



St Brigid's School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

Last weekend, on Saturday, Ngaio School hosted the St Brigid's Kapa Haka Festival in the Onslow College hall. We had a large group of students take part, who put everything into their final performance of the year. They were amazing!



Thank you for the support given to our tamariki by Tania Fransen and Matua Wayne Firmin. Thank you also to all the parents who helped with getting our children to the venue and ready to perform on stage.

God Bless,
Linda Birch



First Holy Communion

Congratulations to the following students who received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion at Sts Peter & Paul's Church on Sunday 9 September:

Adrielle Espeleta, Angelo Cruz, Anne Lyons, Audrey Chew, August Villanueva, Barsin Goriyel, Calvin Panugayan, Cian Earle, Danielle Aspros, Devyn Manase, Dylan Hutchinson, Edric Botuyan, Eliot McCairn, Emma Fernando, Erin Matthews, Gene Galicia, Grayce Robins, Isabelle Won, Jacqueleen Rodriguez, Jasmine Daniels, Jasmyne Sinio, JC Historillo, Jia Cercado, Kaleb Wilson, Katrina Ramos, Keisha Baloyo, Keith Nikolao, Kielle de Mesa, Liahna Wharakura, Lily O'Connor, Luca De Gregorio, Michael Carpenter, Mikayla Morris, Miyel Manalo, Neon Elemento, Patrick Ting, Peyton Luamanu, Samuel Lim, Seth Smith, Sharlina Iosefo, Sophia De Guzman, Sophia Rosa, Tiffany Su, Tomas Elliott, Ty Nguyen and Vihaan Jayasinghe.

It was a beautiful Mass with Father Carl ensuring it was special and meaningful for the children, their families and supporters. A very big thank you to Marie Eastwood and Carol Burns for preparing our children so well, and to our teachers who have supported the children in their classes as they have worked through the Sacramental Programme. It was lovely to see many of our teachers and the management team at the Mass.

Strength of character and gentleness of heart





School Assembly
(Hui-a-kura)

Our school assembly will be held this week **on Friday 21 September at 2.15pm** at the Johnsonville Community Centre.

Assembly will be taken by **Room 6**.
Parents are most welcome to join us.

Welcome

We warmly welcome new entrant students
Levi Muaau, Shenaya Perera, Leon Buchanan and Reáltán Gilchrist who have all joined Room 2.

Shenaya and Leon are both new to our school, while Levi joins his siblings Nico & Kaylani, and Reáltán joins her sisters Brannagh & Brighdie.

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

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	Tuesday 25 September	Year 6 Parent Camp Meeting
	Wednesday 17 - Friday 19 October	Year 6 Camp
Other Events	Wednesday 19 September	Artsplash Performance
	Thursday 20 September	Market Day
		Board of Trustees Meeting
	Monday 24 September	Newlands Kapa Haka Festival
	Wednesday 26 September	Friends and Family Fundraising Meeting
	Thursday 27 September	Cupcakes Fundraiser
	Friday 28 September	End of Term 3 - School finishes at 2pm
Monday 15 October	Start of Term 4	

Board of Trustees

Our next Board of Trustees meeting will be held this week on Thursday 20 September at 7.00pm in the staffroom. Parents are always welcome to attend.



We have set up a closed Facebook Group to share news, photos, events & alerts with current St Brigid's School families. It's another way we can share what is happening at school with home.

You can find the Facebook group by logging into Facebook and typing **St Brigid's School, Johnsonville** into the search bar & requesting to join the group.



Artsplash Concert Tickets

Tickets for the Artsplash choir performance this **Wednesday 19 September**, are now only available as door sales at the Michael Fowler Centre. We do not have any tickets remaining in the office.



Rooms 13 & 14 Market Day

Don't forget to bring some money and come up to Rooms 13 and 14 this Thursday to purchase your goodies (see our posters on the staffroom and Room 12's windows). Please see timetable below to ensure you get in on time to purchase our yummy food, toys and many other products produced by the students of Rooms 13 and 14.

8.30am - 9.15am = FAMILY AND FRIENDS
9.30am - 12.30pm = CLASS BOOKINGS
12.45pm - 1.30pm = FAMILY AND FRIENDS
1.30pm - 3.00pm = CLASS BOOKINGS
3.00pm - 3.30pm = FAMILY AND FRIENDS



Year 6 Parents - Camp Meeting

We will be holding a parent/caregiver Year 6 camp meeting on Tuesday 25 September from 6.00 – 6.30pm in Room 6. This meeting is to explain what is planned for the camp in the first week of Term 4.

Cupcake Sale

Next week, on Thursday 27 September the Year 6's will be having their last fundraiser for the Year 6 camp. The cost of each cupcake is \$2.

