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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

In consultation with the staff, the Board of Trustees and Staff together have decided to change the structure of the Prizegiving event. As a staff and Board, we have reflected on the mission, vision and philosophy of our school, and have concluded that our current Prizegiving structure is no longer relevant and does not celebrate the success of all of the children at St Brendan's.

We are referring specifically to the Year level certificates. Currently, in each Year level there is one boy and one girl eligible for each of these areas: Sport, Cultural, The Arts, Academic Excellence and Diligence. The staff have found that the choosing of the recipients is very difficult because so many children are worthy of receiving them. They would prefer the celebration of students' achievements and successes to take place throughout the year and for all children to be acknowledged.

For this year, all of the students will be part of the end of year celebration in some way. This would include, but not exclusively, Kapa Haka, Choir, Tikanga, and Movies. We will be presenting the Christian Living awards (one per class), chosen by the children, at the end of year Mass, on the last day of school.

We would like to continue to recognise the Year 8 students with the Year 8 cups, but we are requesting your input into how we celebrate our graduates from 2018 onwards (please see the link below for the consultation survey – note this closes on 8 December).

Many thanks for your continued support.

Darrell Mellow

Board Chair

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and Staff of St Brendan's

CONSULTATION SURVEY: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/prizegivinghealth>