



# St Bernard's School Newsletter

13 March 2023

Term 1, Week 7

## Upcoming Events

### March

15 - Whole School Mass 9am

27 - 3 Way Conferences

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### April

05 - Whole School Mass 9am

06 - Term 1 Ends, 3pm

24 - Teacher Only Day

25 - Anzac Day

26 - Term 2 Begins, 9am

## 2023 Term Dates

Term 1 Thur 2 Feb Jul - Thur 6 Apr

Term 2 Wed 26 Apr - Thur 29 Jun

Term 3 Mon 17 Jul - Fri 22 Sept

Term 4 Mon 09 Oct - Tues 19 Dec

## Teacher Only Days

Mon 24 April

Fri 30 June

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## Principals Message

Being a teacher has to be one of the most rewarding jobs in the world. We get so much from seeing the lightbulb moments, from watching your children grow in confidence, for seeing them prepared for college, from sharing in their lives outside of school, from being part of a wider 'family'.

As you will have heard, primary school teachers voted to strike this Thursday. They are doing this because they want to ensure that your children, and future generations, receive the best education possible. The Ministry has presented an offer that does not go anywhere near close enough to helping us achieve that.

What do teachers want?

\*Smaller class sizes so that children get the teacher time they deserve. So many schools have classes with special educational needs children, major behaviour needs and children who have little spoken English. Large class sizes cannot give children that attention they need. You can see yourself how lucky our students are to have smaller classes but not all are so lucky.

\*Release time that is equal to that of our secondary colleagues to allow us the time to plan and prepare class programmes. (we get 1 hour a week they get one day a week) Mr Small regularly works until 9.30pm and spends every Sunday afternoon planning.

\*A wage that recognises the professionals we are, that is comparable to our secondary colleagues, and acknowledges that work we do. Yes, we have long holidays but we do work during them and the 50 plus hours a week we work during term time balances the holidays out.

**Our Board of Trustees has decided that St Bernard's will be open on Thursday** as we have two members of staff who will not be striking. **Please let us know, preferably by the end of Tuesday, if your child will be at school on Thursday.**

Teachers will be supervising children that day. They will not be providing learning programmes.

**Lisa**

## Faith

### Parish Newsletter

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

## School News

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### Easter Raffle – Mufti Day

Thank you to all those families who kindly donated Easter eggs for our raffle last Friday for mufti day, we now have lots of yummy treats to make up lots of prizes! The raffle will be drawn after Mass on Wednesday 5 April, so please ensure all money and tickets are returned by Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April.

**Raffle tickets were sent home last Monday, and extra sheets are available from the school office for those wishing to sell more.**



### Lunch Time Clubs

At lunchtimes we have opportunities for students to join lunchtime clubs. This is what is happening so far:

**Wednesday:** Floorball, led by Toby, for Year 5-8 students (maybe extended to Year 4 depending on numbers).

**Thursday:** Minecraft (Education Edition), led by Mrs Small, for Year 5- 8 students (maybe extended to Year 4 depending on numbers). If you **do not** wish your child to participate in this club, please let me know, and inform your child of your decision.

**Friday:** Garden club, led by Erin, Alna and Mason, for all age groups.

Green team, led by Alna and Natalie, for all age groups. (looking after the worm farm, recycling and other green initiatives)



**Happy Birthday** to Erin and Joshua who both celebrate their birthdays tomorrow. Erin turns 10 and Joshua will turn 9, we hope you both have wonderful, fun filled birthday's.

## Class Programmes

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### Room 1

Last week we looked at the change in season – Autumn. How the weather changes, the gardens change colour and our activities change in response to this. We went on a nature walk around the school to observe, collected autumn leaves for art work and wrote autumn poems! In maths we were solving word problems using addition and practising our skip counting in 2's, 5's and 10's. In PE we have been practising our small ball and attempting to hit a target - cricket stumps!. We are improving!



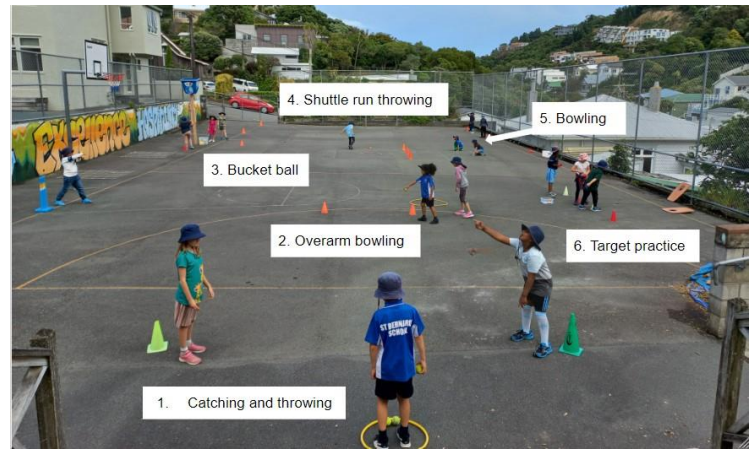
### Room 2

On Tuesday, our Year 4 - 6 students went to Central Zones Cricket. They formed two teams and played 4 games each of non-stop cricket against other schools. Developing skill, determination, stamina and good sportsmanship was evident in each of our students. Joan and Annabel's names were drawn as the recipients of the two caps given to our school by Cricket Wellington.

