



St Brigid's School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Caregivers

Today is the first official day of winter and it certainly feels like it. We are almost halfway through the term and the long weekend will hopefully provide an opportunity to recharge the batteries a bit.

Our **Teacher Only Day on Friday** will be spent planning a unit of work, about Cause and Effect, that will go across the school and integrate a number of curriculum areas, including our RE curriculum. This will be taught in Term 3. At our parent evening a couple of weeks ago we looked at how we could include a local focus and identified areas that parents felt should be included in this unit of work.

Home Learning was also discussed at our parent meeting. It is always a contentious issue and there is data that supports both points of view - to have formal 'homework' or not.

At St Brigid's we believe in the importance of developing the whole child; intellectual, spiritual, physical, emotional, and social dimensions. Limiting homework to just academic (intellectual) does not support hauora (well-being). We believe giving time to develop each of these dimensions as a family is critical. For this reason, we encourage families to participate in a range of after-school activities both formal and informal.

Here is the link to our school's procedural statement covering home learning, with a range of suggested activities that parents and children can do together [St Brigid's School Homework Expectations](#). (If you get a Microsoft security question when you open this link, please click yes as this is a safe document).

God Bless

Linda

Attendance Report

Each term the Ministry of Education collects data on student attendance and reports back on how individual schools compare to other schools of a similar decile, region, type etc. Term 3, 2020 was a problematic term for many schools, as far as attendance was concerned with the after effects of the lockdown and many children slow in getting back to school. The data in this report shows how well St Brigid's School did. Thank you, parents, for ensuring that your children came back to school as soon as possible [Attendance Term 3 2020](#).

Linda and the Board of Trustees



KEY DATES TO NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR

Further details can be found on the website (www.stbrigidsschool.nz)

Team Tahi	Fri 02 Jul	Team Tahi Assembly 2.00pm
Team Rua	Fri 11 Jun	Team Rua Assembly 2.00pm
Team Toru	Fri 18 Jun	Team Toru Assembly 2.00pm
Other Events	Fri 04 Jun	Teacher Only Day – School Closed
	Mon 28 Jun	BOT meeting 6.00pm

Student Absence from School

If your child is going to be absent from school, please remember to leave a message on the school absence line before 9.00am with the following details - student name, room number and reason for absence.

If you notify your child's teacher of their absence by email, can you please also cc the office in your email: office@stbrigidsschool.nz or lynne@stbrigidsschool.nz.

Many thanks.

Northern Zone Cross Country

Congratulations to everyone who took part in the Northern Zone Cross Country last Thursday at Grenada North Park. What a beautiful day to run a cross country. We gave a big thanks to "Dan" from Ngaio who was the organiser of this event.

All those Year 7 and 8 students who have qualified for the Interzone would have received an email last Friday and this is just a reminder to return permission slips or email fiona@stbrigidsschool.nz by **Wednesday 2 June**.

Thank you to all the parent volunteers who helped with marshalling and supervision of the children.



First Holy Communion

On Sunday, our parish had two first Holy Communion Masses at St Benedict's and at SS Peter and Pauls. Both masses were very well attended by the Children's family, school and parish community who have been supporting and praying for our Children throughout the last five weeks. It was such a special occasion for all the Children who dressed up in their best attire, had artwork around the churches and who contributed to the mass by doing different roles.

We are all so very proud of the children for taking this next step in their faith journey. During the programme, we spoke much about Ripples of love and kindness. Love and kindness in our own families of origin, in the parish, in school and in our community. We explained how every time that they receive Jesus, they are receiving a booster of love so they can share with their friends, family, and others. Both the masses showed this love in action. It was wonderful to see so many grandparents and relatives of the children participating and supporting our children too - it was love that united us.

I would like to acknowledge with gratitude, Fr Peter Roe, who celebrated the two First Holy Communion masses and walked alongside the Children at the practise last week. Also, a big Thank you to all those who helped with the music and the setup of the churches, the artwork for both masses and for doing all the things that often go unnoticed. Also, to Michael Hinds for hosting the morning tea at St Benedict's school. You all really made the occasion very special and beautiful for all our Children.

Lastly, I would like to give a special shout out to Kitty, Piki, Leo, Kyla, Nicole, Fiona R, Tatjana and Eroshini who have been guiding and supporting the children over the last five weeks. Thank you so much for your love and for the hard work that you have put in with the children who have learnt so much and grown throughout this programme.

Thank you, faafetai tele lava: Sio - Youth Minister St Francis of Assisi Parish.



Sophie Clough, Antonia Leilua, Ysabella Sayson, Aloyse Almeida, Amelia Weile, Andre Azvela, Ashley Elliott, Cameron Fletcher, Kenji Dechavez, Charles Wayodi, Elona Goriyel, Jace Venus, Joshua Historillo, Kate Medina, Noah Bancolita, Riley Smits, Ryu Rubio, Wolfgang Bowker, Conan Ting, Conor Kovacs, Jack Power, Lennox Manase, Renee Dagdag, Samantha Hills, Vanessa Cameron and Charmaine Tubio.





