



St Brigid's School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Caregivers



On Sunday June 17 our parish celebrated a wonderful Confirmation Mass for 60 children and one adult. It was a joyous occasion with a packed church and Cardinal John Dew celebrating the Mass.

In his Homily Cardinal John talked about the importance of kindness. He said this word kindness needs to live in our schools, in our young people and be modelled by adults. He said that a parent said to him a short while ago that a question they ask their child when they come home from school was: "How have you been kind today?" He said that saying this to their child allowed the child to look for opportunities to be of service and to be kind to others. I thought it was a wonderful question and one that we should all ask ourselves at the end of each day and the end of the week.

Kindness should be the core of who we are and how we operate at St Brigid's School. It is the key "action" of respect. Kindness dwells deep down in things; it presides everywhere, often in places we least expect. Sometimes life can be difficult, people in the world can be difficult and negative but if we remain generous and patient kindness reveals itself. The word kindness has a gentle sound which seems to echo the presence of compassionate goodness. When someone is kind to you, you feel understood and seen. Kindness has gracious eyes; it is not small minded or competitive; it wants nothing back for itself.

God Bless

Linda Birch

PUMS (Paid Union Meetings)

A reminder that the majority of our teachers will be attending the paid union meeting
tomorrow Wednesday 27 June.

**If you are NOT able to collect your child at lunchtime (between 12.30pm and 1.25pm),
please email Lynne.**

Strength of character and gentleness of heart





School Assembly (Hui-a-kura)

Our school assembly will be held this week
on Friday 29 June at 2.15pm at the
Johnsonville Community Centre.

Assembly will be taken by **Room 14**.

Parents are most welcome to join us.

WELCOME

We warmly welcome new entrant students
Yohann Cunanan and Katie Burke who have
both started in Room 2.

Katie is new to our school, whilst Yohann joins
his older brother Yeuel here at St Brigid's.

We hope you will both settle happily into
school life.

Year 3-8 School Reports coming home this Friday

Statements of Progress (for reporting)

In the reports you will be given information on where your child is at in relation to the NZ Curriculum.

Years 1 and 2 children are usually working at Curriculum Level 1

Years 3 and 4 children are usually working at Curriculum Level 2

Years 5 and 6 children are usually working at Curriculum Level 3

Years 7 and 8 children are usually working at Curriculum Level 4

At this time of the year most children will be working towards where they need to be by the end of the year.

In our reports the following statements will be used:

Sue is working confidently at the New Zealand Curriculum expectations for Year _.

This means:

She is operating at an advanced stage of the curriculum level expected and/or working at a higher level.

Sue is working at the New Zealand Curriculum expectations for Year _.

This means:

She is working at the expected curriculum level, and beginning to tackle advance work for the curriculum level.

Sue is working towards the New Zealand Curriculum expectations for Year _.

This means:

She is at the beginning of the curriculum level has partially mastered knowledge and skills that are necessary for success at the level.

Sue is making progress, with support, but is yet to be working at the New Zealand Curriculum expectations for Year _.

This means:

She requires extra support to continue to make progress, but is currently working at a curriculum level below where they should be.



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

Team Tahī	Thursday 5 July	Team Tahī Dance
	Thursday 26 July	New Entrant Parent Afternoon
Team Rua	Wednesday 4 July	Music Performance
	Thursday 5 July	Team Rua Dance
Team Toru	Tuesday 3 July	Year 5 & 6 ASB Session
	Wednesday 27 June	Kindness Liturgy
	Thursday 28 June	Year 7/8 Interschool Chess Tournament
		Team Toru Dance
Other Events	Wednesday 27 June	Teachers attending Union Meeting
	Thursday 28 June	Interschool Chess Tournament
		Board of Trustees Meeting
	Wednesday 4 July	Onesie / Wear Something Different Day
	Friday 6 July	End of Term 2 - School finishes at 2pm
Monday 23 July	Start of Term 3	

Road Patrol

Having been out on Road Patrol in the morning and afternoon it is evident that some parents have forgotten the basic road rules.

- It is **illegal** for you to park on yellow lines at any time. This is not only illegal but incredibly dangerous for Student Road Patrollers to do their job and also **our children** who are trying to cross the road.

Please park legally and help everyone be safe and seen!

NZ Curriculum Evening

Last Thursday night we held a very successful information and discussion evening on the New Zealand Curriculum and how we use it at St Brigid's School.

We were delighted to have 18 parents attend (they outnumbered the teachers!) and had a lively discussion on the history of the NZC, its current vision, key competencies, learning areas and how we assess our children against the expectations of it.

Thank you to all those who attended.



