



Dear Parents and Caregivers

Thank you for your understanding yesterday when a sewerage issue forced us to close the school unexpectedly. I am aware that this caused stress for some parents and for that I am very sorry. However, the whole thing was beyond our control and the priority was the health and wellbeing of students and staff. Today is back to normal.



I would like to introduce our new teaching staff. We have two new teachers joining St Brigid's School. Heather Clark will be the new Team Toru Leader and will be teaching in room 6. Heather has been teaching at Raroa Intermediate and more recently at Khandallah School and is very excited to be joining our school. We are excited to have her!

John Cormack will be the new teacher in Room 14, with a year 7 and 8 class. John has come from Johnsonville School and has strong IT and maths skills. He will be a real asset to Team Wha. Welcome John.



I would also like to take this opportunity to say a huge and heartfelt thankyou to Tracey Robins who has been our Fundraising Coordinator for the last 7 years. Tracey has worked tirelessly for the benefit of the school, leading a team of volunteer parents with a range of fundraising activities - from the Fair through to the Colour Run we held last year. Of course, she does not do this on her own. There has been a very strong and active group of parents who have supported her with this, and we are grateful for all of the contributions they have made.

The Friends and Whanau group have been instrumental in raising the money for our newest playground equipment, astro turf outside rooms 5 and 6 and refurbishments in virtually every classroom throughout the school over the last 10 years. We are now looking for someone to take on this role. This role could in fact be shared by two people. If you would like to lead or co-lead our Friends and Whanau group, please contact the office.

God bless

Linda

<b>KEY DATES TO NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR</b>		
Further details can be found on the website ( <a href="http://www.stbrigids.school.nz">www.stbrigids.school.nz</a> )		
<b>Team Wha</b>	<b>Fri 3 Dec</b>	Year 7&8 Immunisations
	<b>Thurs 9 Dec</b>	Year 8 Leavers Dinner (students only)
	<b>Mon 6 Dec</b>	Athletics – Years 3-8
<b>Other Events</b>	<b>Fri 3 Dec</b>	<b>'No Uniform Day' - Cans for Christmas - Bring a can of food</b>
	<b>Mon 13 Dec</b>	'In-School Fun Day'
	<b>Wed 15 Dec</b>	<b>End of Term 4 School Finishes at 1.00pm</b>



## Claire Fraser Photography – School Photos



Class photos and print orders need to be received by **5.00pm tomorrow (Wednesday 1 December)**. After this date only digital downloads of individual and sibling portraits will be available to purchase. Class photos will be unavailable after this date. Any questions, please email Claire Fraser - [claire@clairefraser.nz](mailto:claire@clairefraser.nz)

## Year 8 Leavers Dinner – Disco Balls Needed

Hello all,

We, the wonderful Year 8 students of 2021 would love it if any of you could kindly allow us to borrow your disco balls for our Leaver's Dinner. It would be highly appreciated, as we want to make this a special night due to the fact that we must have the dinner at school because of covid restrictions.



If you decide you would like to lend us your disco ball for our dinner, please bring it to the school office (or, preferably, if you are a parent then ask your child to bring it in) before the **7 December**.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Year 8 Leavers Dinner Decor Group

## No Uniform Day - CANS FOR CHRISTMAS - Bring a can of food!



The St Brigid's School Young Christian Leaders have organised a red/green/white non-uniform day this **Friday 3 December**. It is a charity event to help those families who find Christmas a struggle financially. The St Vincent De Paul/Foodbank needs our support to help provide for these families. Each student is invited to wear non uniform clothes and bring along a can of food as a donation. These cans will be used to create Christmas Food Parcels by St Vincent De Paul. This is one way we can reach out and be of service to others at this special time of the year.

## School Library News



### 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.

## St Brigid's Library Summer Reading Challenge



We'd love to see our tamaiki reading this summer, so we are running a Summer Reading Challenge. **Please see the form attached to the newsletter for details.** Traditionally we don't loan out books over the summer holidays as it is a long time to keep track of the books however if you are happy for your child/children to take out up to 6 books, please email me [debbie@stbrigids.school.nz](mailto:debbie@stbrigids.school.nz) giving your permission and I will arrange for them to issues some books in the final week of school.

I'd love to make a display in the library at the beginning of next year of our summer reading, so please email me some photos if you can.

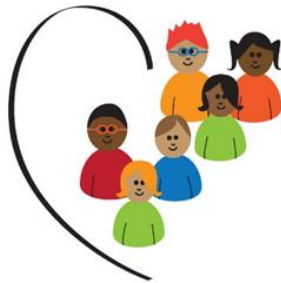


## Student Celebrations

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

**Angus McNaught** from Room 13 and **Tavonga Mbona** from Room 7 have been chosen by the NZ Basketball Academy for their upcoming South Island Tour.

