



St Brigid's School Newsletter

3 September 2019



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Dear Parents/Caregivers

We have organised a parent evening with Netsafe on Wednesday September 25 at 6.30.

As young people use more digital technology, it's important parents teach them about online safety. While there might be a gap between what your child knows and how much you know about technology, you don't have to be a tech expert to help. You can offer life skills, maturity and experience your child hasn't developed yet.

So, how do you get started?

Netsafe has put these tips together to help parents and whānau talk to their young people about online safety.

The following tips are designed to enhance your digital parenting knowledge and have been developed with parents in mind.

1. **Understand:** Read about the potential online risks, challenges and sometimes illegal behaviour young people face to understand what may happen
2. **Learn:** Ask your child about what they do, how they use devices and who they talk to learn about their activities. Check in regularly to see what has changed
3. **Explore:** Take the time yourself to explore the sites, apps and technologies your child uses to improve your knowledge and understand their experience
4. **Agree:** Create a family code with your child to agree on what they can do online including sites to visit, appropriate behaviours, privacy settings and limits
5. **Start:** Recognise each child has unique needs, but some online safety concepts are universal. Start by teaching yours the Five tips to help your child thrive
6. **Model:** Be a good example to your child. Make sure you role model the sort of behaviours you want to see your child use online and offline
7. **Plan:** Make a plan so everybody knows what to do if something goes wrong and where you will be able to get advice and support in challenging times

I have attended Netsafe evenings before and they are always very informative and engaging. It is an opportunity for you to ask questions about online use or safety that you might have been thinking about.

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 decisions online.

Wednesday September 23, School Library 6.30 – 7.30

God bless

Linda

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School Assembly
(Hui-a-kura)

Our school assembly will be held this week at **2.15pm on Friday 06 September** at the Johnsonville Community Centre.

The Artsplash Choir and senior Kapa Haka will be performing.

Parents are most welcome to join us.

Welcome

We warmly welcome new entrant student **Jeff Tubio** who joined Room 2 last week.

Jeff joins his older sister Charmaine here at St Brigid's.

We hope you will be very happy at St Brigid's.

We also welcome **Melissa Ross and Pilar Lannon** to our staff, joining our Learning Assistant team.

KEY DATES TO NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR

Further details can be found through this link [School Calendar](http://www.stbrigids.school.nz) on the website (www.stbrigids.school.nz)

Team Tahī	Wed 11 September	Rooms 2, 4 & 5 Trip to Te Papa 9.30am – 1.00pm Rooms 1 & 3 Trip to Te Papa 11.00am – 2.30pm
	Wed 4, 11 September	Gymnastics
Team Toru	Thurs 19 September	Year 6 Camp Parent Evening 6.00pm-6.45pm
Other Events	Mon 9 September	Fair meeting in staffroom at 3.00pm
	Tues 10 September	School photos
	Wed 11 September	Team photos
	Thur 12 September	Fair meeting in staffroom at 7.00pm
	Wed 18 September	Artsplash Performance 5.00pm-6.00pm
	Thurs 19 September	Newlands School Kapa Haka Festival 9.30am – 12.30pm Board of Trustees Meeting
	Sat 21 September	Annual St Brigid's Kapa Haka Festival, Newlands College
	Mon 23 September	Board of Trustees Meeting
	Wed 25 September	Year 6 Camp Sausage Sizzle Netsafe Parent Information Evening
	Friday 27 September	End of Term 2 – School finishes at 2pm

2020 Term Dates:

Term One:	Monday 3 February – Thursday 9 April
Term Two:	Tuesday 28 April – Friday 3 July
Term Three	Monday 20 July – Friday 25 September
Term Four	Monday 12 October – Wednesday 16 December





First Holy Communion

Congratulations to the following students who received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion at St Andrew's Church, Newlands on Sunday 25 August:

Alab Kisteria, Amiria Azuela, Ann Almeida, Anton de Luna, Ardiene Divino, Cooper Jarvis, Ethan Gempesaw, Harrison Trendle, Holly McMurtrie, Jairus Laranang, Jamilah Yalong, Javien Dechavez, Jayjay Gotico, Kurt Coroza, Kyle Mont, Lenna Forster, Logan Campbell, Madison Nguyen, Marco Hanopol, Marcus Gorospe, Matthew Nalder, Mia Ellis, Oliver Weile, Rhylee-Hope Faletolu, Ruby Power, Shevinka Foneska, Tavonga Mbona, Zach McLaughlin and Zachary Doblax.

A very big thank you to **Marie Eastwood and Carol Burns** for preparing our children so well, and to our teachers who have supported the children in their classes as they have worked through the Sacramental Programme. It was a wonderful celebration of the Sacrament.

Children's Mass and Youth Mass

There will be special Masses prepared by Challenge 2000 during Social justice week for all children and youth.

- Children's Mass is **this Sunday, 8 September** at 9.00am at St Benedict's Church, Khandallah
- Youth Mass on Sunday 15 September at 10:30am at Ss Peters and Paul Church, Johnsonville

School Photos



Class/Individual – on Tuesday 10 September
Team – on Wednesday 11 September

Individualised envelopes (for each child's individual and class photo) have been sent home for parents to place class/individual/sibling photo orders. Please drop the orders into the school office.