Read and Feed Initiative

As you may be aware rubbish makes its way into our playground during morning tea and lunch times. Many children put chippie bags, wrappers etc in their pockets after eating, with the intention of putting them in the bin and unfortunately they never get there as they fall out while playing!

So we are going to try a new initiative in Term 3 called **Read and Feed!**

Children will stop their normal classroom programme at 10.25am and get their morning tea and teachers will then read to their class, while children sit at their desks and eat. At 10.35am all food will be put away and children will be sent outside to play.



This will hopefully mean less rubbish in the playground and a more relaxed way to eat.

New Uniform Options

We have two new uniform options for our children - a **unisex vest**, and a **cardigan for the girls**. These are modelled below and are now available for purchasing via Bernadette.



Correct Uniform Reminders:

Shoes need to be regulation black (uppers and soles). Either sports shoes (completely black) or conventional school shoes are acceptable.

Socks are the long or short navy (with the maroon stripe) for boys and girls, but girls also have the option to wear navy tights.

Hair accessories - A number of girls are wearing large, brightly coloured bows and hair ties to school. These are weekend/holiday ones! Please limit hair accessories to **smaller** ones in '**school colours**' – blue, maroon, black, grey or white. Thank you

Onesie Day - Celebrate Difference

Next week, on **Wednesday 4 July** we are celebrating difference by wearing mufti (**onesie or crazy hair, odd socks**) - something different! The reason for this day is to raise awareness and funds for Autism NZ so we ask you to bring along a **gold coin donation**. The Young Christian Leaders will be going to each class during this day to take photos and read a special picture book which shares the message of kindness, inclusiveness and how we value our uniqueness.



Team Dances

Team 3 Dance - The Young Christian Leaders have put a lot of planning and organisation into the Team 3 Dance which is being held this Thursday at 7.30pm at the Johnsonville Community Centre. We have the glow sticks, lollies, drink, chips, DJ, and prizes organised for the evening. Tickets cost **\$3** and have been on sale each morning tea outside the library. **The final time to get your ticket is tomorrow - Wednesday 27 June.** All money raised helps the funding for school camp so we encourage all students to join in this event.



Team 1 Dance - Team 1 are having a fun dance on Thursday 5 July from 1.45pm till 2.45pm in Room 12. The theme for this event is SUPERHEROES. Students are asked to bring **50 cents** and give to their class teacher to cover the cost of balloons and lollies.

Team 2 Dance - This is happening in Room 12 on Thursday 5 July from 3.15pm to 4.15pm. Tickets for **\$2** will be on sale from Wednesday 27 June outside the library at each morning tea until Wednesday 4 July. At this dance there will be drinks, lollies and glow sticks for sale as well as prizes and dance music organised by the Young Christian Leadership Team.

Team 2 Music Performance

Our performance will be held next week on **Wednesday 4 July at 7.00pm** (students cannot arrive before 6:45pm) at Sts Peter & Paul Church.

Team 2 have been working with Jellybeans Music this term learning to play the glockenspiel and percussion instruments. The students are very keen to perform their pieces.

We ask that there is no filming during the performance to allow everyone to enjoy the show. There will be an opportunity for you to take photos of your child at the end of the performance.

We will also be filming the performance and will make this available to parents and caregivers.

Pita Pit Lunch Orders



Please note if you are ordering Pita Pit via www.lunchonline.co.nz they have changed their cut off time **for ordering to the earlier time of 8:30am** on Friday mornings.



Haumaru

The Ministry of Housing recently asked us to provide suggestions for the naming of the new housing development on the corner of Phillip Street and Frankmoore Avenue.

At our school we are actively building a culture of harmony. Rather than put in place 'anti bullying' responses, we are framing it in a more positive way and talking about 'creating a harmonious school'. Harmony is a theme that links the beliefs of St Brigid, our school and the desire in society to live in peace and harmony.

The Maori word for Harmony, **Haumaru**, has been selected as the name for the new housing development.

The top portion of the image is a flyer from Housing New Zealand. It features the text "New home, new beginnings" in yellow on a blue background. Below this, it explains that strong communities are made of good neighbours and that they asked St Brigid's School for naming suggestions. The word "Haumaru" is prominently displayed in large yellow letters. A white house icon is in the bottom right corner. The flyer also includes contact information for Renee Martin.

The bottom portion of the image shows a collection of children's drawings. The drawings include:

- A drawing of a house with grass growing from the roof, labeled "Compassion Homes".
- A drawing of a house with a red roof and a white door, labeled "Aroha Homes".
- A drawing of a house with the word "ECSTATIC" written next to it.
- A drawing of a heart with a house inside, labeled "One Family One Community OFOC".
- A drawing of a white dove with the words "United Gardens" written below it.
- A drawing of a house with a red roof and a white door, labeled "Hori Koa Homes".
- A drawing of a house with a red roof and a white door, labeled "The heart is in the home!" and "Compassion Homes".
- A drawing of a house with a red roof and a white door, labeled "KR".
- A drawing of a house with a red roof and a white door, labeled "GO".

