



| KEY DATES TO NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR  |                                   |   |
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| 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> |                                   |   |
| Team Tahi   |                                   |   |
| Team Rua  | Tuesday 21 August                 | Gymnastics                                  |
| Team Toru   | Wednesday 22 & Thursday 23 August | Rooms 5, 6 and 7 Field Trips to Mt Kaukau   |
|   | Wednesday 22 August               | Yr 7/8 Mathswell Competition                |
|   | Wednesday 29 August               | Year 6/6 Mathswell Competition              |
|   | Wednesday 5 & Friday 7 September  | Rooms 5, 6 and 7 Porirua Stream Field Trips |
| Other Events  | Wednesday 15 August               | TEACHER STRIKE - <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>       |
|   | Thursday 16 August                | Board of Trustees Meeting                   |
|   | Friday 17 August                  | Cans for Good Mufti Day                     |
|   | Thursday 23 August                | Friends & Family Fundraising Meeting        |
|   | Friday 31 August                  | Northern Zone Swimming                      |
|   |                                   | Cupcakes Fundraiser                         |
|   | Tuesday 4 September               | School Class Photos                         |
|   | Thursday 6 September              | School Sports Team Photos                   |



### Teacher Strike

As you will be aware teachers and principals are taking strike action across New Zealand on **Wednesday August 15**. This means that St Brigid's School **will not be open tomorrow**.

The Board has made the decision to close the school for health and safety reasons, as there will not be adequate supervision for children.

There is huge concern about the decreasing number of people entering the teaching profession and the large number leaving after only a few years resulting in teacher shortages. Negotiations to get a more attractive package for teachers, which includes, addressing workload, stress, funding for diverse learners and salary have stalled, resulting in the one day strike.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

Carol Winter - Board Chairperson



## Board of Trustees

Our Board of Trustees meeting will be held this week on Thursday 16 August at 7.00pm in the staffroom. Parents are always welcome to attend.

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| <b>2019 Term dates:</b> |  |   |
| <b>Term One:</b>        | Wednesday 31 January – Friday 13 April | Monday 4 February – Friday 13 April       |
| <b>Term Two:</b>        | Monday 30 April – Friday 6 July        | Monday 29 April – Friday 5 July           |
| <b>Term Three:</b>      | Monday 23 July – Friday 28 September   | Monday 22 July – Friday 27 September      |
| <b>Term Four:</b>       | Monday 15 October – Friday 14 December | Monday 14 October – Wednesday 18 December |



### **Friday 17 August - Mufti Day Bring A Can**

Wattie's are once again holding their Cans for Good fundraiser for the Salvation Army foodbanks. We have decided to help them again this year by wearing mufti, and are asking each student in the school to bring a can of food this **Friday - 17 August.**

Sometime during the day the cans will be collected from all the classrooms, to make a school can structure created by the Young Christian Leadership Team.

All the cans will help contribute toward food parcels that go to Kiwis who need food assistance.



### **Fundraising Meeting**

We will be holding a meeting next week on **Thursday 23 August at 7.00pm** in the staffroom, to discuss fundraising ideas and how we proceed going forward. All parents are welcome to attend, and we look forward to seeing you there.

