



St Brigid's School Newsletter

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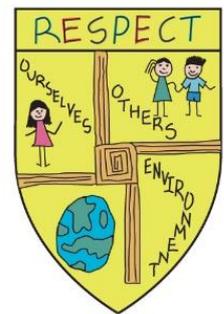
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Dear Parents/Caregivers

Building a safe emotional environment for all our children and staff is one of the most important things a school can do. Children who are feeling unsafe, bullied or anxious are unable to focus in the classroom as their brain is constantly releasing cortisol which inhibits thinking, learning, relationships and decision making.

Social and emotional learning is the process through which children and adults acquire the knowledge, attitudes, and skills they need to recognise and manage their emotions, feel and show empathy to others, establish positive relationships, and make responsible decisions. These skills need to be taught and practiced in safe and supportive school, family, and community learning environments in which children feel valued, respected, and connected to and engaged in learning.

We have a number of strategies already in place to "grow" emotional intelligence in our school. We already have our school values and Religious Education curriculum which gives us a model of the best possible life we can live. The 3R's (Respect for Self, Others and Environment) were introduced last year and teachers are actively teaching children how these can be expressed in daily life. A logo for the 3R's has been created by Year 5 student Gabby Gomes, and will be visible around the school, reminding children what is expected of them.



Our Year 4 - 8 students will also be taking part in a Wellbeing at School survey during this term and this will provide further information for us to plan from. Growth/Positive Mindset also builds resilience and wellbeing in children. Children learn that it's ok to make mistakes, that practice and perseverance will get you there and that everyone acquires skills and knowledge at different times. A school where respect, kindness and doing your very best underpins all we do, is what we are striving for.

God Bless

Linda Birch

Welcome!

We warmly welcome **Kaymarni Martin-Hina**, a Year 6 student who has joined Room 6, and new entrant students **Mason Eden, Joshua Carubio and Jace Venus** who have all joined Room 2 this week.

We hope you will all be very happy at St Brigid's.

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KEY DATES TO NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR

Further details about these and other events can be found on the school calendar on the website

http://www.stbrigids.school.nz/?page_id=420

Team Tahī	Tuesday 8, 15, 22, 29 May	Gymnastics
	Thursday 17 May	Island Bay Marine Education visit
Team Rua	Tuesday 1 May - Friday 4 May Tuesday 8 May - Friday 11 May	Swimming
Team Toru	Monday 14 May - Thursday 17 May Monday 21 May - Thursday 24 May	Swimming
Other Events	Thursday 24 May	Board of Trustees Meeting
	Monday 28 May	School Cross Country
	Monday 4 June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday - School Closed

News from the Board

Dear Parents and Community

News from the Board is an important communication that gives you a summary of each board meeting. There are eight meetings a year. This is for the meeting held at the end of last term, on April 5.

- The Young Christian Leaders Group have been set up and these students assigned to the 13 classes throughout the school.
- Information from the PAT testing at the beginning of the year provides good information for teachers to use in identifying strengths and weaknesses in their classes. This helps with planning and teaching.
- Future Board Reports from the Principal will include information on staff and student wellbeing, as this is one of the school wide foci this year.
- Property work continues to ensure that the environment is safe and that the grounds continue to be developed and maintained. Asphaltting will be completed in the holidays to ensure that the area outside rooms 5 and 6 is even (removing the broken asphalt) and the areas under the basketball posts will be repaired.
- The Ministry Guidelines around Physical Restraint and Managing Difficult Behaviour have now been developed into a procedure. This has been put on the website for parents to have access to.

Kind regards

Linda

St Brigid's Kapa Haka Group

Just a reminder that Kapa Haka starts **this Thursday from 8.30am - 9.30am** in Room 12.

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Younger Siblings - Enrolments for 2019

We are now looking at enrolments for next year and can already see that we will reach our maximum roll again.

Obviously our priority is to ensure that the siblings of our current students are accepted, so **if you have a child turning five next year** and have not yet submitted an enrolment form and preference certificate, please do so as soon as possible.

If you are unsure whether you have already done this, please check with Victoria or Lynne in the office.

Online safety is more important now than ever. As young people begin to spend more time online, it's important that parents start to teach them how to stay safe. Each week, we will share some ideas and links from **Netsafe** to help you have conversations with your child.

PARENT'S ROLE IN BUILDING DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP

IF YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND IT, TRY IT - You need to understand the technology to better understand the challenges that young people face online. Explore the websites and apps your child uses to improve your knowledge, and take the time to read terms and conditions. You could even ask them to show you how it works, as a way to start conversation around online safety. As a start, [check out our guide to Snapchat for parents](#).

A reminder that many of the apps used by children today have an advised age restriction. Apps such as Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat and some gaming-online all have restriction to 13+ and some 18+. You need to think carefully about whether this app is appropriate and whether your child is a respectful, responsible and safe user of these.

2018 Great Kiwi English, Science and Mathematics Competitions

This year parents may enter their Year 5-8 children into online competitions called Kiwi Science, Kiwi Maths and Kiwi English. These competitions were launched last year and received great feedback. They are organised by the University of Canterbury and will replace the ICAS tests that our school has previously participated in.

