



# St Brigid's School Newsletter

20 March 2018



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Dear Parents/Caregivers

It was wonderful to see so many families arrive on Friday evening, with their dinner, to be part of our book fair "open evening". I spoke with a number of parents who talked about the benefits of coming together to catch up with other parents/families and to meet parents they hadn't spoken to before. It was a relaxed, fun evening and a positive way to bring our community together.

Goal Setting Meetings (this Wednesday and Thursday) serve a different purpose for bringing people together. These meetings focus on a couple of areas that children have self-identified as things they would like to 'improve in' and putting in place, with the support of adults, how they are going to get there.

Goal setting is an important skill for all people to be able to do. As a staff we researched and discussed the purpose and usefulness of goal setting. The following is a piece from an article "Teaching Children Confidence through Goal Setting" by Dr. Gail Gross:

*Through the positive experience of goal setting, your child can learn about his or herself, by taking responsibility for his or her own learning and behaviour. This will teach your child the boundaries of his or her own capacity. Moreover, if your child's goal is not achieved he or she will perceive that loss of goal, not as a defect, but rather a result of inappropriate effort. This is how you teach children, commitment, responsibility, obligation, and persistence, as a way to push past his or her effort positively towards reaching a goal.*

*Guiding children to appropriate goals and resolutions is the responsibility of both teachers and parents. By knowing your child, you can create an environment that enhances their strengths and lowers the decibels of their weaknesses. Life is about choices. So teaching your child to consciously and deliberately overcome obstacles and accomplish their goals, you will enable them to deliberately make the right choices for themselves. Finally, goal setting is something you will do until the end of your life. And if as a child you develop a sense of high self-efficacy, those goals will reward until your last breath.*

God Bless

Linda Birch

## Welcome

We warmly welcome new entrant students  
**Joel Bennik, Kenji Dechavez and Noah Bancolita**  
who have all joined Room 2.

Noah and his family are new to our school, while Joel joins his older brother Ethan, and Kenji joins his older brother Javien here at St Brigid's.

We hope you are all settling happily into school life.

*Strength of character and gentleness of heart*



## **First Reconciliation**

On 11 March a number of our students from the St Francis of Assisi, Ohariu Parish, celebrated their the Sacrament of First Reconciliation

We would like to congratulate the following children:

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

May you always feel the loving presence of Jesus in this grace-filled Sacrament.

## **2018 Young Christian Leaders**

Last week students and teachers voted in our 2018 Young Christian Leadership team. This team is made up of 14 students - three Year 6 representatives and eleven Year 7/8 students. We have already met and discussed what it means to be a class representative and will continue to build team work and projects for 2018.

Congratulations to the following senior students who have been selected as  
**our 2018 Young Christian Leaders:**

**Sophia Fouhy, Keith Nikolao, Hoana Blackman, Sienna Leilua, Ben Stephen, Lana Amaba, Mariam Ieshw, Aidan Eastwood, Hannah Sema, Kane Rodrigues and Oliver Tull**

and our Year 6 representatives: **Cayleigh Paulsen, Jeof Tactay and Sherize Concessio.**



Absent from photo: Sienna Leilua



## 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](http://www.stbrigids.school.nz/?page_id=420)

<b>Team Tahī</b>	<b>Wednesday 28 March</b>	NZSO Concert
	<b>Thursday 29 March</b>	Easter Performance
	<b>Monday 9 April</b>	Island Bay Marine Education visit
<b>Team Rua</b>	<b>Wednesday 28 March</b>	NZSO Concert
<b>Team Toru</b>	<b>Tuesday 10 March</b>	Year 7&8 Primary Sport Wellington Futsal Tournament
<b>Other Events</b>	<b>Wed 21 &amp; Thurs 22 March</b>	Goal Setting Meetings
	<b>Wednesday 28 March</b>	Friends and Family Ideas Sharing
	<b>Tuesday 3 April</b>	<b>Easter Tuesday – School Closed</b>
	<b>Thursday 5 April</b>	Board of Trustees Meeting
	<b>Friday 13 April</b>	End of Term 1
	<b>Monday 30 April</b>	Start of Term 2



### Goal Setting Meetings

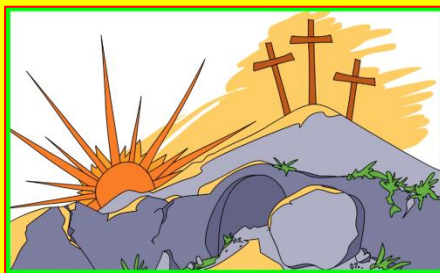
We are holding Goal Setting Meetings for **Year 3 to 8** students, this week on **Wednesday 21 and Thursday 22 March**. These are an opportunity for parents, teachers and students to help students plan what they will need to do this year to ensure that they make progress with their learning.

