

St Brigid's School Newsletter



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This week we held our inaugural Whanau Hui Fun Run down at Bayfield Park.

We had an amazing time and lots of fun was had by everyone.

Thank you to all of the parents that came along to help.



Principal's Message

With the end of the year coming up reports will be out soon (more on this next week) I thought I would take a look into learning in a Catholic context.

There is a proverb (4:11) which states: *I instruct you in the way of wisdom and lead you along straight paths.*

Although there is no direct mention of learning in this passage from the Catholic Education of School Age Children (the document which came out of the New Zealand Bishops' Conference of 2014 and written by them) it does promulgate this:

Achieving the best possible academic standards is a goal for all Catholic Schools. In its academic standards the Catholic School is required to be "at least as outstanding" as other schools in its area. Parents should not have to choose between the best academic standards and a Catholic education; the Catholic School should embody both. Expecting and facilitating the achievement of the best possible academic standards for all children, whatever their ability, is part of enabling each student to use his or her God-given talents in promoting the good of society and the spread of the kingdom of God.

Therefore in relating to what a scholar is in my mind it is the following -

- Learners are people who are naturally curious. They want to know everything!
- Learners love to learn about everything.
- They enjoy the act of learning itself, not being cleverer than other people or knowing more facts.
- They take in all sides of an argument and as much information as you can before forming an opinion.
- They can come to their own opinions, rather than taking them from someone else. This is an important skill for learning.
- Learners have to be willing to change their mind when they get new information that challenges their previous views. This is one of the most important skills for a learner.
- They need to be open minded and willing to be wrong, in the pursuit of being right.

Andrew Pozniak



School Values



This term we are focusing on all of our school values:

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

Congratulations: to the children who were recognised as living one of our school values:

Rm 4 – Sofia Bingley
Rm 3 – Miles Osland
Rm 2 – Shynn Timer
Rm 1 – Hazel Evans



St Brigid's House Groups

Congratulations to **Aubert House** who were the winning house this week.

House Token Winners this week were:

Aubert House:

McKenzie Bryce

McAuley House:

Miles Osland

de Paul House:

Kelvin Cortezano

Dates to Remember

What's On Next Week?	
Wed 9 th	Trip to Dinosaur Park 9.30am – 11am
Fri 11 th	Mufti Day
	Kavanagh Pantomime 9.30am – 11.30am
	Room 1 French Play – 2:30pm
What's On in Term 4?	
Mon 14 th Dec	End of Year Reports sent home
Tues 15 th Dec	Mission Afternoon
Wed 16 th Dec	Talents Show
	End of Year Mass followed by BBQ 6pm
Thurs 17 th Dec	Last Day of the School Year – 12:30pm Finish
Wed 3 rd Feb 2021	First Day of Term 1

End of Year Reports

End of Year Reports will go home on Monday 14th December.

Reminder Library Stocktake:

Our annual library stocktake is now underway so please check thoroughly for any library books at home and return them to school ASAP.



School Photos will be sent home today. Please keep an eye out for them in your children's bags.

Mission Afternoon

On Tuesday 15th December Room 1 will be holding our traditional Mission Day. This is the day we run lots of fun activities for the Missions overseas. Bring along your silver coins and be ready to have some fun and win some prizes!



End of Year Mass and Prizegiving:
Wednesday 16th December 6pm
at St Patrick's,
followed by a BBQ.
No uniforms on the night.

Sports Update

Futsal – Results:

Gold draw. P.O.D – Skyla Knopp
Silver won. P.O.D. Flynn Bishop
Bronze won. P.O.D. Koby Stanton
Congratulations to Bronze for winning their Futsal division.

T-Ball/Softball – Results:

Steelers won – P.O.D Leo Patston
Saints won – P.O.D - Flynn Bishop
Draw for this Saturday:
Saints vs Tainui, 10:00 Diamond 6
Steelers vs Te Kura, 10:00 Diamond 9
Please also see attached the T-ball & Juniors Christmas Disco notice for next Friday 11 December at Hancock Park (OSA Clubrooms). All very welcome!

Flippa Ball – Result: St Brigid's won. P.O.D – Liam Bishop

Well done to our amazing wee team!! So proud of all the children!! We have made it to the 'A' Grade Flippa finals this weekend against Maori Hill Stingrays. We are playing at 5.05pm. Please be there by 4.45pm.

Final practice is this Saturday from 11am-12pm. If your child cannot make practice or the game please let Linh know.

