

ST BRENDAN'S SCHOOL

56 Palmer Crescent Heretaunga Upper Hutt
Phone 04 9391909 - website www.stbrendans.school.nz
Opened 02 February 1961

| <i>Time line</i> | <i>Details</i> |
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| 1961 | St Brendan's School opened |
| 1961 | Roll 131 pupils |
| 1961 | Sister Veronica foundation Principal |
| 1964 | Bottle Drive |
| 1964 | House converted into classroom |
| 1964 | Jumble Sale |
| 1980 | Private School became pilot for State School System |
| 1986 | 25 th Anniversary St Brendan's School 26-27 April 1986 |
| 1991 | Roll 250 pupils |

ST BRENDAN'S SCHOOL STORY

St Brendan's was founded by the Missionary Sisters of the Society of Mary SMSMs who belong to the Marist family.

1961-1971 (01 to 10 years)

The school was opened in 1961 and is situated on the corner of Palmer Crescent and Sutherland Avenue.

St Brendan's School was built on part Section No 96. Henry Churton was the original owner of New Zealand Company land order No 1043. The Crown Grant for Section No 96 was issued to James Taine.

St Brendan's School cross had been part of the original school building which had been the Catholic men's hut and chapel in Trentham Military Camp.

St Brendan's Heretaunga in Palmer Crescent by the railway corner of Sutherland Avenue opened in 1961 with a roll of 131 and Sister Veronica of the Missionary Sisters of the Society of Mary as principal. Parish priest Father Norm Pettit paid tributes to his predecessors Father Bert Harvey and Ned Cashman. Sister Josephina succeeded as principal followed by Mr J M N Booth. The school was a pilot in integrating into the state system in 1980. Mrs Judith Paulin deputy principal at Fergusson Intermediate was appointed principal in 1987. The roll in 1991 was 250.

(Reference publication Upper Hutt – the History by J A Kelleher 1991 pages 238)

Upper Hutt Leader newspaper 09 April 1964

Bottle Drive in aid of St Brendan's Home and School Association – Bootle Dravie Saturday 11th April 1964 – Morning and Afternoon Collection Brentwood Area – Tel 4630 – Dail 8/8559M – Tel 5006

(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection UH Leader newspaper 09 April 1964 Volume XXI Number 13)

Upper Hutt Leader newspaper 09 September 1964

Building Fee Waived - The Building Permit Fee for converting a house into an additional classroom for a school has been waived by Council. The St Brendan's Home & School Association had written to Council asking that the fee be waived in respect of a house in Sutherland Avenue for which application had been made for a building permit to convert the property into a classroom.

(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection UH Leader newspaper 09 September 1964 Volume XXI Number 34)

Upper Hutt Leader newspaper 02 December 1964
Jumble Sale Saturday 05 December 2 pm Silverstream Hall Main Road – St Brendan’s Home & School Association – Jumble – Cakes – Sweets - Produce
(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection UH Leader newspaper 02 December 1964 Volume XXI Number 45)

1971-1981 (10 to 20 years)

1981-1991 (20 to 30 years)

Press newspaper 20 June 1985
Anniversaries and Reunions - St Brendan’s Primary School, Heretaunga Twenty Fifth anniversary 26-27 April 1986. Former pupils and others interested may contact St Brendan’s School P O Box 47-022 Trentham.
(Reference Papers past website Press newspaper 20 June 1985 page 28)

1991-2001 (30 to 40 years)

2001-2011 (40 to 50 years)

2011-2021 (50 to 60 years)

2021-2024 (60 to 63 years)

