



Upper Middles and Senior Syndicate Newsletter



Term One 2018

Kia Ora, Talofa, and Welcome Whānau,

Welcome back for our new School year. We hope you had a wonderful holiday with loved ones and are enjoying our Summer. We welcome our students and their families to our Syndicate, as well as the new members to our St Brendan's School family. Our classrooms are always open, so please feel free to come in and have a look around.

The Upper Middles and Senior Syndicate is made up of all the students from Years 5-8. In our Senior Syndicate (Rooms 4 & 5) we have Jess Challands (Team Leader), Nicole Banks (Deputy Principal) and Emma Dobbelaar. In our Upper Middles Syndicate (Rooms 10, 11 & 12) we have Jo Hunter (Assistant Principal), Louise Poland, Sara Williams and Nadene Maraku.

As members of the Upper Middles and Senior Syndicate, students will be supported in striving for their personal excellence. We work hard in our Syndicate and students' successes are celebrated throughout the year.

Inside this newsletter our long term plan. If you have any questions or queries, please see your child's Teacher.

Nga Mihi,

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

Our Values

Every term, as part of our Religious Education Curriculum we focus on our School values. Our School values are Faith, Love, Innovation, Courage, Excellence and Respect.



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.

Jess Challands (Seniors) - jmc@stbrendans.school.nz

Nicole Banks (Seniors) - nbanks@stbrendans.school.nz

Emma Dobbelaar (Seniors) - dobbelaar.e@stbrendans.school.nz (Thursdays and Fridays)

Nadene Maraku (Room 12) - n.maraku@stbrendans.school.nz

Sara Williams (Room 11) - s.williams@stbrendans.school.nz

Jo Hunter (Room 10) - j.hunter@stbrendans.school.nz (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday)

Louise Poland (Room 10) - poland.L@stbrendans.school.nz (Thursdays and Fridays)

P.E. Gear

It is important students are bringing their P.E. uniform every day to School. P.E. is essential for physical and mental health and wellbeing. Students are welcome to leave their P.E. gear at School during the week and take it home on Fridays.

Students are expected to come to School in their School uniform and will get changed at School. The Senior Syndicate will get changed in the Senior toilets. The Upper Middles will have the boys getting changed in Room 10, while the girls will get changed in Room 12. This will help speed up the time it takes for the Syndicates to get changed. Teachers will be outside the classrooms.

Chromebooks

A reminder devices do not need to come to School until week five (Monday 26th March). This is to allow for our cyber safety lessons to be taught.

If your child is bringing a device to School for the first time, you will need to complete the Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) which are available from the office.

Hats & Sunscreen

It is important your child is coming to School each day with their wide-brimmed School hat and wearing sunscreen during these hot summer months. Time is allocated at the start of lunchtime for students to re-apply their sunscreen. Please ensure they have their sunscreen in their bags.



Civil Defence Kits

Thank you to those families who have already brought in their civil defence kits in. If you haven't done so already, please ensure arrangements are made as a natural disaster could happen at any time.

Technicraft

Technicraft for **Rooms Four and Five only**, will be continue to be held on Wednesday afternoons. We travel to Fergusson Intermediate for specialised lessons in soft materials, hard materials, food technology, music, and/or Performing Arts. We leave St Brendan's School at 12:45pm and endeavour to return by the end of School time (2:55pm), however sometimes circumstances arise beyond our control. We appreciate your patience in waiting for us on Wednesday afternoons.

As Technicraft lessons take place in specialised rooms, students **must** have covered shoes to be able to participate. This is a Health and Safety requirement. The only acceptable covered shoes are the compulsory black school shoes with their school socks or their P.E. sneakers with a pair of sports socks.

If your child forgets their covered shoes; they will be unable to participate in Technicraft that day and will stay behind at St Brendan's School in Room 7 with work.

On Friday 9th and Friday 16th February, we will be going to Technicraft for the 9am session instead of our usual Wednesday afternoon sessions. Please ensure your child arrives before the 8:55am bell wearing their covered shoes.

Camp

We are on the countdown to our Senior Syndicate (Rooms Four and Five only) camp. We are leaving on Sunday 11th March and returning on Friday 16th March. Shortly, paperwork around camp such as medical forms, permissions etc. will come home. If you have not done so already, can you please make arrangements with the office around payment. Separate notices will come home with Year 7 and 8 students. It is important these notices are returned by Friday 2nd March.

Thank You

We are thankful to have such a wonderful community who are willing to help support our tamariki. We appreciate your continued support.

