



# St Brigid's School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Caregivers

The first two weeks of school have flown by and children have settled in quickly and happily. A huge thank you to all the parents who have volunteered to help with road patrol. The response is the biggest we have ever had. We are so grateful for this support as it means that teachers are able to be in their classrooms before school and have a chance to catch up with parents after school. I have three things to share in this newsletter.

**Donations** - We know that some of our families will be continuing to feel the effects from the lockdown last year, so the school, with support from the board, have decided **NOT** to ask for a family donation this year. We will still be requesting a **donation** from families to support trips and activities. This is used to provide opportunities for children to experience activities outside of the school, including gymnastics, class trips planned throughout the year and covers the whole year.

**Donations are as follows - Team Tahi - \$55, Team Rua - \$65, Teams Toru and Wha - \$75**

As this is a donation, a receipt will be issued for the amount paid and then a third can be claimed back in your tax return. Donations can be made to our account - **12 3041 0341681 00 Ref: Trips.**

**Meet, Greet and Eat** - This event has been held over the last few years (weather permitting!) and is a great way to touch base with teachers, welcome new families into the school and start the year with the community coming together in an informal way.

It is being held on **Thursday February 25, from 5.00pm – 7.00pm.** Bring a picnic, pizzas, takeaways, BBQ food etc. The school will provide a BBQ for cooking and tea and coffee. There will also be sporting gear out for children (and adults) to play with. We would love as many families as possible to join us for this evening.

**School Assemblies** - After much discussion we have decided to continue with Team Assemblies this year. There are pros and cons with this, but we believe that the positives outweigh the negatives. Under the previous organisation it meant that every class had one assembly per year. Having them in teams means that each class participates in an assembly four times each year. Over the course of a year each team will prepare and share an assembly each term. They will share out the parts of the assembly and one class may have greater focus each term, rotating the lead focus throughout the year. We want all children to have an opportunity to build confidence by sharing at an assembly.

This means that **Assemblies will start at 2.00pm** to ensure we have enough time to get through everything and we realise that there may be a larger number of parents/whanau each assembly. We will make this work.

**Assemblies for this term are:**

**Team Wha - Friday 26 February**

**Team Toru - Friday 5 March**

**Team Rua - Friday 19 March**

**Team Tahi - Friday 26 March**

God Bless

Linda

*Learning together with strength of character and gentleness of heart*



## 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 Rua	Fri 26 Feb	NZSO trip to Michael Fowler Centre 10.15am-1.00pm
Team Toru	Fri 26 Feb	NZSO trip to Michael Fowler Centre 10.15am-1.00pm
Team Wha	Tues 16 - Fri 19 Feb	Year 8 Camp
	Fri 26 Feb	Team Wha Assembly Johnsonville Community Centre 2.00pm
Other Events	Mon 22 Feb	BOT meeting 6.00pm
	Thurs 25 Feb	Meet Eat & Greet 5.00 – 7.00pm at St Brigid's School

### Meet, Eat and Greet



On **Thursday 25 February** we are having a **community picnic/BBQ at school**. Bring your dinner along, have a chat to teachers, pop in and see your child's classroom and catch up with other school families. It is also a good opportunity for parents to meet and welcome new families into our school.

It's a **5.00pm start** and we invite families to bring a picnic, takeaways or use the school BBQ to cook on.



### We urgently need someone to solder a padlock onto the back gate.

Is there a parent or caregiver who could do this small job for us please? Please contact Lynne in the office [lynne@stbrigids.school.nz](mailto:lynne@stbrigids.school.nz) if you can help.

Thank you 😊

### Message from Bee Healthy Dental Service

Bee Healthy Regional Dental Service are pleased to inform you we are able to continue to provide dental checks from our mobiles in schools at level two. We can examine any child who is well (from class) using strict infection prevention and control processes. We may need to call you to ask the COVID screening questions before we get your child from class. This will also be an opportunity for you to update contact details, medical history and consent. Your child's temperature may be checked with a thermometer prior to entering the mobile. If a child has a temperature higher than 38°, we will defer your child's examination until they are well. Parents should contact us on 0800Talkteeth if they do not want their child to receive their dental check at school. This will be recorded in the child's notes as either a temporary or permanent consent change.





## **2021 Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon Wellington**

Entries are open and selling out for the **Wellington Weetbix Tryathlon** on **Sunday 21 March 2021** at Kilbirnie Park and Wellington Regional Aquatic Centre.

The TRYathlon is all about giving it a TRY and is a rewarding and fun day out for you and your child.

Participants need to be aged 7-15 years old on event day and can complete the TRYathlon as an individual or in a team of two.

Participants need to be aged 6 years old on event day to complete the Splash&Dash.

**To enter the TRYathlon** visit [www.tryathlon.co.nz/](http://www.tryathlon.co.nz/). (This year) Our school has created a School Group which you can join when you enter from home. Search for **ST Brigids Johnsonville** when prompted. By linking to our school group, it will give us the chance to win some great prizes. The direct link to register into our school group is

<https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=40601&G=118717>

If you have any school related questions please contact **Lisa Coles** on [lisamarielines@gmail.com](mailto:lisamarielines@gmail.com) otherwise contact the Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon team; email [Sophia@smcevents.co.nz](mailto:Sophia@smcevents.co.nz) or phone 0800 WEET BIX (0800 9338 249).

## **Community News**

### **Johnsonville Junior Rugby Club**

Registrations are now open for the 2021 Rugby Season. The season will start on the 7/8 May and finishes on 29/28 August. If you are interested and would like more information, please call Trina Coombs 021 455121 or email [johnsonvillejrns@gmail.com](mailto:johnsonvillejrns@gmail.com).

For the U6 we know trying a new sport for the first time can be an expensive commitment, so we have removed the cost for our littlest players hoping it may help make the decision easier for parents to give it a go. TO REGISTER GO TO <https://www.sporty.co.nz/johnsonvillerugbyjr> OR Our Facebook page 'Johnsonville Junior Rugby Club'