**Well done and congratulations Angus and Tavonga!**



*Friends & Whanau Fundraising*  
*St Brigid's School*

### Roti Bread Fundraiser

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

## Parish News

### Día de las Velitas (Day of the Little Candles)

On **Tuesday 7 December**, Sindy Rodrigues and the Youth Ministry Team of Challenge 2000 will be holding Día de las Velitas (Day of the Little Candles). This is a tradition held in Colombia, in which we will be lighting small candles in celebration and honour of Mother Mary and the Immaculate Conception.

Fr. Pat Brophy SM will be helping to lead the liturgy. This will be at 8.00pm at SS Peter and Pauls Church in Johnsonville. Todos son bienvenidos! See you there! Due to the 100-person limitation, if interested please call/text Sio at 02108160396.

For more information about the tradition itself, please contact Sindy on 0225137914.

### Advent Liturgy for the Youth & families

Advent is a special time in our Catholic faith as we prepare for the birth of Jesus. It is a time of Reflection, Waiting, Praying and wondering.

On **Sunday 5 December** and **Sunday 19 December** there will be two additional Liturgies at **5.00pm** at SS Peter and Pauls Johnsonville, organised by the Youth Ministry Team and Challenge 2000. These are not the usual Sunday Masses. Instead, there will be input and times of personal and community prayer. The Liturgies will also include a space for children to create Advent art and we will have a Children's liturgy during the reflection.





On **Sunday 5 December**, we will focus on John the Baptist. What he said to the people of his time and what he says to us today.

On **Sunday 19 December**, we will focus on Mary, her faithfulness and her passion for bringing Jesus into the world and what she has to say to each one of us.

If you would like to have any further information about these Liturgies or be involved in some way, please call Kitty 021491459 or Sio 02108160396. Special guidelines may apply relating to Covid. Watch this space over the next few weeks!

### **Christmas Holiday Programme for children aged 5-12;**

**Monday December 20th December** from 10am-3pm in the Church Hall at SS Peter and Pauls, Johnsonville.

Organised by the Youth Ministry Team and parish volunteers: come along and make Christmas Cards, act out the Christmas story, paint, sing, make, cook. It will be a wonderful time together.

Please register by calling or email: Sio on [pelasio@challenge2000.org.nz](mailto:pelasio@challenge2000.org.nz) / 02108160396, or email the Parish Office. Numbers limited to 30.

Please bring your own lunch. Cost \$5.00 per child or by donation

Come along and have fun!

#### **Synod Facilitators**

Pope Francis and Cardinal John have invited us to participate in the 2021 Synod.

**"There is no need to create another church, but to create a different church ..."**

Pope Francis 9 October 2021

**" I want you to be involved in this Synod process. Your baptism calls you and entitles you to be involved.... I am looking forward very much to your involvement in imagining a different future for the Church. Please use this opportunity, it is essential that we do so. This Synod sets out to change the fact that most people of God have been passive spectators for years. You can help to change that. Please take up the invitation to be involved in this Synod process"**

Cardinal John Dew

We will hold some parish meetings in 2022 to assist us reflecting, sharing and responding to the questions of the Synod.

