



St Brigid's School Newsletter

13 April 2021



www.stbrigid's.school.nz

Dear Parents and Caregivers

We are currently in the process of creating a new website with a more modern look and functionality. As part of this process we have been reviewing some of the procedural statements currently on our existing website (to be included on the new website).

When I read through one called "procedures to keep children safe from bullying", I realised that this was a very narrow way of looking at the whole picture of behaviour management at St Brigid's. I took a number of documents that we already had and, with our team leaders, put together a document that has a more holistic focus on behaviour. [Link to the document is here](#)

A few thoughts about behaviour.....

- behave is all we ever do and all behaviour, by all of us, is to get something or to avoid something
- to obtain the behaviours we wish to see, we need to model, teach, practice and reinforce them
- just as we learn to read and write at school, we also learn how to share, negotiate, regulate emotions, manage conflict and develop friendships
- just as we don't always get reading and maths right when we first try, we don't always get social learning right first time
- teaching children that making a poor choice harms both their own mana/integrity and that of others and helping them understand the harm caused, so that relationships can be restored, is part of school life
- children need to understand that bullying is not falling out with a friend, being pushed in the playground or having a disagreement with someone
- very few children are actually bullied - bullying is defined as: deliberate, harmful, involves a power imbalance and has elements of repetition
- Providing children with the words they need to describe what has happened to them helps them to manage conflict and upsets

At St Brigid's we work hard to teach children what positive behaviour looks like and underpin this with our values, the RE programme, our school wide expectations and the teaching of social skills. We hope that by giving children these skills they will be better able to manage their own emotions and make good decisions.

God Bless

Linda

Learning together with strength of character and gentleness of heart



Parent Curriculum Evening Rescheduled

Due to unforeseen circumstances we have had to postpone the Curriculum Evening, for parents, scheduled for tonight. We have rescheduled this for **Tuesday 11 May, 6.30pm - 7.30pm** and apologise if this has caused any inconvenience.


We have an exciting new resource that organises the teaching of the NZ Curriculum across 7 Major Concepts.

These are:

- Community
- Culture and Diversity
- Hauora
- Systems and Processes
- Cause and Effect
- Innovation and Enterprise
- Change

The staff and students have been 'unpacking' some of the resources on Community during this term, but we plan to roll it out later in the year using the big idea of "Culture and Diversity". We would value input from our parent community and invite you to come and have a look at what we will be teaching and share some of your thoughts and ideas.

KEY DATES TO NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR		
Further details can be found through this link School Calendar on the website (www.stbrigid's.school.nz)		
Other Events	Fri 16 Apr	No Uniform Day – Bring Something for the Tombola (see Friends & Whanau Notice below for details). End of Term 1 – School finishes at 2.00pm
	Mon 3 May	Start of Term 2 Whakatau for new students and their families
	Tue 11 May	Parent curriculum evening

	<p>We warmly welcome Jhork Polania Molano who has started in Room 1. Jhork's family is new to our school.</p> <p>We hope you will be very happy at St Brigid's.</p>
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<p><u>ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI OHARIU PARISH & CHALLENGE 2000 YOUTH MINISTRY</u> <u>ANZAC HOLIDAY PROGRAMME</u></p> <p>23 April 10.00AM-3.00PM. St Peter & Paul Church Hall, Johnsonville Ages: 7-11.</p> <p>Come along for a day of crafts, baking & games!</p>



ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI OHARIU PARISH & CHALLENGE 2000 YOUTH MINISTRY

YOUTH & FAMILY MASS

25 April at **10.30am**, 2021 St Peters & Paul's Church, Johnsonville.

Ka maumahara tonu tātou ki a rātou.

We will remember them.



Artsplash! Choir 2021



We are now calling for names of any Year 3 to 6 students who

- enjoy singing
- would like to learn the fabulous selection of Artsplash! Songs
- would like to be part of the massed choir that will perform in the Michael Fowler Centre on Wednesday 15th September at 5.00pm.

Practices will begin on **Friday 7 May** and continue **every Friday lunchtime** from **12.45 - 1.15pm**.

We will be attending a **dress rehearsal** at the **Michael Fowler Centre** on **Wednesday 15 September**.

We will leave school by bus at 8:50 am and return by lunchtime.

If you would like your child to join this choir please email amanda@stbrigids.school.nz by **Monday 3 May**. **We can only take 50 students this year.**

Thanks heaps

Amanda Prowse and Monika Goel



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



Our Whakatauki

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

He aha te mea nui o te ao?

What is the most important thing in the world?

