



St Brigid's School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Caregivers

I hope you have all had a slightly slower pace over the last fortnight giving you an opportunity to spend some time with whanau. We are now into the second half of the year with a 10 week term ending at the beginning of October.

- Thank you to the 101 parents/respondents who filled in the survey about our Parish Restructure over the holiday period. This will be part of a response made by the Board of Trustees to the Archdiocese.
- Please make sure that you **check the calendar on the website** as there are a number of events coming up this term that children will be involved with.
- **Learning Conversations** are taking place in week three, Wednesday 11 and Thursday 12 August. The booking form for this will open later this week.
- We also have our **Catholic Character Review** during week three. We will be welcoming our two reviewers, Zita Smith and Tracy Gunderson, at the church on **Tuesday 10 August** at about **9.45am**. Parents are welcome to join us for this.

Below is information on our Curriculum focus for Term three.

St Brigid's School Term Learning Focus

For Term 3, we have a schoolwide learning focus - **Cause and Effect**. As part of our learning the school will start with the context **"Keeping Ourselves Safe"**. All classes will be deepening their understanding and developing strategies so **we can use safe practices to minimise the effects of hazards, unsafe situations, and risks**.

During this unit of work what will your child learn?

They will learn:

- to work out when their safety is at risk
- How to keep safe when they meet and mix with other people
- who and how to ask for help if they, or someone they know, is being abused
- to go on asking for help until someone does something to stop the abuse
- that it is important to make and follow personal, family and school safety rules

They will know:

- that abuse is never okay
- that abuse is never their fault.

View the Keeping Ourselves Safe programme resources – [click here](#)

Teachers will choose the most relevant resources which meet the learning needs of students in their class.

What part do parents, caregivers and whanau play?

Parents and whanau are strongly encouraged to support Keeping Ourselves

- School Meeting was held on Tuesday 6 July at 6.30pm in Library about the programme and its content.

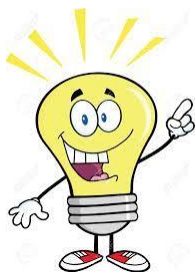
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- You can find out about abuse and what to do if you think a child you know is being abused.
- Parents will see seesaw posts about this topic, and it will display work your child is doing as part of Keeping Ourselves Safe. You can talk to your child about these ideas.
- You can set safety guidelines with your family
- You can give the same safety messages as the school is giving.

God bless

Linda & Fiona



Your Input is Important!

We are looking to gather some thoughts and ideas from our parent community. If the school were to receive some additional funding to spend on maintaining/updating our school property (let's say approx \$200,000) what sort of things do you see as a priority?

Thoughts and suggestions can be emailed to linda@stbrigids.school.nz.

CANCELLATION

The **whakatau** planned for Thursday morning **has been cancelled**. We will be holding one at the beginning of Term 4 to welcome all our Term 3 and 4 families to St Brigid's School.

DONATIONS

This year the Board of Trustees decided not to ask for a family donation but instead ask parents to only **contribute to their child's trip and activity costs**. This is used to provide opportunities for children to experience activities outside of the school, including gymnastics, swimming and class trips planned throughout the year.

Donations are as follows:

Team Tahi - \$55, Team Rua - \$65, Team Toru and Wha - \$75

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

We would be very grateful if parents who haven't yet donated are able to donate towards this.

Thank you.



Welcome



We warmly welcome our new entrant students who joined us at the start of Term 3:

Ella Frost and Andrea de Luna in Room 2.

Ella joins her cousins Mikayla and Grayson Morris and Andrea joins her sister Anna and brother Anton.

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

KEY DATES TO NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR

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

Team Wha	Mon 02 Aug	Cultural Extravaganza 12.00pm-3.00pm Michael Fowler Centre
Other Events	Thurs 05 Aug	Fair meeting School Staffroom 7.00pm-8.00pm
	Mon 09 Aug – Fri 13 Aug	Scholastic Book Fair School Library Mon, Tues & Fri 3.00pm – 3.30pm, Wed & Thurs 3.00pm – 7.00pm
	Tues 10 Aug – Thurs 12 Aug	Special Character Review
	Wed 11 Aug – Thurs 12 Aug	Learning Conversations 3.15pm – 8.00pm
	Fri 13 Aug	Book Character Dress Up Day
	Fri 27 Aug	Teacher Only Day
	Mon 30 Aug	BOT meeting 6.00pm

Road Patrol Parent Helpers Needed

The roads around school just keep getting busier and we really want to keep our students safe as they arrive and leave school each day. Our student road patrollers do a fantastic job and give their time willingly, but they have to be supervised by an adult while on road patrol duty.

We operate **2 road patrols each morning** from **8:40-9:00am (Phillip Street and Frankmoore Ave)** and **3 in the afternoon** from **2:55-3:15pm (Phillip St, Frankmoore Ave and Dr Taylor Tce)**.

Can you help?

We would love to hear from any parents who are able to volunteer 20 minutes for one morning or afternoon each week for the rest of the term to go on a roster to help with road patrol supervision.

If you can help, we would very much appreciate it. Please email Amanda Prowse on amanda@stbrigids.school.nz if you would like to find out more or are able to help us out. Thanks heaps!





