

St Brigid's School Newsletter



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Room 2 Report

Wow what an amazing start to term 4 we have had!
We had an amazing time on EOTC week in week 2 to start the term off!
We have been busy recently hunting the imposter in our school.
There are lots of theories about which adult is sus but no one has any hard proof yet...
In RE we have been learning about Communion in preparation for First Communion on 22 November.
In writing we have been learning about information reports and how to present them digitally using Google Slides and Sites.
In maths we have started learning about fractions and decimals.
We are also very excited about the school disco tonight!

As you can see term 4 has started with a bang!

Aroha nui,
Room 2



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Principal's Message

I think I may have touched on this subject before but homework is a contentious issue, in fact as far back as the turn of the twentieth century some people considered homework as a 'sin against childhood'. The argument continues today. On the one hand, there are those who believe homework strengthens the understanding of what is taught in the classroom, on the other hand are those people who believe the demands of life leave no time or mental capacity for productive study outside of school hours.

In my opinion homework can be both a help and a hindrance depending on how much the parents are involved and how the homework is designed. When homework becomes an area of conflict between parent and child it has a negative impact on learning. For instance if children are given thirty minutes a night homework to complete this can cause extra amounts of stress on the child.

If homework is a choice which involves children to explore a particular inquiry topic and allows their interest to explore the topic at their own pace this will in my opinion cultivate curiosity and enhance the learning capabilities instead of work designed for them to be completed in an expected compliant and regulated fashion.

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 following children who received Value Rewards this week:

- Rm 4 – Ashreya Prasad
- Rm 3 – Kyla Roberts
- Rm 2 – Mason Voyce
- Rm 1 – William Bingley



St Brigid's House Groups

Congratulations to **McAuley House** who were the winning House this week.

House Token Winners this week were:

- Aubert House**: Leeyah Than
- McAuley House**: Hugo Anstey
- de Paul House**: Amelia Cheng

Dates to Remember

What's On Next Week?	
Fri 6 Nov	PTA School Disco tonight: 5.30-7.30pm
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
What's On in Term 4?	
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 11 Dec	Room 1 French Play – 2:30pm
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

Next Special Lunch Day: Friday 20th November – Frankfurter in a Bun.

Assembly: Our next Shared Prayer will be led by Room 4 in the school hall on Friday 20th November at 2.40pm. Everyone is welcome.

Friday Mass - next Friday 13th November the whole school will celebrate Mass in the hall at 10am.

School Photos: order forms will be sent home in the next few weeks.

Thank you to everyone that joined us to celebrate our Parish School Mass last Sunday.

French Play: Every year our senior classes learn French with Mrs Idour. As is the tradition, the Year 5 & 6 children perform a French play to showcase their amazing learning. This year Room 1 will be performing in the school hall on Friday 11th December at 2.30pm. All welcome.

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.

Stationery and Sports Fees: invoices are coming home in the next few weeks for these compulsory payments.

E0TC – A reminder that invoices for Term 3 E0TC Contributions were sent home at the end of last term – this is a voluntary payment but the school is heavily reliant on this income to fund quality education outside the classroom activities.

South Zone Sports: Congratulations to everyone that took part in the South Zone athletics on Wednesday. Everyone performed well and showed our school values throughout. A special mention to: Kalo, Chloe U, Madison and Sasha, who have qualified for Otago Championships which will be held in 2 weeks. A massive thankyou to Mrs Whitty for organising this for us, Lynda Evans for her great training sessions and to all of our wonderful parents that supported us from the stands! Check out our Facebook page for action photos from the day!

Sports Update

Futsal – Results:
Gold lost. P.O.D – Josh Elliott
Silver lost. P.O.D. Conall Higgs
Bronze drew. P.O.D. Koby Stanton
Draws to be advised.

T-Ball/Softball - Results:
Saints lost. P.O.D - Koby Stanton
Steelers won. P.O.D - Liam Bishop
Draw for this Saturday:

Saints vs Musselburgh, 10:00 Diamond 6
Steelers vs Balaclava, 9:00 Diamond 10

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

Practice will run again this week from 11am-12pm on Saturday at Andy Bay pool.

We are playing at 3.25pm against Andy Bay Blue on Sunday 8th November.

Rippa Rugby: Results:

Team 1 lost. P.O.D – Chloe Lam

Team 2 lost. P.O.D – Valerie Beatson

Draw Monday November 9th

Both teams are playing at 3:45

St Brigid's 2 vs St Bernie's Biscuits, Field 3

St Brigid's 1 vs Bathgate Thunder, Field 6

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

Any sports queries please

email deborahw@stbrigidsdn.school.nz

Special Reminders:

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

Last Day of the Year: Thursday 17th December 2020. School will be closing at 12.30pm. Please note we are closing earlier this year.

First Day of 2021: Wednesday 3rd February 2021

RE Comment

5 Nov Parihaka Day

PRAYER FOR PARIHAKA AND FOR NON-VIOLENCE IN OUR COUNTRY

"Parihaka speaks to us of peace, a new way of seeing justice. It opens up the horizon of hope to bring glory to God Peace on Earth and goodwill to all people".

We remember the choices made by the people of Parihaka. They chose to act with dignity at a time when aggression was met with aggression. Their leaders acted to restore well-being among their people traumatised by violent confrontation. May we respond with dignity to any form of aggression we meet in our lives.



PTA News

- ✚ Next Meeting: Tuesday 10th November
- ✚ Disco: Friday 6th November. We look forward to seeing you all tonight.
- ✚ PTA Mufti Day: Friday 13th November. Gold coin Donation

BOT News: Next meeting: Wednesday 11th November at 6pm.

Special Lunch Days
Friday 20th November – Frankfurter in a Bun
Friday 4th December – Domino's Pizza
Friday 11th December – Sausage Sizzle & Ice blocks

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

Community
News

You are invited to
CHRISTMAS IN THE STADIUM
CELEBRATION!
Suzanne Prentice, Bill Acklin and band, Olivia Pike
Black Boy Peaches, Rainbow Rosalind and more!
Saturday 5th December
1pm - 5pm
Gate E, Forsyth Barr Stadium
Free activities for the kids: Games - Bouncy Castles - Gift making - Toy Swap
Bring a Picnic - Free Sausage Sizzle - Alcohol Free
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