



St Bernard's School Newsletter

04 July 2022

Term 2, Week 10

Upcoming Events

July

06 - Celebration of Learning 2pm

07 - Football Coaching

07 - Last Day Term 2, 3pm

08 - Teacher Only Day

25 - Term 3 Begins, 9am

27 - School Photos 9am

28 - Project Jonah

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

Contact Us

Office@stbernards.school.nz
www.stbernards.school.nz
Ph: 04 3899 377

Principals Message

Goodness me, this term has flown by! It has been so much fun watching the great experiences the children have had, from growing beans, to learning about Matariki, to football skills, to drumming, to movement of the moon, sun and Earth. I'm sure you will enjoy hearing about our learning at the Celebration of Learning this Wednesday afternoon.

Reports

On Thursday your child will bring home their mid-year report. While proof-reading the reports, I have been so impressed with the progress the children have made as well as how well the teachers obviously know your children. If you have any questions about the reports, please contact your child's teacher at the start of Term 3.

Special Character Review

At the start of week 2 next term, we will be joined by Zita Smith who will carry out our Special Character Review. The review looks at how we give the children opportunities to experience Jesus Christ in their lives and how we deliver the RE curriculum. She will be supported by Bernadette Murfitt who is the principal of Sacred Heart Cathedral School. You may meet Zita in the playground as she asks about your experiences at St Bernard's.

Teacher Only Day

This Friday we have a teacher only day and so school will be closed. We will be joining staff from the other 12 schools in our Kāhui Ako (Community of Learning) for some professional development on the topic of Restorative Practices.

Enjoy Childcare will be open for Friday 8 July, please see the public notices in this newsletter for more details.

Language of the Week

Our language of the week this week is Italian. This link shows Cosima saying, Hello. My name is Cosima. I am 7 years old. [Italian Greeting](#)

Lisa

Special Character

Parish Newsletter

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

Whole School Masses

Our last whole School Mass for this term will be this Wednesday 6 July to conclude our term.

Please put this date in your diary, we would love to see you there.

Today we were gifted with a taonga from the Clarke family. Saskia and Amira's nana sadly passed away last year and in her house they found an image of Catherine McAuley who was the founder of the Sisters of Mercy.

My God, look with compassion and mercy on those who are poor, and grant us grace to do all that we can for their relief and comfort.

We ask your blessing this day – in the name and for the sake of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Amen.



School Administration

Welcome to St Bernard's School!

Today we are delighted to welcome Bisi to school. Bisi turned 5 over the weekend and has joined her brother Sammy F at St Bernard's. Welcome to school Bisi!.



Celebration of Learning

This Wednesday afternoon 6 July, will be holding our Celebration of Learning. The afternoon starts at 2pm in the hall when all classes will share some of their learning from the term. After that we move into classrooms where children can share their individual learning with you. We welcome parents, caregivers, grandparents, in fact anyone who loves the children.



School Photos

Our school photos are being taken on **Wednesday 27 July at 9am** (the first week of term 3.) We will once again be doing online orders, a slip from Photolife is coming home today explaining how it works.

Photolife will then provide each child with a shoot key code and instructions a couple of weeks after the photos have been taken to enable on line orders.

If you would like a sibling photo please sign the permission slip attached to the form - Photolife will not take a sibling photo without a signed slip. Please see Katrina for spare forms.

Please make sure your child is in full uniform and wearing the correct shoes on photo day. Thank you.

Harold

Unfortunately our scheduled visit with Harold (Life Education) was postponed due to a lack of Teachers. We will be rebooked in once replacements have been found.

BOT Elections

Nomination Forms Being Sent Home This Thursday - Board of Trustee Elections

This Thursday your child will be bringing home a sealed envelope containing individually addressed nomination forms. If you would like to nominate either yourself or another person to be on the school board please fill in the form and return it to the school office, or scan and email it to office@stbernards.school.nz. **Nominations close at noon on Wednesday 3 August.** (Spare forms will also be available from the school office.)

The role of a trustee is as follows: All of New Zealand's state and state-integrated schools have a board of trustees. The board of trustees is the Crown entity responsible for the governance of the school. The board is the employer of all staff in the school and is responsible for setting the school's strategic direction in consultation with parents, staff and students, and for ensuring that its school provides a safe environment and quality education for all its students. Boards are also responsible for overseeing the management of personnel, curriculum, property, finance and administration. If you think you may like to support St Bernard's School as a trustee or would like to know more about the role, please visit www.trustee-election.co.nz/ for more information.



Happy Birthday to Sam D who turns 10 tomorrow. We also send out birthday wishes to Abe who will turn 8 next week during the school holidays. We hope you both have wonderful, fun filled birthdays.

Tots to Teens

Check out the latest issue of Tots to Teens here <https://issue2207.totstoteens.co.nz/>

Class Programmes

Room 1 & Room 2 Collaborative Matariki Wall of Remembrance

Māori traditionally greeted the first sightings of **Matariki** with expressions of grief for **those who had died** since its last appearance. During our Matariki celebration week, our two classes had one lovely afternoon sharing beautiful memories of those we knew who had died. We made glitter stars and wrote their names in the centre. We wove black panels and bright shooting stars to decorate our taonga - our wall of remembrance. Papatūānuku and Ranginui surround our whetū. Now complete, it is on display in the school hall for all to see.



Room 1

Last week, we enjoyed continuing with our space work. We investigated meteors and craters and loved observing how craters are made using our makeshift surface of the Te Marama.

In literacy, we read the book 'Aliens Love Underpants' and have been developing our skills of writing descriptively. We know that we use our senses to help us describe.

Within Religion, we have been talking about holiness. We discussed objects and places which are tapu. As part of religion, we also went on a nature walk around the school to look at objects in nature which remind us of the holiness of God.

We are loving the addition of our new trays outside our classroom which we will be using for various activities. We loved working out how to assemble them.



Room 2

Some students in Room 2 have been reviewing a potential article for the School Journal Level 2 November 2022 issue. The article is about kaitiakitanga - caring for our environment, in particular, the lizards and geckos affected by the construction of Transmission Gully. It was interesting to learn who was involved and what was done to protect these native creatures and return them to their natural habitat. As the holidays begin soon, you may like to plan a visit to Ngā Manu Nature Reserve in Waikanae, where the lizards were temporarily held.



Room 4

It was a busy week in Room 4. The children worked incredibly hard to design, construct, paint and label their 3D ecosystems. The finished ecosystem models look fantastic and you will be able to see them at our Celebration of Learning this Wednesday. The first step was choosing a cardboard base and then beginning the construction! The next step was to paint the ecosystems. This was when the ecosystem models really took shape. The children used polystyrene, branches, leaves and moss to create the natural look of their models.



Last Thursday morning, I was fortunate to visit St Catherine's College and observe two lessons. I also caught up with Isabelle, who left St Bernard's last year, and asked how she had settled in and was enjoying life at St Catherine's. Isabelle told me that her favourite subject is French!

Public Notices

Enjoy Childcare – One Day Holiday Programme Friday 8 July

Enjoy Childcare will hold a One Day Holiday Programme on Friday July 8 (teachers only day) which will take place at St Bernard's School Hall from 7.30am until 6.00pm. The main activity will be a trip to Carlucci Land at 281 Happy Valley Road, Happy Valley, Wellington and the fee is \$48 per child which includes morning tea, an entry fee to Carlucci Land, and afternoon tea. If parents want their children to join in, they can book now with Enrolmy or visit us at www.enjoychildcare.co.nz. The registration is open until 6th July 2022*.

