



St Brigid's School Newsletter

16 November 2021



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Dear Parents and Caregivers

Today marks a huge change in our schooling system and one that is tinged with sadness. Parents have always been such an important part of the life of the school and the value of partnership with parents is a key factor to success for children. I have always believed in an open-door policy for parents, where questions can be answered, problems solved, concerns raised and events celebrated. This will still continue but may have to look different for some parents.

From today our open-door policy still applies, but ONLY for those who have been double vaccinated. Whilst this is definitely the right thing to do, it may mean a small section of our community are unable to call into school on a casual basis. Looking after all our children, particularly ones with higher health needs, by ensuring that they only come into contact with vaccinated adults is a priority.

We are currently creating a vaccination status register of parents who help out in the school. The link is here if you have not yet completed the form: [Parent Vaccination Register](#).

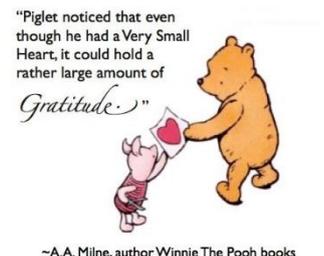
Vaccinated parents will be able to come into the school to support class trips, coach sports, help with swimming etc. Parents who are NOT vaccinated are able to come into the front office, if it is essential, but must wear a face mask and may not go into classrooms or areas that children are. I know that parents will respect this.

We will continue to operate the school under the Level 2 precautions we currently have in place until the end of the year (another 4 weeks). This means dropping off and collecting children at the gate and having hand sanitiser available in the classrooms, as well as at the gates. It is highly likely covid will be in the Wellington area before the end of the year, so we need to continue to keep our systems in place.

Change is often hard to get used to, but the reality is that our lives have become different over the last couple of years. Together we now need to create a new "normal" for our school and the community we live in. It may include finding gratitude in the small things, showing compassion and kindness and putting others before ourselves.

God bless

Linda



-A.A. Milne, author Winnie The Pooh books

St Brigid's School - 2022 Term dates (these dates are also on the school website)	
Term One:	Thursday 3 February – Thursday 14 April (Includes a Kahui Ako Staff Only day on 18 March). Easter is during the holidays
Term Two:	Monday 2 May – Friday 8 July (includes Matariki on Friday 24 June and a Staff Only day on Monday 27 June)
Term Three:	Monday 25 July – Friday 30 September
Term Four:	Monday 17 October – Thursday 15 December

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KEY DATES TO NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR

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

Team Toru	Thurs 25 Nov	Trip to Pataka and Pool
Team Wha	Tues 30 Nov	Year 8 Retreat
	Fri 3 Dec	Year 7&8 Immunisations
	Thurs 9 Dec	Year 8 Leavers Dinner (students only)
Other Events	Wed 17 Nov	Pyjama Day for Diabetes Awareness Month - gold coin donation to classroom teacher
	Fri 19 Nov	Sausage Sizzle fundraiser
	Mon 29 Nov	Year 3-8 Athletics - Tabloid BOT meeting 6.00pm
	Mon 6 Dec	Athletics Postponement Date
	Mon 13 Dec	'In-School Fun Day'
	Wed 15 Dec	End of Term 4 School Finishes at 1.00pm



We warmly welcome our new students who joined us this week in Room 2:

Aaron Clarke, Kiara Gandhi, Theo Tausilia-Brown and Yuvaan Negi.

Aaron joins his sister Alicia.

Kiara, Theo and Yuvaan are new to our school.

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



Pyjama Day Fundraiser for Diabetes Awareness Month

As November is Diabetes Awareness Month, we will be having a pyjama day **tomorrow (Wednesday 17 November)** for Diabetes Awareness Month (come to school wearing your favourite pj's). Please bring a gold coin donation, with proceeds going toward Diabetes Youth Wellington.

Diabetes Youth Wellington Incorporated (DYW) provides support, education, and advocacy for young people affected by type 1 diabetes (and their families) across the Wellington region. Type 1 diabetes is different to type 2 diabetes, it is an autoimmune condition that can affect children as young as babies, through no fault of their own. It is life long, there is no cure. Living with or caring for a child with T1D is a full-time balancing act requiring constant attention to avoid acute, life-threatening hypoglycemia (low blood sugar) or the long-term damage caused by hyperglycemia (high blood sugar). The child's blood glucose levels must be monitored/managed through multiple finger pricks as well as multiple insulin injections every day. It's important to be aware of the symptoms of type 1 diabetes and to seek medical advice if your child displays these.



School Library News

Rewards from the Book Fair

Thanks to all those who supported our book fair last term, we were able to buy all these beautiful books using the reward points we earned. We are going to have some very happy students!



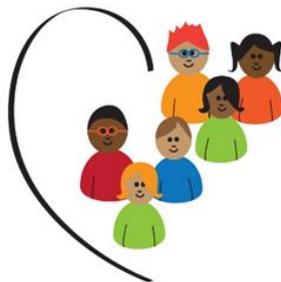
ALL SCHOOL LIBRARY BOOKS ARE DUE BACK BY FRIDAY 3 DECEMBER

Please look under beds, in your cupboards, on bookshelves and tables, then **PLEASE RETURN** all library books to the school library by **Friday 3 December**, ready for our library stocktake. Thank you.

Scholastic Lucky Book Club - Issue 8

A Copy of Issue 8 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 dropdown list. Orders are to be made **online by Wednesday 24 November**.



Friends & Whanau Fundraising
St Brigid's School

Filipino Fundraiser

The Filipino fundraiser has reached its capacity number of orders already, so the ordering link has now been **closed**. Thank you to everyone who has supported this fundraiser.

