



# St Brigid's School Notices

30 April 2019



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Dear parents and caregivers

A very warm welcome back to the 2<sup>nd</sup> term.

## 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 Tahi</b>		
<b>Team Rua</b>		
<b>Team Toru</b>	<b>Mon 6 May</b>	Author visiting 1.30 – 3pm
	<b>Thursday 30 May</b>	Year 8 boys Taste of St Pats Day
<b>Other Events</b>	<b>Thursday 23 May</b>	Board of Trustees Meeting

## **St Andrew's Church, Newlands - Sunday 5 May at 12.00pm**

There will be a Special Mass in remembrance of the victims and families of the Easter Sunday tragedy in Sri Lanka.

This will be a time to come together in solidarity.

There will be a shared lunch after Mass. All are welcome.

## **News from the Board**

The board met at the end of last term, on Thursday 4 April

The board was pleased to welcome Father Peter and representatives from Challenge 2000 to the meeting with an opportunity for discussion on the new model for the parish and how Challenge 2000 are now working with, and assisting the school. Of particular note was the involvement of the youth ministry team at Challenge 2000, whom are now visiting the school twice a week at lunch time with a focus on life lessons and guiding and supporting the children. All present commented on the positive relationship and level of engagement that has evolved.

Confirmation was made of the submission lodged by the board on Tomorrow's Schools, with a particular focus within the submission on retaining special character within schools.

The board were presented with the results of the recent PAT testing. The children did really

*Strength of character and gentleness of heart*



well, particularly in vocabulary and reading comprehension. Listening comprehension and maths also had pleasing results. Overall the results were very healthy. It was noted that the senior leadership team is looking at the usefulness of the testing at the start of the year.

Other matters discussed included professional development presently being undertaken (with a focus on digital technology); the school vision statement; an update on social science (social studies); integrating Te Reo and matarangi Māori within the school and actions for the year; the well-attended and very useful parent evening on dyslexia; and the 2019 budget.

Further discussion occurred on the digital technology curriculum within the school and the options for what technology we use. To start the conversation we plan to make digital technology the focus of this year's community survey, which we will bring forward to mid-year.

Finally the board confirmed the 2019 Board of Trustees election will occur on 31 May. Two existing parent representatives have confirmed they will not be seeking re-election. The board strongly encourage members of the school community to consider standing.

### **Board of Trustee Elections**

Our Triennial Board of Trustee Elections will be taking place this term.

Nominations for Trustees will open on Friday 3 May (our first week back after the holidays).

All parents will receive nomination forms in the mail.

If you are interested in becoming a school trustee, you can find out more about standing for election or nominating someone else by visiting the website: [www.trustee-election.co.nz/becoming-a-trustee](http://www.trustee-election.co.nz/becoming-a-trustee).

You are most welcome to speak to any of our current Trustees about what the role entails. Please ask for their contact details at the school office.

### **PUMS (Paid Union Meetings)**

Our teachers will be attending union meetings on Tuesday 7 May and Wednesday 8 May from 1.00 – 3.00pm. Some teachers will attend on the Tuesday and others on the Wednesday so that the school days can carry on as normal.



## **St Brigid's Kapa Haka Group**

Kia ora koutou

It's that time of year again when we are putting the call out for **all interested Year 5-8 students** to register their interest for joining our St Brigid's Senior Kapa Haka group.

We have secured one of our original tutors who helped to establish our group in 2001. We have Parehuia Tutua-Nathan who has kindly offered to take up the tutoring role.

With our new tutor comes a change of rehearsal time. Our Senior Kapa Haka will run on Thursdays 12.00pm through to 1.00pm. Our practice venue is to be confirmed but will either be in the school library or church hall.

Please email me directly for confirmation of your child's interest so I can add you to my Kapa Haka contacts list for 2019.

Nga mihi nui

Tania Fransen, [tania@stbrigids.school.nz](mailto:tania@stbrigids.school.nz)

## **Artsplash! Choir 2019**



We are now calling for names of any Year 3 to 6 students who:

- enjoy singing
- would like to learn the fabulous selection of songs
- would like to be part of the massed choir that will perform on in the Michael Fowler Centre on **Wednesday 18th September at 5.00pm**

Practices will begin on Wednesday 15 May and continue every Wednesday lunchtime from 12.45 – 1.15pm.

