



# St Brigid's School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Caregivers

I noticed that many of our parents had a spring in their step yesterday when they were dropping off and waving goodbye to their children. I hope that you all managed to spend some quality time during the school break and enjoyed the mostly glorious weather that we had. Children are pleased to be back at school, and we are pleased to see them. It certainly helps the start of the term when the sun is shining, and you have friends to catch up with.

**Next Tuesday** evening we are holding a parent curriculum evening to share with you the development of our local curriculum. We would love as many parents as possible to join us for this session. We plan to start at **6.30pm and will be finished by 7.30pm** (at the latest).

We are currently planning our curriculum units through a range of "Big Ideas" that capture the essence of our school and a design that meets the needs of our children. Not only will the session keep you informed, it will also provide an opportunity for you to have an input.

As we need to know numbers we ask that parents register with either Fiona [fiona@stbrigids.school.nz](mailto:fiona@stbrigids.school.nz) or Linda [linda@stbrigids.school.nz](mailto:linda@stbrigids.school.nz)

Every family that registers and attends will be in the draw for a \$50 grocery voucher. There will be childcare services available for those who wish or need to bring their children.

Finally, my heart goes out to all our Indian families at St Brigid's School, who have family and friends back home in India. Our prayers are with you in this time of uncertainty.

God Bless

Linda

## Chocolate Specials



Thanks to everyone who donated items for the Fair (tombola stall) on the last day of Term 1. There were a few blocks of chocolate etc that have an expiry date before our fair in November. We will be selling these (**1 item per child**):

- \$2 a block of chocolate/bag of lollies or
- \$5 for a box of chocolates/box of biscuits.

These are on sale at the office but **please bring the correct cash** as we don't have the facility to give change

This could be an opportunity with Mother's Day just round the corner!.



## 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)

Other Events	Tues 11 May	Year 3 – 8 School Cross country Parent curriculum evening 6.30pm – 7.30pm
	Mon 24 May	BOT meeting 6.00pm
	Fri 04 Jun	<b>Teacher Only Day – School Closed</b>



We warmly welcome all our new students who joined us this week:

Skyla Torres in Year 2,

Kyle Salanoa in Year1,

And new entrants Nathan Chin, Johan Evangelista, Conrad Rosa, Jerome Rosa and Arima Dinakaran who have started in Room 2.

Skyla, Nathan and Arima's families are new to our school.

Kyle has returned to our school after a short period away.

Johan joins his older sister Javi, and Conrad and Jerome join their older sister Sophia.

We hope you will be very happy at St Brigid's.



### **Sacramental Programme Update**

Our parish first Holy Communion programme began on Sunday. The children were all enthusiastic and keen to reconnect with each other and the programme leaders after the holidays and a gap between First reconciliation and this next part of the faith journey.

A total of 73 children attended either the program at St Ben's or at St Peters and Paul's. A really good turnout and it's not too late to join up if you have missed this yesterday. All children aged 8 and over are more than welcome. This programme is child and family centred so we are really happy to accommodate you in any way. To find out more talk to the school, parish office or Sio or Kitty.

### **Year 3 – 8 School Cross country**



This will be held on **Tuesday 11 May**. We have booked Alex Moore park from **8.30am till 12.30pm**. We are unable to use the top field at all so will have an alternative course for participants. We are looking to start at 9.30am on this day.





## **Raising Resilient Children**

We use the word *resilience* all the time, we want it for ourselves and for our children. But what does it actually look like? And how do we develop it?

Come along to this unique, local opportunity to hear what, might be the most useful information of your life!

If you would like further information, please refer to the attachment on the newsletter email.

This presentation will be held on **Wednesday 19 May 7.00pm-8:30pm** at Raroa Intermediate School Hall, Johnsonville. Entry is by koha.

R.S.V.P [lmartindale@cdps.school.nz](mailto:lmartindale@cdps.school.nz)

## **Our Whakatauki**

'We choose a whakatauki, that underpins our focus for the term - this has been our term two whakatauki.

### **He rau ringa e oti ai**

Many hands make light work

This whakatauki encourages people to work together. It can be used to invite people to participate or to acknowledge the effort and work of many.



## **Senior Kapa Haka 2021**

Year 5-8 students who are interested in doing Kapa Haka this year are asked to register their interest with Mrs Fransen. New and past students are welcome to join us.

We will be starting in **Week 1 of Term 2 on Thursdays 8.30am-9.30am** in the school library. We are very fortunate to have Nanaia returning to tutor our group.

Parents/caregivers are asked to please email [fiona@stbrigids.school.nz](mailto:fiona@stbrigids.school.nz) indicating their child's interest in joining.



