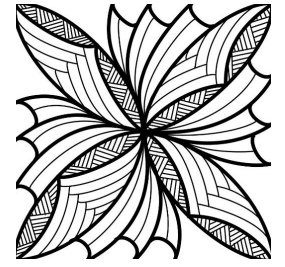


# Upper Middles and Senior Syndicate Newsletter



Term Four 2017

Kia ora, talofa, and welcome whānau,

Welcome back for Term Four! For our Year Eight students and their families, this will be their final term at St Brendan's so we hope to send them off as students that have maximised their potential, ready for an exciting journey of lifelong learning.

Term Three was incredible, with the School production a clear highlight for all. Seeing our Students shine on stage made for a fantastic performance that will be memorable for many years to come. Other highlights from the term include Dancesplash with 61 children performing at the Michael Fowler Centre, the Upper Hutt Schools' Kapa Haka Festival with 44 children at Lane Park, the Year Seven and Eight netball team competing at the AIMS games in Tauranga, as well as our day-to-day learning in the classroom. On this note, our doors are always open and we welcome you to visit our classrooms.

Nicole Banks will continue to be our Acting Principal for the remainder of the year. While Nicole is in this capacity, Emma Dobbelaar, Anna Bourke and Louise Poland will job share the teaching position in Room Five. Jess Challands will continue in Room Four. Room Four and Five work as one class, with students only assigned to a teacher for administrative purposes. The Senior Students will see learning as usual.

Inside this newsletter is information about the Upper Middles and Senior Syndicate, the school wide Behaviour Management System (BMS) and what we will be covering in Term Four.

Ngā mihi,

Jess Challands, Nicole Banks, Sara Williams, Jo Hunter, Nadene Maraku,  
Louise Poland and Emma Dobbelaar.

## Our Values

Every term, as part of our Religious Education Curriculum we focus on specific values. This term, our values are Faith and Innovation.

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## Term Four Curriculum Areas

**Social Justice Integrated Unit (Literacy - Reading and Writing, Religious Education, Physical Education and Inquiry):** We will be using the theme of Social Justice to integrate a number of our Curriculum Areas. Religious Education will be at the centre of the unit, with the other curriculum areas leading off from that.

**Mathematics (Numeracy and Strand):** This term is a revision term with topics including ratio and proportions, addition and subtraction, and multiplication and division.

**Technology:** Each Friday, students will rotate around the Syndicate and experience a different Technology strand. These strands are structural, control, food, information and communication, and biotechnology.

**Languages:** We will continue to have Spencer Shen in to teach our students Mandarin. We will also continue with Te Reo Māori .

**Tikanga Māori :** We will continue our weekly sessions with Matua Todd and Whaea Claire. A focus will be on Myths and Legends.

## Seesaw

Our Syndicate has been sharing our learning via seesaw this year. If you have not already signed up to your child's portfolio, please see your child's Teacher and they will email you the link.

Thank you to all those Parents who have already signed up and are active online. Your input and comments provide a great deal of motivation for the children. It is a great way to connect with them and be part of their learning journey.

## Senior Camp

If you are able to help with sourcing grants or other fundraising ventures for the 2018 Senior Camp, can you please see Jess Challands or email her at [jmc@stbrendans.school.nz](mailto:jmc@stbrendans.school.nz). The Year Seven and Eight camp is held at Teapot Valley Christian Camp in Nelson from Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March.

If you are wishing to put your name forward to be a Parent Helper for camp, could you please return your Police Vetting form before November 10th so selections can be made.



# Homework

Our current homework programme continues to include a variety of activities to support learning in Maths, Literacy/RE and our term concept, Social Justice. We often include Blendspace activities, particularly designed to support students in frontloading (what is coming up) rather than just practising what has already been covered. Homework goes home on a Monday and comes back on a Friday. We are very consistent in handing out homework each week, if your child is not coming home with homework, please see their class teacher.

## Year 7 & 8 Formal

The Year Seven and Eight Formal will be held on Thursday 14th December beginning at 7pm and ending with the Parent-Child Waltz at 8:30pm. The boys dress code is formal pants, a shirt with a collar and hair done nicely. The girls dress code is a dress or shirt and skirt. Remember, you do not have to spend a lot of money.

A formal invitation will come home shortly with more information.

## Staff Contacts

Our classrooms are always open and we welcome you in at anytime. If you need to talk to your child's Teacher, you can come into the classroom or contact us via email. Our addresses are below.

Please email Jess and/or Emma for communication between home and the Senior classrooms.

Jess Challands (Seniors) - [jmc@stbrendans.school.nz](mailto:jmc@stbrendans.school.nz) (All week)

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# School Wide Behaviour Management System

