



### 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>Mon 18 Feb – Thurs 21 Feb</b> <b>Mon 25 Feb – Thurs 28 Feb</b>	Swimming sessions
<b>Team Rua</b>		
<b>Team Toru</b>	<b>Tues 26 February</b>	Yr 5/6 Cricket Tournament
<b>Other Events</b>	<b>Wednesday 27 &amp; Thursday 28 Feb</b>	Goal setting meetings
	<b>Thursday 28 Feb</b>	Board of Trustees Meeting

### Goal Setting Meetings on Wednesday and Thursday (for all students except Room 2)

**The purpose of the goal setting meetings this week** is to help children develop the skills and attitudes to be an engaged learner (across the curriculum). The focus will be on the key competencies and dispositions children need as learners.

Many children find it difficult to contribute to class discussions or ask questions in class due to shyness or lack of confidence. Participating in discussion and questioning is a huge part of learning. For those children this may be the focus for them this year – being brave and having the courage to share their thinking.

For others it may be the worry or fear of getting things wrong that holds them back. Learning includes getting things wrong – that is how we learn! So, for these children, learning to take risks and to give things another go when it gets hard may be the goal they will work on.

For some children the social side of the classroom is often irresistible and learning to stay focused on a task through to completion may be what they have identified as getting better with. Perseverance would be their focus for improvement this year.

**At the goal setting meetings**, ideas on how goals can be achieved and the steps and actions needed to do this can be discussed and shared so that children can be supported by both school and home to be successful.

**Bookings** can be made online at [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) using the **code np56r**.

**A reminder that school will be closing at 2.00pm on Wednesday and the usual time of 3.00pm on Thursday for the meetings.**



## A Friendly Reminder about Road Safety

The streets around our school are incredibly busy at drop off and pick up times. We **ALL** need to be doing our best to keep our school and wider community safe while using the roads.

A few things to remember.....

- It is illegal to park on yellow lines
- When you park on yellow lines - even for a brief moment you block the sight lines of our road patrollers and they cannot do their job.
- There are plenty of short term drop off points you can park in and then your child/children walk to school from there - the Church carpark, the Masonic Lodge carpark, the Softball Clubrooms carpark. A short walk to school is not going to harm your child. Children can cope with this even on a rainy day - they can wear a jacket.
- School gateways are **NOT** parks
- Driveways are **NOT** carparks. Please respect our neighbours
- Please talk to your child/children about the safe places to cross the street.

We have road patrollers and adults at crossings each morning and afternoon. Already this year we have seen near misses and inconsiderate driving and parking. Please help us keep our streets and children safe.

## Op Shop

To all the parents and grandparents whom have volunteered at the shop to raise funds for the school over the last 30+ years we really appreciate and thank you for your time.

The Ohariu Parish is going to run the roster so in future the funds will go to the parish.

I am really sorry that the school will lose this easy fundraiser as they have had approximately \$70,000.00 from this over the time it has been running. The lack of support has been really disappointing in the last few years and hopefully the school and parents will be able to raise funds in other ways. From Yvette Elliston



### Johnsonville & Newlands Sacramental Programme Parent Meeting

The meeting for parents whose children have enrolled for the Sacramental Programme must be at the **Parent Meeting tonight, February 26 February** in **St Brigid's staffroom at 7.00pm**. There is plenty of parking in the school grounds. **Please note**, the children are not required to attend this meeting.

If your child is enrolled for Confirmation only, you need to attend this meeting too. Please bring an envelope with your child's name on the front and \$40 inside to cover costs.

### Netball for Year 3 - 8 students will be starting shortly.

The school is looking for a parent who can take on the role of coordinator. Erin Brennan, Room 9 teacher, and I will support and liaise with the coordinator. The role involves getting parents to manage and coach teams, getting information out to parents and liaising with Northern Suburbs Netball. Joanne Blackman who was the coordinator last year is putting together a document with a description of the role.

We need to get the netball organised within the next few weeks and would really appreciate one (or two) parents who would help with this.

*Strength of character and gentleness of heart*



### **Scholastic Lucky Book Club - Issue 1**

Copies of Issue 1 2019 of the Lucky Book Club brochure have been sent home with students. 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 Wednesday 27 February 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](mailto:office@stbrigids.school.nz) to let us know. We will contact you when the books arrive, so you can collect them from us.

