



St Brigid's School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

With most of Term 3 behind us it is time to start looking forward to Term 4.

Over the last few years St Brigid's School has held an annual fair in November. **This year however** we are doing a 'lighter' version of this and will be holding a **Food Fair and Festival on Sunday 11 November**.

This day happens to be the 100 year celebration of Armistice Day, the day that WW1 ended.

- **11.00am** - we will be starting our day of celebration with a short service at 11.00am to honour this day and all those who were affected by this war.
- **11.30am - 1.30pm** - we would like to celebrate *who we are; our diverse cultures, our traditions and our community*.

We are planning to have food stalls, café, children's activities and entertainment.



Whilst we have a number of school based performance groups eg, Kapa Haka, Pasifika, Artsplash etc, we would love our community to be involved with this event.

Would your family or community like to do an item at our Food Fair and Festival – a cultural dance or a song?

It would be wonderful to have a number of our different cultural groups, sharing their culture and traditions, through performance, with the rest of our community. **Please let me know if you have an item to contribute to this celebration.**

This Food Fair and Festival is a Johnsonville event (rather than just a St Brigid's School event) and will be widely advertised, just as the Fair always is. We would expect that the Food Fair and Festival will be well supported by locals and will be a fundraiser for us, as well as bringing our families together.

Next meeting: Our meeting last week was well supported by 10 parents, and if you are free please come along and join us on **Wednesday 26 September at 3.15pm** in the staffroom.

God Bless,
Linda Birch

Strength of character and gentleness of heart





First Holy Communion

Congratulations to 49 of our students who will be receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion at Sts Peter & Paul's Church this **Sunday at 2.00pm**.

There will be a **practice on Friday at 4.00pm** in the church - please bring your homework along.

Photo times will be given to children later this week - please check school bags.



School Assembly

(Hui-a-kura)

Our school assembly will be held this week **on Friday 7 September at 2.15pm** at the Johnsonville Community Centre.

The Artsplash Choir and senior Kapa Haka group will be performing.

Parents are most welcome to join us.

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		
Team Rua		
Team Toru	Friday 7 & Monday 10 September	Rooms 5, 6, 7 Porirua Stream Field Trips
	Tuesday 11 & 18 September	Rooms 5, 6, 7 Gymnastics at ASB
Other Events	Thursday 6 September	School Sports Team Photos
	Sunday 9 September	First Holy Communion
	Thursday 13 September	Interzone Swimming
	Friday 14 September	Whole School Environmental Mass
	Saturday 15 September	St Brigid's Kapa Haka Festival - Onslow College
	Wednesday 19 September	Artsplash Performance
	Thursday 20 September	Market Day
		Board of Trustees Meeting
	Monday 24 September	Newlands Kapa Haka Festival
	Wednesday 26 September	Friends and Family Fundraising Meeting
	Thursday 27 September	Cupcakes Fundraiser
Friday 28 September	End of Term 3 - School finishes at 2pm	
Monday 15 October	Start of Term 4	



Board of Trustees

Our next Board of Trustees meeting will be held on Thursday 20 September at 7.00pm in the staffroom. Parents are always welcome to attend.

Parent Survey

As you will be aware every year our school surveys our parent community to canvas views about a number of programmes, curriculum, values and processes we have in place. At the end of this term we will have a survey about our curriculum, via survey monkey, for parents to complete.

Below is a brief statement about the curriculum areas in the New Zealand Curriculum. More information on the Curriculum Areas can be found on the Ministry of Education Website, TKI.



In **English**, students study, use, and enjoy language and literature communicated orally, visually, or in writing.



In **the arts**, students explore, refine, and communicate ideas as they connect thinking, imagination, senses, and feelings to create works and respond to the works of others.



In **health and physical education**, students learn about their own well-being, and that of others and society, in health-related and movement contexts.



In **learning languages**, students learn to communicate in an additional language, develop their capacity to learn further languages, and explore different world views in relation to their own.



In **mathematics and statistics**, students explore relationships in quantities, space, and data and learn to express these relationships in ways that help them to make sense of the world around them.



In **science**, students explore how both the natural physical world and science itself work so that they can participate as critical, informed, and responsible citizens in a society in which science plays a significant role.



In the **social sciences**, students explore how societies work and how they themselves can participate and take action as critical, informed, and responsible citizens.



In **technology**, students learn to be innovative developers of products and systems and discerning consumers who will make a difference in the world.





We have set up a closed Facebook Group to share news, photos, events & alerts with current St Brigid's School families. It's another way we can share what is happening at school with home.

A "closed group" means that only **current** St Brigid's families will be able to join and have access to the group. Families will be removed when their children leave the school.

There will still be fortnightly newsletters with news updates in between and the school website will still have lots of useful information & calendar dates.

You can find the Facebook group by logging into Facebook and typing **St Brigid's School, Johnsonville** into the search bar & requesting to join the group.

Scholastic Lucky Book Club - Issue 6

Issue 6 of the Lucky Book Club brochure was sent home with students last week. 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 Brigid and find St Brigid's School on the drop down list. Any orders need to be submitted **by this Friday 7 September 2018.**



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.

Artsplash Concert Tickets

Tickets for the Artsplash choir performance on **Wednesday 19 September** are available to be purchased from the school office now. Tickets are **\$5 each** and are for the 5.30pm performance that our students will be singing in. Parents or whanau who want to buy them can do so through the office up until the event in Week 9.



Room 13 and Room 14 are hosting a **Market Day** on Thursday 20 September. Save your pocket money now to spend on sweet treats such as sherbet, cake pops and fudge. We will also have handmade treasures for sale - toys, pet rocks, and sparkly jars to enhance your room.

For Mum and Dad we will have plants for sale, hair ties and scrunchies to match our uniform, and reusable produce bags to help our environment.

We are learning great financial literacy skills and saving to go snorkelling.

More details in the next newsletter.



SPORTS NOTICES

Basketball and Miniball for Term 4

If your child is wishing to continue playing miniball or basketball, or is wishing to start next term, please email Mr Schultz (mike@stbrigids.school.nz).

Names need to be received by Wednesday 19 September.

A cost will then be sent out after teams have been sorted.

Student Celebrations

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

Congratulations to:

Holly Robins and **Grayce Robins** who were both awarded Onslow Football Club MVP for their respective teams!

Holly was also selected as the breakthrough girls' footballer of the year at Onslow Football Club.



LOST - Flynn McDonnell from Room 6 and Ben Stephen from Room 14 are both missing their named school jerseys. If found please return to them or drop off to the school office. Thank you.

Community News

Johnsonville Tennis Club

Get set ... LOVE TENNIS is at the Johnsonville Tennis Club, 8 Wanaka Street, Johnsonville on Saturday 8 & Sunday 9 September 2018 from 1pm - 4pm. The Johnsonville Tennis Club is opening their doors and inviting anyone and everyone to 'give it a go' on court for FREE! So if you've never played tennis, or want to pick up where you left off then get along to the Johnsonville Tennis Club: Racquets supplied, BBQ, Prizes, Giveaways, Great Fun for Everyone! It's FREE! Get your family and friends together and have some fun on court in your community this spring!

