



St Brigid's School Notices

14 May 2019



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Dear Parents/Caregivers

Bullying-Free New Zealand Week starts 13 May 2019, and ends with the Mental Health Foundation's **Pink Shirt Day on Friday 17 May**.

The theme this year is 'Whakanuia Tōu Āhua Ake! Celebrating Being Us!'

The week provides a great opportunity for students to celebrate what makes them unique – such as talents, interests, appearance, disability, culture, beliefs, race, gender – and encourage schools to build environments where everyone is welcome, safe and free from bullying.

Schools that encourage respect, value opinions, celebrate difference, and promote positive relationships, make it difficult for bullying behaviour to thrive or be tolerated. To achieve this, it needs everyone – school staff, students, trustees, parents, whānau and communities – supporting diversity, talking about bullying and working together.

At St Brigid's we teach children through our 3 R's (respect for self, others and environment) to be kind, caring and inclusive of others. For some children these qualities are already present and for others they need to be taught, practiced and reinforced (just like maths or reading might be).

We endeavour to maintain a harmonious environment where all children are emotionally and physically safe. Human nature, being what it is, means that from time to time there are issues that impact on others in a negative or hurtful way. Addressing these issues, reinforcing our expectations and helping a child understand the consequences of their actions, is an important part of learning and growing.

- Praise the actions of your child when they make good choices
- Teach them better choices when they get it wrong



Don't forget – Pink Shirt day on Friday

God Bless

Linda

Board of Trustee Elections

Our Triennial Board of Trustee Elections is taking place this term.

Nominations for Trustees **close this Friday, 17 May at noon**.

If you are interested in becoming a school trustee, you can find out more about standing for election or nominating someone else by visiting the website: www.trustee-election.co.nz/becoming-a-trustee.

You are most welcome to speak to any of our current Trustees about what the role entails. Please ask for their contact details at the school office.

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	Thursday 30 May	Year 4-8 School Cross Country
	Mon 10 June – Fri 21 June	Swimming Sessions Room 6,7 & 9
	Tues 11 June	Year 3 Junior Cross Country
Team Toru	Thursday 30 May	Year 8 boys Taste of St Pats Day
	Thursday 30 May	Year 4-8 School Cross Country
	Thursday 13 June	St Mary's College Open Day 9am-12pm
Other Events	Thursday 23 May	Board of Trustees Meeting
	Thursday 6 June	Northern Zone Cross Country
	Sunday 9 June	Open Day for St Pats College 1.30-4pm
	Thursday 13 June	Northern Zone Cross Country postponement

School Uniform Price Increase

Reluctantly, as a result of increasing material costs over the years, Bernadette has advised that there has been a small increase to the price of some uniform items.

St Brigid's Student Leadership Teams

Meet our wonderful Young Christian Leaders and Sports Captains for 2019:



Back row:

Amber Dano, Sienna Leilua, Leann Mulqueen, Rhylee-Hope Bolstad'Faletolu, Sophia Fouhy, Ben Stephen, Miguel Bautista

Front row:

Maddie Guerrero, Chloe Lasmarias, Amelia Archer, Anne Lyons, Holly Robins, Jacob Matthews



Back row:

Daniel Winter, Andrew Tempongko, Emma Whitney

Front row:

Daniel Hanning, Dominic Aspros, Shontae Kairau-Mathie



Parents may need to know:

- **Pokemon Cards** are **STILL banned** from school (despite what your children may have told you!)
- **Leadership Meetings** are now held every Thursday morning from 7.45 to 9am. Teachers involved in these weekly meeting will be unavailable on a Thursday mornings before school. They are Maggie Johnson, Amanda Prowse, Fiona Kearns, Pauline Sharp and Linda Birch.
- **Toilet troubles** – please talk to your boys about how they use the toilet.

We are having real problems with boys urinating on the seats, floor and in some cases the walls. We know that many younger boys do not have complete bladder control yet and often leave going until “the last minute”. Teachers have talked to their classes about getting there in time, using the toilets properly and keeping them as clean as possible.

It would be great if parents could reinforce this message at home.



Sacramental Programme

The children’s scrap books will be returned to them On Wednesday, along with the Confirmation booklets.

Please do the first home lesson before 26 May and glue it into the scrap book to bring along with you to our **first lesson in Room 12 at 10.15 on 26 May.**

Thank you

Marie Eastwood



Lost - Rio Anderson has lost his fitness tracker/watch. It has a blue strap with black rectangle face. If found, could you please hand it in to the school office.

Found – A Walkman and ear buds were found in our school grounds last week. If they belong to you, they can be collected from the school office.



Student Celebrations

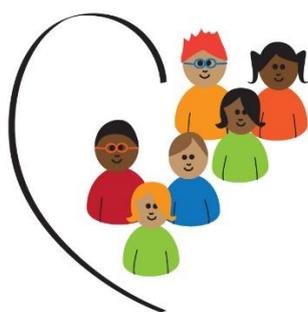
This column is to acknowledge and congratulate any of our students who have achieved in other pursuits outside of school.

Congratulations to:

Amber Dano, Room 6. Amber has been chosen to represent New Zealand at the Under 11 Worldwide Tennis Representative Tournament which is being held on the Gold Coast, Australia on the 29 June. As well as this she will be competing in 3 other tournaments in Brisbane.

All the best for this Amber! We are so proud of you!

Amelia Archer who took part in the Jennian Homes Mother's Day 5km run and came first! Great work Amelia 😊



Friends & Whanau Fundraising
St Brigid's School

Roti Bread Fundraiser Term 2

This very popular fundraiser is happening again this term. An order form will be coming home with all children tomorrow. Please look out for them in the school bags.

2019/20 Entertainment Book

The 2019 | 2020 Entertainment Memberships are here, with exclusive offers for everything you love to do. It's our best Membership yet, packed with amazing offers for activities, attractions, shopping, travel and all kinds of tasty treats - from cool cafes to fabulous fine dining. **With Entertainment there are thousands of experiences you can enjoy, while raising funds for the things you care about.**

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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.



Community News

Book Fair - Ngaio Town Hall

Saturday 25 May 2019 - 9am to 4pm.

We would love you to come and buy books, DVDs and CDs. Children's books are \$1, adult books are \$3 (\$2 each, after the first five books purchased).

All proceeds (about \$14,000 last year) will go to the Blue Dragon Children's Foundation, which helps to break the poverty cycle for Vietnam's poorest children. This includes street kids, children with disabilities, children from rural families living in extreme poverty, and victims of human trafficking and slavery.



If you have books, DVDs or CDs to donate, please contact Dinah Dobson, trustee, on 475 7371 or 027 686 4554.