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| <p style="text-align: center;">ST BRENDAN’S SCHOOL STAFF Principals – Teachers – Dental Nurses – Caretakers – Support Staff</p> |
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| <i>Time line</i> | <i>St Brendan’s School Staff</i> |
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| 1961 | Sister Veronica Principal 1961 |
| 0000 | Sister Josephina Principal (after Sister Veronica) 0000 |
| 1980 | Private School became pilot for State School System 1980 |
| 1980s | J M N Booth principal (after Sister Josephina) |
| 1987 | Mrs Judith Paulin Principal 1987 |
| 2023 | Veronica Sawers Principal & Jo Hunter Deputy Principal & Ange Puki Assistant Principal & Heather Campbell Teacher & Zelda Nel Teacher & Yvonne McElwain Teacher & Chris Pullan Teacher & Kathy Cutler Teacher & Frances Reilly Teacher & Teresa Millar Teacher & Sara Williams Teacher & Vanessa Smith-Graham Teacher & Sarah Chard Teacher & Rachel Thompson Release Teacher & Louise Boyle Release Teacher & Sally Van der Weele Support Coordinator & Kirsty Van Den Kerkhof Teacher & Paula Gies Teacher Aide & Titau Tufue Teacher Aide & Michelle Wos Teacher Aide & Lauren Staats Teacher Aide & Tamara Oosterkamp-Parks Teacher Aide & Amy Perkins Teacher Aide & Michael Stebbings Choir Master & Deena Sumner Office Administrator & Kari Shadwell Part Time Office Administrator & Sandra Keane Librarian & Clare Owen Accounts and Payroll Administer & Steve Keegan Caretaker |

A to Z STAFF

John Matthew Neil BOOTH principal (after Sister Josephina) circa 1980
#John Matthew Neil Booth Eketahuna school teacher & Helen Elizabeth Booth Eketahuna married 1969 Pahiatua Electoral Roll
#John Matthew N Booth 5 Miles Crescent WOA school teacher & Helen Elizabeth Booth 5 Miles Crescent WOS married 1972 Petone Electoral Roll

#John M N Booth 12 York Avenue Teacher & Helen E Booth 12 York Avenue Registered Nurse
1978 & 1981 Eastern Hutt Electoral Roll

Mrs Judith Ann PAULIN Principal 1987

#Judith Ann Paulin 3 Bathurst Street Teacher & Brian Robert Paulin 3 Bathurst Street Bank
Manager 1978 & 1981 Heretaunga Electoral Roll

SISTER VERONICA Principal 1961

SISTER JOSEPHINA Principal (after Sister Veronica) after 1961 to about 1980)

Veronica SAWERS Principal 2023

ST BRENDAN'S SCHOOL PUPILS

Time Line St Brendan's School pupils

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|------|-----------------|
| 1961 | Roll 131 pupils |
| 1991 | Roll 250 pupils |
| 1996 | Roll 246 pupils |
| 1999 | Roll 248 pupils |
| 2002 | Roll 231 pupils |
| 2006 | Roll 256 pupils |

A to Z PUPILS

St Brendan's School foundation pupils

**ST BRENDAN'S SCHOOL
Places of Interest**

Central Institute of Technology [CIT] formerly situated in Heretaunga was established in 1970 and closed

Davis Field is situated close to Trentham Military Camp. It was named after a training officer who was killed at Trentham Military Camp.

Ecclesfield Reserve was donated to the Forest and Bird Society by a family member of former owner of land Miss Ecclesfield (principal of Girls College Wellington)

General Motors Car factory was once situated in Alexander Road

Native Reserves Mawaihakona Section No 98 & No 102 is now part of the Wallaceville Estate subdivision.

New Zealand Campus of Innovation and Sport (former CIT building)

New Zealand International Campus (former CIT building)

New Zealand Police Dog Training Centre is situated in Dante Road.

Remutaka Prison was once known as Wi Tako prison

Rifle Ranges – Allen – Seddon – etc.

St Brendan's cross had been part of the original school building which had been the Catholic men's hut and chapel in Trentham Military Camp.

Streets - Palmer Crescent was named after Alexander Ernest Palmer. Alexander's (1871-1950) parents were Clara (nee Lewis) and Charles Palmer. Alexander married Lilian Mary (nee Morris 1879-1959 later West) and their son was Francis Clarence Palmer (1894-1966). The 11 May 1910 Dominion newspaper reads "Hutt County Council meeting (10 May) The road called Palmer Crescent Trentham could now be accepted as complete". The 20 July 1950 Upper Hutt Leader reads "The death occurred on Thursday last of Alexander Ernest Palmer in his 80th year at his residence Mangaroa. Born in Wellington in 1871, Mr Palmer came to Heretaunga and lived on the farm for quite a while, after which he cut up the property and roaded it. (The present Palmer Crescent is named after him)". Palmer Crescent was recorded in the Wisers NZ Post Office Directory 1955 & 1959 & 1961-1962 volumes. Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church is situated on the corner of Fergusson Drive and Palmer Crescent

