



# St Brigid's School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

Last Wednesday night a small group of parents met to talk about ideas for school fundraising this year. We recognised that there has been a lot asked from our community over the last few years with the annual School Fair being a huge commitment for a small group of parents to organise.

The School Fair is not only a great fundraiser but also provides an opportunity for different parts of our community to come together for a common purpose. It helps connect new parents to our school and provides an avenue for people to support the school in a practical way. I would hate to lose this, as strong relationships with our parent and local community strengthen our school.



Our group has come up with **an alternative to the fair - a Cultural Food and Performance Evening on Friday 9 November, from 5pm to 8pm.** This will hopefully bring our parent community together in a positive way, engage the local Johnsonville community and also fundraise for the school.

At this stage only the date and time has been set. Over the next two terms we would like to hold a couple of meetings to talk about how our different ethnic communities that make up St Brigid's School, could share their food and culture on this night. Food is one of the biggest draw cards for any event, so the theme would be "Bring the family for dinner at St Brigid's and enjoy performances by some of our school, family and community groups". This could include the Pasifika and Kapa Haka groups, Filipino community, family groups etc.



We are only in the very early stages of planning this, but please start thinking about how you could be involved!

Please note that this does not mean that we will never have another Fair. It may be that we hold the Fair every second year as many schools do.

Thank you once again to the three people who attended the meeting last week and those who put in their apologies.

God Bless

*Linda Birch*

## **Board of Trustees**

Our Board of Trustees meeting will be held tomorrow, Thursday 5 April at 7.00pm in the staffroom. Parents are always welcome to attend.

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## 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 Tahī</b>	<b>Tuesday 10 April</b>	Island Bay Marine Education visit
	<b>Tuesday 8, 15, 22, 29 May</b>	Gymnastics
<b>Team Rua</b>	<b>Tues 1 May - Fri 4 May</b>	Swimming
	<b>Tues 8 May - Fri 11 May</b>	
<b>Team Toru</b>	<b>Tuesday 10 April</b>	Year 7&8 Primary Sport Wellington Futsal Tournament
	<b>Mon 14 May - Thurs 17 May</b>	Swimming
	<b>Mon 21 May - Thurs 24 May</b>	
<b>Other Events</b>	<b>Thursday 5 April</b>	Board of Trustees Meeting
	<b>Friday 13 April</b>	End of Term 1 - School finishes at 2pm
	<b>Monday 30 April</b>	Start of Term 2

### Team Tahī Easter Performance

Thank you to all the families that came along to the Team Tahī Easter Performance last Thursday at Sts Peter and Paul's Church.

Team Tahī students told the Easter Story through a variety of singing, reading and visual art. They put such a lot of effort into learning all the songs and performed with such enthusiasm.

### Easter Raffle for Caritas



Thank you to Team Toru for bringing in Easter Eggs for this worthy cause. Each class was able to have three prizes drawn each.

This meant over the entire school 42 people had an egg-ceptional Easter. The money raised from raffle tickets is yet to be counted, but will go to Caritas - in particular their work in Timor. Great effort everyone!



### Younger Siblings - Enrolments for 2019

We are now looking at enrolments for next year and can already see that we will reach our maximum roll again.

Obviously our priority is to ensure that the siblings of all our current students are accepted, **so if you have a child turning five next year** and have not yet submitted an enrolment form and preference certificate, please do so as soon as possible.

If you are unsure whether you have already done this, please check with Victoria or Lynne in the office.





## **Goal Setting Meetings**

We were very pleased to see so many parents and students taking advantage of last month's Goal Setting Meetings with teachers. We hope you found this opportunity to speak with your child's teacher helpful and informative.

Online safety is more important now than ever. As young people begin to spend more time online, it's important that parents start to teach them how to stay safe. Each week, we will share some ideas and links from **Netsafe** to help you have conversations with your child.

### **PARENT'S ROLE IN BUILDING DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP**

**UNDERSTAND WHAT YOUR CHILD IS DOING ONLINE** - Talk to your kids about what they're using the internet for. What's involved? Who's in their network? What information do they share? Are they using the internet to learn? To communicate and create friendships with others? To create music or videos? Really listen to what they have to say – what might seem like 'just a game' to you, could in fact be a way for them to connect with people who have similar interests.

Showing an interest in the things they do helps to build your understanding of what their online world looks like and creates an environment that makes it easier to have more difficult conversations about in the future.