Please write your child's name and room number on an envelope and the total amount enclosed as well.

Year 6 students will be going around the classrooms collecting the money each morning until the day of the sale. The students will be able to collect their cupcakes during lunch time on Thursday next week. Thanks for your support!



2019 School Roll

Enrolments for next year have been closed for a while now and we have a waiting list of Catholic children. In light of this, we need to know if there are **any children who will not be returning to St Brigid's next year** (other than our Year 8 leavers).

Please advise the school office before the end of this term.



Royal New Zealand Ballet – The Nutcracker

There is an opportunity for some of our students to attend the School Performance of The Nutcracker at the Opera House on Thursday 1 November at 12.30pm.

We have a small number of tickets remaining which we are making available to any Team Toru students, who may wish to join the Team Rua students attending. **The cost is \$21.**

Sorry - this trip is not suitable for Team Tahiti students.

If your child would like to attend the performance, please return payment to the school office by Friday 21 September. Seats will be allocated on a first come basis.

This is a wonderful opportunity to attend a Royal New Zealand ballet performance at a very reasonable price.

Pasifika Cultural Group

Talofa lava, Malo e lelei

Students in the Pasifika Cultural Group were very fortunate to make Sapasui with Aloisia during Tongan Language Week.

We were very grateful to her for making this a very enjoyable and yummy session for the students.



Last Friday at the Environmental Mass, the whole school joined to sing The Lord is My Light in both English and Samoan, accompanied by Tasi. It was truly beautiful.

Tomorrow we look forward to a visit from Frances Solia, sharing her experience as part of the Pulse netball team.

The students are working hard practising their dances for the Cultural Food and Performance on Sunday 11 November.

Grateful thanks to Tagi and Tasi for their ongoing support, commitment and enthusiasm.

Faafetai, Malo'aupito



Johnsonville Combined Churches Op Shop

We are on duty at the shop this week so please come and have a browse.

Our thank you to our volunteers luncheon is on Thursday 18th October at 12.30pm at the Johnsonville Community Centre. All our volunteers are welcome to come along, and parents if you would like to learn more about what the Op Shop does, please come along too.

We will be having a speaker from the House of Grace telling us about the work they do in the community.

Please RSVP to Yvette at ycelliston@gmail.com or 021 605 754.

SPORTS NOTICES

Basketball and Miniball for Term 4

If your child is wishing to continue playing miniball or basketball, or is wishing to start next term, please email Mr Schultz (mike@stbrigids.school.nz).

Names need to be received by this Wednesday 19 September.

A cost will then be sent out after teams have been sorted.

Student Celebrations

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

Congratulations to:

James Ryan who won a Team Player award for 10th grade football at the North Wellington Junior Football Club prizegiving.

Community News

St Patrick's College Art Exhibition, Kilbirnie, 6.30pm-9.30pm 21 September 2018

Tickets are on sale now on Eventfinda or from the College for this much-anticipated event (contact spcpa1885@outlook.com or phone 939 9070). Tickets are \$25 and include light refreshments. This is a great night out to view or purchase high-quality art by more than 30 established and upcoming artists. Over 130 artworks, including ceramics and jewellery, will be available for purchase. Thank you for your support of this event which is a fundraiser for the College.

St Teresa's Karori Eco-Friendly Fair

St Teresa's Karori eco-friendly Fair is coming up on Saturday 22 September - 11am to 2pm at 299 Karori Road. The Spring Fair is a great family focused event. All the old favourite stalls are back: Books, Toys, White Elephant, Craft, Deli, Second Hand clothing, Ethnic Food & much much more. It will be a great day out with a strong emphasis for being eco-friendly.



Bizarre Bazaar

If you enjoy good food, good music and finding bargains, head along to 229 Helston Road, Newlands on Saturday 22 September from 10:30am - 1:30pm for a fun morning out for the family. Some of the fun on-offer includes: baking, massage, clothing, white elephant, fair games/bouncy castle, a fire truck, books/DVDs/toys, sausage sizzle, cafe with live entertainment and a fabulous handmade craft stall. There is also a silent auction which offers some great services to bid on. There'll be something for everyone; with a large proportion of the proceeds going to support the awesome charity WELFed. We'd love to see you there!

<https://www.facebook.com/bizarrebazaarchristadelphian/>.

Zealandia - Alzheimers NZ Memory Walk

You can visit the Zealandia eco-sanctuary in Wellington for free on Sunday 23 September, including an option for a free guided tour by the Zealandia guides. This offer is only available to those registered for the Memory Walk being held by Alzheimers NZ, one of 20 throughout NZ.

