



# St Brigid's School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

We are nearly half way through this term; I cannot get over how quickly the weeks fly by! We still have a number of events this term for our children, parents and families, including First Holy Communion, netball prize-giving, field trips, zone swimming sports, road patrol parade, Kapa Haka Festivals, Environmental Mass, gymnastics, Market Day, Life Education Trust, Year 1 and 2 interviews and parent fundraising meetings.

It is exciting to see that many of our new families are interested in supporting our school with fundraising. In a Catholic School we have some restrictions on what we can spend from the Government funding we receive. Property is owned by the Wellington Catholic Archdiocese and cannot be developed with Government funding. It is therefore important that we do some fundraising each year to give the school more flexibility around projects. The Friends and Family Fundraising has paid for the sandpit this year and money will also be spent on some artificial grass.

**We are NOT holding a fair this year, but would like to do an event around cultural food and performance.**

Over the next week, two meetings are being held (in the staffroom):

**Thursday 23 August @7.00pm and Tuesday 28 August @ 3.15pm**

I look forward to seeing as many parents as possible at one of these meetings.

God Bless

*Linda Birch*

## **Sacramental Programme - First Holy Communion**



The second First Holy Communion **children's session** is being held **this Sunday 26 August** in Room 12 at 10.15am. Children - please bring your book and ensure lesson two has been completed.

Photo order envelopes are available in the school office, for any families that don't have one already.

## **Important Message to Last Year's First Communion Parents**

On Sunday 9 September the First Holy Communion will take place at St Peter & Paul's Church at 2.00pm. We require at least four parents from last year's First Holy Communion group to assist with setting up, serving afternoon tea and clearing up afterwards.

Could you please let Marie Eastwood know if you can help - [marietherese@outlook.co.nz](mailto:marietherese@outlook.co.nz).

*Strength of character and gentleness of heart*





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

Our school assembly will be held this week  
**on Friday 24 August at 2.15pm** at the  
Johnsonville Community Centre.

Assembly will be taken by **Room 1.**

Parents are most welcome to join us.

# Welcome!

We warmly welcome new entrant students  
**Benjamin McLaughlin and Rheena Moreno**  
who have joined Room 2 this week.

Rheena is new to our school, while Benjamin  
joins his brother Zach here at St Brigid's.

We hope you will both be very happy at  
school.

### **Staff News**

At the end of Term 3 we will sadly be farewelling **Phil Wakelin**. Whilst Phil loves the children he teaches and the environment he teaches in, he is taking a break from teaching for a while.

Karren Vizcarra Joubert, who you may have seen around St Brigid's as a relieving teacher, will be teaching in Room 7 for the last term of the year.

### **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>Team Rua</b>		
<b>Team Toru</b>	<b>Wednesday 22 &amp; Thursday 23 August</b>	Rooms 5, 6 and 7 Field Trips to Mt Kaukau
	<b>Wednesday 22 August</b>	Yr 7/8 Mathswell Competition
	<b>Wednesday 29 August</b>	Year 5/6 Mathswell Competition
	<b>Wednesday 5 &amp; Friday 7 September</b>	Rooms 5, 6, 7 Porirua Stream Field Trips
	<b>Tuesday 11 &amp; 18 September</b>	Rooms 5, 6, 7 Gymnastics at ASB
<b>Other Events</b>	<b>Thursday 23 &amp; Tuesday 28 August</b>	Friends & Family Fundraising Meeting
	<b>Friday 31 August</b>	Northern Zone Swimming
	<b>Tuesday 4 September</b>	School Class, Individual, Sibling Photos
	<b>Thursday 6 September</b>	School Sports Team Photos
	<b>Friday 14 September</b>	Whole School Environmental Mass
	<b>Saturday 15 September</b>	St Brigid's Kapa Haka Festival - Onslow College
	<b>Wednesday 19 September</b>	Artsplash
<b>Thursday 20 September</b>	Board of Trustees Meeting	



	2018 Term Dates	2019 Term Dates
<b>Term One</b>		Mon 4 February - Fri 13 April
<b>Term Two</b>		Mon 29 April - Fri 5 July
<b>Term Three</b>	Mon 23 July - Fri 28 September	Mon 22 July - Fri 27 September
<b>Term Four</b>	Mon 15 October - Fri 14 December	Mon 14 October - Wed 18 December

### News from the Board of Trustees

- The work on enhancing the playground is well underway and looking really good. The fence around the big playground has definitely made it a safer space.
- Linda talked about the NZEI negotiations. The government got a very strong message on Wednesday. The next step is to enter back into negotiations in good faith. We will wait to see what is offered before any decisions regarding future actions are made.
- We looked at the mid-year Maths data from across the school. It's great to see the students achieving well and good supports in place for those who need a bit extra.
- We are currently in the process of setting up a closed Facebook group to share news and events with our current families. More details and the link will follow in the not too distant future.

Next week all teachers will be taking part in cluster-wide staff meetings. Each school within the cluster will be offering a range of different topics for teachers to opt into. These staff meetings will be held from Monday to Thursday and will be a great opportunity to connect with other schools in the area and bring back new knowledge to our school.