The online booking system is open at [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) and the code to use is **3enwa**. Please select a time that is convenient for **you and your child** to meet with their teacher. The online **booking system will be closed at 8.00am** tomorrow morning. If you need to make an appointment after this time, please call the office on 478 6516.

### Team Tahī Easter Performance

We warmly invite whanau to come and see the Team Tahī Easter Performance being held next **Thursday, 29 March** at 11.30am at Ss Peter and Paul's Church.

We will be telling the Easter Story through a variety of singing, reading and visual art.



## Congratulations to our new Library Leaders

Introducing our Library Leaders for this year:



**Rachel Su, Danica Tactay, Hoana Blackman** and **Nina De Gregorio.**

They will assist Mrs Nguon with the running of the library, keeping shelves tidy, ensuring there are student Librarians on duty at lunchtime and filling in if necessary.

## Book Fair



Thanks so much for your support at the Book Fair last week. 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 people from the Wild, Wild West turning up to school, with a parade at the end of the day and prizes awarded to one person in each team.

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 number of families who came along to our take away evening - we had a wonderful turnout. It was just a shame the weather wasn't kind to us and it ended up being an inside picnic, but it was great to see everyone there and having a lovely time.





## **Caritas Appeal - Easter Egg Raffle**



Next week we will be running our Easter Egg Raffle.

The money raised from this will go to our Catholic social justice organization, Caritas.

The theme for this year's Lenten appeal is *"Let Us Go Together"*.

Each year we donate to Caritas, and today we had Michael Stewart, a Caritas educator, come to our school to share where the money goes and how it helps our world to be a better place.

Please support this worthy cause.

**Tickets will be sold by classroom teachers on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.**

**\$1 for 1 ticket**

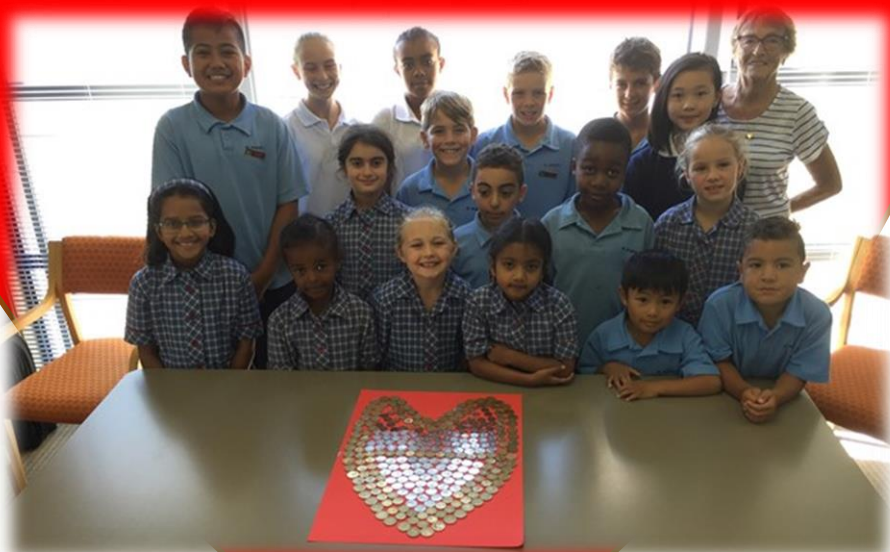
**or \$2 for 3 tickets**

## **St Joseph's Rarotonga Coin Trail**

We made a "coin trail" for St Joseph's School in the Cook Islands this week and raised **\$261.00**.

The money is being taken to Rarotonga by Marie Eastwood and will be used to buy art and sport equipment as a gift from the children of St Brigid's to the children at St Joseph's.