Memories are precious. That's why this September, thousands of Kiwis will be walking to show their support for all those living with dementia. Let's walk to remember. Let's walk for dementia.

Come along and walk to show your support for people with dementia and their families, friends and care partners. Memory Walks are a great activity for people of all ages and abilities.

Register at <http://www.alzheimers.org.nz/memorywalk>.

Johnsonville Fire Station Open Day

On Saturday 29 September this year the Johnsonville Volunteer Fire Brigade will be celebrating their 75th Jubilee and as a part of this we will be having an open day.

The Open day will be between 10am and 1pm. Everyone is welcome to come down and see what we do. We will have Fire safety demonstration on display, lots of fire trucks to look at, giveaways and a free barbecue.

Zirka Circus

Zirka Circus will be returning to Wellington during the school holidays from 28 September to 14 October at Appleton Park, Chaytor Street, Karori - www.zirkacircus.com.

School Holiday Craft Workshop

Make it fly! Join us at the Churton Park Community Centre, Thursday 4 October, 2-4pm to build a hoop glider, monocopter and dragon flyer, and decorate a paper lantern hot air balloon. For children 5-12 years old, \$24.50 per child (\$22 for siblings), all materials supplied. More info at <https://www.facebook.com/makeitactivities> and bookings to jann.freitas@jinglebugs.co.nz.

Kelly Club October Holiday Programmes

Kelly Club offers full time Holiday Programmes during the October school holidays at **Churton Park School, Westpark School, Amesbury School**, from 1 Oct – 12 Oct 2018.

Kelly Club Holiday Programmes focus on giving children aged between 5 and 13 the opportunity to do things they enjoy in a safe, supportive and encouraging environment. The programmes are packed with activities to entertain and inspire children.

Kelly Club Football Morning Holiday Programme

(Yrs 1–6) Wests Rugby Clubrooms, Wilton (all weather indoor surface). Improve technique by working on the core skills of control, dribbling, passing, tackling & shooting. Great practice for the



up and coming Summer Series Competition! **Week 1** - Tues, Wed & Thurs 9.30am-12.30pm
Week 2 – Tues, Weds, Thurs 9.30am-12.30pm

Kelly Club Netball Holiday Programme – Onslow College, Johnsonville

Come and join Wellington Pulse member **Mila Reuelu Buchanan** for a fun filled Holiday Programme of netball! Grow your child's confidence with our netball skills programme, focusing on the key skills areas for their level of development. Children aged 5-12 can work on the ball handling, game sense, co-ordination, speed and accuracy with our experienced coaches. Using fun drills and games to develop and challenge young players while also having fun!

Week 2 – Mon, Tues, Weds 1.30pm - 4.30pm

For full details and to enrol into our programmes visit www.kellyclub.co.nz, email adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz or call 04 972 7201.

DancePointe Academy

Enrolments for Term 4 are open and a free trial class is available for your child for either Ballet from 3 ½ years of age or Tap and Jazz from 6 years of age. Classes are after school and either at St Peter & Pauls or St Johns church halls. Contact Sharon dancepointenz@gmail.com, www.dancepointe.co.nz or mobile 021 215 1222.

Gymnastics, Tumbling, Trampoline, & Free Running classes in Tawa!

Bigair Gymsports has a vast range of exciting classes for children aged 3 – 15 years, for all abilities! From beginner to intermediate we have GRAVITY BUSTERS classes, to our more advanced TEAM EXTREME and TUMBLING classes. Children will learn extensive personal skills, including increased self-confidence, self-reflection, listening skills, persistence, self-pride, increased self-esteem, all while building strength, flexibility, balance, co-ordination and fitness, plus some pretty amazing skills that kids can be proud of. Bigair Gyms Term 4 Classes, plus fun & active SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME are open for bookings NOW! For more information, please call us on 04 232 3508, email us office@bigairgym.co.nz or visit our website www.bigairgym.co.nz.

Newlands Rugby Club - Touch Rugby Monday afternoons - Term 4 2018

Register your interest - <https://www.sporty.co.nz/newlands>.

Registrations close on the 15th of October, and we let you know your team by the 18th of October. The season is from 29 Oct to 3 Dec 2018, 6 weeks. We play Monday nights from 4pm.

There will be teams for combined years : Years 1 & 2 (this is a new grade), Years 3 & 4, Years 5 & 6 and Years 7&8.

Mini Triathlon

Mini Triathlon at Johnsonville School on Saturday 3rd November 2018. All children welcome aged 5 to 12 years. For a registration form email johnsonvilletri@gmail.com or visit the notice board at Johnsonville School website www.johnsonville.school.nz.