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

Kia ora koutou

We are looking for keen and committed Year 4-8 students who would like to be part of our St Brigid's Kapa Haka Group. All past members and new members are welcome to be part of this fantastic roopu.

We will be starting in Week 1 of Term 2 and finish at the end of Term 3 after our performances at the Newlands Kapa Haka Festival and the St Brigid's Kapa Haka Festival.

Our roopu is tutored by Wayne Firmin and Tania Fransen on Thursdays 8.30am-9.30am in the school library.

Please email Tania Fransen [tania@stbrigids.school.nz](mailto:tania@stbrigids.school.nz) if your child/children would like to be part of our St Brigid's Kapa Haka Group. Please state their name/s and room number/s when replying.

Nga mihi nui, Tania Fransen (Rm14)

## **Book Fair – Dress up Day**

Congratulations to Oscar Robinson from Team Tahī, Harmony Ta'ala from Team Rua and Raya Panugayan from Team Toru who were awarded the team prizes for their costumes.



# Pasifika Cultural Group

**Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Ni Sa Bula,  
Halo oloketa**

We are now meeting each Wednesday, 1.30 - 2pm in Room 12,  
which is next to the library (previously Rm 11)

[We would love any parents / fanau to join us.](#)

The students are keen to learn more about their  
culture and language.

They're keen to continue learning dance and songs / hymns.

They want to do more art and make their own tapa.

They want to do more cooking!

They're keen to do more trips!

**[If you are able to help us in any way we would be most grateful.](#)**

**[Please contact](#) Pauline, Janet or Denise if you can help with ideas,  
contacts, resources etc.**

There will be a note coming home tomorrow for the senior students,  
those in Team Toru, re a trip next week. Please sign and return to Mrs  
Sharp on Friday. Thank you.

Many thanks - [pauline@stbrigids.school.nz](mailto:pauline@stbrigids.school.nz)



## **Scholastic Lucky Book Club - Issue 2**

Any orders for Issue 2 of the Lucky Book Club need to be submitted **by this Friday 6 April 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.





## SPORTS NOTICES

- Final reminder for any students wishing to participate in **Miniball or Basketball**. Please email Mrs. Bowe [erica@stbrigids.school.nz](mailto:erica@stbrigids.school.nz) by Friday 6 April. There will be no late entries after this date.
- Team Tahī will have **Gymnastics** each Tuesday from weeks two to week five of Term 2.
- Team Rua will be having their **Swimming** lessons in the first two weeks of next term. An email will come home soon to let you know the dates for each individual class. Team Toru will be swimming in weeks 3 and 4.
- **School Cross-Country** races will be coming up in the first few weeks of next term. Please make sure that over the holidays you are practicing your running and getting fit. Take mum and dad with you so that you can have some more fun.

## Student Celebrations

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

Congratulations to:

**Zach McLaughlin, Ollie Weile, Cooper Jarvis and Alana Leatham** who were all awarded Most Valuable Player for their respective cricket teams (all in different teams) at Johnsonville Cricket Club prize-giving last weekend.



### **Lost**

Riley Jarvis from Room 13 has lost his school jersey. If found please return to Riley or drop off to us in the office. Thank you.

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

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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**

**ASB**

Supporting success in your school.

If you are a parent, staff member or member of the school community and you draw down a new ASB home loan of \$250,000 or more, ASB will donate to your chosen participating school:

**\$500**

ASB lending criteria and terms apply. Fees may apply. To be eligible for this donation your new home loan application must be received, approved and then documented in a facility agreement, along with the completion of a school donation voucher between 1 July 2017 and 30 June 2018. A minimum of 20% equity is required in the security property provided to ASB. This home loan offer is only available on loans secured by an owner-occupied residential property. Only one donation will be given per customer. Donations will be made by ASB on behalf of the customer to the chosen school upon full draw down of the new home loan. This offer excludes loans for business purposes and bridging.

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### **Paparangi School Gully Gutbuster**

5K or 10K Run/Walk & Kids Challenge through beautiful Seton Nossiter Park, Paparangi.  
Sunday 8 April 2018 - 10km Run/Walk at 9am, 5km Run/Walk at 9.15am, Kids Challenge at 11am.  
Mojo Coffee, Bacon Butties and Sausage Sizzle. [www.enteronline.co.nz](http://www.enteronline.co.nz) or Gully Gutbuster Facebook.

