



# St Bernard's School Newsletter

07 June 2022

Term 2, Week 7

## Upcoming Events

### June

- 17 - Football Coaching
- 22 - Scientist Visit, All Classes
- 24 - Matariki Holiday
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- 30 - Life Education 'Harold'

### July

- 01 - Life Education 'Harold'
- 01 - Football Coaching
- 01 - Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser
- 06 - Celebration of Learning
- 07 - Football Coaching
- 07 - Last Day Term 2, 3pm
- 08 - Teacher Only Day

## 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*

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## Principals Message

Today we held our Cultural Day. What a fabulous day!

The children looked amazing in their traditional clothing and flag colours. We also got to try lots of new and interesting foods from all round the world. Thank you parents for your support.

We spent the day taking part in activities that celebrated lots of our cultures. Thank you to the staff for organising this.

What a wonderful school community we belong to!

**Lisa**

## Special Character

### Parish Newsletter

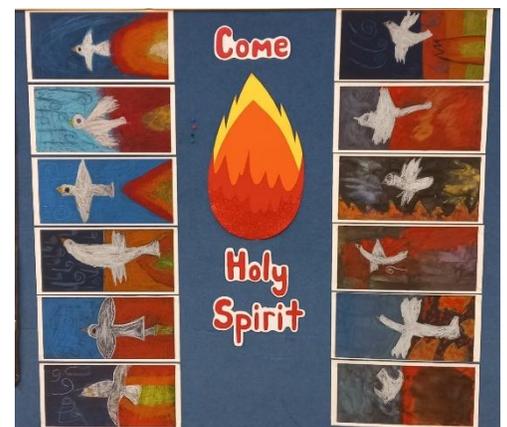
This week's Parish newsletter is available [here](#)

### Whole School Masses

Our last whole School Mass for this term will be Wednesday 6 July to conclude our term. Please put this date in your diary, we would love to see you there.

### Pentecost Mass

Last Wednesday we had our Whole School Mass celebrating the birthday of our church: Pentecost. It was lovely to have Fr Cirilo celebrate the mass and hear about his impressive 30 days of silence retreat. Fr Doug is currently on annual leave, we wish him a restful time and look forward to his return. Technical issues meant the supporting slideshow was not projected, however, thanks to Mrs Small's support the students still managed to sing the hymns beautifully.



## School Administration

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### Cross Country

Last Wednesday, Mrs Tiller took 13 students from Year 4 to 6 to the Central Zone Cross Country event. The Year 4 students ran a 1000 metre course, and the Year 5 & 6 students ran 1500 metre course. Congratulations to all the runners, we were so proud of you all on the day. Annabel and Joan both came in the top 14 of the Year 4 Central Zone Schools, a tremendous effort for their first time competing. We wish Annabel well in the upcoming Interzone Cross Country event on Tuesday (weather permitting). Joan is on standby to compete if any of the top 10 across the Central Schools are unavailable. Well done girls on your achievement to date. Thank you to Liana Kate and Deborah who helped to transport and supervise the children at the event.



## Class Programmes

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### Room 1

Last week, we continued our new science unit around space. We made predictions about the relative size of the Earth, Sun and Moon using spheres in the classroom. We learned that Te Ra is the biggest and Te Marama is the smallest. Using a coin and a paper plate, we learned that the further away something is, the smaller it appears. This is why then sun and moon look similar sizes from Earth. We loved testing this outside moving closer and further away to each other with our equipment.

In literacy, we have been learning about question stems -words such as: is, what, where, does, when, which, could, should, why and how. We have been learning to ask and punctuate questions about space. This week, we are going to do some research and write fact sentences to answer our questions.

Our beanstalks continue to grow! Please feel free to come in to the classroom and take a look at our different conditions for growing.



## Room 2

In Room 2 this week we have been learning about our Sun. Stephen, our science expert, gave us some plain plastic beads. We are learning to observe and hypothesise. We had to make predictions about what might make the beads change; heat, water, darkness, etc. Some students suggested planting them, so we ventured outside and were amazed by the instant colour change of the beads! How did this occur? The ultra-violet light from the sun changed the bead's colour. This was such a cool experiment that we went back to the classroom, waited for the beads to return to their original colour then hurried back outside to watch in amazement again. During the remainder of our science lesson we discussed ultra-violet light, the risk to humans and the ozone layer. Science is cool!

## Room 4

Last Wednesday, the Year 6s had a science session with Stephen. He brought a microscope and with the children's help, prepared three samples to look at. Room 4 conducted an experiment with yeast last week so it was a great follow up to see what yeast would look like under a microscope. Apart from yeast, there was a sample of fungi and a piece of hair! Natalie prepared one of the slides with guidance from Stephen, Vincent located the fungi and Christopher donated a strand of his hair! It was a great learning experience for the Year 6s to use a microscope and see the structure of these organisms in detail!



## Community Notices

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### Babysitting

Hi St Bernard's parents! My name is Lucy Evans and I am an ex-St Bernard's student.

I am in year 10 and I am a swimmer.

I am available for babysitting for children in Years 6 and under. Hopefully some of your children might remember me.

The days I am free are -Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays

My number is 0225198447 for any questions.

### Does your child love to sing?

Wellington Cathedral of St Paul is currently recruiting for more singers aged 8-15 to join the Cathedral Choristers.

This is a terrific way to gain a musical education and learn vocal technique from one of the foremost conductors in the country free of charge. Please see this [link](#) for more information, and this [link](#) to hear the Choristers talk about their own experience. For further information or to organise an audition, please contact Michael Stewart

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