



# St Brigid's School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

Last week was packed with wonderful opportunities for our children to share their talents and skills.

The Athletics day was very successful with all children giving events a go and ensuring that they did their very best. Performing arts consumed the rest of the week, with the talent contest on Thursday and Andrew Chinn's concert on Friday.

Whilst the range of performances on Thursday morning was hugely varied and of high quality, (from singing and dancing to keyboard and drumming), what struck me most was the commitment, perseverance and effort that these children had put into ensuring that their performances were of the highest quality.

Becoming proficient in something is not easy. Committing to practices, making sacrifices and sometimes dealing with disappointments can be challenging. Whilst talent may come into it, it is the effort a person makes, persevering to get better at what they are doing that makes the real difference.



Well done to all those who shared with us last week and those who performed so admirably with Andrew Chinn at the wonderful concert on Friday afternoon.

God Bless

*Linda Birch*

## **Board of Trustees**

Our next Board of Trustees meeting will be held next week on Thursday  
8 November at 7.00pm in the school staffroom.

Parents are always welcome to attend.

*Strength of character and gentleness of heart*





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

Our school assembly will be held this week **on Friday 2 November at 2.15pm** at the Johnsonville Community Centre.

Assembly will be taken by **Room 7**.

Parents are most welcome to join us.

# Welcome!

We warmly welcome new entrant students **Ameya Blessen, Elizabeth Joshy and Max Robinson** who have joined Room 2.

Ameya joins her sister Anna Rose, Elizabeth joins her siblings Solomon and Serah, and Max joins his brother Oscar here at St Brigid's.

We hope you will all be very happy at school.

	<p><b>Staff News</b></p> <p>We are very sad to let the school community know we will be losing <b>Mike Schultz</b> next year. Mike has been at St Brigid's School for 10 years and has been pivotal in implementing science and sporting programmes into the school. Mike will take up a position at Eastern Hutt School next year teaching Year 6's. We wish him the very best with his new position and thank him for all he has done for children and families during the time he has been at St Brigid's.</p> <p>We are also sad to be fare-welling <b>Anne Joseph</b> from our teacher aide team this coming Friday. Anne has been a part of our support staff team for nearly four years, but has now decided to spend more time with her family. We thank Anne for the wonderful support she has provided to students at our school.</p>
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<b>KEY DATES TO NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR</b>		
Further details about these and other events can be found on the school calendar on the website <a href="http://www.stbrigids.school.nz/?page_id=420">http://www.stbrigids.school.nz/?page_id=420</a>		
<b>Team Tahī</b>	<b>Thursday 1 November</b>	Zoo Trip
<b>Team Rua</b>		
<b>Team Toru</b>	<b>Wednesday 7 &amp; Tuesday 13 November</b>	Rooms 13 & 14 Snorkelling
	<b>Friday 23 November</b>	No Yr 7/8 Technology Sessions today
<b>Other Events</b>	<b>Thursday 1 November</b>	RNZB Performance of The Nutcracker
	<b>Monday 5 November</b>	Northern Zone Athletics
	<b>Thursday 8 November</b>	Waste Heroes Performance
		Board of Trustees Meeting
	<b>Sunday 11 November</b>	Food Fair & Festival
<b>Tuesday 27 November</b>	Interzone Athletics	



## Waste Heroes Performance

The Waste Heroes Performance will be held next week on Thursday 8 November at 1.45pm in the Johnsonville Community Centre. Parents are most welcome to join us. Please be aware some of the costumes made at Weta may potentially be scary for younger children.

## Artificial Turf is a Big Hit!



It's fantastic to see the new artificial turf space behind Rooms 5 and 6 being so well utilised by all the students.

We are very grateful to the Friends & Family Team for their fundraising efforts which enabled the turf to be purchased and installed.

## Sunhats

Sunhats are a part of the required school uniform for Term 1 and Term 4 each year. We now have a full supply of hats at the office, which can be purchased at a cost of **\$10 each**. As we have three sizes available, it's better to bring your child along with you to enable the correct size to be fitted.



## **SPORTS NOTICES**

### **Northern Zone Athletics**

This is being held next week on Monday 5 November at Newtown Park. The children selected to participate have received a notice with details, and will need to **be at school by 8.00am**, with the bus leaving at 8.15am. Parent support would be appreciated, and parents are welcome to travel on the bus with us.

### **Tennis**

We wish **Amber Dano** all the very best as she goes to compete in the Regional Primary Schools Tennis Tournament, as she won the Wellington Primary Year 6 Tennis tournament last month. She will be travelling to Palmerston North on Wednesday. Good luck.

## **Can you help Team Rua – doll's house furniture needed**

We have a wonderful doll's house in the Year 3/4 area of the school, which is well used and loved by many. Over the years the doll's house furniture has slowly disappeared and the house is now looking a bit bare! If anyone has doll's house furniture that is no longer needed we would gratefully accept them! Thank you.



