

# St Brendan's

Catholic School

www.stbrendans.school.nz



## Welcome, nau mai, afio mai,

Dear Parents, Caregivers & Parishioners,

It is fantastic to have the opportunity to pop into different areas around the school regularly. From interacting with the Juniors during their Learning Through Play mornings, to seeing the levels of engagement with our Middle students having started their Navigator projects. From being with the Upper Middles as they establish the routines of their learning Hub, to participating with the Seniors in preparation for camp and the extra responsibilities of leadership they are so ready to fulfil this year. These are only some snapshots of the level of learning taking place at St Brendan's. Having completed the series of Cyber Safety sessions our students are now ready to be using devices at school to support their learning. We support our students to learn about safe online practices and digital citizenship. Teams across the school will be communicating the details of 2018 homework at different levels. Homework is not compulsory, but will be provided and encouraged.

Thank you to everyone who attended our recent Parent-Teacher Conferences. The St Brendan's teaching team found this process valuable in learning about your child/ren's strengths, areas of challenge, learning styles and hobbies. If you found these dates were not convenient, we encourage you to pop in to meet with your children's teacher/s.

Our Year 7-8 students are counting down to their 2018 camp experience. Thank you to those who were able to support the sausage sizzle at Trentham Memorial Park. We are delighted to share news that we have been successful with a grant application. Thank you to Kate Lamb for filing this on our behalf. As a result our senior team will not need to conduct any further fundraising to offset the costs of our 2018 camp. This will enable us to be all the more supportive of our PTF's Easter Raffle. We thank everyone for their continued support.

We warmly welcome Miss Sylvia Sun to St Brendan's school this year. During Term 1 she will generally be with us on Tuesdays. She was most impressed to find the classrooms she visited last week remembered much of their prior learning.

The St Brendan's teaching team joined the staff and Board members of other Wellington Schools at last week's Commissioning Mass at the Cathedral. This was another lovely way to be welcomed to the 2018 learning year. Three of our staff members were acknowledged for completing the Religious Education Foundation Level. Congratulations Mrs Heather Campbell, Mrs Nadene Maraku and Mrs Lindsey Dailly.

You are always very welcome to pop into the office to meet with me.

God Bless,

**Veronica Sawers, Principal**

**Issue 2 2018**

**Term 1**

**28 February 2018**

| Term 1 2018 | Dates to Note   |
|-------------|---|
| 28 Feb      | Civil Defence Kits due before 3pm                         |
| 1 Mar       | Commissioning Mass at OLOG Church 11am                    |
| 2 Mar       | Mass at OLOG 9.30am - Yrs 7 & 8 and Yrs 1 & 2             |
| 4 Mar       | Parish Picnic, noon at TMP near the children's playground |
| 9 Mar       | Mass at OLOG 9.30am - Yrs 3 & 4 and Yrs 5 & 6             |
| 9 Mar       | Early Explorers 1.55pm                                    |
| 12-16 Mar   | SENIOR CAMP & EOTC Week for the rest of the school        |
| 13 Mar      | NZEI Paid Teacher Union Meeting 1pm                       |
| 16 Mar      | Whole School Assembly—Middles                             |
| 16 Mar      | Early Explorers 1.55pm                                    |
| 17 Mar      | Parish Garage Sale at OLOG                                |
| 19 Mar      | Junior Syndicate Swimming 9am                             |
| 21 Mar      | Donations due for PTF Easter Raffle                       |
| 23 Mar      | Mass at OLOG Church - Yrs 7 & 8 and Yrs 1 & 2             |
| 26 Mar      | Junior Syndicate Swimming 9am                             |

## Catholic Character

*As we journey through Lent, a prayer for the second Sunday of Lent:*

***“E te Atua, high on the mountains you led the disciples and gave them a glimpse of the glory of your Son Jesus. Help us to walk with Jesus. Give us the courage to tackle the challenge of the unknown, knowing that you will never leave or forsake us.”***



### Stars of the Week to 23 February 2018

The following pupils have shown their Spark of God in the way they have lived our School Values!

- Rm 1:** Jack, Mason, Caitlin.
- Rm 2:** Lily, Amelia, Michael.
- Seniors:** Liam V, Michaela, Pat, Sam, Charlie, Arabella.
- Rm 6:** Connor, Tom, Iza.
- Rm 7:** Declan, Litron-Ades, Thomas.
- Rm 8:** Victoria, Robbie, Aleska.
- Rm 9:** Amelie, Aurelian.
- Rm 10:** Zack, Katie.
- Rm 11:** Leoh, Tiana, Mia.
- Rm 12:** Lachlan, John-Palid, Tommy.

## Welcome, Verbal Bouquets & Acknowledgements

### WELCOME to:

We are pleased to welcome new students: Ava & Joseph their families to St Brendan's School. We hope you enjoy your time with us and make many friends on the way. **God Bless!**

### VERBAL BOUQUETS to:

- **Muffin Break Upper Hutt** for donating 6 bike helmets & **Katy Evans** for donating a helmet to the Juniors for use during Play Based Learning.
- **Everyone who** supported recent camp fundraising - Mufti Day raised \$208 and the summer soccer BBQ raised \$368.

