



St Brigid's School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

It is hard to believe that the term has nearly finished and we are coming into our first lot of school holidays. We may have only had nine weeks at school, but they have been a full and busy nine weeks and both children and staff are ready for a change of pace and focus.

Thank you to all the parents who have involved themselves with the school and their children's education this term – from goal setting meetings, book fair, swimming, netball organisation and sporting events to fundraising meetings, road patrol and parent information evenings. Your support is highly valued and appreciated.

The Parent Information Evening held last week was very well attended by about 30 teachers and parents. Listening to Matt Strawbridge, a 20 year old who has overcome the challenges of being dyslexic, was inspiring. He talked about what had helped him as a primary/secondary school student and how he had worked to develop his strengths, particularly his creativity. Matt now has his own website that supports dyslexic children and their families and is doing work for the Ministry of Education. Here is the [link](#) which will take you to his website

School notices:

- School will finish at **2.00pm on Friday 12 April** and resume on Monday April 29.
- The school will be celebrating an Easter Liturgy with the Stations of the Cross at St Peter & Paul's Church on Friday **12 April at 11.00am**. Parents are very welcome to join us.

God Bless

Linda Birch

St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish Youth Mass - 10.30am, 7 April

Let's come together and celebrate as one.

Celebrated by Father Denis O'Hagan at Ss Peter & Paul Church, Johnsonville

Mass will be followed by food and fun.

(For more information call Sio on 02108160396 or Jacob on 0211250853).

Strength of character and gentleness of heart





School Assembly (Hui-a-kura)

Our school assembly will be held this week at **2.15pm on Friday 5 April** at the Johnsonville Community Centre.

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

Parents are most welcome to join us.

Welcome

We warmly welcome new entrant student:

Jason Lam who has joined Room 2. Jason and his family are new to our school.

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

A Few Gentle Reminders

- If you have a **child at home turning 5 next year** and you haven't yet enrolled them, please do so as soon as possible. Numbers for next year are starting to look high and we do not want siblings missing out.
- We **DO NOT want children arriving at school before 8am**. There is no guarantee that adults will be on site before this time and it is putting your child at risk!
- Please **make sure your child has a jacket when it is a wet day**. Yesterday a number of children arrived with no jacket, in the rain and had to sit in wet clothes during the day.
- The seasonal change has brought with it a few cases of **head lice** in the school. Please check your child's head and if you do find head lice, start an effective treatment immediately.
- **Thank you** so much for the money that has come in so far for children artwork for Christchurch. We are hoping to have it all collected by the end of this week.

Lockdown Drill

On Thursday 11 April we will be having our termly lockdown drill. This will involve the lockdown alert being activated at 12.15pm and classes following our lockdown plan. Teachers will have an opportunity to debrief afterwards and evaluate effectiveness.

The Ministry of Education are currently reviewing the Lock Down advice and procedures and we will align our documentation when this is in place. This will then go on our website for parents to access.

In the event of an actual situation our procedures will be followed, children reassured and we will keep parents informed of the situation by Facebook posts, email or through Seesaw. In a lockdown situation our priority is to keep all students and staff safe.



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.stbrigid.school.nz/?page_id=420

Team Tahi		
Team Rua		
Team Toru		
Other Events	Thursday 4 April	Board of Trustees Meeting
	Friday 12 April	End of Term 1 – School finishes at 2pm
	Monday 29 April	Start of Term 2

Book Fair



Thanks so much for your support at the Book Fair. We had an awesome week and we sold an amazing number of books meaning we now have extra money to spend on new books for our library through rewards that Scholastic has given us for holding the Book Fair.

We had a wonderful dress-up day on Friday with a fantastic array of book characters and creatures from the Enchanted Forest turning up to school, with a parade just before assembly.

A **very big thank you to Debbie Nguon** for organising it all and also **to our new library leaders** for their wonderful help. 😊

We were thrilled with the beautiful weather for those families who came along to our takeaways evening – it was a great to see everyone there and having a lovely time.



Swan Plants for Sale



Room 8 are selling the swan plants we have grown:

- \$1.00 for one plant,
- \$2.00 for three plants.

All proceeds to buy more potting mix for ongoing plant growing in the courtyard by Room 8.

Plants will need some protection from frost and should be large enough for monarch caterpillars by December.

Come to Room 8 before or after school Wednesday, Thursday and Friday this week to purchase your plants.

Room 8 and Mrs Webb

Student Celebrations

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

Congratulations to:

Angus McNaught who was awarded most improved player for the Newlands Storm u11 softball team. The team, which includes **Alexander Leilua**, was also awarded team of the year for only losing one game and making the Wellington region final.

The U11 Newlands Stormers, won the final vs Porirua last Saturday to take out the Wellington regional competition.

At the Johnsonville Junior softball Prize Giving last Sunday, proudly the St Brigid's girls did really well.

U9 TBall - **Caitlin Ness** - most improved

U9 Mini Pitch - **Holly McMurtrie** - most improved

U9 Mini Pitch - **Abi Christensen** - Team Player

U11 Softball - **Emily Eastwood** - most improved



St Brigid's School Friends & Family



FUNDRAISING TEAM

Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser

We are once again running our very popular Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser. Please complete the order form sent home last week and return to the school office, and either pay online or send cash with your form to school **by Monday 8 April**.

Please note: **online payment** will continue to be offered for this fundraiser **as long as all order forms for these payments are completed and returned to the school office by due date.**



Hot Cross Buns will be available to be picked up on **Wednesday 10 April** from the staffroom between 2.45pm and 3.30pm.

If you would like your order to be given directly to your child please let Lynne know by email.

2019/20 Entertainment Book

Support St Brigid's School!

Get your new Entertainment Membership today.

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.

[CLICK HERE TO
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

Newlands Junior Rugby Club

We're still taking registrations for the 2019 winter season.

We offer rippa rugby for players aged 4-9, and tackle rugby for players aged 8-11.

Register online now at: www.sporty.co.nz/newlands or in person on Tue 9 April, 6.30-7.30pm at the clubrooms, Helston Park.

Come and join the best little rugby club in town!

Drama Holiday Programme – Drama Remedy

Drama Remedy holiday programme will be 3 days of activities on 15th , 16th and 17th of April.

Learn the fundamentals of Drama and Speech – voice, body, movement and use of space through fun group activities. Experience a workshop on Rhythmic Gymnastics and Yoga for children. To enrol or for more details contact (04) 478 5962 or 022 027 3316

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