



St Brigid's School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

Yesterday a group of our teachers attended a curriculum day held jointly by NZEI and the Ministry of Education. It was a very powerful day with nine different speakers sharing theoretical, practical and aspirational ideas about the New Zealand Curriculum (NZC). One of the themes that came through strongly was that of bringing the 'joy' back to learning.

Since 2010 our curriculum has been focussed on maths, reading and writing and ensuring students all get to the same place in their learning at the same time.

This notion has never really made sense – would you expect ALL children to start to walk or learn to ride a bike at the same age? Learning is not linear!

Developing a love of learning, a curiosity about the world, the ability to take risks, identifying passions and interests are a crucial part of children's schooling. We are now more able to do this and use our curriculum to engage, teach and create positive learning dispositions for the children in our schools.

On Thursday June 21, we will be holding a Curriculum Evening for parents from 6.30 – 7.30. During the evening we will look at the NZC document, share how we are using it in our curriculum and unpack how children will be assessed against the NZC. Hope to see many of you there.

God Bless

Linda Birch



School Assembly (Hui-a-kura)

Our school assembly will be held this week
on Friday 15 June at 2.15pm at the
Johnsonville Community Centre.

Assembly will be taken by **Room 4**.

Parents are most welcome to join us.

Welcome

We warmly welcome new students **Billy-Terri Martin-Ropiha** into Room 1 and **Nicholas Webber** who has started in Room 2.

Billy-Terri joins his cousin Kaymarni, and Nicholas joins his siblings Nathan and Annaliese here at St Brigid's.

We hope you will both be very happy at school.

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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 Tahi	Thursday 5 July	Team Tahi Dance
Team Rua	Thursday 5 July	Team Rua Dance
Team Toru	Tuesday 20, 26 June & 3 July	Year 7 & 8 ASB Sessions
	Thursday 28 June	Team Toru Dance
Other Events	Wednesday 13 June	Northern Zone Cross Country - postponement date
	Thursday 14 June	St Mary's College Open Day
	Tuesday 19 June	Inter Zone Cross Country
	Thursday 21 June	Inter Zone Cross Country - postponement date
		Curriculum Meeting for parents
	Friday 22 June	Year 4-8 Swimming Sports
	Wednesday 27 June	Teachers attending Union Meeting
	Thursday 28 June	Interschool Chess Tournament
Board of Trustees Meeting		
Friday 6 July	End of Term 2 - School finishes at 2pm	
Monday 23 July	Start of Term 3	



Sacramental Programme

There will be a Confirmation practice this **Friday 15 June at 4.00pm**.

The Confirmation service will take place on **Sunday 17 June at 2.00pm** at Sts Peter & Paul's Church.

Staff News

Congratulations to **Jane Aitken** and her partner Geoff on the safe arrival last week of their beautiful **baby daughter, Freya**.



We are pleased to welcome back these teachers to St Brigid's School:

Nicky Echegaray, who is teaching in Room 3 for the remainder of the year.

Margie Hahn, who has been appointed as the teacher in Room 11, for Terms 3 & 4.



Statements of Progress (for reporting)

In the reports coming out at the end of this term you will be given information on where your child is at in relation to the NZ Curriculum.

