



# St Brigid's School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

A warm welcome back to the second half of the year. It is alarming how quickly each term goes by and it never ceases to amaze me as to how much we manage to fit into 10 weeks.

St Brigid's School has been a hive of activity over the two week break with a great deal of gardening and building going on.

We have had a couple of new garden/play spaces created for our children.

A lovely little garden with stepping stones for children to jump and hop between has been created outside the library (under room 13's stairs) and a small deck has been constructed opposite the library (beside the creek). These will both increase the space children can play in.



We have also put a fence up around the senior playground which has created an additional area for children to play in. This was needed to improve safety due to the height of the crib wall by the senior playground.

This term we have introduced Read and Feed, altering the time of our morning play by five minutes. At 10.25 children get their morning tea and eat in their classroom while they read or their teacher reads to them. They then go outside for a 20 minute play. This means there is no rubbish taken outside. Children are being encouraged to put their rubbish back in to their lunchboxes or to bring unwrapped food in lunchboxes. There is further information for this initiative in this newsletter with some photos of it in action. We have a number of environmental projects running this term across the school and we will keep you informed over the next few weeks.

God Bless

*Linda Birch*

## **Board of Trustees**

Our next Board of Trustees meeting will be held on Thursday 16 August at 7.00pm in the staffroom. Parents are always welcome to attend.

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

Our school assembly will be held this week **on Friday 27 July at 2.15pm** at the Johnsonville Community Centre.

Assembly will be taken by **Room 8**.  
Parents are most welcome to join us.

# Welcome!

We warmly welcome new entrant students **Grayson Morris, Lucia Bernardo, Caleb Won** and **Nicolas Javier** who have all started in Room 2 this week.

Nicolas is new to our school, while Grayson joins his sister Mikayla, Caleb joins his sister Isabelle and Lucia joins her cousin Gabe here at St Brigid's.

We hope you will all settle happily into school life.

We also welcome back to our teaching staff **Ms Margie Hahn** and **Mrs Claire Jolly**, who will be with us until the end of the year. Margie is teaching Year 3 & 4 students in Room 11, and Claire is teaching Year 1 students in the Kauri Room.

## 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)

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| <b>Team Tahi</b>    | <b>Thursday 26 July</b>                      | New Entrant Parent Afternoon                  |
| <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>Other Events</b> | <b>Thursday 26 July</b>                      | Roti orders arrive                            |
|                     | <b>Tuesday 7 &amp; Thursday 9 August</b>     | Year 3 - 8 Parent Interviews                  |
|                     | <b>Friday 10 August</b>                      | Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser                     |
|                     | <b>Thursday 16 August</b>                    | Board of Trustees Meeting                     |
|                     | <b>Friday 31 August</b>                      | Northern Zone Swimming<br>Cupcakes Fundraiser |

### News from the Board

The Board was briefed on outstanding Attendance Dues and encourages parents to make regular automatic payments to ensure payment on time. A reminder that confidential support is available for those in need.

The Board is delighted to see the junior school achieve strong writing results and believe this is the benefit of the Joy Allcock programme, designed to improve spelling and flow of writing.

It is also awesome to see the establishment of the junior school Kapa-Haka group and the Board wishes the team well as they work hard towards competing in the Newlands Kapa-Haka festival, at the end of Term 3.



Linda advised the meeting of work being done to transfer our Strategic and Annual plans into more "liveable documents" as well as a review to determine how better the school report individual student achievement to parents.

Over the school holidays a fence was erected as a health and safety measure to protect children playing above the retaining wall in the big playground area. In addition to this the Board supported projects to improve gardens and provide more playground balls and toys. A new decking area has now been installed in the garden area opposite the library.

Linda briefed the Board on St Brigid's School joining the *Waste Management Audit and Education Programme*. This will see our children being taught how to conduct an audit of the school's current waste and come up with a plan to reduce it.

The Board acknowledged the resignation of Steve Shallard and Erica Bowe. We thank them both for their wonderful commitment to St Brigid's School, and wish them all the very best for the future.

### **Read and Feed**

Each morning from 10.25am to 10.35am all classes will sit and eat morning tea while reading. It could be the teacher reading aloud or independent reading.

No rubbish or food will be taken outside to the playground. All rubbish will be put back into lunchboxes to take home or will be put into our classroom bins.

**WHY?** We are doing this to stop rubbish being dropped in our school grounds. We will monitor our classroom rubbish to see what else we can do to minimise our waste.



### **Sausage Sizzle - Year 6 Camp Fundraiser**

We will be having a sausage sizzle on **Friday 10 August (Week 3)** to help raise money for the Year 6 camp. The money will go towards paying for the adults attending camp and a swimming pool session for students on the last day. Please support the Year 6 students by buying a **\$2.00 sausage**.



#### **How to order your sausage:**

- 1.** write the student's name, class number on the outside of the envelope
- 2.** put how many sausages are being bought
- 3.** put money in an envelope
- 4.** hand the envelope to the class teacher

Sauce will be provided and students can choose on the day to have this or not.

Thank you - Paul, Mike, Phil and Year 6 Students.



## Dropping off and picking up your child

**For your own safety, and the safety and convenience of other road users there are certain areas you must not stop/park. You risk being fined and/or having your vehicle towed away if you park in these areas.**

We are still having difficulties ensuring all children's safety because parents/caregivers are **parking on yellow lines**. This hinders the ability of the road patrollers to see if the way is clear and makes it unsafe for pedestrians. There are parks further down the road either at the Church, Masonic Lodge or Football/Softball Clubrooms. Even if you delay and come at 3.10pm there are often parks in the limited parking areas. As per the road code below it clearly states it is illegal to stop or park on yellow lines.