### **Kelly Club Holiday Programmes**

Kelly Club are running their fun-filled School Holiday Programme these April school holidays starting on Monday 16 April, with programmes operating nearby at Churton Park School and West Park School. They provide quality childcare in safe and fun surroundings. The programme is focused around sports, arts and crafts, cooking, and outings to local attractions. Please see [www.kellyclub.co.nz](http://www.kellyclub.co.nz) for more details or email [admin@kellysports.co.nz](mailto:admin@kellysports.co.nz) or call 04 972 7201.

### **Kelly Club Sports Holiday Programmes**

**Football Holiday Programme (Yrs 1-8)** - Green Room, Wests Rugby Club Rooms, Wilton (all weather indoor surface). Improve technique by working on the core skills of control, dribbling, passing, tackling & shooting with head coach Martin.

Week 1 - Tues, Wed & Thurs 9.30am-12.30pm

Week 2 - Mon, Tues, Thurs 9.30am-12.30pm

**Girls Only** - Mon 16<sup>th</sup> April 9.30am-12.30pm

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## **Netball Holiday Programme (Yrs 1-8) - Onslow College Gym, Johnsonville**

Week 2 - Mon, Tues 1.30pm-4.30pm

Grow your child's confidence with our netball skills programme, focusing on the key skills areas for their level of development. With our experienced coaches, children can work on ball handling, game sense, co-ordination, speed and accuracy. We use fun drills and games to develop and challenge young players while also having fun!

For full details and to enrol into our sports programmes visit [www.kellysports.co.nz](http://www.kellysports.co.nz).

## **Parenting Children and Teenagers courses starting April 30 at 7.00pm**

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.

## **Adam Thomas Football - Coaching**

Olympic football coaching provides children the opportunity to have fun, be active, learn and develop in a safe and supportive environment. We offer an enjoyable and challenging football programme to develop football skills, coordination and build confidence in children on the sports field. There are limited spaces available.

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Website: [www.adamthomasfootball.com](http://www.adamthomasfootball.com)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/AdamThomasFootball/>



## **Twigland Garden Centre**

Gardening Holiday Classes - Filling Up - Book Now!

We are running garden classes for kids these April School Holidays in the first week. If you haven't already booked and want your child to partake please get in quick as they are now filling up.

Hope to see some of your lovely children again. [www.twigland.co.nz](http://www.twigland.co.nz)

For further information on the holiday classes that Twigland are running, please visit the Community Noticeboard located in the corridor near to Room 1.



## **Mainly Music**

Fun, interactive music sessions for pre-schoolers and their parents or caregivers to enjoy together, followed by morning tea and playgroup in a relaxed social setting.

Children will develop motor skills, language, imagination, maths and pre-reading as well as socialise with others. Each mainly music is run by volunteers from a local church.

Wednesdays at 10am at Newlands Baptist Church, 5 Horokiwi Rd.

\$4.00 per family per session or \$5.00 caregivers with a group per session.

Email [info@nbc.net.nz](mailto:info@nbc.net.nz) for more information or visit [www.mainlymusic.org](http://www.mainlymusic.org).

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## **Bigair Gymsports Tawa**



Cartwheels, Walkovers, Flips, Kongs, Handstands, Barrel Rolls, Handsprings - it's all here at Bigair Gym! Kids love learning a vast range of skills in **Gymnastics, Trampoline, Tumbling, Parkour and Cheerleading!** We have classes to support children of all levels and interests, and these classes are designed to increase children's strength, flexibility, balance, co-ordination and fitness. Children also learn extensive personal skills from Bigair Gym Classes, including increased self-confidence, self-reflection, listening skills, persistence, self-pride, increased self-esteem and so much more! These skills are so important for our kids to learn. Did you know that Bigair Gym also offer Birthday Parties?

Bigair Gyms Term 2 Classes, plus fun & active **School Holiday Programme** are open for bookings **NOW!** To find out more, please call our Bigair Gym Tawa on 04 232 3508 or email [office@bigairgym.co.nz](mailto:office@bigairgym.co.nz).

## **School Holiday Felting Workshop**

Wrap, dunk and roll! Create felted pebbles from fluffy wool, shiny silk and smooth stones. For 5-12 year olds, \$15 per child, all materials supplied. Churton Park Community Centre, Wednesday 18 April, 9:30-11am. More info at <https://www.facebook.com/jinglebugsnz> and bookings to [jann.freitas@jinglebugs.co.nz](mailto:jann.freitas@jinglebugs.co.nz).



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