Rippa Rugby: Results:

Team 1 lost. P.O.D – Josh Elliotte
Team 2 won. P.O.D – Freddy Patston
Draw 7 December.
St Brigid's 1 vs Bathgate Thunder, 3:45 Field 6
St Brigid's 2 vs St Bernadette's Biscuits, 3:45 Field 1 (GRAND FINAL)

ST BRIGID'S GOT TALENT **Wednesday 16th December,** **11:30am in the Hall.**

If your child wants to share a dance, song, poem, musical piece, story etc please comment on the Facebook post or email deborahw@stbrigidson.school.nz and they will be added to the performance list!

Chickenpox – we currently have chickenpox going around. Please keep your child at home if they are unwell or display any of the following early symptoms: fever and spots with a blister on top of each spot.

Term 4 EOTC Contributions & Overdue Sports Fees – invoices were sent home last week. Thank you to those who throughout the year have made regular payments. However there are still a few outstanding amounts that require payment asap! We would appreciate these payments and your contributions being paid before the end of this year.

Clothing Amnesty – please return any spare school clothes that your child has borrowed as our supplies are running critically low.

Reading Books – we are missing a number of reading books that your children take home during the week. Unfortunately this means that we are struggling to have enough books for some of our reading groups. Please check at home and return any books that are missing in action.

Music Hub: Did you know that we have an independent music teacher that currently takes private lessons at school? If you are interested in your child learning a musical instrument or further developing their musical skills please check out the MusiqHub advert in this newsletter or the Facebook page and contact Joel. <https://www.facebook.com/MusiqHub-Joel-Dalloway-103011704537521>

RE Comment

The second purple candle on the Advent wreath is lit as a symbol of Faith in God. This candle is referred to as the "Bethlehem Candle" to remind us of the journey of the Holy Family.



Special Lunch Days
Friday 11th December – Sausage Sizzle & Mama's Donuts and Mufti Day

BOT News:

Next meeting: Wednesday 9 December at 6pm.

PTA News

Next Meeting: Tuesday 8 December.

Fundraisers:

Calendars – PTA Annual Fundraiser – Thank you to everyone that ordered a Calendar. These will be sent home next week.

Raffle Cards – We are organizing the last fundraiser for the year – CHRISTMAS RAFFLE. Each family is asked to sell at least one card. There are only 10 tickets per card at \$1 each. If you would like more cards then please contact the school office and we can issue plenty more. Great prizes available!

Cards need to be returned back to school by Thursday 10th December whether they have been sold or not. Winners will be drawn at our End of Year School Mass on Wednesday 16th December.

Kind regards -

Andrew Pozniak & Deborah Charleson

Young Vinnies Christmas Bags
Bags

Please put what you can in them and bring them to our end of year Mass on December 16th.

**St Brigid's Young Vinnies
Christmas Sacks**

Advent is a time of getting ready, a time to reflect, and a time to think about others.

So what we want you to do is fill the bag with non-perishable items that will be donated to St Vincent de Paul to be handed out at Christmas.

Some items could be candy canes, a can or two of fruit, chocolates, small unwrapped gifts for adults or children ...

Add an item or two each week over the next 3 weeks!

Bring your bag, whether it is filled to bursting or just has a few items, to our End of Year Mass on December 16 and we will then drop them off to St Vincent de Paul to make Christmas merry for others!

P.S. If you want another bag just call into Room 1

TEKAHA KIDS

Summer Holiday Programme

WAIORA SCOUT CAMP DAY, WATER PLAY, MOVIES ON THE BIG SCREEN, COOKING, GARDENING, SPORTS, YOGA, AND MUCH MORE!

To Book:
<https://enrolmy.com/tekahakids>
St Brigid's: 02041894384
Brockville: 02041967219

**8AM-6PM MON-FRI
ST BRIGIDS SCHOOL HALL AND
BROCKVILLE SCHOOL HALL**

Programme is FREE with a full Oscar Subsidy, or start at \$35 per day!

OTAGO SOFTBALL ANNUAL

T-BALL & JUNIOR CHRISTMAS DISCO!

OSA CLUBROOMS, HANCOCK PARK, DUNEDIN

FRIDAY 11TH DECEMBER
6PM - 9PM

\$2 ENTRY FEE

CHRISTMAS DRESS UP THEME

CHIPS \$2
CHOC BARS \$2
DRINKS \$2
HOT CHIPS \$3
HOT DOGS \$2.50 & MORE

**SPOT PRIZES
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