### Artsplash Concert Tickets

Tickets for the Artsplash choir performance on **Wednesday 19 September** are available to be purchased from the school office now. Tickets are **\$5 each** and are for the 5.30pm performance that our students will be singing in. Parents or whanau who want to buy them can do so through the office up until the event in Week 9.



## St Brigids School Photos on Tuesday 4th September 2018

We will photograph portraits of all students as well as class photos.

**You do not order/pay for your child's portraits or class photos until AFTER PHOTODAY.**

You will receive an order form featuring a photo of your child after photoday. (Packs available below)

<p><b>Pack A \$40.00</b></p> 	<p><b>Pack B \$35.00</b></p> 	<p><b>Pack C \$29.50</b></p> 	<p><b>Pack prices</b> (do not pay now)</p> <p>A = 40.00 B = 35.00 C = 29.50 D = 20.00 E = 15.00</p>
<p><b>Pack D (Portraits) \$20.00</b></p> 	<p><b>Packs include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>☐ Pack A: 1x 5x7, 2x 5x7, Postcards, Wallets, Calendar and Class</li><li>☐ Pack B: 2x 5x7, Postcards, Wallets, and Class</li><li>☐ Pack C: 1x 5x7 and Class</li><li>☐ Pack D: 2x 5x7, Postcards, Wallets, but no Class</li><li>☐ Pack E: Class only</li></ul> <p><b>Complimentary</b> Packs A-D include portrait file voucher. Email the code on the included voucher to us, and we send the file by return. A, B &amp; D include complimentary B&amp;W 5x7's.</p>	<p><b>Pack E (Class) \$15.00</b></p> 	

Family/Sibling Photos: Order form is on reverse of advice note which your child will bring home or you can go to Family Order Form at [www.schoolmemories.co.nz](http://www.schoolmemories.co.nz) to download a form. Order form **MUST** be returned to school office before photoday for photo to be taken.

### Scooters, bikes, and helmets

It was great to see two of our younger boys with well fitted helmets coming into school with their scooters last week. **ALL** children need to wear properly fitted, done up helmets when riding scooters or bikes to school. Parents need to ensure this before children leave home.



When children arrive at school, scooters and bikes are stored and **are NOT** ridden again until the end of the day, when children are leaving the school.

We are fortunate to have a local policeman who is patrolling our streets some mornings to monitor driver behaviour and to check that children are wearing helmets.

### Summer Uniform

If you are planning on purchasing new summer uniform, please submit your order to Bernadette now so that she has time to make and deliver items to school prior to the start of Term 4.

## SPORTS NOTICES



### Northern Zone Swimming

All the best to all our students taking part in the Northern Zone Swimming Sports next week on **Friday 31 August** at the Wellington Regional Aquatic Centre in Kilbirnie.





**LOST** - Wolfgang Bowker from Room 3 is missing his school jersey. If found please return to him or drop off to the office. Thank you.

<p>St Brigid's School Friends &amp; Family</p>  <p>FUNDRAISING TEAM</p>
<p><b><u>Fundraising Meetings</u></b></p> <p>We will be holding two meetings, one this week on <b>Thursday 23 August at 7.00pm</b> and another next week on <b>Tuesday 28 August at 3.15pm</b>, both in the staffroom, to discuss fundraising ideas and how we proceed going forward. Parents are welcome to attend either of the meetings, and we look forward to seeing you there.</p>

## **Community News**

### **Junior Softball and Baseball**

Registration with Johnsonville Softball Club is open now. Come along: Sunday's 19 & 26 August 12.00pm - 2.00pm or Thursday 6 September 6.00pm - 7.30pm to our clubrooms, Phillip Street, Johnsonville to see what's involved. Further details available from [www.jvillesc.org.nz](http://www.jvillesc.org.nz), check out Johnsonville Softball Club on Facebook, or contact [leanncouths@gmail.com](mailto:leanncouths@gmail.com) or phone Lee-ann on 0272221668.

### **Johnsonville Tennis Club**

Get set ... LOVE TENNIS is at the Johnsonville Tennis Club, 8 Wanaka Street, Johnsonville on Saturday 8 & Sunday 9 Sept 2018 from 1pm - 4pm. The Johnsonville Tennis Club is opening their doors and inviting anyone and everyone to 'give it a go' on court for FREE! So if you've never played tennis, or want to pick up where you left off then get along to the Johnsonville Tennis Club: Racquets supplied, BBQ, Prizes, Giveaways, Great Fun for Everyone! It's FREE! Get your family and friends together and have some fun on court in your community this spring!

### **Number Works n' Words**

Your children are amazing already. We just help them prove it. English and Maths Tuition - Book your free assessment now! Johnsonville - 477 4055, [www.numberworkswords.com/nz](http://www.numberworkswords.com/nz).

### **Kelly Sports Summer Series Football & Netball 2018/2019**

Get your friends together and enter a team in our popular 5-a-side Summer Football or the Summer Netball Series. Played on Friday afternoons at Ian Galloway Park (Football) and Samuel Marsden and Vic Uni in Karori (Netball) beginning 26 October 2018. A great way to maintain and improve your skills over the summer months. To register your team go to [www.getyourgameon.co.nz/kellysports](http://www.getyourgameon.co.nz/kellysports) or for more information visit [www.kellysports.co.nz](http://www.kellysports.co.nz), email [adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz](mailto:adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz) or call 04 972 7201.