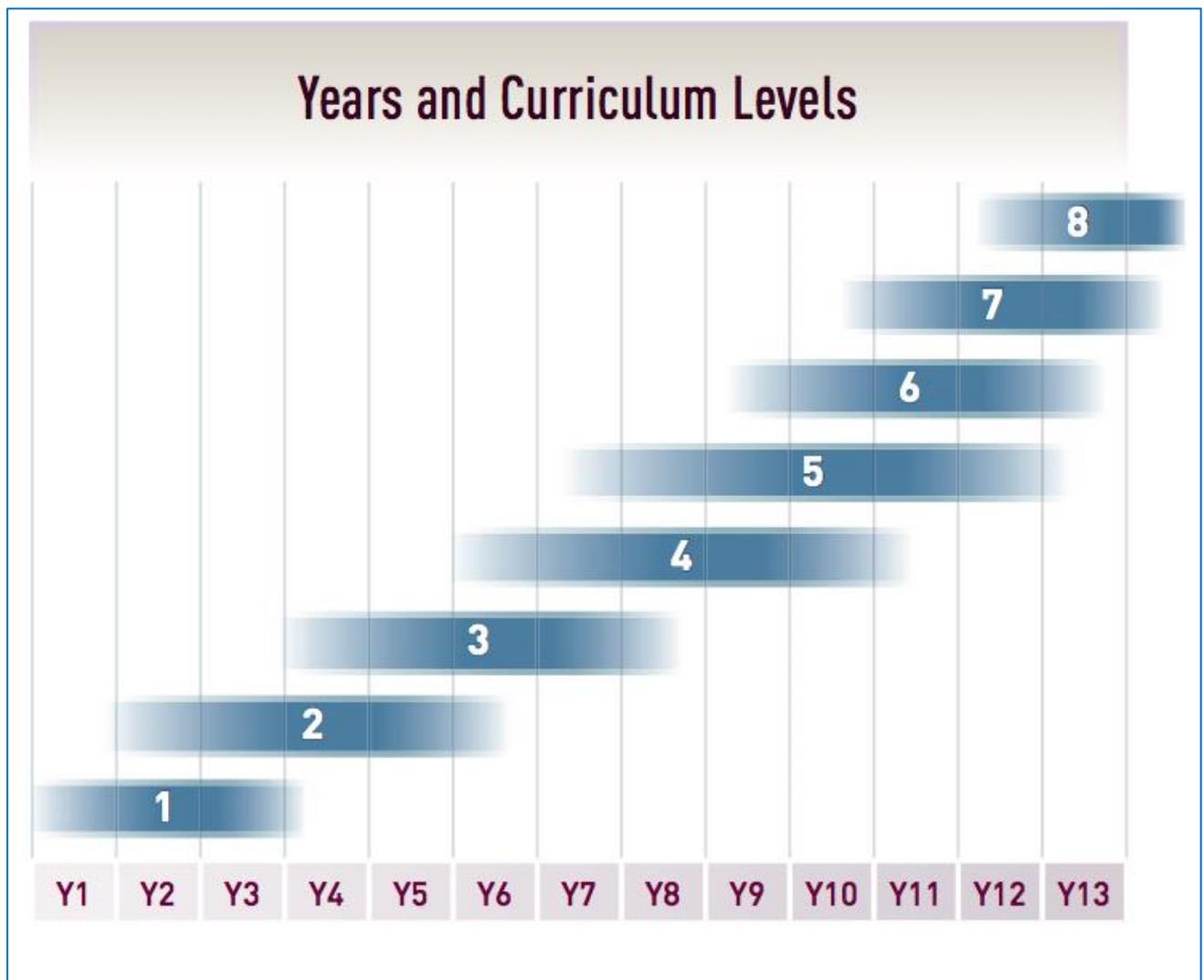
Below is a diagram that shows the levels that children are expected to be working at during their time at school. As you can see the curriculum levels can spread across a number of years, but as a very rough guide for where children should be is:

Years 1 and 2 children are usually working at Curriculum Level 1

Years 3 and 4 children are usually working at Curriculum Level 2

Years 5 and 6 children are usually working at Curriculum Level 3

Years 7 and 8 children are usually working at Curriculum Level 4



In our reports the following statements will be used:

Sue is working confidently at the New Zealand Curriculum expectations for Year _.

This means:

She is operating at an advanced stage of the curriculum level expected and/or working at a higher level



Sue is working at the New Zealand Curriculum expectations for Year _.

This means:

She is working at the expected curriculum level, and beginning to tackle advance work for the curriculum level

Sue is working towards the New Zealand Curriculum expectations for Year _.

