



St Bernard's School Newsletter

05 September 2022

Term 3, Week 7

Upcoming Events

September

- 05 - ASB Sports Centre, Yrs 1-8
- 07 - Scientist Visit, All Classes
- 09 - Puppet Show, Rms 1 & 2
- 20 - Scientist Visit, All Classes
- 29 - Celebration of Learning 2pm
- 30 - Term 3 Ends, 3pm

October

- 17- Term 4 Begins 9am

2022 Term Dates

Term 3 Mon 25 Jul - Fri 30 Sept

Term 4 Mon 17 Oct - Fri 16 Dec

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Principals Message

Intermediate Information Evening

On Tuesday 20th September at 6pm, we will be holding a meeting for Year 5-7 parents to let you know how our intermediate programme is organised. Food will be provided so you can take away the worry of how to manage dinner that evening.

Celebration of Learning

Thursday 29th September is our next Celebration of Learning. Please put 2pm in your diaries so that you can come and share in the learning our students have been part of this term.

Language of the Week

Our language this week is Welsh. Wallace's Mum spent a lot of her childhood living in Wales. [Welsh](#)

Lisa

Special Character

Parish Newsletter

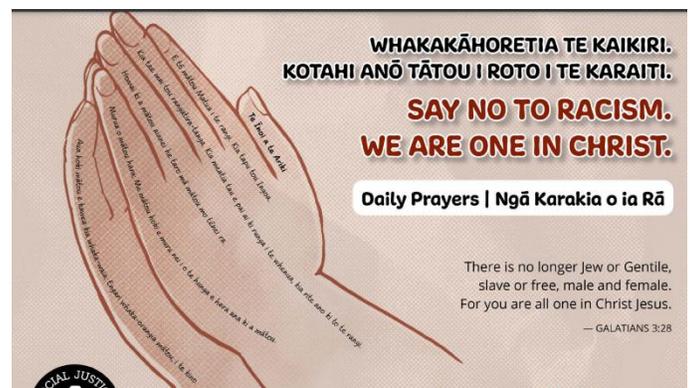
This week's Parish newsletter is available [here](#)

Social Justice Week

This week is Caritas Social Justice Week. Each class will be using the wonderful resources that Caritas have created for their theme of:

SAY NO TO RACISM. WE ARE ONE IN CHRIST.

Caritas have created a bank of daily prayers. Each day of the week the children will learn part of the Our Father in te reo Maori, as shown on the hands pictured.