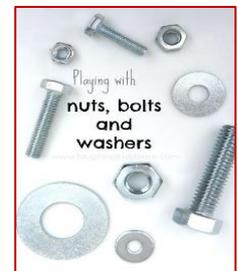
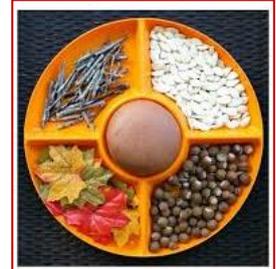


Learning through Play

Attention: Parents, Plumbers, Electricians, Builders, DIYers, Craftspeople...!

We are on the look-out for resources and materials to boost our classroom/playground supplies. If you have any of the following that are now surplus to requirements at your house, **Team Tahī** would be most grateful to receive them for the children to use during play based learning:

- Construction toy sets such as Lego, blocks, Kinex, nuts and bolts sets, Mobilo etc
- Plastic piping eg plumbing offcuts that could be used to make tunnels for toy cars etc
- Wooden cable drums
- Paper (eg boxes of surplus paper from business logo changes)
- Cardboard
- Colourful wool and string
- Double, queen or king sized flat sheets for forts, tents
- Mixing bowls, utensils
- Segmented serving dishes
- Small mirrors
- Nuts and bolts
- Buttons
- Felt play pieces
- Smooth planks of wood
- Toy animal sets- eg plastic dinosaurs/ wild animals
- Etc!



SPORTS NOTICES

Miniball and Basketball

Final reminder for those wishing to play miniball or basketball next term to please email Mrs Bowe (erica@stbrigids.school.nz) before Friday this week, as registrations close.

Senior Swimming Sports

Congratulations to all those who competed in the Senior Swimming Sports last Friday. You all did extremely well. Also, a massive thank you to all the parents who gave up their time to help time keep. Your support is very much appreciated. Lastly, to all the teachers that also helped make the day run so smoothly, thank you, thank you, thank you.



Interzone Cross Country

Well done to Lily O'Connor, Xavier Glass, Dylan Glass, Riley Jarvis, Karlo Anderson, Sophia Fouhy and Daniel Winter who represented St Brigid's in the inter-zone cross country at Karori Park last Thursday. Congratulations to Xavier Glass for qualifying for the Regional Cross Country Championships to be held at Upper Hutt next week. A very big thank you to Christine Glass and Jo O'Connor for transporting and supporting our students.



Year 7 and 8 Chess Tournament

We wish our two Year 7 and 8 Chess Tournament players all the best for the upcoming tournament at Newlands Intermediate on Thursday 28 June. We have been fortunate to have the expertise of Scott Wastney who has worked with us on Monday lunchtimes to improve our skills. All the best to Kane Rodrigues, Caleb Stephen, Keith Nikolao, Khalil Ramos, Caleb Fenwick, Yeuel Cananan, Cameron Leitch, Eurich Fullero and Reserve - Oliver Tull.



LOST – Aroha from Room 8 has misplaced her light grey beanie at school. It has the word Meow on it. If found, please drop into the office or deliver to Room 8.

FOUND - We have had a scarf handed into the office, which was left at the pool after swimming sports last week. If this is yours, please collect it from us.

Changes to Metlink School Services from Term 3 2018



Metlink are improving our region's public transport network so that it will take more people to more places, more often. From **Sunday 15 July 2018**, there will be some big changes to public transport in Wellington, which means from Term 3 2018 there will be changes for school students using Metlink buses and trains in Wellington city and

surrounding suburbs.

If your children use public transport to travel to and from school, they need to know about [changes to fares and tickets](#) ahead of the start of Term 3. The new Metlink lemon and lime buses are on their way to Wellington, but not all at once. Please remind your children to check the route number and destination, rather than the colour of the bus, before they get on-board.

After Sunday 15 July 2018, Snapper will be the only card accepted on Metlink public and school buses in the Wellington region. So from the start of Term 3 (23 July 2018), Snapper will replace all Mana/Newlands bus cards on Metlink school buses in Wellington.

Metlink want to make this change as easy as possible, so will give you a new replacement Snapper card for free and if you want to pay by cash, you still can. Read more about how to get your [free replacement Snapper card](#).



St Brigid's School Friends & Family
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2018/19 Entertainment Book

Order and receive your NEW 2018 | 2019 Entertainment Membership!