Every student who has played in a team this year is **expected to bring the sports/team uniform** to school on the Wednesday for the team photo. It doesn't matter if you are ordering a photo or not – the team uniform must be worn by each player for the photo.

Artsplash Concert Tickets



Tickets for the Artsplash choir performance, on **Wednesday 18 September**, are available to be purchased from the school office now.

Tickets are **\$5 each** and are for the 5.00pm performance that our students will be singing in. Parents or whanau who want to buy them can do so through the office up until Tuesday 17

September.



Scholastic Lucky Book Club - Issue 6

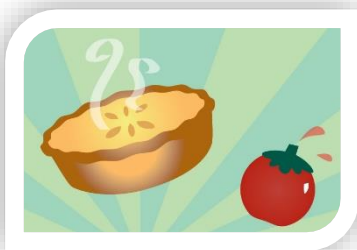
- To purchase any books just note the 3 digit code next to the title.
- Visit <https://mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz/Parent/ClubManagement.aspx> type in the postcode 6037 and
- find St Brigid's School on the drop down list.
- **Orders must be submitted online by Wednesday 4 September.** There are no orders taken through the school office.

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 to let us know. We will contact you when the books arrive, so you can collect them from us.

Total Touch

We have successfully run 3 free sessions of Total Touch Rugby on our school field on Wednesday afternoons. This was done as an introduction to this fun sport. There is a Total Touch Rugby competition that is held on Monday afternoons up at Alex Moore Park in Term 4 for 6 weeks.

If your child is interested in playing we are wanting entries for this competition. We will also need a parent volunteer who will help with supervising/managing the team. If you and/or your child is interested in this competition please let fiona@stbrigids.school.nz know **by Friday, 20 September.** There is a registration fee for this competition and at this stage it has not been confirmed.



The Great St Brigid's Pie Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who supported our Great St Brigid's pie fundraiser. **We made \$1,144!** A big thank you also to Ruth Stephens for all the organising you did for this fundraiser.

St Brigid's Friends & Whanau Fundraising would love to hear what you thought of the pies and if you would like this fundraiser again next year. **You can place your feedback on the St Brigid's Facebook page.**





St Brigid's School Fair

Sunday 10 November



Filipino Food - stall coordinator needed

Unfortunately, we haven't had any offers to organise the Filipino stall. If we don't get someone by our meeting next week we may not have the stall this year. Please contact Tracey Robins on robinsfamilynz@gmail.com if you can help.

Fair meeting is next week

We have two fair meetings next week. **Monday 9 September at 3pm** and **Thursday 12 September at 7pm**. Both meetings are in the staff room. Please put this in your calendar. **You only need to come to one!**

Save your sports gear

We're collecting good quality sports gear this year with our toys stall. Collections start end of October. So save your books, dvds, toys and sports gear.

Bring in your smaller toys for lucky dip prizes now

We now have a box in the office to collect any small toy items like good quality McDonald's toys or matchbox cars that would be good for lucky dips. We will also would like any donations of old/new gift wrapping paper.

Student Celebrations

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

Congratulations to:

Andre Medina in Room 13 who has passed his Trinity College London Guitar Exam with a Merit! He was just 7 points shy of Distinction! Well done Andre!

Community News

GUITAR LESSONS

Eileen Brown offers weekly Guitar lessons during lunch hour every Wednesday. If your child is interested in learning starting Term 4 2019, please contact Eileen on 027 3396943 or email eileenbrown11@gmail.com.

Students should be at least 7 years old to start learning the instrument(s). All styles taught including Rock & Pop, Blues, Traditional, Classical, Notation and Theory. Lessons are fun and enjoyable 😊

Visit us on www.drumorguitar.com or on our Facebook page : Bill and Eileen Brown Music Tuition. Many thanks.

A night of Music and Entertainment – Do you have the X-factor?

7 September – 7pm onwards at Uniting Church, Johnsonville. Cost: \$15 per family/\$5 per individual. BYO Drinks and a plate of finger food to share.

For further details and to enter, contact Clayton on 027 2676263 or Nimala on 021 1082074, Blanche on 021 2375558 or Derrick on 027 5058403.

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Newlands Junior Softball

The Newlands Junior Softball club are now taking registrations for the upcoming 2019/2020 summer season. Softball is so much fun for all ages and no previous playing experience is necessary. We have mixed grades for T-Ball or Mini-Pitch for the Under 7s and Under 9s. The gender grades range from U11, U13, U15 and U18. Registrations are online at www.sportsground.co.nz/newlandssoftball (our website). For more information please visit our website, facebook page or contact our Junior Club Convenor: Marama Dickson njsclub@gmail.com.

Kelly Sports Summer Series Football & Netball Competition – REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN!

Get your friends together and enter a team in our popular 5-a-side Football or our Netball Summer Series Leagues. Played on Friday afternoons at Ian Galloway Park (Football) and Netball at Samuel Marsden (Karori) & Karori Normal School beginning 25 October 2019.

There is a break over Christmas then we start up again in term 1 2020.

It's a great way to maintain and improve your skills over the summer months. For full details and to enrol your team visit www.getyourgameon.co.nz/kellysports or email summerseries@kellysports.co.nz or call 04 972 7201.