**We need your help to ensure you show respect to all those who use our crossings.**

You must not park or stop your vehicle:

- on 'no stopping' lines (broken yellow lines) marked within 1 metre of the edge of the road, which you may see near pedestrian crossings, intersections, driveways or narrow road
- where a sign says that part of the road is reserved for specified kinds of vehicles (for example, bus, taxi, or goods service vehicles) - in many cases, this restriction is marked by a broken yellow line more than 1 metre from the kerb

*(From the 2018 Official New Zealand Road Code)*

### **Chess - Help Wanted**



Is there anyone who is a keen chess player who would be able to help us each Monday from 12.30pm till 1.15pm this term? We are starting up a Chess Club as an opportunity to teach students this strategic game as well as allow competition for our seasoned chess players.

If you are interested in helping with this group please contact Fiona [fiona@stbrigids.school.nz](mailto:fiona@stbrigids.school.nz).

### **Scholastic Lucky Book Club - Issue 5**

Issue 5 of the Lucky Book Club brochure will be sent home with students this week. To purchase any books just note the 3 digit code next to the title. Then visit <https://mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz/Parent/ClubManagement.aspx> type in St Brig and find St Brigid's School on the drop down list. Any orders need to be submitted **by Friday 3 August 2018**.



If you are purchasing any books as gifts and would rather they were not sent home with your children, please message [office@stbrigids.school.nz](mailto:office@stbrigids.school.nz) to let us know. We will contact you when the books arrive, so you can collect them from us.

### **Johnsonville Combined Churches Op Shop**

St Brigid's are on duty at the Op Shop this week and its Sale Day (\$5 to fill a shopping bag) on Saturday too. Please come and have a browse and pick up some bargains. Hours Tuesday and Wednesday 10am to 2pm, Friday 11.30am to 4pm, Saturday 9am to 12pm.

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## SPORTS NOTICES

### Wellington Regional Cross Country

Congratulations to **Xavier Glass** for finishing in 5<sup>th</sup> place at the Wellington Regional Cross Country Championships at Upper Hutt. His top 10 placing has earned him selection in the Greater Wellington team to compete at the Inter-Regional Cross Country Championships to be held in Nelson in September. Well done Xavier.

## Student Celebrations

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

### **Congratulations to:**

Lily O'Connor, **Ollie Weile**, Olive McCauley-Stutter, **Eli McCauley-Stutter**, Isabelle Won, **Jorja Fenton**, Charlize Siagian, **Danny Adamson**, Grayce Robins, **Amelia Archer**, Caleb Fenwick, **Emma Prowse**, Cara Ip, **Liway Kisteria**, Andre Medina and **Fergal Garrett-Knoche** who all performed in a recital on Sunday 1 July.



These students all learn the keyboard at school with Anne Megget.



**FOUND** - We have had a red knitted headband, a pair of green glasses (without lenses) possibly from the Onesie/Dress Up Day, and a religious necklace pendant (no chain) handed into the school office. Please collect from us if any of these items belong to you.



### **2018/19 Entertainment Book**

The Entertainment™ membership gives you access to thousands of **up to 50% off** and **2-for-1 offers** for Wellington/Manawatu restaurants, cafés and attractions. So much to do for these school holidays! To order an Entertainment Book or online membership visit: <http://www.entbook.co.nz/10420u7> Alternatively, please contact Lynne on 478 6516 or [lynne@stbrigids.school.nz](mailto:lynne@stbrigids.school.nz).



## **Community News**

### **St Patrick College**

Enrolment applications for Year 9 in 2019 close on **Friday 27 July**. If you require more information please email [admin@stpats.school.nz](mailto:admin@stpats.school.nz) or phone Gerardine Parkinson on 939 5417. Enrolment documentation is available on the College website - [www.stpats.school.nz](http://www.stpats.school.nz).

### **Scouts**

The Johnsonville Scout group is currently inviting new members and welcomes children to come and try out Keas, Cubs and Scouts. Meeting days: Keas (age 6-8) Thursday; Cubs (age 8-11 ) Monday / Tuesday; Scouts (11 - 14) Wednesday. We have a free trial period of up to four weeks for any of our sections and would love to have you come along and give it a try.

If you are interested in joining or need more information, please contact our Group Leader Johann Weich at [scoutsjville@gmail.com](mailto:scoutsjville@gmail.com).

### **Karate**

Karate primarily for kids with disabilities but open to all kids, held at Khandallah Town Hall. Visit [www.karatedojo.nz](http://www.karatedojo.nz) for more information.

### **Tots to Teens Magazine**

Tots to Teens magazine is a free community parenting resource for Wellington families, which focuses on positive, well-researched parenting advice to support children's reading, learning, behaviour, nutrition, health, well-being, and resilience. For the past 16 years, 550,000 free magazines have been distributed nationwide each year to families through schools, preschools, libraries, and Plunket. We are now producing Tots to Teens as a free digital magazine 'for schools only' - <https://readymag.com/TOTSTOTEENS/Wellington/>.

### **Parenting Children and Teenagers courses starting August 6th at 7pm**

Parenting children and teenagers is harder than ever for most parents today. The Salvation Army Johnsonville is offering two courses over five weeks for any parents, step-parents, or carers of children aged 0-10 or teenagers aged 11-18. For more information please visit our website [www.sajchurch.com](http://www.sajchurch.com) and click on the programmes tab. You'll be able to register online. The courses are presented by industry professionals and practitioners in DVD format, and is followed by discussion in facilitated groups where you can draw on the experience of other parents also. The course costs \$25 per person and includes a course manual. Dessert and a copy of The Parenting book which are graciously provided free of charge through a grant from the Tindall Foundation. Spaces are limited so please book early.

