



St Bernard's School Newsletter

23 May 2022

Term 2, Week 4

Upcoming Events

May

27 - Football Coaching

June

03 - Football Coaching

06 - Queens Birthday

08 - Scientist Visit, All Classes

08 - Central Zone Cross Country

10 - Football Coaching

17 - Football Coaching

22 - Scientist Visit, All Classes

24 - Matariki Holiday

22 - Scientist Visit, All Classes

30 - Life Education 'Harold'

July

01- Life Education 'Harold'

01 - Football Coaching

06 - Celebration of Learning

07 - Football Coaching

07 - Last Day Term 2, 3pm

08 - Teacher Only Day

2022 Term Dates

Term 2 Mon 2 May - Thurs 7 July

Term 3 Mon 25 Jul - Fri 30 Sept

Term 4 Mon 17 Oct - Fri 16 Dec

Teacher Only Day - Fri 8 July

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Principals Message

Our language of the week this week is Bahasa Indonesia. The written language uses the same script as English and the phonetics is very similar to te reo Maori. Below is a link showing Erin and Joseph saying, "Hello, how are you? My name is Erin and I am 9 years old. Thank you."

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Evv57Y6atgGqGk87ko59No45MEmm2F4o/view?usp=sharing>

Board of Trustees

Our current required number of members for our school Board is eleven. This is made up of the principal, 1 staff representative, 4 proprietors' representatives (appointed by the Cardinal) and 5 elected parent representatives. We have recently spoken to the diocese to request a reduction to the number of proprietors' representatives to bring us to a better proportion compared to our school community's size. This would mean we would then be able to reduce our elected parent representatives by one as well. If you would like to share your thoughts on this proposal with me, please do so before May 30th.

Lisa

Faith

Parish Newsletter

This week's Parish newsletter is available [here](#)

From the DRS:

Whole School Masses

Whole School Masses for the rest of this term will be Wednesday 8th June to celebrate Pentecost and Wednesday 6th July to conclude our term.

Please put these dates in your diary, we would love to see you there.

Faith Reflection

On Thursday we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension.

Acts 1:1-11. The Ascension story is a special day for two reasons. First, it answers the literal-minded questions, "What did Jesus do after Easter?" and "Where is Jesus now?" The answer is that for forty days Jesus helped his disciples understand what had happened on Good Friday and Easter. Then he returned to God. Second, the Ascension is the story of Jesus passing the baton of responsibility to his disciples. As he returned to God, Jesus instructed the disciples to pick up and continue his work. They were to be Jesus' witnesses, and they were to expect God to send the Holy Spirit to help them with the task. The "two men in white" emphasize this change when they ask why the disciples are staring into the sky. There is work to be done. So, on Ascension Day, we complete our celebration of what Jesus did and get ready to go to work as his witnesses today.

Class Programmes

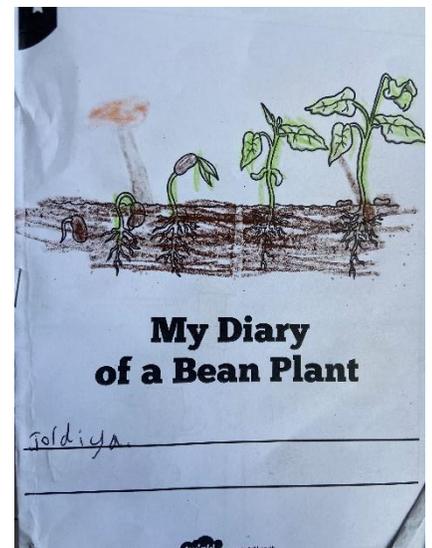
Room 1

In room one last week, we continued with our work on Jim and the Beanstalk. We orally retold the story using pictures to guide us before writing our own version. Check out some of our impressive writing!

