St Bernard's School Newsletter

27 February 2023 **Term 1, Week 5**

Upcoming Events

March

02 - Fish & Chip Evening

07 - Central Zone Cricket Yr 4-6

27 - 3 Way Conferences

28 - 3 Way Conferences

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

Assembly

Last Friday we held our first assembly of the year. The format is slightly different to those of previous years. The assemblies are going to be a chance to acknowledge how well the children are doing in different aspects of their lives.

- Each teacher will present certificates focussed on our school Mercy Values.
- We will collate how many Values cards have been awarded to each house.
- Birthdays will be celebrated.
- We will have a slot where children can share their successes outside of school. (a new belt in karate, achievement at club they belong to, a new level at gymnastics, etc)

Our next assembly will be in week 8 and parents are welcome to join us. The time will be confirmed closer to the date.

Well done to those students who were given certificates by their class teachers.

Eleanor- Compassion	Jordiya- Service	Saskia- Excellence	Joshua- Service
Michaela- Excellence	Sam- Excellence	Alna- Respect	Toby- Excellence

Cosima talked to us about her experiences as a chorista in the Anglican Cathedral choir.

Flood Relief
Thank you for the wonderful support shown for those who are suffering from the effects of cyclone Gabrielle. Here we are around our raindrop of donations. We raised a total of $302 which will be sent to The Caring Foundation.

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)

Fish and Chips Evening
This Thursday, from 5pm to 7pm, we will be holding our annual meet the teacher evening. Bring along your dinner (it doesn't have to be fish and chips) and meet the teachers and other families. During the evening each class teacher will talk you through how their class runs and what will be happening over the year.
Room 1 - 6pm, Room 2 - 6.15pm, Room 4 - 6.30pm

Paid Union Meeting
On Wednesday 1st March, all teaching staff will be attending a paid union meeting. From 1.30pm, students will be supervised by me in the school hall. If you are able to collect your child at 1.30pm that day please do so. I am conscious that work commitments make this difficult for many of you so please don't worry if you can't come earlier.

Lisa

School News

Family Contact Details
We are currently trying to ensure that all family contact details are up to date, it is important that we have accurate details on how to contact families in case of emergencies. To assist with this, we are asking that all families look over and make any required changes to the form that was sent home last week and return it to school this week. As the forms are returned the children will receive house points.
If for some reason you did not receive a copy of the Family detail form to update, please contact the school office and we will have one sent to you. Thank you to those families who have returned their forms already.
(If there are no changes to make, please return the form as it is.)

Easter Raffle – Mufti Day
This year we will once again be having an Easter raffle.
Next Friday 10 March we will hold a mufti day and ask that families donate an easter egg (1 per child or 1 large egg per family) rather than a gold coin donation. The eggs will be used as prizes and made into gift baskets for the raffle. Eggs should be dropped into the school office. Raffle tickets will be sent home next week.

Happy Birthday to Joan who turns 9 today! We hope you have wonderful, fun filled birthday.

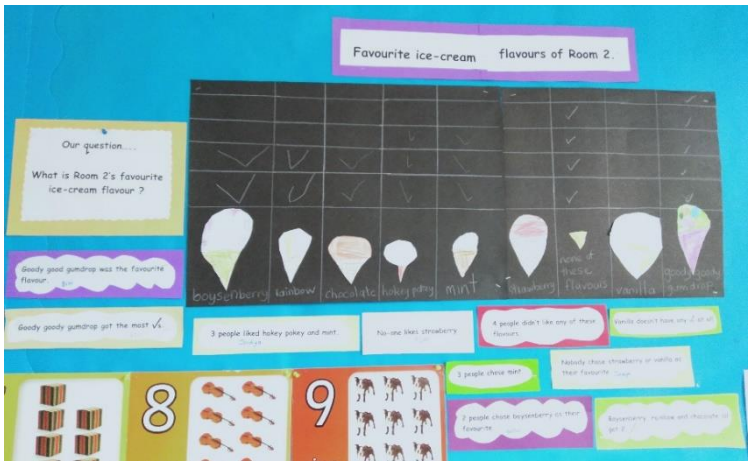
Faith

2023 Sacramental Programme
Enrolments are now open for the next Sacramental programme. The programme is open to children who are baptised into the Catholic faith and have reached Year 4 or above. For an enrolment form please contact office@wellingtonsouthcatholic.org

Parish Newsletter
This week's Parish newsletter is available **here**

Class Programmes

Room 1
Room 1 children carried out a statistical investigation in Room 2. We asked their favourite ice cream flavours, collected data, created a bar graph and interpreted the results.



