



St Bernard's School Newsletter

29 March 2021

Term 1, Week 9

Upcoming Events

March

31 - Easter Liturgy 9am

April

01 - Teacher Only Day

02 - Good Friday

05 - Easter Monday

06 - Easter Tuesday

16 - Term 1 Finishes, 3pm

2021 Term Dates

Term 1 Thurs 4 Feb - Fri 16 Apr

Term 2 Mon 3 May - Friday 9 July

Term 3 Mon 26 Jul - Fri 01 Oct

Term 4 Mon 18 Oct - Thurs 16 Dec

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Principals Message

Learning Conferences

In the last week of term, we will be holding our Learning Conferences. These are a chance for children to share their learning goals in literacy and numeracy with you. The idea is that the conferences are led by the children, at differing levels through the ages. This links to one of our focusses in our Annual Plan to create independent, reflective learners. The goals shared will then be reflected upon and updated if necessary as part of our mid-year reports that are sent home at the end of Term 2.

Please ensure you are on time for you conference and stick to your 15- minute slot so that we can keep to the schedule set. If you wish to discuss social or behavioural matters, please arrange a separate meeting so that the focus can stay purely on learning.

We have had a busy term with a variety of activities and curriculum areas covered. It is wonderful to give the children a wide range of experiences and tap into different interests. I am happy that we are managing this whilst still maintaining our focus on developing literacy and numeracy skills, with teachers telling me how impressed they are with the progress everyone is making.

Easter Triduum

Have a lovely long break this weekend as we take time to reflect on what Jesus did for us.

On Holy Thursday- remembering the Last Supper and witnessing the washing of the feet.

On Good Friday- reflecting on the Crucifixion, a time of pain, suffering and death.

On Easter Saturday- renewing our Baptismal promises.

On Easter Sunday- Christ is Risen, we are given eternal life.



Lisa

Faith

Easter Liturgy Wednesday 9am

Come and join our school community on Thursday at 9am in the school hall where the children will be sharing the Easter liturgy they have been preparing. You are all invited to join us for morning tea following the liturgy.

Wednesday Mass

There will be no Wednesday Mass in room 3 this week as we will be celebrating Easter Liturgy in the hall.

Sacramental Programme 2021

The Wellington South Parish is preparing to celebrate the sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Eucharist by year 4 children (and older). Forms have been sent home today with instructions for enrolment.

If you would like your child to be part of this year's programme and did not receive a form, please see Katrina.

Easter Raffle

All tickets must be returned to school this week to be included in the draw.

The number of eggs we have for our raffle is growing, thank you to those families who have responded already. The eggs have been used to make up gift baskets for the raffle. Eggs should be dropped into the school office. Children will be given house points for their donations. We also need more baskets to present our prizes in. If you have a basket suitable please leave it at the school office.

The raffle will be drawn after Wednesday morning's Easter liturgy.



Learning Conferences

Learning Conferences are coming up. **They will be on Monday 12 April and Tuesday 13 April.** Children are invited to be present at the conference giving them the opportunity to share their learning goals with you.

All families should have received a notice explaining the conference purpose in more detail and giving some options for conference times. **If you have not received your notice, please contact the school office.**

Confirmed conference times will be sent home today. We have endeavoured to meet the requests of everyone we appreciate your support in accepting the appointed times. Late comers will have to accept the time slots that are left or arrange another time that is convenient for the teacher and yourself.

Each conference is for 15 minutes we ask everyone to respect this time limit. If you reach the end of the fifteen minutes and need more time the teacher will arrange an appointment at a later date.

School Accounts

School accounts have been emailed out to families.

If there are any issues with the details on your account, you did not receive one, or you would prefer a hard copy please contact Katrina in the school office.

Accounts can be paid by cash or online into the school account: 12-3141-00330613-00 please use your child/rens name as the reference. The school bank account details are also at the bottom of the invoice. (we encourage online banking if this is convenient). Many families arrange an automatic payment to ease the financial pressure. Remember that donations can be claimed as a tax deduction.

Library Visits

Please add Brooklyn library visits to your diaries and help the children remember to return their books to school on that day. Any books not returned on the class visit day will need to be returned yourselves.

Room 4: March 30



Happy Birthday to Natan who will turn 7 on Thursday. We hope you have a wonderful, fun filled birthday.

St John's Ambulance Fundraiser

On Friday 9th April, we will be having a dress up day to raise money for St John's Ambulance. Children are invited to come dressed up as doctors, nurses, paramedics or as patients with bandages, pretend cuts and bruises, etc. A gold coin donation is appreciated please.

Lost and Found

A gold necklace (costume jewelery) has been handed into the school office, if you think it may belong to you, please see Katrina.

Class Programmes

Room 1

As a way to celebrate Holy Week and remember all that Christ did for us we created stained glass windows with crosses. We spent a lot of time cutting, gluing and working together to make our creations. We love the final products. Pop into Room One to see them proudly displayed in the windows.



Room 2

These pieces of abstract art were shared at our school assembly on Friday. Erin and Zia explained how the students created them. They especially enjoyed making their artworks as they didn't have to look exactly like themselves.



Last week during prayer time we focused on saying a decade of the Rosary each day as we hosted the statue of Mary from St Bernard's Parish. It was great to have a prayerful focus leading up to Holy Week.

We are all looking forward to participating in this week's whole school liturgy on Wednesday.

Room 4

In their science lesson last week, the children made drills using an old Maori design.



For our last RE lesson, the children had to make statue poses of Jesus at different times of his life. These photos are of Jesus on the cross and at the Last Supper giving praise and thanks to God.