Pick up will be after school from the **Library** on **Monday 29 November and Monday 6 December**.

Friends & Whanau Fundraiser (In Lieu of Fair) – Sausage Sizzle

This Friday, 19 November The Friends & Whanau Team will be selling sausages as a fundraiser in lieu of the fair.

Sausages - \$2.00 each



- please place the money in an envelope,
- write the student's name, room number, order, and total on the envelope,
- give the envelope to the class teacher by **Thursday 18 November**.

Thanks for your support.



Roti Bread Fundraiser

There is still time to place your order for the very popular Roti packs.

Roti bread is great for making wraps, using as a pizza base, having with soups or curries, or just eating as it is:

- The Roti packs come in 2 different flavours: Original or Garlic
- Each pack will contain 10 pieces of roti bread of the same flavour
- Each piece of roti bread is square (approximately 20cm x 22cm)
- The roti bread is locally made by Ara Sri Lanka (one of our parents)
- The roti bread contains no preservatives, and can be frozen for use later on
- A pack of 10 pieces of roti bread will cost \$16.

If you would like to buy some roti bread

- Pay online, use your "Family name – Roti" as a reference, into St Brigid's Friends & Family Account: 12-3223-0108071-00
- **You must complete this online [Roti order form](#) so we have a record of your order:**

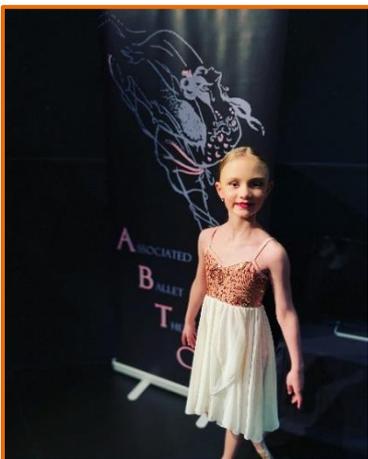
Orders are due by **Friday 19 November**. **No late orders.**

Pick up will be after school from the **staffroom** on **Monday 6 December**.

Student Celebrations

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

Tatiana Nolte from Room 8 and **Jamie-Lee Nolte** from Room 12 recently competed in a dance competition.



Tatiana (left) placed 2nd for her lyrical dance and Jamie-Lee (right) placed 1st for her duet.



Well done and congratulations Tatiana and Jamie-Lee!



Past Student Celebration

Duncan Gemepsaw was named Manu Taupua Matua (Head boy for 2022) last week at St Patricks College.

Duncan's Dad sent us a lovely message:

'Duncan has always acknowledged that it is in St. Brigid's where he was nurtured as a student and where he developed his leadership skills, and he is always grateful and a proud (old) St. Brigid's student'.

Congratulations Duncan!

Community News

Catholic Social Services

Kia Ora Friend

We are writing to you today to extend our warmest thanks for your support in the past and to give you a brief update on the impact that our Community Partnership Model has had in one of the toughest years that New Zealanders have faced.

Please take a look at our Kotahitanga update website where you will see some of the projects that our community has funded and the impact that has been made.

[Click here](#)

Ma te Atua e manaaki (May God Bless You), Karen Holland and The Team **Catholic Social Services:**
Website: <https://wn-catholicsocialservices.org.nz/>, Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WellingtonCSS/>

AN INVITATION to join our Trelissick Park Friends Trelissick Park Group 30th Birthday Family Picnic

This year, marks 30 years since the Trelissick Park Group began working to make the Park the special place it is today! To celebrate this anniversary, you are invited to an informal Family Picnic in the Park. This will be a relaxed opportunity to meet others who volunteer and work in the park or who use it for recreation and dog-walking.

Where: Wightwicks Field, Trelissick Park

When: Sunday 21 November, 12 noon to 2:00pm

Access: Entrance #2 on Waikowhai Street. Take the track down to Wightwicks Field. Follow the balloons.
Parking: Crofton Downs Railway Station, lower carpark

BYO: Picnic food and refreshments, rugs, blankets, folding chairs, sunblock, rubbish bags etc. If you can, bring soccer balls, pole tennis, volleyball nets etc for the children and young people.

Toilets: There are no toilet facilities in the Park. Go before you come!

Rubbish: We all love the natural environment of the Park. Please remove your own rubbish when you leave.

Supervision of children: Wightwicks Field is situated beside the Korimako Stream, and is surrounded by native bush. It is your responsibility to supervise your children at all times.

HQ: TPG volunteers will be at the bench seat near the stream.

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Covid 19: Please observe the rules for whatever Level we are on the day. Hand sanitiser will be available at the HQ bench seat.

First Aid: A First Aid kit will be available at the HQ bench seat for minor mishaps. If you are a medic, please let HQ know when you arrive so that we know that we can call on you if there is a more serious incident.

Postponement: If the weather is inclement, the picnic will be postponed to the following Sunday, 28 November. Check the TPG Facebook page for postponement information at 9:00am. We look forward to meeting you and enjoying an informal family picnic with you in our beautiful park. After the picnic there will be a short, conducted tour of Trelissick Park for those with interest in the historic and botanical aspects of the park.



Wellington City Libraries

Pick up the Adventurer's guide from your local library and visit wcl.beanstack.org to get started.

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Children's Asthma Study

Help find the best inhaler for kids with asthma by joining the **C**hildren's **A**nti-inflammatory **R**eliever Study

To take part you must:	What does it involve?
- Have been diagnosed with asthma by a doctor	- 3 visits and 2 phone calls over 1 year
- Be aged between 5 and 15 years	- Inhalers provided free of charge
- Only use a reliever inhaler	- Breathing tests + asthma education
	- Reimbursement for travel expenses

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