



St Brigid's School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Caregivers

Thank you for the support over the last couple of days with the dropping off and collecting children from school. We are hoping that this disruption will only be for this week.

What has happened over the weekend in Auckland shows how important it is for individuals to behave in a way that is responsible and thinks about others, before themselves. Whilst the rights of each individual are important, the rights of us as a collective society are even more so. We all understand that the only behaviour we can ever control is our own, so creating an environment that helps people understand their need to grow and develop into responsible people who contribute to a healthy society is so important. Schools, in partnership with families, start children on this path from the age of five, through the key competencies of managing self, relating to others and participating and contributing and these are underpinned by our gospel values and religious education programmes. Children (and adults) do not always get it right, but with support and practice our goal is to help all children to grow into kind and responsible adults.

God Bless

Linda

Teacher Only Days 2021

The Board has approved the following Teacher Only Days for 2021. These are days that are part of the Teachers Collective Contract. They are as follows:

- **Wednesday 7 April - (this is the Wednesday after Easter)** - this is a professional development day for our Kahui Ako (there are 10 local schools in our Kahui Ako who are coming together for this day).
- **Friday 4 June - (the Friday before Queen's Birthday weekend)** Local Curriculum Development Day, held with our school staff.
- **Friday 27 August** - Kahui Ako Professional Development.
- **Monday 15 November** - In school data moderation and report writing.

PERMISSIONS

This was sent out in an email last week. It is just a small nudge for anyone who has not seen it or wants to get back about it. Thank you to the couple of families who have been in touch.

At the beginning of each year we touch base with our parents to ensure that we have current permission for digital images to be taken and shared on the school website, newsletter etc as well as Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC) consent.

Learning together with strength of character and gentleness of heart



This year we have decided to send this as an email to your preferred email address and ask that **if you DO NOT consent, you send a return email stating this.**

The following are the permissions we are gaining consent for:

- Children's images, audio footage or school work to be uploaded and shared on the school website or closed facebook page
- Children's images to be used in the event of televised coverage of a school activity, either at school or during a class/school trip outside of school
- Children's images to remain on the website for a limited amount of time (as part of class/group photos), after the child has left the school
- EOTC - undertaking trips/visits outside the classroom, within the environs of Wellington. Transport may include travel by bus, car, train or by walking if in close proximity to the school.

Please Note: You will be informed about all trips, including times of leaving and returning, means of transport, gear requirements and parent help needed by either: the school newsletter, class email or website calendar. A detailed Risk Analysis Management sheet is completed by class teachers before students leave the grounds, and is approved by the principal or DP

Please only send a response to this if you DO NOT wish to give consent for any or all of these.

Children's Day Mass and Sacramental Programme Update



Unfortunately, due to the uncertainty around Covid-19 as well as the inability for the drama group and musicians to practise safely, **we have decided to cancel the Children's Day Mass.** This is unfortunate as it is a special time to celebrate our Tamariki in our schools and community who bring life and joy into our parish community.



The **Sacramental programme will still go ahead as planned**, unless we are informed otherwise. We will keep you updated.

Thank you.
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Netball registrations 2021



Enrolment:

Enrolments will be done online this year. Please fill out ALL details on the registration form available on this link [2021 Netball Enrolment Form](#)

- Please ensure the form is completed by Friday 12th March. No late registrations can be taken, so please ensure your child's form is back on time. If you require a hard copy of the file please email stbrigids.netball@gmail.com.

A hard copy of the full netball information is attached to the newsletter email.





WANTED for School Photography Club

Does anyone have an old, but still working, camera lying around? We have a support staff member who is also a professional photographer who has offered to run a photography club at school (for a small group of really keen photographers). If you have one that is not used anymore, we will gratefully borrow it from you.

NEWS FROM THE BOARD

The first meeting of the St Brigid's BOT was held last Monday night, 22 February.

Board Chair

- After three years in the role, Board Chair Carol Winter stepped down. Carol has done a fantastic job over her time as chairperson and provided strong governance for our school. The Board elected Dean O'Shaughnessy, as our new chairperson.