Your 2017 | 2018 Entertainment Membership expired on 1 June 2018. Please continue supporting our fundraising by purchasing the 2018 | 2019 Entertainment Membership from us today. Hundreds of great value offers are ready for your enjoyment, while also helping our fundraising! Click on the box below to place your order.

SUPPORT US NOW

Please note that this year we will not be sending a book home to every family - so you will need to use the link above if you would like to order a book.

Roti Fundraiser

Due to popular demand we are running the Roti bread fundraiser again, so you can once again fill your fridges and freezers with versatile Roti and easy Butter Chicken Sauce.

The Roti packs come in **3 different flavours**: Original, Herb or Garlic.

- Each pack will contain 10 pieces of roti bread of the same flavour.
- Each piece of roti bread is square (approximately 20cm x 22cm).
- The roti bread is locally made by Jessie's Roti.
- The roti bread contains no preservatives, and can be frozen for use later on.
- A pack of 10 pieces of roti bread will **cost \$15** of which \$5 goes to the school.

We also have **authentic Butter Chicken sauce** made by the same company. It has no preservatives and is prepared fresh. Please note it does **contain cashew nuts**. It is not overly spicy (add chilli if you prefer a hot sauce), just add chicken, heat and serve. **Price is \$5** per pottle (approx 475gm).

How to order

We are having problems with the Google Doc link, so if you wish to place an order please print, complete and return the attached form to the school office. Payment is only via **internet banking** - it's as easy as that!!

We will be accepting orders until **Friday 6 July** (last day of school) and the Roti will be delivered to the eldest child's classroom on **Tuesday 24 July** for them to take home.



Community News

St Mary's College - 'The Great Gatsby'

Dates: Wednesday 27th to Saturday 30th June 2018

Time: 7.00pm (the play runs for 1 hour and 30 minutes with a 15 minute interval)

Location: St Mary's College Hall, Guildford Terrace, Thorndon

Tickets: \$15 Adult, \$10 Student from the College Office.

School Holiday Craft Workshop

Design, weave and hang! Learn about the ancient craft of Ojos de Dios, also known as God's eyes. We'll be weaving six sided designs and decorating them with beads and tassels. For children aged 5-12 years old. \$15 per child, all materials supplied. Churton Park Community Centre, Friday 13 July from 10am – 11.30am. More info at <https://www.facebook.com/jinglebugsnz> and bookings to jann.freitas@jinglebugs.co.nz.

Spotlight Performing Arts

Does your child love to SING, DANCE and ACT?

Dance, Drama and Singing for students aged 4-16 yrs old.

Led by London West End performer Sherene Clarke in Johnsonville

Now taking bookings for TERM 3 www.spotlightperformingarts.co.nz.



Kelly Club July School Holiday Programme

Monday 9 July – Friday 20 July 2018

Kelly Club Holiday Programmes are held at the following venues: *Churton Park School, Westpark School, Amesbury School, Wests Rugby Clubrooms, Ian Galloway Park, Wilton*

Kelly Club Holiday Programmes focus on giving children aged between 5 and 13 the opportunity to do things they enjoy in a safe, supportive and encouraging environment. The programmes are packed with activities to entertain and inspire children. For full details and to enrol into our programmes visit www.kellyclub.co.nz, email admin@kellysports.co.nz or call 04 972 7201.

Onslow Gymnastic Club

Kids got energy to burn? Gymnastics is the answer! Have Fun – Learn Skills – Build Confidence!

Onslow Gymnastics has Recreational, TeamGym and Competitive classes for girls ages 5+ years.

Recreational Gym-for-All classes are held at Khandallah School Hall (ages 5-9 years) and Onslow

College Rec Centre (ages 7-14+). No previous experience is required to join any of our recreational

classes. TeamGym (ages 10+) brings together tumbling, mini-tramp and dance to provide an

energetic and creative performance. Register now at www.onslowgymnastics.org.nz or

email onslowgym@xtra.co.nz.

DancePointe Academy

Enrolments for Term 3 are open and a free trial class is available for your child for either Ballet from 3½ years of age or Tap and Jazz from 6 years of age. Classes are after school and either at St Peter & Pauls or St Johns church halls. Contact Sharon - dancepointenz@gmail.com,

www.dancepointe.co.nz or mobile 021 215 1222.

Do You Know A Boy Who Needs A Good Male Role Model?

Since 1997, Big Buddy has successfully matched hundreds of fatherless boys with well-screened mentors. This world-leading programme is committed to carefully matching boys (aged 7-14) with mentors, so they have the best possible chance of establishing long-term relationships. The aim is for fatherless boys to know there is a man they can rely on to show up, listen and have fun with.

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The results are outstanding! For more information check out our website www.bigbuddy.org.nz.
To talk to Wellington Coordinator Dave Burcher, phone (04) 384 4888 or 027 573 4888.