Once upon a time there was a boy called Jim. One morning he woke up and he saw a huge leafy green beanstalk. Then he climbed up the beanstalk and saw a huge castle. A giant opened the creaky wooden door. The giant said, "You're quite safe." so Jim came in. The giant said "I used to wear glasses." so Jim went to get the giant his glasses. The giant was so excited to have new glasses. The giant wanted teeth so Jim got him his teeth. After that, the giant said. " I used to have red hair." so Jim got him his red hair. Then the giant said, "Mm fried boy, yum!" so Jim climbed down the beanstalk. The giant dropped a huge coin. The coin had a huge message. It said, Dear Jim, Thank you for the teeth and the glasses and also the lovely wig. Your friend the giant. - By Marco

Jim woke up with a giant beanstalk outside his window. He climbed the beanstalk. He saw a giant castle. A big giant opened the door. Jim got some glasses for the giant. They had golden rims. He loved them. - By Amira.

As part of our science around living things, we planted our own beans. We knew lots about how plants grow, however, one question we had was: 'Can plants can grow in the dark?' As well as planting our own individual beans, we set up a class experiment to test the different light conditions for growing our beans. One pot went in a dark cupboard, one on the windowsill and one in our hallway. We are excited to see if our plants will grow.



Room 2

Our main science focus this term is Planet Earth and Beyond. We are exploring what we can find out about our world by observing what goes on in the sky. We already know that time, the weather, gravity, bird migration, navigation, flight and space have all been discovered by looking upwards and wondering. We know the sun is a blazing hot ball of gas as are all the stars in the sky. The three wise men were led by the bright star to meet the baby Jesus. We are looking forward to discovering what we can learn by following the stars this term. Here are our pastel and dye pictures of the sun/stars.



Room 4

Last Tuesday, Room 4 experimented with bread and different toppings. They are learning all about ecosystems and the focus of this experiment is decomposers (the part of the ecosystem that provides nutrients). The children could choose up to 4 toppings to put onto their bread slices. They will observe how the bread samples change each week, hoping to see decomposing in action!



St Catherine's College Open Day

St Catherine's College has scheduled our Open Day/Night for the 8th of June. We are doing it a bit differently this year and we will have two times for families to choose from and they will need to book online for either session.

We have 2 sessions: -

2.00pm and 6.00pm

Where to book:- <https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code/293ps>

We look forward to meeting you.

St Patrick's College Open Day Tours – June 2022

Tēnā koutou katoa

It is with pleasure that I invite you to register to attend one of our Open Day Tours which are to be held on Tuesday 14 June between 10.00am to 11.30am and from 12.30pm to 2.00pm, and again on Thursday 16 June at the same times.

To make a booking please either email admin@stpats.school.nz with your request or to make a booking yourself visit the St Patrick's College website:

<https://www.stpats.school.nz>

On the front page of our website you will see a drop down menu labelled 'Enrol' and if you click on that and scroll down you will see a tab for Open Day.

Open this section and click on the Blue button – book here.

Enter your details and make your selection regarding day/time.

A reminder email will be sent closer to your booked day.

Open Day is a chance for parents to visit our College and learn about the opportunities and experiences that we offer across Years 9 to 13.

Mike Savali

TUMUAKI | RECTOR

Vacancy - Office Administrator 10 hours part time per fortnight

**Te Whanganui-a-Tara
Wellington**

PADA - Perinatal Anxiety & Depression Aotearoa, is a small not-for-profit national charity located in Johnsonville, that champions awareness and facilitates best practice in perinatal mental health and wellbeing to ensure all families have access to appropriate information and support.

We are looking for a confident, organised and reliable person to join our team. This is a part-time Fixed Term Contract until 16 December 2022, ideally 5 hours on a Wednesday, 9:30am to 2:30pm (flexible). If you have a warm and friendly can-do attitude and enjoy being part of a small team then you'll fit right in. To learn more or apply with a cover letter and CV, email Treena Cooper, General Manager - office@pada.nz.



Applications close Friday 3 Hune June 2022
pada.nz/turanga-watea-vacancies