Student achievement – The 2020 end of year OTJs identifying student's overall achievement in relation to the NZ Curriculum Expectations were again included in the board papers

Analysis of Variance 2020

- Writing - there were some children who didn't achieve at expectation at the end of 2019. Intervention programmes were put in place which resulted in 37% of these students moving to be at the expectation at the end of 2020. 1 student is now working above expectation.
- Maths – there were students who didn't achieve at expectation at the end of 2019. By the end of 2020, 43% of them have moved to be working at expectation with the intervention programmes that were put in place. Teachers are still working on interventions and wellbeing for students.

Strategic/Annual Plan review - 3 year plan 2020-2022

- All initiatives are planned to have a focus that is carried out over at least two of the three year plan.
- Linda touched on the goals and initiatives that teachers had worked on during 2020.
- In 2021 there will be 5 initiatives to achieve. The work on these will link into the 3 Strategic goals - our learners, our curriculum and our community. A template has been developed to track the annual goals and this will be shared regularly with the board and community

Website

- development of the new website is underway now. We will need consent from every family before photos can go on the website/newsletter/FaceBook page etc.

Property

- **Security cameras** - The new security cameras are now installed This will increase our security and help identify those who have been causing damage in our school.



KEY DATES TO NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR

Further details can be found through this link [School Calendar](http://www.stBrigid's.school.nz) on the website (www.stBrigid's.school.nz)

Team Tahī	Tues 9 Mar	Team Tahī City Trip
	Fri 26 Mar	Team Tahī Assembly Johnsonville Community Centre 2.00pm
Team Rua	Fri 19 Mar	Team Rua Assembly Johnsonville Community Centre 2.00pm
Other Events	Mon 29 Mar	BOT meeting 6.00pm
	Fri 2 Apr – Tues 6 Apr	Good Friday – Easter Tuesday School Closed
	Wed 7 Apr	Teacher Only Day School Closed



Fundraising 2021 – Planning Meeting

It's time to start planning our fundraising for 2021. **We want to see if there is enough support for a Fair this year.**

We have scheduled a meeting for **Tuesday 23 March, 7pm in the staff room.**

Linda will give an overview of what we're fundraising for and we will discuss what we want to do this year.

We need lots of parent's support if we want to do a Fair. So please try and make the meeting.

Tentative Fair date is Sunday 14 November.

Please RSVP to robinsfamilynz@gmail.com so we know if we will get some parents there. If you would like to Zoom into the meeting let me know.

Thanks
Tracey

2021 Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon Wellington – We Need Your Help!

Does anyone have a gazebo that we can set up at Kilbirnie Park on **Sunday 21 March?**

If you do have one we can borrow for the day please contact **Lisa Coles** on lisamaricoles@gmail.com

Thank you



Community News

Northern United Junior Hockey Club 2021 Season (Amended Notice)

School Years 3-8

Online registrations are now open.

(Closing 9 March 2021)

Have a Go Hockey

3 free no-obligation sessions for beginners (Years 3 - 8) at NUJHC clubrooms, Blackrock Road, Newlands. Hockey sticks and balls provided.

(Shin guards and mouth guard recommended).

- Tuesday 9 March 2021, 4pm – 5pm
- Tuesday 16 March 2021, 4pm – 5pm
- Tuesday 23 March 2021, 4pm – 5pm

Pre-season training – open to any players who want to participate.

Years 3–6

- Tuesday 16 March 5-6pm
- Tuesday 23 March 5-6pm
- Tuesday 30 March 5-6pm
- Tuesday 6 April 5-6pm

Years 7-8

- Wednesday 17 March 5-6pm
- Wednesday 24 March 5-6pm
- Wednesday 31 March 5-6pm
- Wednesday 7 April 5-6pm

Club tournament day

Sunday April 11th – The new teams play each other in a club tournament day at Newlands College.

Season starts: Saturday May 8th

For more information:

- Web: www.nujhc.org.nz, Email: info@nujhc.org.nz, FB: <https://www.facebook.com/NUJHC>

