



# St Brigid's School Newsletter

30 March 2021



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Dear Parents and Caregivers

As we approach Easter our school is busy preparing to celebrate this special time in the Church. Easter often falls at the beginning of the school holidays which can mean it is not celebrated with our children as fully as we would like. Having it in the term allows us to spend more time teaching and understanding the true significance of Easter. It is a time for new beginnings, for forgiveness of others and to centre our lives in hope.

Over the last couple of weeks, classes have been learning songs, practicing mimes, talking about the parts of Easter and will come together as a whole school for our Liturgy on Thursday, focusing on Holy Week. This will be celebrated at 11.15am in the church on Thursday morning.

We are celebrating Easter itself with a liturgy when we return after the break, on Thursday April 8 at 9.15am, also in the church.

We would love to have parents join us for either or both of these.

The next three weeks will be slightly different with the short weeks and the end of term so please check the dates/times:

- **Holy Thursday - Thursday 1 April - school finishes at the usual time of 3pm**
- **Easter break - Friday 2 April - Tuesday 6 April**
- **Teacher Only Day - Wednesday 7 April** (all the schools in the area are taking the same day to do workshops together)
- **Last Day of Term 1 - Friday 16 April - School finishes at 2pm**
- **Term 2 starts on Monday 3 May**

I wish all our community a happy and holy Easter and safe travels for those who are away over the break.

God Bless

Linda



## Lost Property

We currently have a huge amount of unclaimed clothing in our Lost Property bin. This will be put out on **Thursday afternoon** (weather permitting) in front of the staffroom. Please come and have a look.



## **Parent Evening**


On **Tuesday 13 April** we are holding a Curriculum Evening from **6.30 to 7.30pm**. 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.

<b>KEY DATES TO NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR</b>		
Further details can be found through this link <a href="http://www.stBrigid's.school.nz">School Calendar</a> on the website (www.stBrigid's.school.nz)		
<b>Other Events</b>	<b>Thurs 1 April</b>	Holy Week Liturgy Ss Peter & Paul's Church 11.15am
	<b>Fri 2 Apr – Tues 6 Apr</b>	Good Friday – Easter Tuesday <b>School Closed</b>
	<b>Wed 7 Apr</b>	<b>Teacher Only Day</b> <b>School Closed</b>
	<b>Thurs 8 Apr</b>	Easter/Resurrection Liturgy Ss Peter & Paul's Church 9.15am
	<b>Fri 16 Apr</b>	<b>End of Term 1 – School finishes at 2.00pm</b>
	<b>Mon 3 May</b>	Start of Term 2

	<p>We warmly welcome our new entrant student <b>Ngawaina Martin-Wade</b> who has started in Room 6. Ngawaina joins her cousin Waimiere at St Brigid's.</p> <p>We hope you will be very happy at St Brigid's.</p>
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## Sacramental Programme



Last Tuesday night and Saturday afternoon, we had two First Reconciliation Liturgies at St Benedict's and St Andrews church. Over 70 children on the Sacramental programme received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. This is such an important steppingstone as we encourage our children to be people of love and kindness especially during this time leading up to Holy Week.

We as a parish are so blessed to have such a loving and supporting community. A special thanks to Fr Peter Roe, Fr Des Darby, Fr Kevin Conroy, Fr Jim Dooley and Fr Eddie Condra for being part of our two Liturgies. A big thanks to the Sacramental programme for facilitating and leading the session over the last three weeks.

Have a blessed Easter break

### Palm Sunday Thank You from Ohariu Parish



The parish would like to thank the senior students who came to give out the palms last Sunday. We really appreciate that they were present to represent St. Brigid's at our parish Palm Sunday celebration.

We will say a prayer for them at our parish liturgy this morning.



## Our Lenten Journey - Raising money for Caritas

The Young Christian Leadership team is wanting to raise money for Caritas (Catholic Agency for Justice Peace and Development).

We will be selling raffle tickets from **Wednesday 24 March until Wednesday 31 March at morning tea**. We will have a presentation to the winners for each class and this will be drawn, and prizes handed out on **Thursday 1 April**.

**Tickets for Rooms 1-4:** will be collected first thing in the morning.

**Tickets for Rooms 5-14:** will be sold outside Room 12/Library.

The cost is 1 ticket for \$1.00 or 3 tickets for \$2.00.

## Team Toru & Wha Students - We need your help...



As part of our Lenten journey, we are asked to think of ways to help others and be more like Jesus.

We are asking **each student from Teams Toru (3) and Wha (4)** to bring an Easter Egg to school. To earn an Easter Egg, you may offer to do a chore or something helpful in your home as part of your journey to grow closer to God. Bring your Easter Egg into class from 22 March and a Young Christian Leader member will come around and collect.



