



St Bernard's School Newsletter

01 August 2022

Term 3, Week 2

Upcoming Events

August

- 01 - ASB Sports Centre, Yrs 1-8
- 03 - Winter Sports Fest, Yrs 4-6
- 08 - ASB Sports Centre, Yrs 1-8
- 09 - Scientist Visit, All Classes
- 15 - ASB Sports Centre, Yrs 1-8
- 15-17 - Dental Van Onsite
- 22 - ASB Sports Centre, Yrs 1-8
- 29 - ASB Sports Centre, Yrs 1-8
- 30 - Scientist Visit, All Classes

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

Welcome to Zita Smith and Kelly Ross who will be with us this week to carry out our Special Character Review.

If you are available this afternoon at 2.40pm Zita would love to chat to some parents.

Uniform

Please, please, please ensure all items of your child's uniform are labelled with their name. Please use a vivid as biro washes off easily.

Lisa

Special Character

Religious Education Programme

For the first few weeks of this term our RE programme will continue to cover the Sacrament Strand. Room 1 will be learning about Baptism, Room 2 about the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Reconciliation and Eucharist) and Room 4 about Marriage. Later in the term we will celebrate the feast of the Assumption and start our Communion of Saints Strand.

Parish Newsletter

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

School News

BOT Elections

Nomination Forms - Board of Trustee Elections

Nomination forms were sent home with your child/ren at the end of last term in sealed individually addressed envelopes. If you would like to nominate either yourself or another person, please fill in the form and return /email it to the school office. **Nominations close at noon this Wednesday August 3rd.** (Spare forms are also available from the school office.)

The role of the 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.

Thank you!

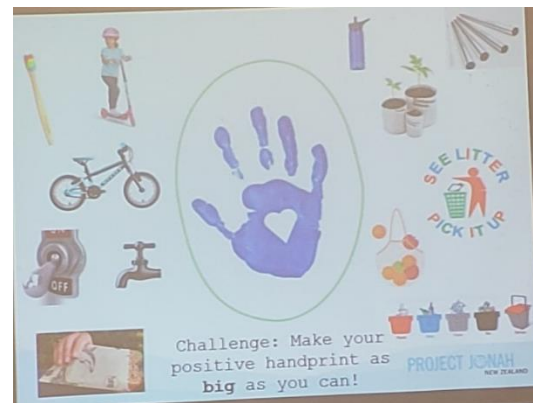
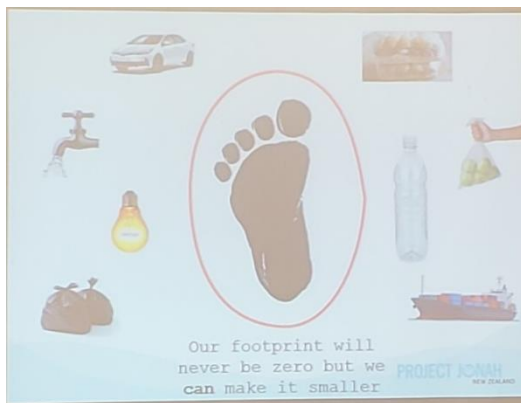
A big thank you to Damian Clarke who kindly cut up and removed a large dead tree from the upper play area last week.

Project Jonah

On Thursday we had a visit from Mina who works with Project Jonah. Mina talked to us about different types of whales – what they eat, how big they are and other interesting facts.



Mina also talked to the children about how we can reduce our carbon footprint - by producing our own 'handprint'.



Class Programmes

Room 1

We had a great start back to school this term.

We welcomed Biqiltu to Room One and love that our class is growing.

In maths last week, we were working on describing position, direction and movement. We have been learning about different types of turns: $1/4$, $1/2$ and $3/4$ as well as left and right, and forwards and backwards. We have also been describing objects as above or below. We enjoyed giving each other directions around the classroom and creating our own structures, using language to describe which shapes were above or below others.

On Wednesday, we were treated to a visit from the Jonah Protect. We learned about the many different types of dolphins and whales, especially those that can be found around New Zealand. We learned about first aid we can give to stranded animals. We know to call for help, keep the animal cool with buckets and wet sheets and always keep the blow hole clear.



In religion, we are still working on our Sacrament strand. We have been talking about the sacramental journey this week, with a focus on the rite of baptism. We know that there are many people who can help us on our sacramental journey.



Room 2

Term 3 in Room 2:

This term we will be focusing on the material world in science, learning about states of matter, chemical and physical changes, through observations, hands-on experiments and fair testing.

To expand our reading skills and strategies, we are learning about inference. In writing we will dabble in poetry, learn how to write a persuasive text and continue to develop our ideas and lengthen our writing through descriptive writing.



For mathematics, we are learning about fractions, decimals, percentages and proportions as we continue to increase our speed of recalling basic facts to 20 and times table facts.

In RE we are completing our learning within the Sacraments Strand then commencing our focus on the Communion of Saints.

Through our inquiry into the past, present and future, we will make cultural connections, learn our school pepeha and increase our understanding of our local area.

New for this term will be a weekly lesson on wellbeing. Students will learn to develop their understanding of emotions, empathy, collaborative working skills, communication skills and ethical behaviour.

Room 4

In Room 4 this term our inquiry is all about the weather. The children will research and learn about different types of weather - including storms, thunder and lightning, snow, typhoons, hurricanes and wildfires - just to name a few!

This week our writing focus was on the Water Cycle and how it works. Room 4 wrote about precipitation, evaporation, condensation, runoff and transpiration. It was a great week to start off the term and there will be lots more research and writing as the term progresses. Below are some sentences from their initial explanations of the Water Cycle:

The Water Cycle starts with the Sun's rays heating up the ocean. Evaporation takes place and the water slowly moves to make clouds.

Flynn

How the water cycle works is that the sun's rays heat up the ocean, which then causes some of the water to evaporate up into the air to make clouds.

Beatrice

The Water Cycle starts with the Sun heating up the ocean. The water evaporates and becomes water vapour.

Natalie

Marzipan Drama

On Friday your child will have come home with a flyer about drama lessons that are held in the school hall each Friday morning tea.

Joshua, who runs the sessions, will be offering a free taster session this week. If you would like your child to attend the session, please let the office know. The sessions are usually \$180 per term but with the free session this term they will be \$160. At the end of the term the group perform a play for parents that they have been working on during the term. The focus for this term will be on developing self-confidence.

