



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 Tahi		
Team Rua	Tues 26 Mar – Thurs 28 Mar	Visit Johnsonville Library
Team Toru		
Other Events	Thursday 4 April	Board of Trustees Meeting
	Friday 12 April	End of Term 1 – School finishes at 2pm

Unsafe morning drop-offs

Parking has always been an issue around our school, which is why it is so important that parents remember not to stop or park on the yellow lines.



We have been using orange road cones over the yellow lines on Frankmoore Ave in an attempt to make it safer for children crossing the road with the road patrollers. **However**, this morning we received a photo which clearly identifies 3 vehicles that had stopped alongside the orange cones to drop off children. This not only created congestion for other vehicles trying to pass, but it made it very difficult for our road patrollers to cross the children.

PLEASE be considerate about where you stop or park to drop off children.

Parent Evening - Dyslexia

Turning Dyslexia into a Super Power!

With Matt Strawbridge, Founder, Dyslexia Potential

Date: Thursday 28 March

Time: 6.30pm

Place: St Brigid's School Library

For seating purposes it would be appreciated if you would reply if you're able to come to pauline@stbrigids.school.nz.



Board Elections

2019 is an election year for school trustees, and St Brigid's parents and caregivers will be eligible to vote for five parent representatives who they would like to be members of the School's Board of Trustees. The election process will take place in May/early June.

As part of encouraging more parents to stand for election, the New Zealand School Trustees Association, has organized a number of facilitated discussions to help potential new trustees find out what it really means to serve on a school board.

There are a number of these being held in Wellington, including:

6.30pm, Tuesday, 19 March at Newlands Primary School

6.00pm, Tuesday, 2 April at Crofton Downs Primary School

If you are interested in standing for election as a parent representative, you may like to attend one of these meetings. Our existing Board members are also happy to discuss with you our role and how we serve our school, and answer any questions you may have. We can also provide more information about the NZSTA meetings (including other dates/times). For further information, contact Carol Winter at carolwinter26@gmail.com.

2019 Great Kiwi English, Science and Mathematics Competitions



This year parents may enter their Year 5-8 children into online competitions called Kiwi Science, Kiwi Maths and Kiwi English. These competitions were launched last year and received great feedback. They are organised by the University of Canterbury and will replace the ICAS tests that our school has previously participated in.



The New Zealand competitions are written by New Zealand teachers and are based on the New Zealand Curriculum. They will be run in the last three weeks of Term 2 and the first week of Term 3, and the cost is **\$9.00 per examination**. All participating students will be awarded a certificate and prizes will be awarded to top students in each year group.



If you would like your child to take part in these competitions, please complete the entry form attached to the newsletter, and return to the school office with money included. Entry forms are also available at the school office. **Entries will be accepted until Tuesday 21 May.**

Please contact **Fiona Kearns** at fiona@stbrigids.school.nz if you require further information.

Year 5 – 8 Senior Pasifika and Kia Mau Tuakana Students

Police College Museum Trip Postponed

The coordinator at the Police College Museum has advised us that due to recent events they have been unable to organise the speaker for us. This trip will most likely be rescheduled in Term 2.



SPORTS NOTICES

Basketball and Miniball for Term 2

There is an opportunity for Year 3-4 and year 5-6 girls and boys to take part in miniball at Nairnville Recreation Centre in Term 2.

Year 7 and 8 girls and boys will play full court basketball.

Details:

Year 3-4 - Term 2 - Monday 3.20pm - 6pm - Cost is \$180 per team, for 8 weeks of games.

Year 5-6 - Term 2 - Tuesday 3.20pm - 6pm - Cost is \$203.50 per team, for 9 weeks of games.

Year 7-8 - Term 2 - Friday 3.30pm - 9pm - Cost is \$252 per team, for 9 weeks of games.

The cost per player will be worked out closer to the time once the number of players in each team is confirmed.



All entries must be received by Miss Kearns by tomorrow, Wednesday 27 March.

Contact Fiona Kearns at fiona@stbrigids.school.nz

2019 Netball Information

Netball registration information for all students who are interested in playing netball this season is attached to this newsletter.

Netball Hoodies

If you would like to purchase a St Brigid's netball hoodie **please contact** Liz Kemp on lizmkemp@hotmail.com. A sizing guide is also attached to the newsletter.



Found – If you are missing a tiger tail after last Friday's book character dress up day, you can collect it from the school office.



Reminder - Sanitarium Weet-bix TRYathlon

This Sunday 31 March



Look out for the St Brigid's gazebo. This is the meeting point for our participants. It's navy and white, and will have the St Brigid's school banner in front of it (likely to be positioned between the food trucks and end of the running track).

Timing on Event Day

7.10 - 8.15am Check -in of bikes and gear in the transition area

8.30am Event briefing

Event and Weather Updates

Please check the Wellington Facebook event page and listen to The Hits before leaving home for any event updates. If the weather is not looking great, it is very unlikely that the TRYathlon will be cancelled. However, the course may be altered to suit conditions.

School Group Photo

Don't forget that school group photos are taken at the conclusion of prize-giving so please gather the kids together for the photo shoot near the finish line before heading home.



Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser

We are once again running our very popular Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser. Order forms will be coming home with your children tomorrow. Please complete the form and return to the school office, and either pay online or send cash with your form to school **by Monday 8 April.**



Please note: online payment will continue to be offered for this fundraiser **as long as all order forms for these payments are completed and returned to the school office by due date.**

Hot Cross Buns will be available to be picked up on **Wednesday 10 April** from the staffroom between 2.45pm and 3.30pm.

If you would like your order to be given directly to your child please let Lynne know by email.



Community News



Waitohi Hub Neighbours Day

Where: Carpark between the Community Centre & Keith Spry Pool

When: Saturday 30th March 1.00pm to 3.00pm. **Please join us to celebrate Neighbours Day Aotearoa & Local Food Week**