The New Zealand competitions are written by New Zealand teachers and are based on the New Zealand curriculum. They will be run in the last three weeks of Term 2 and cost \$8.50 per examination. All participating students will be awarded a certificate and prizes will be awarded to top students in each year group.

If you would like your child to take part in these competitions, please complete the entry form attached to the newsletter, and return to the school office with money included. Entry forms are also available at the school office. **Entries will be accepted until Tuesday 22 May 2018.**



Uniform

A reminder to parents to please check that all items of school uniform are clearly named. With the students all getting changed prior to going swimming or to gymnastics this term, this will ensure they bring home their own clothing.

Artsplash! Choir 2018

We are now calling for names of any **Year 3 & 4** students who:

- enjoy singing
- would like to learn the fabulous selection of Artsplash! songs
- would like to be part of the massed choir that will perform in the Michael Fowler Centre on **Wednesday 19 September at 5.00pm.**



Practices will begin on Thursday 24 May and continue each Thursday lunchtime for half an hour from 12.50 - 1.20pm.

If you would like your child to join this choir please email amanda@stbrigids.school.nz by **Monday 7 May.** We can only take 50 students this year.

Thanks heaps

Amanda Prowse & Maggie Johnson

SPORTS NOTICES

Miniball and Basketball

If you have registered for miniball and basketball, can you please make sure that you have made payment into the school account by Friday.
Coaches will be in touch with each team throughout the week.

Futsal Tournament

Well done to the St Brigid's students who took part in the Year 7 & 8 Primary Sport Wellington Futsal Tournament at the ASB Stadium in Kilbirnie on Tuesday 10 April.

Special thank you to Acky Aspros, Neil Bates and Janet Valentine for transporting and supporting those who took part.



Jump Jam Visit

Brett Fairweather and his wife Linda, the founders of Jump Jam, came into our school to present some new Jump Jam songs for the children. With perfect weather and children full of energy, Brett and Linda led everyone energetically. All the teachers and students enjoyed being energized first thing in the morning. Thank you very much, Brett and Linda, for including St Brigid's in your tour.



St Brigid's School Friends & Family



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TEAM**

2018/19 Entertainment Book

Support St Brigid's School and you'll be rewarded!

We are raising funds and you can help. Order the NEW 2018 | 2019 Entertainment Book or Entertainment Digital Membership and you will receive hundreds of valuable offers for everything you love to do, and you will also be supporting us.

Click below to place your order.

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Please note that this year we will not be sending a book home to every family - so you will need to use the link above if you would like to order a book.

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Community News

ASB

Supporting success in your school.

If you are a parent, staff member or member of the school community and you draw down a new ASB home loan of \$250,000 or more, ASB will donate to your chosen participating school:

\$500

ASB lending criteria and terms apply. Fees may apply. To be eligible for this donation your new home loan application must be received, approved and then documented in a facility agreement, along with the completion of a school donation voucher, between 1 July 2017 and 30 June 2018. A minimum of 20% equity is required in the security property provided to ASB. This home loan offer is only available on loans secured by an owner-occupied residential property. Only one donation will be given per customer. Donations will be made by ASB on behalf of the customer to the chosen school upon full draw down of the new home loan. This offer excludes loans for business purposes and bridging.

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Onslow Gymnastic Club

Kids got energy to burn? Gymnastics is the answer! Have Fun – Learn Skills – Build Confidence! Onslow Gymnastics has Recreational, TeamGym and Competitive classes for girls ages 5+ years. Recreational Gym-for-All classes are held at Khandallah School Hall (ages 5-9 years) and Onslow College Rec Centre (ages 7-14+). No previous experience is required to join any of our recreational classes. TeamGym (ages 10+) brings together tumbling, mini-tramp and dance to provide an energetic and creative performance. Register now at www.onslowgymnastics.org.nz or email onslowgym@xtra.co.nz.

Get Squashing!

Khandallah Squash Junior Night - coaching and games. Open to all ages 7 - 16 years (under 10s must bring a parent/caregiver). Runs 5pm - 6.30pm every Friday night from **4 May**. \$40 a term for non-club members, \$70 for 2 terms, or \$5 casual per session with first trial session free. Drop down to Court 4, Khandallah Tennis and Squash Club, 55 Delhi Crescent, Khandallah. Supper and drinks available on site. Please contact Robyn on nicholl@xtra.co.nz for more information or just turn up.

NumberWorks'nWords

NumberWorks'nWords can help bring out the best in your child with expert after-school maths and English tuition. From new entrant to NCEA, no matter whether they're struggling to keep up or bursting to race ahead, NumberWorks'nWords can give your child's education and confidence a real boost. Bookings are being taken for holiday courses and after-school tuition now. Call Rowan on 477 4055 to book your free assessment.

DancePointe Academy

Term Two commences for DancePointe academy this week and if your child would like to experience the joy of dance be it Ballet or Tap, bring them for a free trial class. Preps from 3 ½ years old right through to young adults. Classes are after school and either at St Peter & Pauls or St Johns. Contact Sharon dancepointenz@gmail.com, www.dancepointe.co.nz, or mobile 021 215 1222.

