



St Brigid's School The Lockdown Link

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Dear Parents and Caregivers

I hope that the first week of lockdown has been relatively smooth for you all. It certainly seems to have gone very quickly.

Teachers across the school are working really hard to ensure that children get the best distance learning experience possible. Over the last five days 31 iPads and 38 chrome books have been given out. I have had a couple of emails with feedback from parents acknowledging the work that teachers are doing and how much their children are enjoying their 'virtual' classrooms'

What happens next is still unknown; but we will be assuming at this stage that distance learning will continue for a bit longer.

- **We are therefore seeking some feedback from parents** at this stage to ensure that things are going well. There is a link to a two question google form attached to the Lockdown Link email that you can add any thoughts to.



I have included the link to the Home Learning TV channels as this is a great option for your children as well, particularly younger children who may find it harder to complete learning tasks without the support of an adult.

- Teaching and learning opportunities on TV start this week with the return of Home Learning | Papa Kāinga TV.
- We'll put details of the coming week's lessons on the [Learning from Home website](#) so everyone (teachers, parents and learners) can plan ahead.
- For the first two weeks there'll be a mix of brand-new content and some more familiar favourites, such as Karen welcoming you back to *Karen's House*.

Once again - any issues please contact me, Fiona or your child's teacher for support.

I would like to finish this first Lockdown Link with a quote from Pope Francis, from a reflection on the pandemic.

"To come out of this crisis better, we have to recover the knowledge that as a people we have a shared destination. The pandemic has reminded us that no one is saved alone. What ties us to one another is what we commonly call solidarity. Solidarity is more than acts of generosity, important as they are; it is the call to embrace the reality that we are bound by bonds of reciprocity. On this solid foundation we can build a better, different, human future."

God bless

Linda



School Grounds and Playgrounds Out of Bounds During Level 4

Please remember that all school grounds and playgrounds are out of bounds during Level 4. **Families cannot go and play at school.**



School Calendar	
Thurs 26 Aug	Yellow Non-uniform day – Daffodil Day (see notice below) Primary School Polfest CANCELLED
Fri 27 Aug	Teacher Only Day - CANCELLED
Mon 30 Aug	BOT meeting 6.00pm - To Be Confirmed

Teachers: Just log into Zablezoot, scroll down to the Zorkle app and have the kids work on the assignments sent through Kracklezam or check the links posted in Zumblekick.

Parents:



Online Learning in Your Household Bubble this Week

We value your feedback on how online learning is going in your household bubble this week. Please let us know by replying to the two questions contained in the form attached as a link on today's Lockdown Link email.

Thank you.

DAFFODIL DAY

We are having our St Brigid's School Daffodil Day on **Thursday 26 August**. **Parents, students and teachers are asked to wear "YELLOW"**. **We are looking forward to our very bright "Classroom Catchup Meetings" on this day.**

If you would like to contribute a donation to the Cancer Society and all the wonderful work they do, then please visit <https://www.daffodilday.org.nz/donate>.

Many volunteers are doing wonderful and interesting activities to raise money for the Cancer Society. You too, could be involved.



Digital Responsibility



Unfortunately, some of our senior students seem to have 'forgotten' their responsibility around being a digital citizen and have made inappropriate comments or used inappropriate language. Some parents will be contacted today by Fiona Kearns.

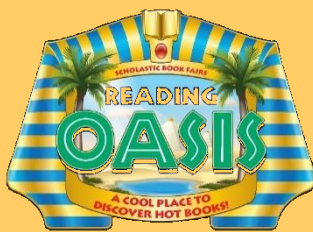
Please discuss online behaviour with your children and help them to understand why it is important to show respect when interacting with others online.



Team Rua Gymnastics

Team Rua hope to reschedule their missed gymnastics in Term 3.





St Brigid's Annual Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who supported the book fair. We were so lucky with our timing! Thanks to you all, our library has earned lots of points which we can use to buy more fabulous books.

Book Character Dress Up Day

We had so much fun on book character day, there were so many awesome costumes, and such a variety.



Access to the Library Catalogue through our Website



A reminder that students can access our library catalogue through the school website. On the School Library page, you can click on the "library catalogue" button and this brings you to a landing page where students can search and reserve books and also write reviews on their favourite books. There is a video on the landing page which shows how to navigate the site. If they can't remember their login number, please email me at debbie@stbrigids.school.nz and I will give them their number. They can also access e-books and audiobooks through the Wellington City Library website.



Everyone's emotional and mental wellbeing is important

Here is a 'rainbow in nature' created by one of our senior students this week during lock down.

A lovely reminder to us all how important our wellbeing is during this time.