Kiwi Examinations - Spelling Bee - Year 5-8

The University of Canterbury is offering your child the opportunity to participate in the KIWI Spelling Bee competition. This is the first time we have offered this at St Brigid's School. The competition is open to all Year 5-8 students. The Kiwi Spelling Bee assesses aspects of English grammar, spelling and vocabulary relevant to the student's Year Level.

The online Spelling Bee will take place late in Term 3. The cost is \$9.50. Certificates will be sent to all participating students and prizes will be awarded to overall top students. Please email Fiona Kearns fiona@stbrigids.school.nz for an entry form. Entries and payment must be received into the school account 12-3041-0341681-00 by **Friday 30 July** (Term 3, Week 1).

NETSAFE WEEK - 26 -30 July

The internet has played a big part in keeping people connected over the past year – and that trend isn't slowing down anytime soon – which makes it important that every person knows how to stay safe online. This is why Netsafe is hosting New Zealand's first ever Netsafety Week designed to Make Aotearoa Safer Online.

Here is a link to the [Netsafe](https://www.netsafe.org.nz/) site, which has a range of resources which may help parents guide conversations with your child. This site will provide you with resources, social media assets, and more information to learn about our sponsors and supporters.



Sacramental Programme - Confirmation

Calling any child, young person or adult who would like to make a commitment to their faith and to live like Jesus did. If you wish to enrol in the Confirmation programme or find out more about this big step then please call Sio on 02108160396, Kitty 021491459 or the parish office 04-4787137. ***The Confirmation Preparation Programme 2021***

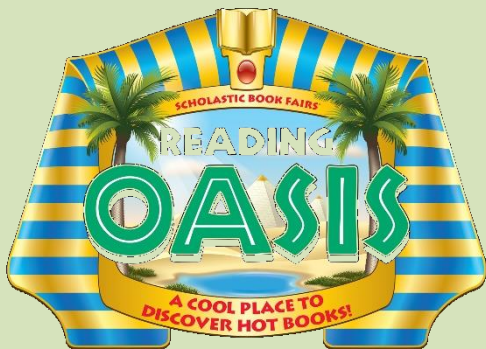
Enrolment Form is attached to the School Newsletter email.

If you or your family members have previously missed out on this Sacrament, then this might be the year to join with other members of our community. Please contact us if you are interested. It's a good year to just do it!

The Confirmation masses will be on the weekend of **11 and 12 September**. The places and times for the masses are yet to be confirmed as it will depend on how many are being confirmed, their ages and which church community they prefer.

The programme begins on **Sunday 8 August**. It is very likely that the children's programme will follow the format of the Reconciliation and Eucharist Sacramental programmes. That is one morning session at St Benedict's at 10am on a Sunday and the next one at Challenge 2000 at 2pm.





St Brigid's Annual Scholastic Book Fair

It is with great excitement that we will be holding our annual Scholastic Book Fair in the Library. Once again, we will be running it on the same nights as the Learning Conversations, so please feel free to pop in before or after meeting with your child/children's teacher. There will be lots of books and posters for sale at great prices and every book sold earns points that our school can use towards buying more beautiful books for our school library.

The Library will be open: **Monday/Tuesday 9/10 August 3.00pm- 3.30pm, Wednesday/Thursday 11/12 August 3.00pm-7.00pm Friday 13 August 3.00pm-3.30pm.**

Book Character Dress Up Day

Finally, to celebrate all things books we will finish off with our annual **Book Character Dress Up Day** on **Friday 13 August** Come along to school dressed up as your favourite book character. Prizes for the best costumes and we will also announce the winners of our colouring competition.

Can you help? I would really appreciate some help with running the book fair on any of these days. Please contact debbie@stbrigids.school.nz if you are able to help.



Together Protecting Aotearoa

Nick Webber and Nzisa Mutua delivered art with the theme of **Kindness** to the Covid 19 Clinic in Johnsonville Mall.

The art will be on display from mid-July for those receiving immunisations to enjoy.

Scholastic Lucky Book Club - Issue 5

A Copy of Issue 5 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 Friday 6 August.**



Student Celebrations

This column is to acknowledge and congratulate any of our students who have achieved in other pursuits outside of school.

Amelia Archer and Anna Elliott competed at the Gymnastic Nationals Championships in Auckland last week.

Both girls made it through to the final's day.

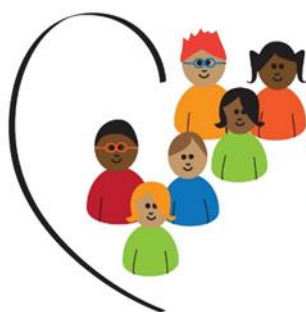
Amelia placed 8th and Anna placed 12th in the country in the overs age category.



Adrielle Espeleta also headed to the Trusts Arena in Auckland to represent Wellington in the National Gymnastics Championships.

She placed 3rd in Hoop, 4th in Clubs, and 4th Overall out of 20 Level 5 Rhythmic gymnasts.

Well done and Congratulations Anna, Amelia and Adrielle!



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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.

Community News

Dance Pointe

Academy New Zealand

Ballet, Jazz and Tap lessons after-school at St Peter & Pauls Church Hall and Saturday mornings at St Johns Church Hall 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 on Monday and Wednesday evenings. Contact Sharon dancepointenz@gmail.com, www.dancepointe.co.nz, mobile 021-2151222.

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