We read together a big book called "Today is Monday", by Eric Carle and were inspired to start writing our own book using adjectives and alliteration. We are also interested in other books that Eric Carle has written.

On fine days we are practising our skipping skills at fitness time.

Room 2

The New Zealand Histories Curriculum is giving us insight into how settlers established life in our country. We have been developing a better understanding of the events leading up to and after 6th February 1840, learning more about Te Tiriti o Waitangi. Please ask your children to explain what they understand about Waitangi Day. Here are two examples of students' writing about our national day.

Waitangi Day took place on the 6th of February 1840. We have Waitangi Day to remember when the Treaty of Waitangi (an agreement) was signed between Māori and the British Crown. The Treaty of Waitangi was written at a time when the New Zealand Company was selling land to settlers. Māori leaders asked the British Crown for protection against the French. Both treaties were different. Māori thought they had ownership of their lands, forests and other possessions, while the English treaty said the British Crown had sovereignty over New Zealand. The Treaty of Waitangi was first signed by Māori leaders at Waitangi. Copies were taken around New Zealand. 13 women signed the treaty. There were many land wards. But one day an 80 year old woman called Dame Whina Cooper started a march with her granddaughter to parliament. Many other Māori joined them. When they got to parliament they complained about it and finally the government sorted it.
By Annabel

Waitangi Day is on 6th February. The treaty of Waitangi was signed on the 6th of February 1840 by some important British people and 40 Māori chiefs. Another 560 signed it on later dates. The treaty was signed in Waitangi. The treaty was written at a time when the New Zealand Company was selling land to settlers. The Māori people wanted protection against the French, and Māori having the same rights as the British people. Māori wanted to keep ownership of their lands, forests and other possessions. Copies were taken around New Zealand. Hone Heke was the first Māori chief to sign. Henry Williams and his son translated the treaty into Māori.
By Joshua

Another wonderful example of student writing is Saskia's retell of the gospel story "Jesus Heals the Blind Man". Her illustrated, published writing is displayed on our R.E. wall in the classroom.

Over the past four weeks, Room 2 students have been developing their small ball skills in anticipation of the Central Zones Cricket day, coming up on 7th March. The air was filled with excitement and cheer on Friday afternoon as we put those skills to the test playing non-stop cricket. Forms have been sent home requesting parent help on Tuesday, 7th March when we take the Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 students for a day of cricket. If you can assist with transport and/or supervising the students on the day, please complete the form and send it back as soon as possible.

Room 4

Our senior children have written autobiographies. They have written about their families, their hobbies, dreams and the things they like to do. In the paragraphs below Danica, Vincent and Toby write about some of the important things in their lives.

Danica

I live on Murchison Street which is in a suburb called Island Bay. Island Bay is in Wellington which is the capital city of New Zealand. My house is pink and the roof is green. My favourite place in my house is the living room because I play Roblox on my computer there. I also do my homework, read and relax there.

Vincent

Some of my favourite foods are chicken curry, butter chicken, rice and chicken adobo. I like them because they are a part of my culture and taste delicious. The recipes are really easy to make and you can find the ingredients in an asian store or Yans. I dislike fish dishes, even though the taste is nice, the fish just have too many bones. I eat Filipino food for most of my meals because it is part of my culture on my mother's side.

Toby

I love food almost as much as I love my family. Here are my top four favourite foods. Tortillas are my favourite food because I love Mexican food. However, this is ironic because I hate spicy food. Dumplings are also great but lately I have found them greasy. This makes them taste bad, but when there are not greasy they are delicious. Spring rolls are the best sometimes but decent on most days. Sandwiches are next because they are great. In the next paragraph I will tell you my recipe for making a successful sandwich.

Options Programme

Last week Natalie and Danica made cupcakes.

Toby, Logan and Vincent continued work on their windmill and made the blades move.

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