### Our Lady of Grace Church

[www.olvnz.org.nz](http://www.olvnz.org.nz)

Sunday Mass Time: 10.30am

### St Francis Xavier Church

Mass Times: Saturday 5.30pm and Sunday 8.30am.

## School News

### BOT WELCOME

Welcome back to all our students, teachers and families as we start a new school year and a very special welcome to our new Principal and our two new teachers. We are all very excited about this opportunity to provide a Catholic Education for all our students. Our prayers are for you to have a successful 2018 school year, both academically and spiritually, as we strive to fulfil our Vision Statement:

***We will be an inspirational Catholic school that challenges students to be the best that they can be, whilst walking hand in hand with Christ.***

We know the important role that teachers and support staff play in the lives of our students and we are proud to have the very best educators in our classrooms. You are their first teacher and together we look forward to watching young minds develop, flourish and reach their God-given potential.

As the 2018 school year journey begins, know that from the Board of Trustees, to our school Principal, teachers and staff, all will support all of our students as they continue to grow during this year.

Thank you for your support and involvement in our school community. We are looking forward to working with your family this year as we continue to sail to success at St Brendan's.

Warmest regards and God bless

Darrell Mellow  
Board Chair

### 2017 PRODUCTION DVD'S

A Limited number of these are still available from the school office, \$10 each.

### NETBALL 2018

Netball is open to boys and girls from Years 3-8. Registrations close on Thursday, 8th March 2018. Netball Registration forms were emailed with the last newsletter and can be found on the newsletter page of the school website or at the school office. Any further enquiries please contact:

Cath Mellow on 9704436 or 0274826444 or email [cath.darrell@gmail.com](mailto:cath.darrell@gmail.com).



**MOVIN' MARCH**  
5 - 29 March 2018

greater WELLINGTON  
REGIONAL COUNCIL  
Te Pahi Māhara Tairā

### MOVIN' MARCH

Next week kicks off our month-long celebration of walking and wheeling to school. Movin' March is organised by Greater Wellington Regional Council and supported by our local council. Everyone can take part - even if you live further away. There's lots of stuff for you and for your children to enjoy, more information will be shared with you during the month!

### SINGING LESSONS AT SCHOOL - PRIVATE

Do you enjoy singing and want to extend your skills? Michael Stebbings, our school choir master, takes private singing lessons here at school on a Monday (from \$17.50 per lesson). If you/your child, would like to register or find out more, please contact Michael at: [m.j.stebbing@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:m.j.stebbing@hotmail.co.uk)

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

#### REPORT AN ABSENCE

Call the office and leave a message, with your child's name and the reason on Ph 9391909 OR email—[admin@stbrendans.school.nz](mailto:admin@stbrendans.school.nz)

#### UNIFORM SUPPLIER

NZ Uniforms,  
92 High Street, Lower Hutt  
[www.nzuniforms.com](http://www.nzuniforms.com)

#### SCHOOL ASB BANKING DAY

Thursdays

#### SCHOOL LUNCHES

Wednesday - Sushi and  
Friday—Pita Pit

[www.lunchonline.co.nz](http://www.lunchonline.co.nz)

Order before 9am

[www.nzkidsfood.co.nz](http://www.nzkidsfood.co.nz)

#### ABOUT KIDZ OSCAR

Out of school care based at St Brendan's School—contact Sarah 027 616 0235

### ACTIVITIES

#### FLIPPABALL/FLOORBALL

Game times can be found on the Activation website.

## PTF News [ptf@stbrendans.school.nz](mailto:ptf@stbrendans.school.nz)

### WONDERFUL PTF

Welcome to 2018! The PTF hope you've had a wonderful start to the year and we promise to have lots of fun activities and fundraisers planned for you all this year.

In November, we will hold our biannual School Gala so we will be putting the call out very soon to our Parents, Teachers and Friends to help us run yet another successful event. We'll require help running stalls, cooking and baking, rapid fire raffles and much more on the day and leading up to this. It's a fantastic chance to meet fellow parents and really pull together for what is a well anticipated, community event. If you know already, that you'd like to put your hand up for something, please email [ptf@stbrendans.school.nz](mailto:ptf@stbrendans.school.nz) with your contact details and what you'd like to offer and we'll definitely be in touch. For everyone else, have a think about what you or YOUR friends, family and community could contribute by way of prizes, raffle donation, baking ingredients or help on the day to name a few. We'll take all the help we can get! :) Thanks for your support for our sunscreen fundraiser. All we need now is for the sun to come back!

The Easter Raffle will take place this side of Easter and we'd like to ask please for donations of Easter themed gifts and chocolates. House points for all donations!

We are on the lookout for new PTF members to join our crew. Please feel very welcome to come along (and bring a friend) to our next meeting on March 5th in the staffroom at 7pm.

### PTF MEMBERS

Mona Quinn (**President**), Katy Evans (**Secretary**), Ady Ward (**Treasurer**), Michelle Bartlett (**Communications**),  
**Other committee members:** Melanie Sim, Dave Gibson, Bridget Moen & Andrew Lincoln

*We are fundraising for school upgrades.*

**Easter RAFFLE**

**We're calling for donations please, of baskets, Easter themed stationery and gifts, chocolates and anything else Easter related.**



House points are given for every donation so bring them to school before March 21 and make sure your teacher records your house points.