This means:

She is at the beginning of the curriculum level has partially mastered knowledge and skills that are necessary for success at the level

Sue is making progress, with support, but is yet to be working at the New Zealand Curriculum expectations for Year _.

This means:

She requires extra support to continue to make progress, but is currently working at a curriculum level below where they should be

KELLY CLUB – After School Care

We are fortunate to have the Kelly Club After School Care Centre right next door to us in the Uniting Church. The club is managed by a group of very competent people, led ably by Ashleigh. They provide a variety of activities for children to do in a warm, supervised and encouraging environment.

They are currently able to take new enrolments, so if you are looking at after school care for your child/children please contact them. They offer half and whole afternoon sessions and children can attend as little as once a week or every afternoon.

A WINZ subsidy is also available and Ashleigh is happy to help parents complete the forms.

It is important that children have supervision after school. Children under the age of 14 should not be left on their own for an extended period of time.

PUMS (Paid Union Meetings)

We remind parents that the majority of our teachers will be attending the **paid union meeting on Wednesday June 27.**

You can support us by **collecting your child/children at lunchtime** on that day.

We will have a small number of staff at school to supervise those who are unable to be collected.

Year 6 Camp 2018

A notice will be sent home today with information about the Year 6 camp. **Please ask your child for the notice.**



Team Dances

This term the Young Christian Leaders are organising team dances:

Team 3 Dance - Thursday 28 June from 7.30 to 8.45pm at the Johnsonville Community Centre

Team 2 Dance - Thursday 5 July from 3.15 to 4.15pm in Room 12

Team 1 Dance - Thursday 5 July from 1.45 - 2.45pm in Room 12

Pasifika Cultural Group

Talofa lava, Malo e lelei

This week we welcome Dion Morgan to our session. He is from the NZ Fire Service, and will be speaking to our Team 2 & 3 students around motivation, working towards and achieving goals.

We would really like to be able to provide a variety of other experiences for our students,
however we really need your support!

If someone in your fanau or someone you know, were able to spend an occasional 30 minutes, our students would really gain a lot from varied experiences.

It could be someone who could share stories, a craft, some cooking, music or a song, dance or sasa, or it could be someone who could speak about sports, sporting achievement or similar.

We would be very grateful to hear from you, please contact Janet, Denise or Pauline

Faafetai, Malo'aupito



SPORTS NOTICES

Junior Cross Country

Congratulations to the ten Year 3 students who competed at the Junior Cross Country event at Amesbury School. You all did amazingly well.



Northern Zones Cross Country

The postponement day for the Northern Zone Cross Country is tomorrow Wednesday 13 June. Please make sure that you have enough warm gear to put on after the race.

The event will take place at Nairnville Park starting at 10 am. Children who are going will have received a notice a few weeks ago. The event will go ahead even if raining so please bring a rain jacket.

Miniball and Basketball - Term 3 (Years 3-8)

If your child is wishing to continue playing miniball or basketball or is wishing to start in Term 3, please email Mrs Bowe (erica@stbrigids.school.nz). Names need to be received by Monday 25 June. A cost will then be sent out after teams have been sorted.

Team Toru ASB Stadium Sport

Team Three classes are visiting ASB as part of our sport programme and it is timely due to the inclement weather we are having at present. Students are required to wear the correct sport uniform. Please ensure you are at school promptly particularly for the 9.00am start.

Rooms 13 and 14 on 12 June, Year 7 and 8 from 11.50am - 2.05pm

Rooms 13 and 14 on 20 June, Year 7 and 8 from 9.00am - 11.05am

Rooms 5, 6 and 7 on 26 June, Year 5 and 6 from 10.30am - 2.05pm

Rooms 5, 6 and 7 on 3 July, Year 5 and 6 from 10.30am - 2.05pm

Senior School Swimming Sports (Year 4-8)

A reminder that all swimming notices are due to your teachers **by this Friday 15 June**.

Senior School Swimming sports will be held on Friday 22nd June at Keith Spry Pool. The event will begin at 9.30 am. Parents are welcome to come but will be seated at one end of the pool as there is little space around the pool for all the children.



