



# St Brigid's School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

We have an exciting year of learning ahead of us, not just for our students but for staff and parents as well. Our three main areas of focus are Science, Writing and Wellbeing.

**Wellbeing** underpins everything we do at school. Children and teachers need to be able to successfully manage the challenges and stresses of daily life (big and little) that can affect our physical, emotional and mental wellbeing. Creating a safe, harmonious and respectful environment at school and at home allows us all to get on with our key task of teaching and learning.

One of the additional stresses in this day and age is keeping our children educated and safe in digital environments and on social media. As a school that has Year 7 and 8's we are very aware of the impact that negative experiences in this medium can have on children. Whilst we provide rigorous safeguards at school and closely monitor children's online behaviour we are always looking at "doing it better" as I'm sure you are as well.

Next month our IT leaders, alongside three other local schools, are working with Netsafe to review and strengthen what we are doing. As part of this professional development, Netsafe are providing an evening session for parents that will surface key messages for parents of the social needs and activities of young people online, implications, parent role in supporting and developing their children's values and skills to manage risks. This is open to ALL parents/whanau across the school, who would like to learn more about supporting their children and helping them make good decision online.



The balancing act between the social and the safe online – ways we can support our children and young people as they navigate online opportunities, challenges and complexities.

Wednesday March 7 @ Crofton Downs School Hall 6.30 – 7.30

I really hope parents will take this opportunity and join us on March 7.

God Bless

*Linda Birch*

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**School Assembly**  
(Hui-a-kura)

Our school assembly will be held this week at **2.15pm on Friday 23 February** at the Johnsonville Community Centre.

Assembly will be taken by Room 11.

Parents are most welcome to join us.



**Sacramental Programme**

Please return your finished patches to school as soon as possible. The worksheets that were done on Sunday can be glued into your scrapbooks.



**Congratulations** to two of our teachers, who celebrated their weddings during the school holidays.

**Erica Bowe** (nee Bradshaw) married Anthony, and

**Phillip Wakelin** married Miriam.

We wish you much happiness for the future.



<p><b>KEY DATES TO NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR</b></p> <p>Further details about these and other events can be found on the school calendar on the website  <a href="http://www.stbrigids.school.nz/?page_id=420">http://www.stbrigids.school.nz/?page_id=420</a></p>		
<b>Team Tahī</b>	<b>Mon 12 Feb - Thurs 22 Feb</b>	Swimming Lessons
	<b>Wednesday 28 March</b>	NZSO concert
<b>Team Rua</b>	<b>Mon 5 Mar - Thurs 8 Mar</b>	Johnsonville Library Visits
	<b>Wednesday 28 March</b>	NZSO concert
<b>Team Toru</b>	<b>Mon 19 Feb - Fri 23 Feb</b>	Year 8 Camp
	<b>Tuesday 27 February</b>	Year 5/6 Northern Zone Cricket Tournament
<b>Other Events</b>	<b>Thursday 22 February</b>	Board of Trustees Meeting
	<b>Tuesday 13 March</b>	Northern Zone Football Tournament



## **Board of Trustees**

Our first Board of Trustees meeting for the year will be held this week on Thursday 22 February at 7.00pm in the staffroom. Parents are always welcome to attend.

## **Uniform Order Delivery/Pick-up Process**

Once Bernadette has completed uniform orders she emails parents to let them know that they are available for collection from the school office. Once parents receive their confirmation email, they can either:

- call in themselves to pick up the order or
- email the office requesting that the order be given to their child.

**Please note:** as a security measure we **do not** give orders out to children without parental notification.



## **School Book Fair & Family Takeaway Night**

**5.30pm Friday 16 March**

Come and join other families with your Friday night takeaways and have a fun and relaxing evening catching up with other parents while the kids play.

At the same time, pop into the Library and check out our Wild West Book Fair. Lots of books at great prices and every book sold earns points that our school can use towards buying more beautiful books for our school library.

## **SPORTS NOTICES**

### **Northern Zone Cricket Tournament**

Northern Zone Cricket will be held on Tuesday 27th February. If you haven't already brought your notice in to Mrs Bowe please do so promptly.

Also a reminder to both parents and students that Northern Zone Cricket is a fun tournament. We are there to learn, participate and have fun together.

## **Community News**

### **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,



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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](mailto:stbrigids@kellyclub.co.nz) or text 022 010 9984.

### **Drama Classes**

Our international curriculum will: help explore performance skills, creativity, overcome shyness, develop positive self-esteem, grow their imagination, interact with adults, make new friends, have lots of fun. Fun after-school classes for 5 to 17 years. To enrol please call 0800 161 131 or see our website [www.helenogradynz.co.nz](http://www.helenogradynz.co.nz).



### **Raroa Music Centre Enrolments For 2018**

Raroa Music Centre offers Saturday morning group music lessons for primary school children at low cost. Although many of our classes are full, we still have some places available for trumpet, clarinet and choir. To enrol enquire or please visit our website at [www.raroamusic.org.nz](http://www.raroamusic.org.nz).

