



# St Brigid's School Newsletter

20 August 2019



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Dear Parents/Caregivers

Thank you to all those who attended the Learning Conversations in week 3. We had just over 90% of families participate in the sharing of their child's progress, discussing successes and planning next steps, goals and initiatives to support individuals.

One of the key messages that we give children with their learning is that it is important to fail (get things wrong) and to look at failure as a positive step in learning. I have just read an article about "Reframing Failure" and would like to share a couple of tips about embracing the vulnerability of failure (something that we ALL find difficult).

**Learn from Failure** – using our failures as stepping stones to build on is a powerful way to learn. When we mess up we need to own it and learn from it. Don't wallow in it; feel the feelings but move on from it.



**I am Human** – I am imperfect and that is OK. Our imperfections help us be wonderfully interesting, authentic people who are loved and respected. By being human we allow others to be human too.

**Art of Apology** – when you make a mistake that hurts someone else, learn to apologise. An apology should be sincere and avoid blame or excuses, whilst seeking to fix things if possible.



**Feedback** – be open to feedback. This can be hard especially when it challenges the image you have of yourself! Take on board feedback from people you trust and is going to help you.



**Be Kind to Yourself** – remember that you are not a super-human and that while it is important to set goals and expectations for yourself be realistic with what you expect from yourself.

**Everyone Fails** – remember that you are not alone when you make a mistake or fail at something. We are all a work in progress. We can change the dialogue and make it ok to fail. We can take risks knowing that some days we will succeed and others we won't. We can create an environment that is safer and happier for all!

God bless

Linda

## First Holy Communion



Our students will be **receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion** at **St Andrew's Church, Newlands on Sunday 25 August at 12pm.**

There will be a **practice on Friday 23 August at 3.30pm at Sts Peter & Paul's Church** - please bring your homework books along to hand in.





## School Assembly

(Hui-a-kura)

There will be **NO assembly this week.**

Parents are invited to join us for Mass at St Peter & Paul's Church at 11.30am on **Friday 23 August.**

# Welcome

We warmly welcome new entrant student **Magnus Smith** who joined Room 2 this week.

Magnus joins his older brothers Seth and Cruz here at St Brigid's.

We are sure they are helping him settle happily into school life.

## KEY DATES TO NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR

Further details can be found through this link [School Calendar](http://www.stbrigidsschool.nz) on the website (www.stbrigidsschool.nz)

<b>Team Tahī</b>	<b>Mon 2 September</b>	Rooms 1, 2 & 5 Trip to Pataka 10.00-12.30pm
	<b>Tues 3 September</b>	Rooms 3 & 4 Trip to Pataka 10.00am-12.30pm
	<b>Wed 11 September</b>	Rooms 2, 4 & 5 Trip to Te Papa 9.30am – 1.00pm Rooms 1 & 3 Trip to Te Papa 11.00am – 2.30pm
<b>Team Rua</b>	<b>Wed 21, 28 August</b>	Gymnastics
	<b>Wed 4, 11 September</b>	Gymnastics
<b>Team Toru</b>	<b>Fri 23 August</b>	St Pat's College Entrance Scholarship Exam
	<b>Thurs 22 August</b>	Year 7/8 Mathswell Competition 6.30-8.00pm, Newlands Intermediate School
	<b>Tues 27 August</b>	Rooms 6 & 7 Gymnastics at ASB 9.30am Rooms 9 & 10 Gymnastics at ASB 11.45am
	<b>Thurs 19 September</b>	Year 6 Camp Parent Evening 6.00pm-6.45pm
<b>Other events</b>	<b>Friday 23 August</b>	School Mass – 11.30am
	<b>Wed 28 August</b>	Our Intermediate Programmes - Information Evening 6.30pm-7.30pm
	<b>Fri 30 August</b>	Northern Zone Swimming
	<b>Tues 3 September</b>	'Yellow' mufti day for Cancer Society
	<b>Mon 9 September</b>	Fair meeting in staffroom at 3.00pm
	<b>Tues 10 September</b>	School photos
	<b>Wed 11 September</b>	Team photos
	<b>Thur 12 September</b>	Fair meeting in staffroom at 7.00pm
	<b>Wed 18 September</b>	Artsplash Performance 5.00pm-6.00pm
	<b>Thurs 19 September</b>	Newlands School Kapa Haka Festival 9.30am – 12.30pm Board of Trustees Meeting
	<b>Sat 21 September</b>	Annual St Brigid's Kapa Haka Festival, Newlands College
	<b>Wed 25 September</b>	Year 6 Camp Sausage Sizzle Netsafe Parent Information Evening
<b>Friday 27 September</b>	<b>End of Term 2 – School finishes at 2pm</b>	



### **News from the Board of Trustees' meeting on Thursday 15 August**

- We welcomed our new proprietors' rep Helen Sligo to the Board.
- Linda shared the mid-year achievement data of our students. It is pleasing to see students are tracking well in reading, writing and maths and support is in place for those who need it.
- The Parent survey was confirmed and ready to send out to parents shortly. We are seeking feedback and strategies around digital technology at St Brigid's. We would love to hear from as many parents and caregivers as possible to help inform our next steps in this area.
- We had a look at the work Linda is doing on the Strategic plan and the initiatives and actions that will be included in this.