**Thank you for your  
support**



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## Netsafe

Online safety is more important now than ever. There was an informative Netsafe meeting for St Brigid's parents held on Wednesday 7 March at Crofton Downs School. Six parents from St Brigid's School attended. As young people begin to spend more time online, it's important that parents start to teach them how to stay safe.

Each week, we will share some ideas and links from Netsafe to help you have conversations with your child. Here is the first one:

### PARENT'S ROLE IN BUILDING DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP

**SET EXPECTATIONS** - Talk to your child about the type of behaviours you'd like them to adopt. For example, how long they should spend online, what apps and social media sites you'd like them to use and what is appropriate content to view. This will be different depending on the age of your child, and what you feel comfortable with. Technological options like parental controls can help, but it needs to be teamed with online safety education.

Find out more about how [much time kids should be spending online](#)  
Find out about [how to use parental controls](#).

## School Uniform

When making payments online to Bernadette Chapman (our uniform supplier) could parents please include the invoice number as a reference.

If clothing is being taken to Bernadette for alternations to be made, could it please be washed beforehand – it's much nicer to do alterations when clothes are clean.

## **SPORTS NOTICES**

### Basketball and Miniball for Term 2

If you are interested in playing miniball or basketball at Nairnville Recreation Centre next term could you please email Mrs Bowe ([erica@stbrigids.school.nz](mailto:erica@stbrigids.school.nz)). Please include your child's name and Year Level. We will also be looking for coaches/managers to coach each team. If you are able to help, please indicate this as well.

Year 3-4 Miniball is played on Monday nights

Year 5-6 Miniball is played on Tuesday nights

Year 7-8 Basketball is played on Friday nights.

Once teams have been sorted, a cost will be issued.

All registrations need to be into Mrs Bowe **by Wednesday 28th March**.



### Movin' March

The month of March is known as Movin' March. Try and think of ways that you will be able to encourage your child to come to school - parking further away from the school gates and walking, biking to school, or scootering. Let's see if we can start moving some more for the last couple of weeks of March.



## Northern Zone Cricket and Northern Zone Football

During March we have had a number of students take part in the Northern Zone Cricket tournament, and also the Northern Zone Football tournament. Thank you to Erica Bowe, Mike Schultz, Denise Govind and all parents who supported our teams.



### Weet-bix Kids TRYathlon

On Sunday 30 students from St Brigid's took part in the Sanitarium Weet-bix TRYathlon at Kilbirnie Park.

After an early start leaving home before sunrise, our tryathletes and their families were among thousands who brought Kilbirnie Park to life shortly after 7am as they set up bikes and gear in the transition area. Then everyone stocked up on energy thanks to Sanitarium's free breakfast and throughout the morning kids participated in their age group completing the swim, bike and run legs of the TRYathlon. Thank you to the kids and families for their support and encouragement and the fun we all had.

**Congratulations** to the following students who did the TRYathlon:

**Christopher Aherne, Luis Anderson, Amelia Archer, Danielle Aspros, Dominic Aspros, Sherize Concessio, Cian Earle, Aidan Eastwood, Emily Eastwood, Anna Elliot, Tomas Elliot, Dylan Glass, Xavier Glass, Gabrielle Gomes, Ella Hanley, Dylan Hutchinson, Olive McCauley-Stutter, Flynn McDonnell, Zach McLaughlin, Angus McNaught, Emma Prowse, Grayce Robins, Holly Robins, Conor Rook, James Ryan, Annaliese Webber, Nathan Webber, Daniel Winter and Jacob Winter.**



## St Brigid's School Friends & Family



# FUNDRAISING TEAM

### **Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser**

We are once again running our very popular Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser. Order forms were sent home with your children last week. Please complete the form and return to the school office, and either pay online or send cash with your form to school **by this Friday 23 March.**



Hot Cross Buns will be available to be picked up next week on **Wednesday 28 March** 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 - [lynne@stbrigids.school.nz](mailto:lynne@stbrigids.school.nz).

### **Friends & Family Ideas Sharing - Wednesday 28 March @7pm**

This is an opportunity for us to discuss what the priorities are for fundraising this year.

- ☺ Do we do something a bit different?
- ☺ Do we continue with events that have been successful in the past?
- ☺ Do we have a 'gap' year?
- ☺ Do we do more fundraising? Do we do less?