Miniball

St Brigid's played against Ngaio School last Tuesday, winning 42 - 40 in a very exciting game.

Netball

Year 1 & 2 Netball registrations for Term 3 are now open and can be completed via this link [St Brigid's Netball Year 1 & 2 Registration](#).

- Registration closes on **Monday 18 June at 7.30pm**.
- The \$40 fee is to be paid through the school account – 12 3041 0341681 00 with your surname & netball as the reference

Please see the two links below for further information about this year's season:

 [Year 1 and 2 Flyer 2018.pdf](#)

 [Detailed information about Year 1 and 2 2018.pdf](#)





Matariki

We are celebrating Matariki this month at St Brigid's and we welcome anyone into the library to read some books on Matariki.

Student Celebrations

This column is to acknowledge and congratulate any of our students who have achieved in other pursuits outside of school.

Congratulations to:

Devyn Manase who competed in the Central Fusion Dance Competition in Feilding over Queens Birthday weekend. Devyn came first in her age group in Open Jazz Solo and Duo; first in her age group Jazz Performance team; and third in Open Jazz Impromptu and Jazz Championship.



Caleb Stephen who has been selected for the Wellington Under 13 Rugby Team.

Scholastic Lucky Book Club - Issue 4

Copies of Issue 4 2018 of the Lucky Book Club brochure will be sent home with students this week. To purchase any books just note the 3 digit code next to the title.

Then visit

<https://mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz/Parent/ClubManagement.aspx> type in St Brig and find St Brigid's School on the drop down list. Any orders need to be submitted **by next Friday - 22 June 2018**.



If you are purchasing any books as gifts and would rather they were not sent home with your children, please message office@stbrigids.school.nz to let us know. We will contact you when the books arrive, so you can collect them from us.

St Brigid's School Friends & Family



FUNDRAISING

TEAM

2018/19 Entertainment Book

Order and receive your NEW 2018 | 2019 Entertainment Membership!

Your 2017 | 2018 Entertainment Membership expired on 1 June 2018. Please continue supporting our fundraising by purchasing the 2018 | 2019 Entertainment Membership from us today. Hundreds of great value offers are ready for your enjoyment, while also helping our

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fundraising! Click on the box below to place your order.

SUPPORT US NOW

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.

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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Kelly Club - After School Care

Our Aftercare Programme is provided for the St Brigid's School community at the Uniting Church next to the School. Kelly Club is focused around various activities including cooking, games, sport, art and craft as well as structured 'free-time' after a busy day at school. These activities are incorporated into themes each week to give children the opportunity to extend their learning outside of the school classroom.

Kelly Club is an OSCAR approved service provider and our objective is to give children the opportunities to do things they enjoy in a supportive and encouraging environment.

For more information email stbrigids@kellyclub.co.nz or text 022 010 9984.

St Mary's College Open Day

Guildford Terrace, Wellington. All welcome. Thursday 14 June 2018 – 9.00am or 11.30am. We'd love to see you there!

St Mary's College - 'The Great Gatsby'

Dates: Wednesday 27th to Saturday 30th June 2018

Time: 7.00pm (the play runs for 1 hour and 30 minutes with a 15 minute interval)

Location: St Mary's College Hall, Guildford Terrace, Thorndon

Tickets: \$15 Adult, \$10 Student from the College Office.

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DancePointe Academy

Enrolments for Term 3 are open and a free trial class is available for your child for either Ballet from 3½ years of age or Tap and Jazz from 6 years of age. Classes are after school at either St Peter & Pauls Church or St Johns Church. Contact Sharon dancepointenz@gmail.com, www.dancepointe.co.nz or mobile 021 215 1222.

Khandallah School - 125th Celebrations

Join our community in celebrating the past, present and future of Khandallah School over Labour Weekend - 19 & 20 October 2018. Register your interest – email 125@khandallah.school.nz. Information is also available on the school website <http://khandallah.school.nz>.