## **Scholastic Lucky Book Club - Issue 7**

Orders from Issue 7 of the Lucky Book Club brochure need to be submitted **by this Friday 2 November 2018**. 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.



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.

## **Predator Free Johnsonville - Traps**

Predator Free Johnsonville has begun trapping predators in our local area. They have free traps to give out to anyone living in our local area who would like to be involved. The only requirement is that you email them your trapping results. If you would like one, please see Mrs Valentine in Room 13 or email [janetv@stbrigids.school.nz](mailto:janetv@stbrigids.school.nz). **Please note** this is only available to residents of Johnsonville.

## **Student Celebrations**

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

### **Congratulations to:**

**Timothy Yip** who was earned a scholarship to St Patrick's College. Well done Timothy!



**LOST** - Has anybody seen a small St Brigid's jersey? It was left by the sandpit during Kelly Club a few weeks ago and has the name Emily Hamdan written in it. If you have picked it up and taken it home by mistake could you please return it to Room 3.

**FOUND** - A small pink embroidered cardigan was handed into the school office on Friday afternoon. If you think this may be yours, please come and see us.



## St Brigid's School Friends & Family



# FUNDRAISING TEAM

### Food Fair & Festival - Sunday 11 November

#### **Fudge**

Do we have any bakers that would be able to make fudge for the Food Festival? If this is something you can help with, please email Linda - [linda@stbrigids.school.nz](mailto:linda@stbrigids.school.nz).

#### **Start Time**

On Sunday 11 November, before the Food Fair & Festival, Room 13 will be hosting an Armistice Day Commemoration service. This was scheduled to begin at 11am, however in order to follow the protocols for this service and to have two minutes silence at 11am we will now be beginning at 10.45am.

### **Community News**

#### **Mini Triathlon**

Mini Triathlon at Johnsonville School on Saturday 3rd November. All children aged 5 to 12 years are welcome. For a registration form email [johnsonvilletri@gmail.com](mailto:johnsonvilletri@gmail.com) or visit the notice board at Johnsonville School website [www.johnsonville.school.nz](http://www.johnsonville.school.nz).

#### **Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon**



Entries are now open for the 2019 Weetbix Kids Tryathlon which will be held on **Sunday 17 March** at Kilbirnie Park. The event is open to children aged between 7 and 15 years, on the day of the event.

To register your child for the TRYathlon and link them to the St Brigids school group, click on the link:

<https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=31847&G=68736>.

Kids can enter the TRYathlon as an individual completing all three legs by themselves, or they can enter as a team of two where one team member does the swimming leg, one member does the cycling leg and both members complete the run section.

If you have any queries on the TRYathlon, there is lots of useful information on the [Sanitarium Weetbix Tryathlon website](#) or feel free to contact Christine Glass our school co-ordinator on [cglass9@outlook.com](mailto:cglass9@outlook.com).

Registrations close in mid-February but the Wellington event is always filled before closing date so it would be a good idea to register your child before the end of this year so as not to miss out on the event.



## **Sarah the Scientist**

Hi all, this is Dr Kenworthy here. I had a great time making milk plastic and talking about polymers at St Brigid's School the other day. All the students did some great science with me. I hope they enjoyed the other Waste Wise activity's too. If you loved doing the science, I have a science education business. Check out my website - [www.sarahthescientist@xtra.co.nz](http://www.sarahthescientist@xtra.co.nz) - for more awesome science experiment kits. I also do **Science Birthday Parties**. There is more information on the website or you can email me at [sarahthescientist@xtra.co.nz](mailto:sarahthescientist@xtra.co.nz). Happy Experimenting from Dr Sarah Kenworthy!

## **Olympic Junior Athletics - Grenada North**

Registration is now open for the summer season. Club night on Mondays 5.30-6.45pm for children 3-6 years old and 7-14 years, starting Nov 5. For full details visit [www.olympicjuniors.nz](http://www.olympicjuniors.nz).

## **Parenting Helpline**

Parent Help is a non-profit organisation **supporting parents** to build resilient and positive families/whānau. We run a free confidential **parenting Helpline** for parents and caregivers. The Helpline is available from 9am to 9pm, 7 days a week providing advice, support and practical strategies on any parenting challenge. **PARENT HELPLINE:** 0800 568 856

## **Scouts NZ**

Johnsonville Scouts are currently looking for new members and welcome children aged 6 to 10 that want to join Keas and Cubs. If you are interested, please contact the Group Leader Johann Weich via email [scoutsjville@gmail.com](mailto:scoutsjville@gmail.com). The Scout hall is located at 30 Ironside Road.

Keas (ages 6 - 8) Thursday; Cubs (ages 8 - 10.5 ) Monday / Tuesday.

We have a free trial period of up to three weeks and would love to have new members come along and give it a try.

Please Note: Our scout section (ages 10.5 -14) is currently oversubscribed, but we do add potential youth members to a waiting list for when vacancies occur.

