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Dear Parents and Caregivers

Change is something that we all have to deal with in life and at the moment the only thing that is certain is that nothing is a given and that we need to expect that things will change.

John F. Kennedy once said, "The one unchangeable certainty is that nothing is certain or unchangeable."

People often view change as something that they have very little control over, and whilst that can sometimes be the case, how we respond to change in our lives is within our control.

Here are four simple ways to look at change:



- **Accept the idea of change** - When you get comfortable with the idea that change is going to happen, it will help you go into a change with less stress.
- **See that change implies progress** - living life on a day-to-day basis often involves making progress on some level.
- **Recognize that change introduces unknowns into your life** - the aspect of change that probably concerns people the most is that it introduces unknown factors.
- **Be ready to experience the "newness" that change brings** - If you can shift your thinking from a focus on the unknown to recognize that change involves "newness"—new things, people, places, and ideas—with at least some of it bringing excitement and interest, you'll feel a whole lot better about it.

For our children there have been many changes in the last couple of years, and it is amazing at the resilience and coping skills that they have developed.



Our Big Idea to develop our Term 4 curriculum around, is Change.

Teams will be looking at Change through different curriculum and learning that change occurs through science, technology and social science (as well as in day-to-day life).

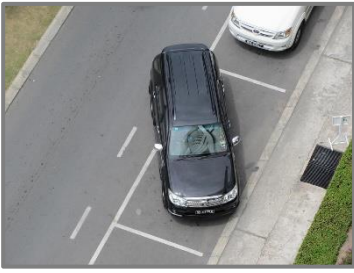
As this will be the last Newsletter for this term, I would like to take the opportunity to thank parents who have supported the school and their children through sport, class trips, learning conversations and of course the distance learning programmes. It has been a rather unusual Term and I know that teachers are looking forward to having a 'screen free' break in a couple of weeks.

God bless

Linda



PARKING



Please be considerate when dropping kids off or collecting them from school. Last week I received a complaint from a local resident, when a school parent collecting his child parked at Haumaru Housing, on their site, and refused to move when asked to.

We also have a number of parents who park on yellow lines, on bus stops and across driveways. Parking like this endangers the safety of children (it obscures the view for students on road patrol) and annoys our neighbours.

There are **three safe and accessible parking spots around the school** that give your child a very short and safe walk to school.

Phillip St has the Masonic Lodge and the **Softball Clubrooms** and **Dr Taylor Terrace has Sts Peter and Paul Church**, in which to park for a short while.

Planning for 2022

We are starting to plan for next year and would like to get an idea of numbers of children at each year level.

Could you please let the office know if your family is moving out of the area or will be attending another school.

Thanks - Linda

KEY DATES TO NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR

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

Other Events	Mon 27 Sept	BOT meeting 6.00pm
	Fri 1 Oct	'No Uniform Day" End of Term 3 – School finishes at 2.00pm

Term 4 Miniball/Basketball

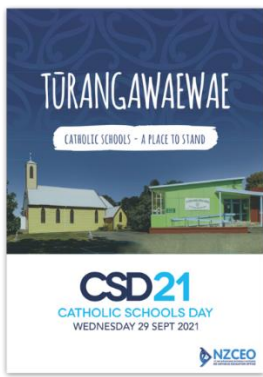


We are inviting all those who wish to register for miniball/basketballers for the Term 4 league. Thank you to those coaches who have advised that they are keen to continue. The term is a short one with 7-8 weeks. I have attached the information relating to dates of games [here](#). If you wish your child to continue or start to play miniball/basketball in Term 4 please ensure you register to **Fiona Kearns** by **Thursday 25 September at 3.00pm**.

Year 3-4 and Year 4-8 Chess

We have had a chess league during Term 2 and 3 and it is coming to a conclusion next week. We thank all those dedicated chess players who have enjoyed the competition, chess ladder, Scott Wastney (Chess Master) lessons and the challenge this beautiful game holds.





Catholic School's Day - Wednesday 29 September

On **Wednesday 29 September** all Catholic Schools in New Zealand will be celebrating what makes each school a Catholic School. The **theme for 2021** is "**Tūrangawaewae: Catholic Schools-A Place to Stand**". Tūrangawaewae is the understanding that we have places where we feel connected and inspired. It is a place of security and foundation (www.teara.govt.nz). Through our baptism we become part of the faithful, te whānau whakapono, and through our baptism we find a place to stand which is woven through our stories that connect us together to the land, to our tūrangawaewae. On this day, classes will be discussing, sharing and celebrating what makes St Brigid's School part of our treasured Catholic tradition.

Welcoming Whakatau for our New Students and Whanau

As part of our school welcoming protocol, we welcome all new students and whanau with a Whakatau (Maori welcome). This will be happening on **Thursday 21 October** at **10.05am**. As we were unable to do this for Term 2, we are inviting all those who were new to St Brigid's School in Term 3 to be formally welcomed in Term 4. An individual invite will be sent out to all students and families next week.

St Brigid's Senior Kapa Haka - ST BRIGID'S KAPA HAKA FESTIVAL update

The new date for the St Brigid's Kapa Haka Festival is **Sunday 28 of November**. It will still be held at Raroa Intermediate, and our group is still scheduled to perform in the afternoon.

Any queries can be made to Tania Fransen tania@stbrigids.school.nz

Community News



Olympic Junior Athletics

Registration is now open for our Junior Athletics Season. Check out www.olympicjuniors.nz for information on what we offer, times, dates, and membership fees. Athletics is a great sport for developing running, jumping, and throwing for all ages.



Does your child like to sing, dance, act and perform? Would you like your child to build more confidence and make more friends? Performing arts classes led by a London West End performer! After school and weekend classes in Aotea, Johnsonville, Karori and Lower Hutt. Limited spaces so book your place now!

www.spotlightperformingarts.co.nz





Cricket's Back and Junior Club Registrations are open for the 2021 – 2022 season!

Local cricket clubs offer a range of opportunities to play cricket this summer for participants aged 4 to 12.

The Superstar Cricket Programme is available for participants aged 4 to 7, with Junior Club Cricket available from Year 2 to 8 in dual-pitch, softball, and hardball formats.

New to cricket? No worries! You can find your local club by reaching out to Cricket Wellington on community@cricketwellington.co.nz

We look forward to seeing you on the park this year!

Club registrations are open from 1 September until 1 October 2021.



Sunshine Drama offers creative drama and singing classes in a supportive, fun and action-packed learning environment. Sessions engage and challenge imaginative minds to build acting or singing techniques and ability, whilst growing student confidence, communication, and social skills. Our timetable provides classes for students aged 4-16 years and runs after school and on Saturdays. For further information, enrolments or to arrange a free trial class, visit sunshinedrama.com or contact Jenae 0274 380 533 /

sunshinedrama.nz@gmail.com.