If you would like your child to join this choir please email [amanda@stbrigids.school.nz](mailto:amanda@stbrigids.school.nz) by **Wednesday 8 May**. We can only take 50 students this year.

Thanks heaps

Amanda Prowse & Monika Goel

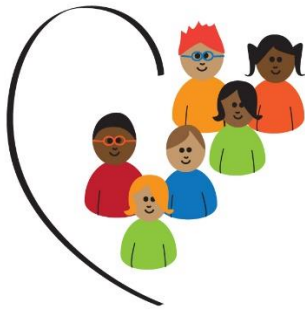
## **Scholastic Lucky Book Club - Issue 3**

Copies of Issue 3 2019 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.

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. Any orders need to be submitted online **by Friday 10 May 2019**.

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.





## Friends & Whanau Fundraising St Brigid's School

### 2019/20 Entertainment Book

The 2019 | 2020 Entertainment Memberships are here, with exclusive offers for everything you love to do. It's our best Membership yet, packed with amazing offers for activities, attractions, shopping, travel and all kinds of tasty treats - from cool cafes to fabulous fine dining. **With Entertainment there are thousands of experiences you can enjoy, while raising funds for the things you care about.**

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**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.

### Community News

#### Got your 200L emergency water tank yet?

If not, you'll have a chance to buy one (or more) between **11am to 12 noon on Saturday 4 May**. Northern Ward city councillors will be selling them for **\$110 each outside Countdown Johnsonville (next to The Warehouse)**. To ensure one is reserved for you, pre-order and pre-pay by emailing [malcolm.sparrow@wcc.govt.nz](mailto:malcolm.sparrow@wcc.govt.nz). **Mention the name of this school in your email, and \$10 from each tank sale will be donated to this school.**

#### Babysitter Available

Sophie Crampton, a 14 year old ex-St. Brigid's student, who absolutely adores children and loves taking care of them, is available for babysitting. She is reliable, caring, trustworthy, kind, and responsible, and has recently completed a Plunket babysitting course.

If you live in the Johnsonville/Newlands/Churton Park area and need babysitting help, please contact Sophie on 027 503 2652 or email at [sscrampton@gmail.com](mailto:sscrampton@gmail.com).



### **Wellington Rugby**

Wellington Rugby has launched a **new grade of non-contact rugby** this year, for **Under 8 and Under 9 players in mixed teams. Girls who are under 10 would also be eligible.**

Games are **played Friday nights** on artificial turf. This is to help attract new players to the sport, who might otherwise be committed to netball, hockey, football etc.

No experience required!

Please register your interest at: [www.sporty.co.nz/newlands](http://www.sporty.co.nz/newlands)

### **The Te Māhuri Charitable Trust runs free after school sessions to help tamariki and their whānau with learning te reo Māori**

Te Māhuri - Whānau learning te reo Māori together

Te Māhuri is an after school group for tamariki and their whānau to learn and practise te reo Māori in a relaxed and fun environment, learning through games, waiata and other activities. Everyone is welcome, from complete beginners to fluent speakers, and we'd love to see you there!

**When:** Tuesdays 3.30-4.30pm at Newlands Community Centre; or Wednesdays 3.30-4.30pm at Linden Social Centre (During school term time only.)

*For more information or to join, please email [meganmvant@gmail.com](mailto:meganmvant@gmail.com).*

### **Khandallah Squash Junior Night – coaching and games**

Open to all ages 7 - 16 years (under 10s must bring a parent/ caregiver). Runs 5pm - 6.30pm Friday nights in terms 2 and 3, starting **3 May**. Free first trial session, \$5 casual fee per session, and Junior Club membership options are available. Drop down to Court 4, Khandallah Tennis and Squash Club, 55 Delhi Crescent, Khandallah. Supper and drinks available on site. Please contact Robyn on [nicholl@xtra.co.nz](mailto:nicholl@xtra.co.nz) for more information or just turn up.

