELCOME

Production Update

The production is still on but...due to the logistics of the current COVID Alert Level and the implications around original venue cancellation and finding an alternative, number restrictions, vaccination status etc we have decided to still go ahead but it will not be live – we will film the production rather than cancelling it as many other schools have.

Next week we will be sending home individual costume lists and a production prop list.

Welcome to Felicity Burke who started school in Room 4 this week.



Outstanding Stationery and Sports Accounts: As mentioned last week there are still some outstanding accounts which need to be paid. If you are having difficulties paying accounts please let the Principal or office know. You can expect to be contacted by the Principal soon if accounts remain unpaid.

E0TC Week 2021: Just a reminder that:

- E0TC Week will take place between: Monday 29 November – Friday 3 December.
- Please complete the E0TC Google Form that will be sent home shortly.
- There is a substantial cost for putting on events such as E0TC Week. Your E0TC 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 as this helps cover the costs of E0TC Week (as well as Swimming, Art Gallery, Edgar Centre visits etc). At times we are able to secure funding however this is often dependent on sharing the costs between the funder and your E0TC contributions.
- We are also very grateful to the PTA for their support in helping to subsidise the cost of this week.

Term 4 E0TC Contributions – invoices are being sent home today requesting contributions to help cover the cost of Term 4 activities outside the classroom.

Ordering School Photos: Just Love Photography uses an online process for ordering school photos. You will be emailed information regarding school photos, including login details for your private online gallery, how to place an order, along with cut-off date reminders. If you have any questions please email Charlotte at photos@jlp.nz

Dates To Remember

What's On in Term 4

21 Nov	First Holy Communion
22 Nov	Final Day for Completing the Community Consultation Document
29 Nov – 3 Dec	EOTC Week
16 Dec	Last Day of Term 4
3 Feb 2022	Term 1 Begins

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

Code of Conduct forms were sent home last week via messenger, please complete these as soon as possible.

Miniball Tops – Thank you to everyone that has returned these! We still have a few that we would appreciate returned early next week.

Rippa Rugby: Results: St Brigid's lost. P.O.D Sebastian Hawkins
Draw to be advised.

Futsal - Results:
Strikers won. P.O.D Koby Stanton
Beasts won. P.O.D Mason Voyce
Draw to be advised.

Flippaball:
Results: St Brigid's won P.O.D Isla Bell
Draw to be advised.

RE Update

- Congratulations to the children that participated in Confirmation on Wednesday night and thank you to those that joined us in person or via live streaming.
- On Sunday 21 November we are celebrating First Holy Communion. Unfortunately due to Covid Level Restrictions we are unable to gather as a whole school community to celebrate and support our candidates. If your children are participating in this event you will have been contacted by Carmel and Emily with all of the details for this special Mass. This will be live streamed on the Mercy Parish Facebook page.



Kind regards

Andrew Pozniak & Deborah Charleson

BOT NEWS:

Staffing Update:

Recently the Board accepted Mrs Gillan's resignation as of the end of the year. Mrs Gillan has accepted a full time position at North East Valley School commencing at the beginning of 2022. Mrs Gillan has been teaching at St Brigid's since 2018 and will be greatly missed in our school community. We wish her all the very best with her future endeavours.

The Board is currently in the process of advertising for a new part time teacher who will work in Room 1.

New Board Member: we are delighted to welcome Rahul Prasad to the board as a Parent Representative.

Casual Vacancy: a reminder that, due to a number of members leaving the board as their children complete their final year at St Brigid's, the board is looking at filling another casual Parent Rep vacancy by selection. Please see the advertisement placed in last week's newsletter. Any requests for a by-election should be sent to:

Craig Ashton

St Brigid's School Chair

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By 3 December 2021