



St Brigid's School Lockdown Link

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Dear Parents and Caregivers

This will be the last instalment of the Lockdown Link; the fortnightly newsletter will resume in week 9, with notices coming out next week and the last week of school.

We are really looking forward to having our children back tomorrow. Staff gathered this morning and the noise of 'catch up chatter' must have been heard across Johnsonville. I am sure that the children will have a similar experience catching up with friends over the next couple of days. Teachers will resume their regular programmes, but the focus for the first two days will be reconnecting with their class, monitoring well-being and having some fun together.

Just to reiterate what school will look like for the rest of the term:

- **Thursday and Friday** - children can come to school from **8.15am onwards**. Teachers will be on the gate with hand sanitiser. Unfortunately, parents will need to drop off and collect children at the gate (as we have done previously at Level 2). The **exceptions** are *parents of new entrant children in Room 2 and parents who need to see Lynne or Denise in the office.*
- At the **end of the day Team Tahi children and their siblings will exit through Philip St gate; other children will use the gates on Dr Taylor and Frankmoore**, so if you are meeting your child after school please let them know which gate you will be at.
- Anyone coming into the school **MUST** scan or sign in at the office - **if you are coming into the school please use the Philip St entrance**
- **School staff will cover road patrol for Thursday and Friday** so parents and children who are rostered on for these days will not be required.
- Children **DO NOT** need to wear masks at school

Unfortunately, we will not be able to gather as a school outside of the school grounds. This means that we will not be able to hold assemblies, school singing or end of term school Mass.

Teams will still be able to gather in school allowing for Team Hui and Karakia.

Thank you to all the families who have returned devices today. For those who haven't we would appreciate them coming back before the end of the week.

God bless

Linda



NORTHERN SUBURBS NETBALL

Year 3 and 4 Netball at Level 2

Northern Suburbs Netball are pleased to be able to offer Year 3 and 4 Netball under level 2. Please click here [Netball notice](#) to read the netball notice or read the notice attached to the newsletter email as it **contains important information for the 3 weekends ahead.**

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Take a moment to celebrate and enjoy nature this Conservation Week 4-12 September 2021

When Papatūānuku thrives, we all thrive.

So, take a moment for nature, give your mind a break and feel connected to the world. It can be as simple as stopping to listen to birdsong, walking with the whānau or finding a fun online conservation activity to try.

Whatever you choose, make sure you take the time to unwind in nature this Conservation Week.



Maori Language Week Monday 13 September – Friday 17 September

‘Kia kaha te reo Māori’ – ‘Let’s make the Māori language strong’.



Northern Zone Swimming Tournament and Interzone Swimming Event 2021 Cancelled

These events have been **cancelled** and won't take place due to Covid restrictions.



Kiwi Spelling Bee Competition – Year 5-8

At St Brigid's School the competition will take place on **Tuesday 14 September**.

St Brigid's Team Dances

All school dances planned for this term have been **cancelled**.



Artsplash 2021

It is with great sadness that the decision has been made to **cancel** Artsplash Festival 2021.

With the increased restrictions in level 2 and the uncertain duration of level 2 it is not possible to proceed with this event.

The kids have worked so hard for this event that we would still like to share with you what they have been learning. Over the next few weeks, we will put a short video together of the kids singing some of the songs to share with you.

Kind regards

Amanda and Monika

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St Brigid's Kapa Haka Festival

St Brigid's Kapa Haka Festival scheduled to be held on **Saturday 18 September** at Raroa Normal Intermediate has been postponed, but in all likelihood it will be cancelled.



Confirmation Mass

We will provide more information next week on arrangements for the Confirmation Mass.