Sacramental Programme – Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation is generally received before First Communion. This did not happen in our parish this year or last year, so there is likely to be a large group for Confirmation later in the year. Register your interest with the school office fonad@stbrigids.school.nz and we will keep you in touch with parish plans as soon as they are in place.

SPARK Payroll donation

We have recently received an online donation under SPARK Payroll, but the reference is not included. If you work for SPARK and are part of this scheme, and know that recently a donation has been made by them into the school account, could you please contact Lynne lynne@stbrigids.school.nz by Friday 4 June to discuss it. Many thanks.

2021 Student Contact and Medical Details Update

We are currently reviewing our student database to ensure we have up to date contact and medical details. This information is extremely important, particularly in case of an emergency.

Please read the 2021 Student Contact and Medical Details Update letter emailed to you:

- 1) check our parent/caregiver contact details are accurate,
- 2) check your child's Doctor/Medical Centre contact details are accurate,
- 3) check your child's medical details are accurate,
- 4) email confirmation of changes to the school office as soon as possible and
- 5) email confirmation of up to 3 emergency contact names and phone numbers to the school office at office@stbrigids.school.nz.

Year 7 Vision Screening Information for parents

Year 7 Vision Screening will take place on **Monday 4 June at 9.00am.**

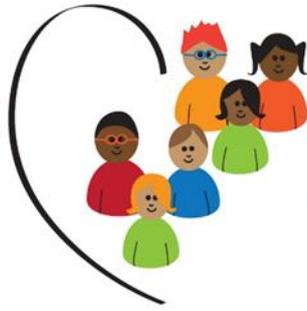
Regional Public Health provides a vision screening programme for all Year 7 students.

- Vision —pupils will be advised of results at the time of screening. If further assessment is recommended you will be notified by mail.
- Children who wear glasses and/or are under professional care and have regular checks will not require a vision check from our service.

Non-consent — please notify your school if you do not want your child being screened.

This screening is not a full assessment of your child's vision. If you have any concerns, please see an optometrist.





Friends & Whanau Fundraising St Brigid's School

Next Fair Meeting

Please put **Thursday 5 August** in your calendar for the next Fair Meeting. This will start at **7.00pm** in the staffroom.

Also, we are looking for a coordinator for the Cafe, Box Maze and the Games. If you know anyone let Tracey know robinsfamilynz@gmail.com.

Roti Bread Fundraiser

Roti orders are **due by Wednesday 2 June. No late Orders.** Pick up will be after school from the staffroom on **Monday 21 June.**

Entertainment Book Fundraiser

Support our fundraising by purchasing an Entertainment membership. You can purchase anytime and receive 12 months membership from date of purchase. If you buy a single city membership through this link (Entertainment Book) you'll receive all cities in NZ as well as Australia for the same price. This is a limited time offer and it has been extended to end on **Monday 14 June**, so be quick! If you have any questions, get in touch with Melissa (nzmelissam@gmail.com).

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Scholastic Lucky Book Club - Issue 2

A Copy of Issue 4 of the Lucky Book Club brochure will be sent home this week 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 Sunday 6 June.**



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Community News

Make Your Home and Family Fire Safe



Fire Emergency New Zealand will be holding a presentation at the Uniting Church on **Saturday 12 June** at **2.00pm**, followed by a demonstration in the St Brigid's school grounds. Everyone is welcome to attend.

COMMUNITY WINTER WARM-UP 8-WEEK CHALLENGE

This is a great challenge if you want to focus on losing weight over winter, or something to help keep you motivated to exercise in the colder months, or to increase your fitness levels. There are 2 categories to choose from: WEIGHT LOSS CATEGORY or the FITNESS CATEGORY. Both of these have numerous tools offered for you to use, none of which are compulsory, such as a pdf booklet that has healthy lifestyle habits worksheets in it to fill out over the duration of the challenge, optional weigh-ins, access to a secret Facebook group etc.

WEIGH-IN AND INITIAL FITNESS TESTING: Monday, 14 June - Newlands Primary School hall.

RE-TESTING AND FINAL WEIGH-IN: Monday, 9 August, 2021

COST: \$40 to register.

MORE INFO/TO REGISTER: www.stellarfitness.co.nz

LIMITED SPACES – REGISTRATIONS CLOSE SUNDAY, 11 JUNE, 2021.

A Musical Evening

*Father Chris Skinner sm
and St Catherine's
College singers*



Sunday 27 June 2021

7.00pm

St Joseph's Church, Mt Victoria

\$20 cash at door

or online TryBooking

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