*He tāngata, he tāngata,
he tāngata.*

*It is the people, it is the people,
it is the people.*

People Helping People



Term 2 School Whakatau (welcome to new families, students and staff)

All current school whānau/families are welcome to join our current staff and students in a whakatau (Māori welcome) on **Tuesday 4 May**. We will be welcoming new whānau, students and staff. If you would like to take part in our whakatau please meet in front of the staffroom by **10.00am** ready for our proceedings to begin at **10.10am**.

Please send an email to fiona@stbrigids.school.nz with your numbers if you plan to join us for the occasion. We also plan to live stream our whakatau on our school facebook page. This livestreaming is a trial only.

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 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. 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.

Entries close on Friday 14 May. The cost is **\$9.50 per competition.**

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

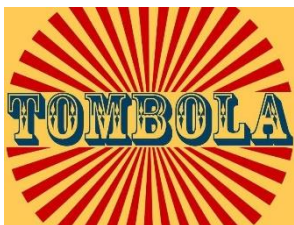
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Bishops to renew country's Dedication to Mary with August 15 Mass and hikoi of Mary artwork

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/>



No Uniform Day - This Friday - Bring something for the Tombola

We're having a uniform free day for the Tombola stall, **this Friday**. *Bring something the stall can use as a prize* - bags of mini chocolate bars, blocks or boxes of chocolates, stationery items, a treat in a bottle or toiletries etc. We're looking to spread the cost of the Fair over the year so there is less pressure in term 4.



Community News

KELLY CLUB APRIL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME:

Kelly Club Holiday Programmes focus on giving children aged between 5 and 13 the opportunity to do things they enjoy in a safe, supportive and encouraging environment.

This programme is packed with activities to entertain and inspire children. We have some exciting days planned: *Trips to: "Frosty Spot" - Ice Skating, "Strike"! 10 Pin Bowling, Maidstone Park & Avalon Park., Plus: Kelly club's Got Talent Day, Legendary Lego Day, Out of This World Day, Anzac Day and lots more!!*

Kelly Club Holiday Programmes are held at the following venues: *Churton Park School, Westpark School, Amesbury School, Kelburn Normal School, Wests Rugby Clubrooms (upstairs) Wilton, Island Bay School.*

For full details and to enrol into our programmes visit www.kellyclub.co.nz, email admin@kellysports.co.nz or call 04 972 7201.

FOOTBALL MORNING HOLIDAY PROGRAMME (Yrs. 1–8) Wests Rugby Clubrooms, Wilton (all weather indoor surface).

Children aged between 5 and 12 can come along and improve their technique, knowledge and skills. We will focus on the core skills of control, dribbling, passing, tackling and shooting but MOST importantly having as much FUN as possible!

Week 1-Tues, Wed, Thurs 9.30am-12.30pm, Week 2– Tues, Weds, Thurs 9.30am-12.30pm.

NETBALL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME – NORTHLAND MEMORIAL HALL

Come along and grow your child's confidence at the Kelly Sports Netball Holiday Programme.

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

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

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! Week 2 ONLY- Tues, Weds, Thurs 9am-12pm.

Term 2 FOOTBALL SKILLS *NOW ON FRIDAY'S*****

An 8-week football skills programme at Wests Rugby Club Rooms on Friday's (3.30pm-4.30pm). Our Head coach has designed this programme to cover both individual and team skills including, Game rules, Ball control, Dribbling, Passing, Tackling, Defence, Teamwork, Goalkeeping, practice and warm up drills for players and teams. It is ideal to improve skills and confidence for the Winter Football Season.

For full details and to enrol into our programmes visit www.kellysports.co.nz, email adminwgt@kellysports.co.nz or call 04 972 7201.

LOOKING TO JOIN DRAMA CLASSES?

Kids 4 Drama classes teach clear communication, vocal techniques, and the art of improvisation, mime, character portrayal and general performance and public speaking skills. These lessons are wrapped up in a unique framework that promises loads of fun and are an excellent confidence-building tool. We offer introductory and advanced classes and teach juniors from 5 to teens up to 19. To be sent an information pack or to free trial one of our community classes, please email becca at kids4dramawellington@gmail.com



Enrolments for Term 2 now open for Ballet, Jazz and Tap lessons after-school and Saturday mornings at St Johns, Uniting Church, & St Peter & Pauls are available to give your child the opportunity to learn the joy of dance. Beginners welcome of all ages from 3.5 years old. Adult beginners Ballet classes also available, fitness with the delight of movement for all.

Contact Sharon dancepointenz@gmail.com, www.dancepointe.co.nz, mobile 021-2151222.