## **2021 Kiwi English, Mathematics and Science Competitions Yr 5-8**

The University of Canterbury is offering your child the opportunity to participate in the KIWI English, Mathematics and Science competitions. These competitions take place annually and are designed by New Zealand teachers for New Zealand students based on the New Zealand Curriculum. For further information, please consult the CAM website [www.canterbury.ac.nz/cam](http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/cam). The competitions are open to all Year 5-8 students in English, Mathematics and Science. Students can enter in one or more subjects.

The competition will provide parents/caregivers with an Individual Pupil Report of a student's performance. The supervised online tests will take place in the last 3 weeks of Term 2 and the first week of Term 3.

An entry form can be sent to you if you email [fiona@stbrigids.school.nz](mailto:fiona@stbrigids.school.nz).

**Entries close on Wednesday 05 May.** The cost is **\$9.50 per competition.**

**Payment must be made online into: Account Name:** St Brigid's Operations Account

**Account No:** 12-3041-0341681-00, **Ref:** Kiwi Comp. **No cash payments**

## **Scholastic Lucky Book Club - Issue 2**

A Copy of Issue 3 of the Lucky Book Club brochure will be sent home this 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. Orders are to be made **online by Friday 14 May.**

## **St Patricks College Open Day Tours**

The Open Day tours for those interested in enrolling their son at St Patrick's College for 2022 will be held on **Tuesday 15 June** between **9.30 to 11.00am** and from **12.00pm to 1.30pm** and again on **Thursday 17 June** between **9.30 to 11.00am** and from **12.00pm to 1.30pm**. To make a booking please visit the St Patrick's College website: <https://www.stpats.school.nz>

On the front page of our website you will see 'Open Day'.

Open this section and select "Open Day Booking Form" (an online booking form).

Enter your details and make your selection regarding day/time.

A reminder email will be sent closer to your booked day.



## **Lost Property**

Sarah Sema from Room 2 has lost her named (Sema) school jersey. If found, please return it to Room 2 or drop it off at the school office. Thank you.



## **Community News**

### **Come away with me - A day of reflection for mothers of all ages...**

This Mother's Day weekend, give yourself the gift of time to find rest in the presence of the Lord.

Saturday 8th May 2021, 10am - 3:30pm. Home of Compassion, Island Bay.

To register, contact Lucienne Hensel at: Family Ministry, Archdiocese of Wellington, [l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz), 04 496 1715 / 021 164 5800

### **Bishops to renew country's Dedication to Mary with August 15 Mass and hikoi of Mary artwork**

All the bishops will gather in Wellington on **Sunday 15 August** – the Feast of the Assumption -- for a Mass to renew Bishop Pompallier's 1838 dedication of Aotearoa New Zealand to Our Lady Assumed into Heaven. The Mass will be celebrated at St Mary of the Angels Church, which will become a national shrine to Mary of the Assumption.

The bishops have commissioned an icon artwork of Mary by Christchurch artist Damien Walker which will be taken on a hikoi around the six dioceses in the three months before August 15.

Attached is a statement about this project, and the three photos referred to in the statement. The statement and photos are also online at: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/church-to-renew-mary-dedication/>



### **Term 2 Netball Skills - NORTHLAND MEMORIAL HALL, Woburn Road, Northland - Weds 3.30pm-4.30pm**

Years 1-4 - Learn the basic of netball in a fun and engaging environment. Learn the key skills and understanding of the game, ball handling, co-ordination, speed and accuracy.

Years 5-8 - For those already playing 7-side netball and those wanting to get a head start and to advance their technical and tactical knowledge of the game.

For both sessions we use fun drills and games to develop and challenge young players focusing on the key skill areas for their level of development while also having fun!

Sessions start Weds 12 May 2021, Cost \$96 for 8 weeks

### **Term 2 Football Skills - FRI 3.30pm-4.30pm (New Day)**

An 8 week football skills programme in the "Green Room" at Wests Rugby Club Rooms, Ian Galloway Park, Wilton.

This Programme is designed to cover both individual and team skills including, Game rules, Ball control, Dribbling, Passing, Tackling, Defence, Team work, Goalkeeping, practice and warm up drills for players and teams.

Sessions start Friday 14 May 2021, Cost is \$96 for 8 weeks.

Both the Netball & Football are ideal programmes to improve skills & confidence good for practice for the up and coming winter seasons or just having fun!

For full details and to enrol into our programmes visit [www.kellysports.co.nz](http://www.kellysports.co.nz) email [adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz](mailto:adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz) or call 04 972 7201.

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