### **Daffodil Day**



To show our support for Daffodil Day the Young Christian Leaders will be **selling yellow daffodils** at morning tea outside the staffroom each morning tea from **Monday 26 August to 30 August**. We ask that anyone wanting to buy one please bring a **gold coin donation**.

There will also be a basket in the school office for anyone in the school community who would like to buy a daffodil.



The **yellow daffodils can be worn** for our **SCHOOL YELLOW MUFTI FUNDRAISER** on **Tuesday 3 September** when we want to **"Paint September Yellow"** to raise money for the Cancer Society.

Please support this worthy cause.

### **Keep Safe and Use the Pedestrian Crossing**



**PLEASE be a great role model for all our students** by using the pedestrian crossings around the school. **It is unsafe for your child to cross at any other point along the street.**

Even though your child may be with you, crossing elsewhere will give our young people the impression that it is okay to cross at any point along the road which is incorrect.



## Year 6 Camp Sausage Sizzle

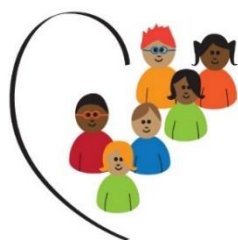


The Year 6 camp Sausage Sizzle **has been postponed** and will now be held on **Wednesday 25 September**. More information on how to order will be sent out in the next newsletter.

### Two dates to put on your calendar:



1. **Wednesday August 28 @ 6.30pm** - Information Evening about the Intermediate area of the school (Year 7 and 8's) for parents of our current year 5/6 students who would like to find out more.
2. **Wednesday September 25 @ 6.30pm** - Netsafe Parent Information Evening. How to support your children to be responsible digital citizens. More information will be shared closer to the time.



*Friends & Whanau Fundraising*  
*St Brigid's School*



## St Brigid's School Fair

Sunday 10 November



## Stalls coordinators still needed

### Filipino Food - Stall coordinator needed

Unfortunately, our Filipino stall coordinators from last year are not able to do it this year so we're looking for someone else. Please contact Tracey Robins on [robinsfamilynz@gmail.com](mailto:robinsfamilynz@gmail.com) if you can help.

### Kids games - Please help!!

Paul Murray has still had no interest in helping with the kids games. Paul does lots of the work with the class but needs people to help with planning, prizes and setting up on the weekend of the Fair. Please contact Paul in Room 6 or Tracey Robins on [robinsfamilynz@gmail.com](mailto:robinsfamilynz@gmail.com) if you can help!



## Can you or your work donate a prize or money?

Can your work donate cash or a prize for the Fair? Even a small contribution can be bundled together to make a bigger prize – beauty, shop or cafe vouchers, event tickets, kids activities etc. Even a cash donation to cover some of our costs would be great. Drop anything off at the office or contact Melissa on [nzmelissam@gmail.com](mailto:nzmelissam@gmail.com).

## Student Celebrations

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

### Congratulations to:

**Andrew Tempongko**, Room 13. Andrew has been selected as a member of the Wellington Basketball Under 13 Boys Squad. Well done Andrew!

## Lost & Found

We have 2 pairs of adult spectacles that have been found in classrooms, and we wonder whether they may have been forgotten by parents who attended the recent learning conversation meetings.

- Grey & black striped frame
- Grey frame in a Woodward Optical case

These are being held in the school office.

## Community News



Thank you to **Altrusa International of Ohariu** for the coding books donated to our school library. Altrusa is a service organisation that was founded in the USA just over 100 years ago. They contribute to the community through hands-on service, literacy projects, fundraisers and international outreach. Altrusa's project "Get set for a brighter future" aims to provide sets of literacy resources that empower women and children to develop new skills, extend their knowledge, and understand the opportunities that are created through education.

## The Onslow College Rowing Club (OCRC) Book Fair Fundraiser

**Sat 24 - Sun 25 August (9am - 3pm).**

Our Book Fair includes coffee, cake and sausage sizzle sales. EFT-POS and parking is available - so book lovers everywhere can drive on up to take away lots of books! We have a fantastic selection and something for everyone.



### **Johnsonville Softball Club - Junior Softball for ages 5 - 14**

Registration with Johnsonville Junior Softball Club is open on the 25th August (via <https://www.sporty.co.nz/jvillesc/>). Subs are \$70 per player with full uniform provided. Further details available on our facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/jvillescjuniors/> or contact [johnsonvillejuniorsoftball@gmail.com](mailto:johnsonvillejuniorsoftball@gmail.com) or phone Sue 027 276 0644.

### **A night of Music and Entertainment – Do you have the X-factor?**

7<sup>th</sup> September 2019 – 7pm onwards at Uniting Church, Johnsonville. Cost: \$15 per family/\$5 per individual. BYO Drinks and a plate of finger food to share.

For further details and to enter, contact Clayton on 027 2676263 or Nimala on 021 1082074, Blanche on 021 2375558 or Derrick on 027 5058403.