## Mass times and locations for the Parish over Easter

<b><u>Holy Week at St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish</u></b>		
<b>Holy Week Mass</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Church &amp; Mass Times</b>
Holy Thursday - Parish Mass	Thursday 1 April	St Peter & Paul - 7pm
Good Friday - Stations of the Cross	Friday 2 April	St Peter & Paul - 10am
Good Friday - Ecumenical Walk	Friday 2 April	Meet at Uniting Church Dr Taylor Tce -11am  St Peter & Paul - 3pm
Good Friday - Liturgy	Friday 2 April	St Benedict - 3pm  St Andrew - 3pm
Easter Vigil - Parish Mass	Saturday 3 April	St Andrew - 8pm
Easter Sunday	Sunday 4 April	St Benedict - 9am  St Peter & Paul - 10.30am

### **Easter School Liturgies**

We warmly welcome you to join us at our school liturgies to be held in Sts Peter and Paul's Church.

Holy Week Liturgy on Holy **Thursday 1 April** at **11.15am** run by the students.

Easter/Resurrection Liturgy on **Thursday 8 April** at **9.15am** run by the Parish.

### **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@stbrigidsschool.nz](mailto:fiona@stbrigidsschool.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

**Account No:** 12-3041-0341681-00

**Ref:** Kiwi Comp

**No cash payments**





## **Uniform Free Day - Bring something for the Tombola**

On the last day this term, **Friday 16 April**, we're having a uniform free day for the Tombola stall. 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.

## **School Celebrations**

### **Congratulations to:**

All St Brigid's students who participated in the Weet-Bix TRYathlon.

You all put in an awesome effort on the day.

Well done!





*Friends & Whanau Fundraising*  
*St Brigid's School*

## **Fair - Confirmed Sunday 14 November 2021**

Thanks to everyone who came to the Fundraising meeting this week. We had about 20 people attend and had enough interest to confirm we will have a Fair on **Sunday 14 November**.

## **Stall coordinators needed**

We still need a coordinator for the following stalls:

- Cafe
- Kids games - plate smash, chocolate game etc
- Prizes and sponsors - we need more people to help obtain prizes and sponsors
- Box maze
- Photobooth
- Bouncy castle & obstacle course
- Scare house
- Fairy grotto
- Police and Fire

If you're able to organise one of the above stalls email Tracey on [robinsfamilynz@gmail.com](mailto:robinsfamilynz@gmail.com).

## **Sponsors needed**

Thank you to the amazing families/businesses that have offered financial support for the fair.

We're still looking for a few more businesses who could sponsor or any families to contribute a part of our costs (\$100 - \$150 could go towards some entertainment/stall costs). Contact Tracey on [robinsfamilynz@gmail.com](mailto:robinsfamilynz@gmail.com) if you can help.

## **HOT CROSS BUN FUNDRAISER**



Your hot cross buns are to be picked up from the staffroom on **Thursday 1 April** from **2.45 - 3.30pm**.



## **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](http://www.kellyclub.co.nz), email [admin@kellysports.co.nz](mailto: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](http://www.kellysports.co.nz), email [adminwgt@kellysports.co.nz](mailto:adminwgt@kellysports.co.nz) or call 04 972 7201.

### **Racketlon is back by popular demand!**

Back by popular demand! Tawa Squash, Tawa Tennis and Wellington North Badminton joint holiday programme initiative. Players rotate around each sport spending 1.5 hours at each club. Qualified coaches will take each session. Please note, holiday programme is for age 6 years and older. Where possible we will try to accommodate friendships. Maximum per day is 36 then we will run a waitlist.

Wednesday 28th April and Friday 30 April.

Round 1: 9 - 10.30am

Round 2: 11 - 12.30pm

Round 3: 1.30 - 3pm

Players will be supervised for morning tea and lunch and walked between each venue. Bring morning tea, lunch, water bottle and raincoat (just in case).

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



Cost per day: \$50 or sign up for both days \$90

Details and registration link: <https://bit.ly/3s7maIT>

Payment made to Tawa Tennis Club: 02 0552 0014726 00

Reference: Name and Racketlon

If you have any questions, please contact one of the clubs below.

Contacts:

Tawa Squash: Matt Green [mattgreensquash@gmail.com](mailto:mattgreensquash@gmail.com)

Tawa Tennis: Julie Roberts [juliemroberts33@gmail.com](mailto:juliemroberts33@gmail.com) 021 813 496

Wellington North Badminton: Babette McCalman [babette@wnba.org.nz](mailto:babette@wnba.org.nz)