### **DancePointe Academy**

If your child would like to experience the joy of dance be it Ballet or Tap, bring them for a free trial class. Preps from 3 ½ years old right through to young adults. Classes are after school and either at St Peter & Pauls Church or St Johns Church. Contact Sharon [dancepointenz@gmail.com](mailto:dancepointenz@gmail.com), [www.dancepointe.co.nz](http://www.dancepointe.co.nz) or mobile 021 215 1222.

### **Horse Riding**

Te Horo School in association with HARC 2018 Open Ribbon Day on Tuesday 6 March 2018 at the Levin Showgrounds, Tiro Tiro Road, Levin. Join us for a fun day of riding. Primary and secondary school riders welcome. Open to all ages, including lead rein. Flat and jumping classes. See the full schedule at [www.equestrianentries.co.nz](http://www.equestrianentries.co.nz). \$40 entry includes both flat and jumping classes. Enter via the above website. Entries close 1 March 2018. For queries please go to [www.facebook.com/TeHoroSchoolEquestrian](https://www.facebook.com/TeHoroSchoolEquestrian), email Marcella [batespony@gmail.com](mailto:batespony@gmail.com) or phone 021 471 481.

### **Johnsonville West Kindergarten Gala & Wheel-a-thon**



**JOHNSONVILLE WEST**  
Kindergarten  
34 Kipling St.

**GALA & WHEEL-A-THON**  
SUNDAY 25th Feb, 12-2pm  
JOIN US (RAIN OR SHINE) FOR  
TONNES OF FUN, BOUNCY CASTLE,  
PONY RIDES, BBQ, COFFEE & BAKING.  
PLUS THERE ARE GREAT PRIZES TO WIN!

### **West Fest is on again - West Park School's Annual Gala: 10 March 2018, 11 – 2pm**

Come along to West Fest 2018 - this fabulous annual event has something for everyone! There will be all the traditional gala highlights including fantastic food, great entertainment, second hand goods for sale, face painting and crafts. A great range of activities will also be on

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offer to entertain the whole family. Highlights include the Easy Swim obstacle course (ages 2 - 8), a bouncy castle, quiddich and jousting activities, the famous toilet roll catapult, ride on mini jeeps, a water zone ... and even a remote control monster truck!

### **Healing the Hearts of our Children Course**

Whether your children are young, grown up, and all things in between, we would love you to join us at Maungaraki Baptist Church, 164 Dowse Drive, Maungaraki, as we journey through the Elijah House Healing the Hearts of our Children course. With a focus on unconditional love, keeping heart connections open and ways to repair and restore relationship when there's been disconnect. This insightful teaching is full of principles and how to's to facilitate the growth of healthy, loving family relationships. Please note this course looks at how we can allow God to bring hope and healing into these relationships, and the bible is often referred to throughout the sessions. You can attend this 5 week series on either Monday nights from 7.30-9.30pm on March 5, 12, 19, 26th & April 9th; or Thursday mornings 10am-12pm March 8, 15, 22, 29 & April 5th. The cost is \$10, or \$2 per session. Refreshments will be provided. Please rsvp to Janine Banks at [maungaraki.baptist.church@gmail.com](mailto:maungaraki.baptist.church@gmail.com).

### **Netball Competition for Year 5 & 6's - 6v6 Competition at ASB**

Want to start getting ready for the 2018 Netball Season early? Get started with 6 v 6 a side netball. We've got the comp just for you - join our Term 1 Kids' Comp! Balls, Bibs and Umpires and prizes all sorted for you - all you need to do is rally your team members! All games are played indoors so no need to worry about cancellations - we go ahead rain or shine each week.

Venue: ASB Sports Centre, [72 Kemp Street, Kilbirnie, Wellington](#)

When: Wednesdays for 4 weeks in Term 1 2018

Game Times: 4.05pm, 4.50pm and 5.40pm

First Game: Wednesday 28th February 2018

Last Game: Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> of March 2018

Aimed at: Boys & Girls in Years 5 - 6

Cost: Year 5 – 6 '6 V 6' a side Kids Comp \$180 per team paid up-front in advance *plus* \$8 cash per game collected prior to the game each week as an Umpire Contribution. This payment goes directly to the umpires on the night so EFTPOS cannot be accepted for this payment. Please try to bring the correct change.

Alternatively teams are welcome to pay the Umpire Contribution in full as \$32 cash in full up-front to the Registration Desk on the first day of competition as per above.

Game duration: 32 minutes – 4 x 8 minute quarters

HOW TO REGISTER:

Online Registrations are open now! You will be charged a non refundable \$25.00 admin fee on registration. This admin fee is included in the \$180 fee to play but if you withdraw your team from the competition you will still be required to pay the \$25.00 admin fee.

Spaces are limited so get your team together and register now via

<https://membership.sportstg.com/regofrm.cgi?formID=76527>.