***We would love to see lots of parents attend this session with ideas and thoughts to share.***

### **Combined Churches Op Shop**

The Combined Churches Op Shop in the Johnsonville Community Centre raises approximately \$3000 a year for the school.

**We need some new volunteers to help** out as we have one volunteer from school and the rest from the parish and Johnsonville community. All it requires is for parents / caregivers to volunteer **two hours once a month.**

We also need a **new person to do the roster.** My children left the school some time ago and I enjoy working in the shop but due to family commitments I am unable to do the roster any more.

**If we don't get volunteers the \$3000 a year will be given to the Parish** which means less money for those extras the school would like to have to further educate your children.

Regards Yvette, 021 605 754, [ycelliston@gmail.com](mailto:ycelliston@gmail.com)







## **Lost**

Kate Fouhy from Room 7 has lost her named sunhat. If found could you please return to Kate, or drop off to us in the school office.

## **Community News**

**ASB**

Supporting success in your school.

If you are a parent, staff member or member of the school community and you draw down a new ASB home loan of \$250,000 or more, ASB will donate to your chosen participating school:

**\$500**

ASB lending criteria and terms apply. Fees may apply. To be eligible for this donation your new home loan application must be received, approved and then documented in a facility agreement, along with the completion of a school donation voucher, between 1 July 2017 and 30 June 2018. A minimum of 20% equity is required in the security property provided to ASB. This home loan offer is only available on loans secured by an owner-occupied residential property. Only one donation will be given per customer. Donations will be made by ASB on behalf of the customer to the chosen school upon full draw down of the new home loan. This offer excludes loans for business purposes and bridging.

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### **Johnsonville Rugby Club**

Are your pre-school, primary or intermediate-age kids keen to play rugby this year? Registrations to play for Johnsonville Junior Rugby Club close on Saturday 24 March. New and returning players welcome. Pre-season training begins Thursday 15 March, our family club day is 8 April, and the first games for the 2018 season are 11/12 May. For more information and links to register, check out <https://www.facebook.com/johnsonvillejuniorrugby/> or <http://www.sporty.co.nz/johnsonvillerugbyjnr/>.

### **Churton Park Multicultural Fair**

Sunday 25 March from 12pm - 3pm at Amesbury School. Fun for the whole family. Bring your neighbours, family and friends to celebrate our cultures. Dance and Music, Art and Exhibits, International Food.

### **Paparangi School Gully Gutbuster**

5K or 10K Run/Walk & Kids Challenge through beautiful Seton Nossiter Park, Paparangi. Sunday 8 April 2018 - 10km Run/Walk at 9am, 5km Run/Walk at 9.15am, Kids Challenge at 11am. Mojo Coffee, Bacon Butties and Sausage Sizzle. [www.enteronline.co.nz](http://www.enteronline.co.nz) or Gully Gutbuster Facebook.

### **Kelly Club Holiday Programmes**

Kelly Club are running their fun-filled School Holiday Programme these April school holidays starting on Monday 16 April, with programmes operating nearby at Churton Park School and West Park School. They provide quality childcare in safe and fun surroundings. The programme is focused around sports, arts and crafts, cooking, and outings to local attractions. Please see [www.kellyclub.co.nz](http://www.kellyclub.co.nz) for more details or email [stbrigids@kellyclub.co.nz](mailto:stbrigids@kellyclub.co.nz).

Easter Tuesday 3 April - as School remains closed this day, Kelly Club are running a one-day Easter programme at the Uniting Church next to St Brigid's School. All bookings are available online now.

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### **Adam Thomas Football - Coaching**

Olympic football coaching provides children the opportunity to have fun, be active, learn and develop in a safe and supportive environment. We offer an enjoyable and challenging football programme to develop football skills, coordination and build confidence in children on the sports field. There are limited spaces available.

Phone: 0274420774

Email: [adamthomasfootball@gmail.com](mailto:adamthomasfootball@gmail.com)

Website: [www.adamthomasfootball.com](http://www.adamthomasfootball.com)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/AdamThomasFootball/>

ADAM THOMAS  
FOOTBALL

SCHOOL  
St Brigid's School

DATE  
Wednesday afternoons

TIME  
3.15pm - 4.30pm

Olympic Football  
Coaching Term 2