Thank you to our parents who provided transport: Enrino, Cesar, Kate Davidson, Kate O'Carroll and Alex Bruce. A special thank you to Kate O'Carroll and Alex Bruce who supervised and supported the two teams throughout the day.



For P.E. in Room 2 we have continued to develop small ball skills. On Friday afternoon, the students moved around stations whilst practising catching, throwing and aiming.



Last week, in their arts session with Mrs Harper, Room 2 were asked to create a tableau of the townspeople from *The Gentle Giant* book. They needed to show why the lake was important to the townspeople by showing one of the ways they use it. Then they created a ten-syllable caption to describe their tableau. Here is what they created. **Room 2 Drama**



In science, we have continued to learn about habitats of living things. Spiders were the focus for our research this week. Students drew upon prior knowledge and many non-fiction texts featuring spiders to assist with drawing a labelled diagram of a spider in its natural habitat, including a food source. The Year 3 students learnt to draw a realistic spider using step-by-step instructions.

The students also made a moving spider using string and straw. For writing, the students could choose between an informational text or a creative writing story about spiders.



## Room 4

In Room 4 the Year 6s have completed their superhero stories and they are fantastic with lots of action, baddies and superpowers in action! Below are snippets of their stories: The children will publish their stories on Class Dojo this week.

### **Alna - Super Robotic Kid**

Things changed for me when I organised a slumber party with my friends. I wanted to wait until my dad was asleep to see what was in his laboratory.

I promised my friends that so we sneaked in, but Debra Jo said, "Stop!"

We looked at her, "Come On Debra Jo we won't get caught."

"I have a plan in case we are caught," Atticus explained.

"Yeah, but isn't that the wrong thing to do?" Debra Jo asked.

### **Sam - Electrotruck**

Electrotruck transformed himself into a drone. While he was disguised as a delivery drone, Electrotruck was able to scan the city for the criminal hideout. Eventually, he found that the hideout was in a building disguised as a run-down store. There were guards inside, so Electrotruck would have to be careful. The police and Electrotruck thought it might be better to let the gang out come out by themselves. The Mars Vipers were known to be dangerous and thought they were nice and safe in their hideout. Electrotruck knew that a good way to get the Mars Vipers out would be to use a smoke bomb. It worked because the Mars Vipers came out and the police were able to arrest them. Electrotruck's powers had worked and that was the last time anyone was troubled by the Mars Vipers.

### **Clara - The Cloaker**

You would think it was very unfair that it was two against one but actually it wasn't unfair at all because the fox was TERRIBLE at fighting. I knocked him out cold one minute into the fight. While he was sprawled on the ground, Coral and I were fighting our hearts out. She was very good at sword fighting. I was lucky that I was good at dodging because she made many attempts to stab me through the arm or stomach.

We fought for what felt like forever when she somehow plucked off the bracelet that my parents bought me just before they died. She picked it off her blade and twirled it around her finger.

### **Erin - Cosmic Girl**

At 1:45 pm I received a mysterious call from Evil Elf himself.

He said, "I'd like to get an evil doughnut with extra chilli sauce and deliver it to me at Mr. Laugh's lab."

Moments later I arrived at the address and found out it was a trap. I realised Santa was hanging on top of a big pool of lava but even worse there were crocodiles waiting to bite him. I dashed into a fountain that was filled with superhero potion and turned into COSMIC GIRL!

### **Mason - Striker**

After Striker destroyed some of the aliens he had to find a way to get past the pits and craters.

The pits were large, dark and dusty. The craters were rocky and sharp with jagged edges. Striker was able to jump over the pits and run through the craters. Sometimes he had cut some parts of the craters with his claws.

### **Riley - Techno 2000**

When Techno 2000 found the ship he decided to go inside. Meanwhile, Alien Assassinator activated the formula for the nuclear bomb that was going to blow up the planet. All of a sudden, Techno 2000 barged in and powered down the nuclear bomb. Alien Assassinator and his crew saw what Techno 2000 did. Alien Assassinator hesitated before he thought about attacking Techno 2000. When Alien Assassinator hesitated, Techno 2000 was able to taser him with his hands. He also tasered the Alien Assassinator's crew. They were all unconscious and stayed like that forever.