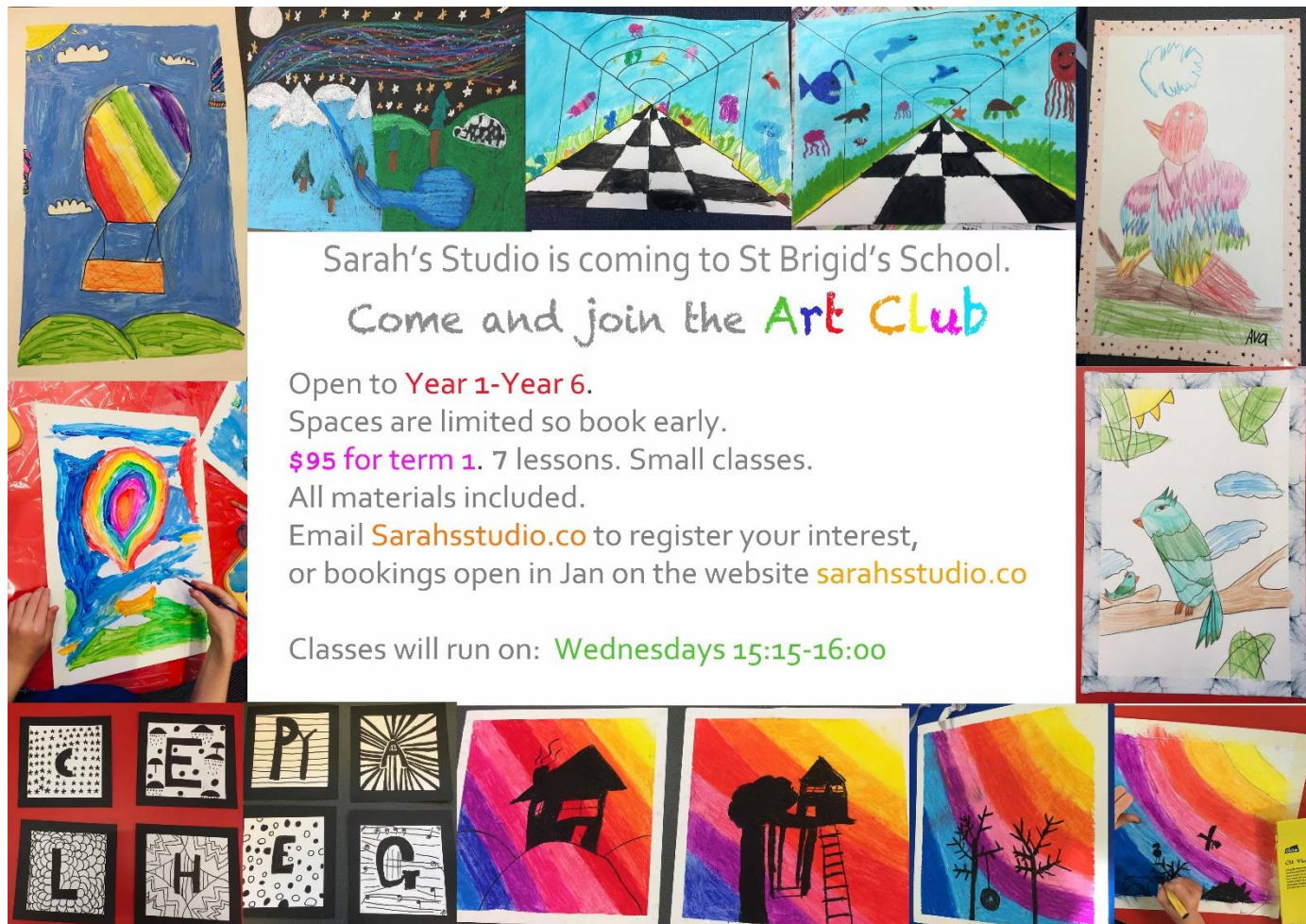
To do this we are inviting parishioners who are prepared to assist facilitating these meetings to attend a briefing session with staff from the Archdiocese **(Date to be confirmed)**. Please contact the parish office if you can help.

Further information is available here:

<https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/about/archdiocesan-synod/>



## Community News



Sarah's Studio is coming to St Brigid's School.  
Come and join the **Art Club**

Open to **Year 1-Year 6**.  
Spaces are limited so book early.  
**\$95 for term 1**. 7 lessons. Small classes.  
All materials included.  
Email [Sarahsstudio.co](mailto:Sarahsstudio.co) to register your interest,  
or bookings open in Jan on the website [sarahsstudio.co](http://sarahsstudio.co)

Classes will run on: **Wednesdays 15:15-16:00**



### **KELLY CLUB CHURTON PARK PRE-XMAS HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES**

Kelly Club Holiday Programmes focus on giving children aged between 5 and 13 the opportunity to do things they enjoy in a safe, supportive and encouraging environment. The programme is packed with activities to entertain and inspire children. We have some exciting days planned: ***Water Nerf Battle, Teddy Bears Picnic, Kiwiana Xmas, Santa's Workshop and lots of more Xmas fun!***

Kelly Club Churton Park (Churton Park School) – 16 December – 23 December, click here for the [Activity Planner](#)

### **KELLY CLUB CHURTON PARK JAN 2022 HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES**

We will be back at all the above centres from 10 January 2022 with some Super Summer Fun days planned including; ***Summer Camp, King of the Jungle, Barnyard Games, Wheels Day plus trips to Movies - Sing 2!, Awesome Bounce, Ten Pin Bowling, Staglands and Zappo the Magician is coming to Kelly Club.!***

Kelly Club Churton Park [Activity Planner](#)

To enrol [www.kellyclub.co.nz](http://www.kellyclub.co.nz) email [churtonpark@kellyclub.co.nz](mailto:churtonpark@kellyclub.co.nz) or call 022 010 9972



## **JANUARY HOLIDAY PROGRAMME**



**Football-Wests Rugby Clubrooms, Ian Galloway park, Wilton**

**9.30am-12.30pm**

Perfect for beginners and those just wanting to have fun! Come along and improve technique, knowledge and learn more about the basic skills of "The Beautiful Game" (Football). We will focus on the core skills of control, dribbling, passing, tackling, shooting but most importantly having as much fun as possible!

Week 1 - Tues 11 Jan, Weds 12 Jan, Thurs 13 Jan

Week 2 - Tues 18 Jan, Weds 19 Jan, Thurs 20 Jan

Week 3 - Tues 25 Jan, Weds 26 Jan, Thurs 27 Jan

1 day (AM or PM) for \$36.00

3 days (AM or PM) for \$95.00

For full details and to enrol into our programmes visit [www.kellysports.co.nz](http://www.kellysports.co.nz) email [adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz](mailto:adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz) or call **04 972 7201**.