Trentham Camp Golf Club established date unknown

Trentham Military Camp was a training camp for World War One and Two Service Personnel

Trentham Race Course situated in Racecourse Road

Wallaceville Animal Research Station once situated in Ward Street

Wallaceville Estate development by Malcolm Gillies

Wi Tako Scenic Reserve was named after the Maori chief Wi Tako

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| <p style="text-align: center;">ST BRENDAN'S SCHOOL Record collections and miscellaneous information</p> |
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St Brendan's School collection

- Records (to be transcribed)
- Photos (to be transcribed)

Publications

- Genealogy Resources in the Hutt Valley edited by Peggy Crawford for the Hutt Valley Group NZSG 1992
- Upper Hutt – the History by J A Kelleher 1991 pages 238
- List of Names and Places from the book Upper Hutt – the history compiled by Janet Doyle June 2005
- Faith of our Fathers – A History of St Joseph's Catholic Parish Upper Hutt by Janet Williams April 2000
- Like A Mustard Seed – The History of the Sisters of Mercy Wellington by Mary de Porres Flannigan RSM published 2009 page 225-240

Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection

- Archives 3 items
- Manuscript 2 items
- Organisation 1 item
- Photos 48 items
- Place 1 item

- Publications 139 items
- Plus other records
- Various newspaper articles and photographs by Upper Hutt Leader, Wilfred Jackson

Archives NZ Wellington Office (14 items)

- R687601 date 1988-1988 School Committee Projects St Brendan's box 36 part 1 record number 5/722 = **access open**
- R20135272 date 1961-1961 Private Primary School Wellington St Brendan's School box 438 record number 22/6 = **access open**
- R17424864 date 1980-1980 Heretaunga St Brendan's School 4.52 box 381 record number 31/3329/176 = **access open**
- R7244653 date 1977-1982 Integration of Private Schools General St Brendans Heretaunga box 3469 part number 1 record number 52/1 = **access open**
- R7247285 date 1982-1986 Integration and State Aid Primary Schools General St Brendans Heretaunga box 3652 part number 1 record number 8/1 = **access open**
- R25636083 date 1996-1996 ET 63526 17 04 1996 St Brendan's school Heretaunga Image scanned – IE35903773 effectiveness review report on website [roll 246 pupils](#)
- R25636090 date 1999-1999 ET63533 06 05 1999 St Brendan's school Heretaunga Image scanned – IE35903791 accountability review report on website [roll 248 pupils](#)
- R25636096 date 2002-2002 ET63541 25 10 2002 St Brendan's school Heretaunga mage scanned – IE35903809 Education review report on website [roll 231 pupils](#)
- R25636103 date 2006-2006 ET63549 12 05 2006 St Brendan's school Heretaunga Image scanned – IE35903831 Education review report on website [roll 256 pupils](#)
- AGQM date 1961- current St Brendan's Catholic School sources1 St Brendans Catholic website
- R1404318 date 1987-1989 Integrating Schools St Brendan's Heretaunga box 79 record number 17/3 CRO = access may be restricted
- R8827724 date unknown Report on Primary Schools Wellington St [Saint] Brendans Upper Hutt box 93 = access may be restricted
- R21562691 date 1981-1983 Staffing Individual School Files St Brendan's Heretaunga box 349 part number 1 = access restricted 2058
- R21562692 date 1984-1989 Staffing Individual School Files St Brendan's Heretaunga box 349 part number 2 = access restricted 2064

Suggested Additional Research

- Land = Section No - Street Origin - Maps – Plans – Land development
 - Buildings = School – Hall – Sheds – Baths – Dental rooms - Recreation – play grounds – sports grounds – reserves - Classrooms named after Early Settlers or other connections to Upper Hutt's heritage
 - Events and Activities = Fires – earthquakes – floods - Sports – Clubs – Camps – Outings – School banking – Red Cross Club - Reunions – Before and Afterschool care
 - Parents & Education Board - Parents teachers Association – Board of Trustees – Home & School Association – Home & School Committee – Parents helpers – Education Board Policies and Acts
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