Class Programmes

Room 1

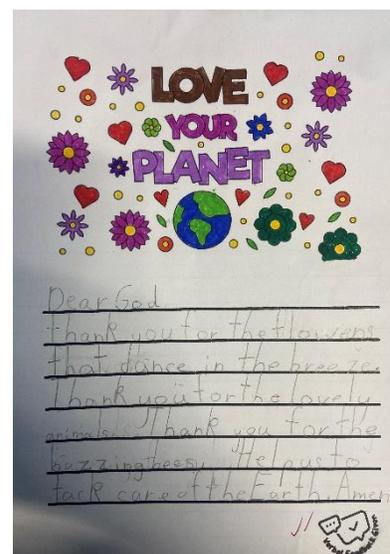
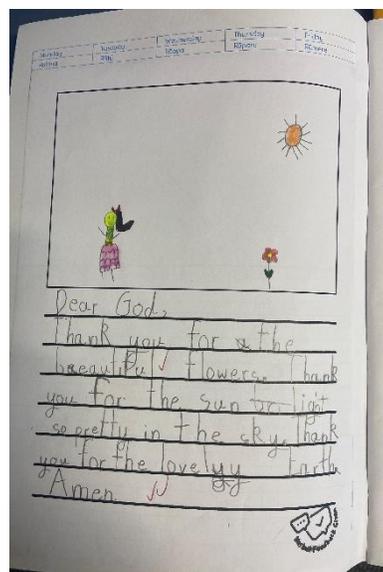
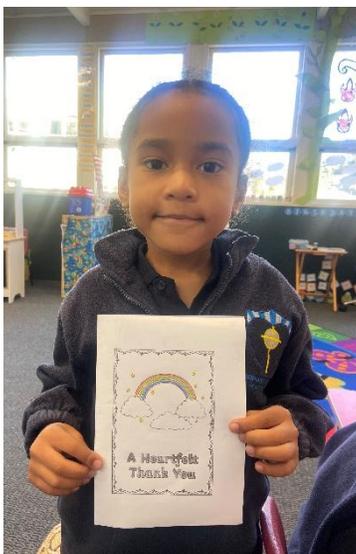
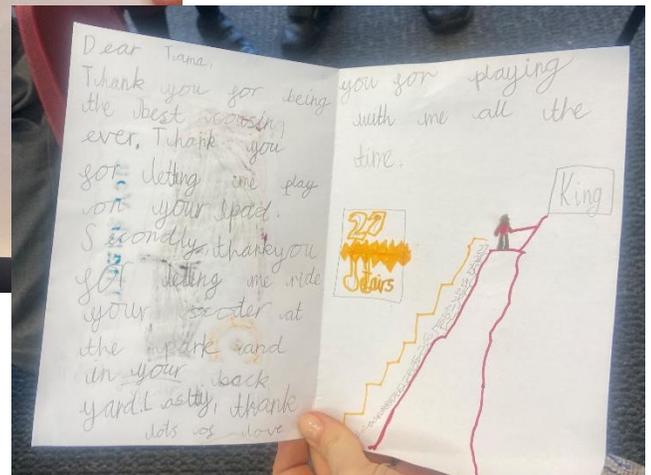
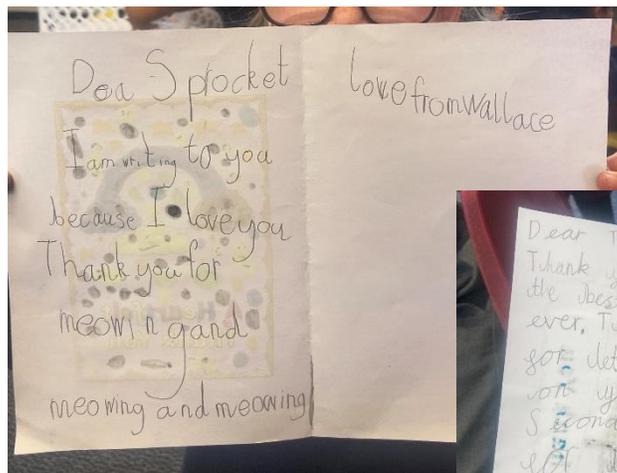
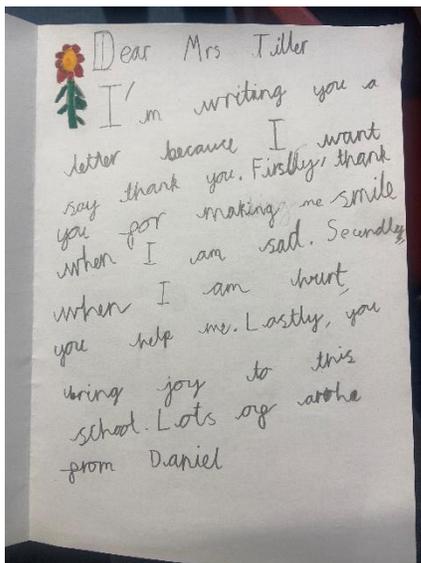
We had a wonderful onesie day on Friday. Thank you to all our generous families who helped us raise money for Wellington Free Ambulance.

On Thursday last week, it was the first of Spring and World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation.

We watched lots of video clips of Spring and thought about all the wonderful creatures and plants in our world. We wrote prayers thanking Te Atua for the gift of creation.

When learning the xylophone last week, we made links to our science learning 'What's it made out of why?', thinking about what different instruments and parts were made of metal or wood. We enjoyed playing and continued our music learning with Mrs Harper, making music about weather patterns and sounds.

