



St Brigid's School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

We've had a great day today at Waikanae Pool. The weather was fantastic and it was wonderful to be a part of this annual community day with parents, children and staff all enjoying a relaxed and fun time together.

Tomorrow all children will visit their new classrooms and spend time in their new spaces with their teachers and others in their class. All children from Year 3 upwards have been placed in a class with at least one of the friends that they nominated to be with. School reports will also be going home tomorrow.

Thank you for all the support you, our parents, give us and on behalf of the staff and Board we wish you a very Happy and Holy Christmas.

God Bless

Linda Birch

Welcome

Last Day

There will be **no assembly** this Friday, due to **school finishing at the earlier time of 1pm.**

Parents are asked to please make arrangements to collect your children on time.

We warmly welcome new entrant student **Jed Davies** who joined Room 2 last week.

Jed joins his older sister Gemma here at St Brigid's. We are sure she is helping him settle happily into school life.

End of Year Mass

We warmly welcome family and friends to share in our end of year Mass at St Peter & Paul's Church on **Friday 14 December at 11.30am.**

Our theme for the Mass is "I am Unique".

A reminder for **all orchestra members** to please bring their instruments to school on Friday.

Strength of character and gentleness of heart



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		
Team Rua		
Team Toru	Thursday 13 December	Christmas Presentation
Other Events	Friday 14 December	End of Year Mass
		End of Term 4 - School finishes at 1pm
	Monday 4 February	Start of Term 1
	Wednesday 6 February	Waitangi Day Public Holiday
	Thursday 7 February	New Entrant Parent Information Meeting
		Meet the Teacher/Dinner

Staff Farewells

We are very sad to let the school community know we will be farewelling some of our staff on Friday:



As you already know, **Mike Schultz** is leaving to take up a position at Eastern Hutt School teaching Year 6 students next year, after ten years at St Brigid's.

Mary Ann Mulqueen, one of our wonderful teacher aides, has accepted a full-time teacher aide position at St Benedict's in Khandallah. Mary Ann has been at St Brigid's for a number of years, and we thank her for everything she has done to support both students and teachers.

After nearly five years with us at St Brigid's, **Victoria Cramer**, our school secretary, is also leaving to take up a full-time administration role at He Huarahi Tamariki, a school for teenage parents, based in Linden. We thank her for her wonderful work in our school office – her caring, calm nature and welcoming smile will be missed (particularly by Mrs C).

We also farewell two teachers who have been with us this year - **Margie Hahn** who has been teaching in Room 11 and **Karren Vizcarra Joubert** who has been teaching in Room 7. Margie will be back part-time next year.



School Organisation 2019

Teachers will be in the following classrooms next year:

Room 1	Year 1	Miss Maggie Johnson (Team Leader)
Room 2	New Entrants	Mrs Angela Sheldon
Room 3	Years 1 & 2	Ms Nicky James (previously Ms Echegaray)
Room 4	Year 2	Mrs Christine Strawbridge
Room 5	Years 0 & 1	Term 3 or 4 (TBD)
Room 6	Years 5 & 6	Mr Paul Murray
Room 7	Years 5 & 6	Miss Bryony Waterman
Room 8	Years 3 & 4	Mrs Lorna Webb
Room 9	Years 5 & 6	Miss Erin Brennan
Room 10	Years 5 & 6	Mrs Claire Jolly
Room 11	Years 3 & 4	Mrs Stephanie Milne & Mrs Monika Goel
Room 12	Years 3 & 4	Mrs Amanda Prowse (Team Leader)
Room 13	Years 7 & 8	Mrs Janet Valentine
Room 14	Years 7 & 8	Mrs Tania Fransen
Deputy Principal/Learning Support/GATE		Miss Fiona Kearns (Team Leader)
Deputy Principal/SENCO/Reading Recovery		Mrs Pauline Sharp
Part-Time Teachers		Mrs Sarah Mayo, Ms Margie Hahn

Save the Date

On **Thursday 7 February 2019** (week 1 of school) we will be having a "meet the teacher/dinner at school" evening from 5.30 – 7.00 pm.

We will have the BBQ set up, outside seating, games etc and classrooms will be open for parents to wander through and meet the teachers.

The Year 8 teachers will also use this opportunity to have a quick camp meeting at 6.30pm.



There are currently lots of unnamed items in the lost property boxes. Please take a look through these (in the corridor near Room 4) and see if anything belongs to your children.



Johnsonville Combined Churches Op Shop

We need you!!

Our catholic group is low on volunteers and one of our stalwarts now has a broken arm and is in plaster from her fingers to her shoulder.

We would like two people to work on Friday 14th December from 1pm till 4pm please.

Plus for the New Year we would love to have a group of people take over doing the Monday morning clean up as our ladies in their 80s are retiring! This could be done after school drop off and if there is a group you could work on alternate weeks.

And a volunteer for the roster as I am no longer able to do this.

I am available to chat about what goes on at the shop.

Please ring Yvette on 021605754 or 9387372 or email ycelliston@gmail.com.

Community News

St. Andrew's Church, Newlands – Family Advent Mass

We are planning a Family Mass led by the children and youth on the third Sunday of Advent – Sunday 16 December at midday. We warmly invite children to participate in the Nativity Play, Choir and Readings. A practice will be held on 15 December at 1pm at St. Andrew's church. If you would like your child to be involved, please email Lorraine Dias newlandscatholics@gmail.com.

Raroa Music Centre Enrolments For 2019

Raroa Music Centre offers Saturday morning group music lessons for primary school children at low cost. Classes include choir, keyboard, recorder, drums, ukulele, guitar, violin, cello, clarinet, saxophone, flute, trumpet and orchestra. To enrol for 2019 visit our website www.raroamusic.org.nz and enrol online. Enrolments open in December.



Fifi Colston will provide students with an opportunity to learn from her amazing creative skills over four days in the January holidays next year.

What: Draw Like an Illustrator camp

When: 14 - 17 January 2019, Where: Raroa Normal Intermediate, Cost: \$220

For more information check out <https://drawlikeanillustrator.com/>

Drama Holiday Programme – Twas the Night before Christmas

A five day (17th to 21st Dec) collaborative holiday programme on Drama, Music, Dance, Creative Writing and Craft will be conducted by Drama Remedy from 9.00 am – 4.00 pm just before the festive season begins. To enrol or find out more details of these exciting and enjoyable workshops contact (04) 478 5962 or 022 027 3316 dramaremedy@gmail.com or visit our website www.dramaremedy.co.nz.

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