



# St Bernard's School Newsletter

09 February 2022

Term 1, Week 2

## Upcoming Events

### February

- 15 - Scientist Visit, All Classes
- 18 - Cricket Rm 1
- 21 - Zero Waste Programme
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### March

- 01 - Scientist Visit, All Classes
- 02 - Ash Wednesday
- 15 - First Aid Sessions

### April

- 04 - 3 Way Conferences (TBC)
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- 16 - Term 1 Finishes, 3pm

## 2022 Term Dates

Term 1 Thurs 3 Feb - Thurs 14 Apr

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

Welcome back everyone. It was so lovely to see all the smiling faces last week as children came enthusiastically back to school.

We welcome Miss Rachel Kriechbaum as our new Room 1 teacher. The classroom looks amazing and I'm sure the children are going to love all she has planned for them.

Unfortunately, we are still having to work within covid restrictions but I am convinced that we have the right balance and that the children will not feel negative effects to their learning. We are all working together to do the best we can and I stand by what I always say, that the best way to do things is to keep everyone calm and happy by remembering that we cannot change things so there is no point stressing about it.

**Lisa**

## Joe Green

On Sunday, St Bernard's community said farewell Joe Green at their monthly Mass. We wish Joe all the best in his new position at the St Francis of Assisi parish, based in Johnsonville.



## Meet the Teacher

In the current climate we have decided that our traditional Meet the Teacher Evening social event will not go ahead. This year, teachers will share videos through Classdojo or hold Zoom sessions. Further details will come soon. We will hold a social get together later in the year once restrictions have reduced.

### Shave for a Cure

Over the break Clara made a very honourable decision- she decided to shave her head as a fundraiser to support those with blood cancer and leukaemia, raising \$1355. So proud of you Clara!



### Schooldocs

Our school policies are kept on [www.schooldocs.co.nz](http://www.schooldocs.co.nz). If you would like to access the site here are the details:

Username: stbernards password: taft

Once on the site you can take part in current reviews which are held each term.

### Vaccinations

As you will be aware children aged 5-11 can now receive the covid vaccination. This link gives information about the vaccine in English and also has links to a variety of other languages.

<https://www.mpp.govt.nz/covid-19/covid-19-vaccination-for-children/>

### Past Pupils

It is great to hear about how well our students do when they move to college. Here are just a few who received awards last year for their efforts.

At St Catherine's, Angela was first equal in art, English, music and RE, with diligence in science and social studies. Aoife received excellence in debating. Isabella was first in English, first equal in Maths and RE and received diligence in all other areas. Rona was first in English, first equal in painting and physics and second in calculus. Mercy was first in food technology. Marianna has made us proud at St Mary's with an excellence in RE and winning the Gray Family Cup for service to others. We also heard amazing stories about those students who joined East and St Patrick's last year.



## Sun Hats

Sun hats are a compulsory part of the school uniform for Terms 1 and 4. Please check that your child still has a school sunhat and if they do not, please ensure that the missing one is replaced promptly.



## Stationery lists for 2022

These were included with your children's reports. Copies are also available on the school website and on [www.myschool.co.nz](http://www.myschool.co.nz). (Stationery can be ordered online at this site.)

***We ask that all children return to school with their full stationery order.***

The tissues you are asked to supply are made available in classrooms. This helps to reduce the risk of infections from children not using handkerchiefs. Please supply a large box of tissues.

## No Peanuts or Peanut Products at School

A small reminder that we have children in our school who are allergic to peanuts. It is important that children do not bring foods to school that contain peanuts. This includes food bars that children are bringing to school, these need to be checked for peanut content.



## Library Visits

Unfortunately under the red setting guidelines we are unable to visit the Brooklyn Library.

## School Board

The Board of Trustee has the opportunity to appoint a new member. This comes about following the resignation Kate Davidson. The Board intends to select a member from the school community. If, however, you would wish us to hold an election please inform the Mrs Small by Tuesday 8th March.

## Message from Wellington City Libraries

Kia ora St Bernard's School,

I just thought I would let you know that your children have done exceptionally well in the Wellington City Libraries Summer Reading Adventure over December 2021 and January 2022. St Bernard's School had 19 students actively participate in the Adventure – nearly half of your entire school! – and your kids were some of the most engaged across the city.

Over the summer period, students from St Bernard's School:

- Added 289 books to their reading logs
- Wrote, drew, or filmed 118 book reviews
- Completed 108 'quests' – from exploring parts of the city with their family, to interviewing a librarian, to writing their own poetry, cooking a meal for their family, and much more
- Earned 94 rewards, including badges, books, ice cream vouchers, book vouchers, stationery, and other such goodies

## Class Programmes

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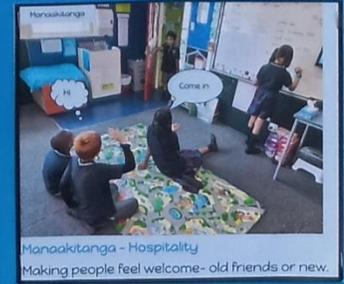
### Room 1

A warm welcome to Amira and Jordiya who joined the Room 1 whanau this term. We are so glad you have joined us girls and your smiley faces show us that you are feeling settled in already.



## Room 2

It's so lovely to be in the classroom with the gorgeous students of Room 2. Our first two days have been spent learning expectations, settling into class routines and revisiting our school values. We showed Fr Doug our new outdoor prayer area, reflected on how to show the Mercy Values in our classroom and identified our special super powers we contribute to our classroom. We learnt how an inquiry cycle can help us decide the path of our learning. We are currently learning about our nation's public holiday, Waitangi Day, by following an inquiry cycle. We are identifying questions we would like answers to. Over the coming weeks we will research the topic to better understand why New Zealanders celebrate Waitangi Day.



## Room 4

A big start of year welcome to our Room 4 children - especially the Year 8s in their last year of primary school! We are going to have a great year and show our Mercy Values to the other children, adults and visitors at St Bernard's.



## School App

Please install the school app on your phone. This is a way to keep up to date with what is happening at the school and will be how we book meeting times for parent teacher interviews.



**To download our app:** In Google Play & App Store search 'Skool Loop' & choose St Bernard's School once installed.

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