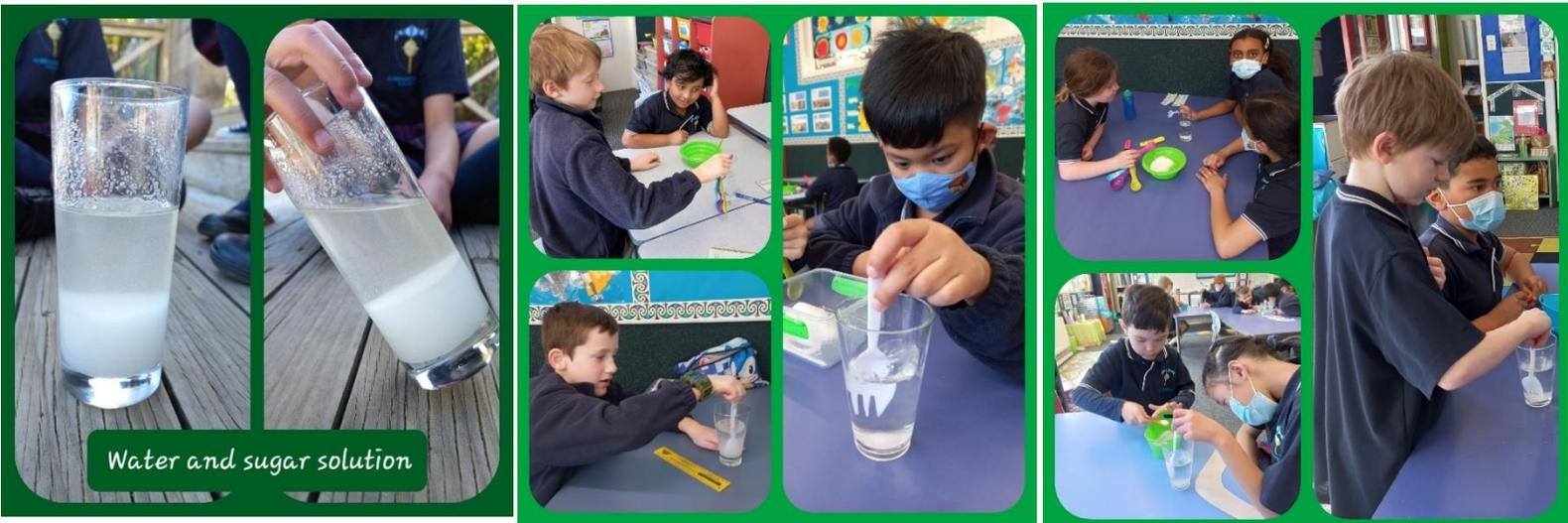
As part of our circle solutions work, we have been thinking about gratitude. We wrote thank you cards to someone special in our lives. We have learned that being thankful can help improve our well-being.





Room 2

Room 2 continues to be fascinated by science! Last week we considered whether heat changes the speed of the dissolving process when adding sugar to water. Making observations helps us to understand the world around us. It's great to compare variations to help develop an understanding of chemical and physical changes. With this experiment we learnt more about the viscosity of liquids.



Over several weeks we have been learning about the Sacrament of Penance, through the Rite of Reconciliation, and the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist. The students learnt how important it is to mend broken relationships and to seek forgiveness from our Merciful God. Unfortunately, there hasn't been a Parish Sacramental Programme this year as we are short on volunteers to co-ordinate and facilitate. If you would like your child to receive either sacrament through the Parish, please let me know.

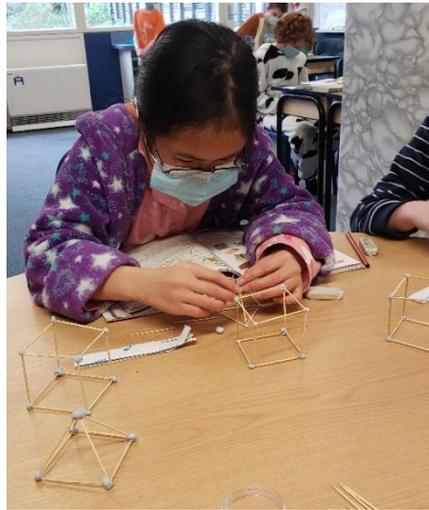
In mathematics we have been learning about fractions and making the connection between fractions, decimals and percentages. The Year 3 and Year 4 students enjoyed learning how to use our fractions dominoes to reinforce their learning.



Room 4

In Room 4 had a fun week- onesies and pyjamas to celebrate Onesie day and completing their calendar art designs that will be able to be seen at our Celebration of Learning at the end of the term.

On Friday the Year 6s constructed 3D shapes using blu-tack and toothpicks. They made 5 3D shapes - a cube, a triangular prism, a pentagonal prism, a square based pyramid and a tetrahedron. The next step was to count the number of faces and vertices to work out the number of edges of their 3D shapes.



For our Te Reo this term we have been reading Maori myths and working on activities based on the myths. Last Monday Room 4 read "Te Ika O Māui" and watched versions of this famous myth about the creation of Aotearoa. One of the activities the children worked on was to create a new waka for Māui and his brothers to continue exploring and have more adventures. The children came up with some creative, detailed waka designs.



Public Notices

Join us at Ngā Manu Nature Reserve for Conservation Week this weekend 10th – 11th September

To celebrate Conservation Week, we have a weekend full of conservation focused family fun with face painting, sausage sizzle, coffee cart, a pre-loved clothing sale fundraiser and Eel feeding at 11am and 2pm. You can also meet our cheeky birds and rare reptiles with free Expert and Ranger talks on kaka, kereru, kakariki, tuatara, geckos, skinks, ruru and dactylanthus. We're holding free demonstrations on composting, worm farming, bokashi and pest trapping. See our website <https://ngamanu.org.nz> for more info.