



St Bernard's School Newsletter

06 December 2021

Term 4, Week 8

Upcoming Events 2021

December

- 06 - Swimming Lessons
- 06 - Rugby Coaching
- 06 - leavers Dinner 6pm
- 08 - Leavers Mass 9am - TBC
- 13 - Swimming Lessons
- 16 - Term 4 Ends, 12.30pm

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

One of my favourite things this year has been the introduction of our intermediate programme. This term, we had a slight twist and decided to paint the fence at the top field. There has been lots of learning involved- tap your brush on the side before lifting it out so it doesn't drip, 'less is more', the lines are for you to paint inside!, painting clothes are a good idea- to name a few! Lol

Here are some photographs to show the transformation- you did a fabulous job guys! I'm very proud of you!

Lisa



Before





After



Shopping Trip

Cosima is such a generous girl. When children come to her birthday party, they donate money for charity rather than buying her presents. She then chooses a charity to donate the money to. We were lucky to be chosen as her charity again this year. On Wednesday, Cosima, Kate and I took a trip out to Kmart. It was hard to stay focused on our plan with all the amazing things to take our interest- me included. We bought a stall that we think can be a shop, an ice cream parlour, the doctor's receptionist, in fact anything we imagine it to be!



Faith

Wednesday Mass

Please come and join us at our end of year Mass this Wednesday morning at 9am in the school hall, and also celebrate our year 8 leavers.

Under the new traffic light system and mandates for schools, we do need to see proof of vaccination before you enter the hall, could you please go via the school office and show your passport to Katrina. Thank you.

Keep the Christ in Christmas

At this very busy time of year it is important that we do not forget that Christmas is about the birth of Christ. Remember to keep the Christ in Christmas.



Last Day 16 December – Come Dressed in Red and Green

Children are reminded of the school tradition of coming dressed in the Christmas colours of green and red for the last day. Find those Christmas hats, reindeer antlers etc. and get them ready for the day.

Remember school finishes at 12.30pm.



School Reports

Your children's school reports will be sent home with them next Wednesday.

Please email the office if your child did not receive one. Email: office@stbernards.school.nz

Stationery lists for 2022

These will be included with your children's reports. Copies are also available on the school website and on 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.

Thanks So Much

We really can't thank all our wonderful parents who have kindly helped with transport and supervision on various trips and visits during the year enough. Without you, a lot of these trips would not have been possible. We really appreciate the time and help you have given us. Thank you!



Happy Birthday to Annabel turns 8 next Wednesday.

We also send big birthday wishes to all those children who will celebrate their birthdays during the school holidays, Jacob, Izzy, Ethan, Riley, Danica, Michaela, Mason and Inigo. We hope you all have fun filled birthdays.

Classroom Programmes

Room 1

In Room 1, we were delighted that Cosima brought for news her wonderful book called 'The Adventures of Mittens' by Silvio Bruinsma.

The story is about Mitten's who is Wellington's most famous cat. He has over 51 thousand followers on his Facebook page; he was given a key to Wellington City, has his own song and even had an exhibition at the museum. Mittens is an amiable cat who brings joy to people as he wanders through inner-city dwellings, including the University, the post office, hairdressers, schools, and churches!

While researching about Mittens, we discovered that he is moving to Auckland. We were all very saddened by this news as we all wanted to meet him, so we decided it would be an excellent idea to write him letters to wish him all the very best on his next adventure. Here are letters from Abe and Daniel:

Dear Mittens,

I just found out you are moving to Auckland. I live in Wellington. I read your book, and I really wanted to see you at the hairdresser. Good luck.

From,
Abe

Dear Mittens,

I read your book, and I loved it. Then I found out you were going to move to Auckland. When it is not level 2, I will go to Auckland with my family and church to come and see you.

Love from,
Daniel



We also drew gorgeous pictures of Mittens to go with our letters. Here are some examples:

Mittens, travel safely. We are sure you will bring a lot of happiness into the lives of many Aucklanders. Haere rā!



Room 2



Ella and Alice, from the Science Department at Victoria University, visited our school.

We learnt the importance of thoroughly washing our hands. They said our school was by far the best school at washing hands!



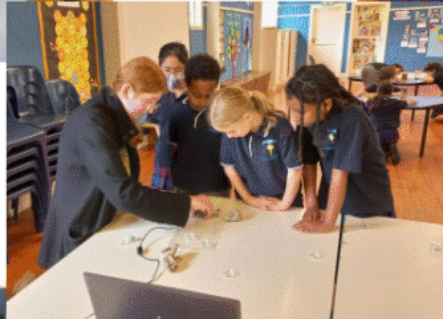
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Our
Living
World



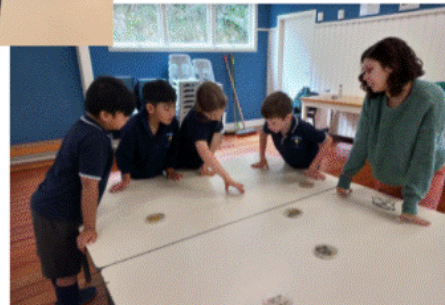
What makes
something
alive?



Our
wonderings



Good
scientists
observe



Room 2 focused on making "Superhero" costumes for art this term with Whaea Vanessa. Room 1 were invited to our Superheroes Parade where we shared what our super powers were. We loved being so creative.



Room 4

Room 4 have been practicing their lines for the Nativity. Here are some sneak peek pictures of the children acting out some of the scenes.



Toby and Greta painted a fence at the top field for Mrs Tiller. She has big plans for the area- watch this space.



Public Notices

Island Bay Youth Group - starting Feb 2022!

Are your kids in Year 7-9 at Intermediate or High School?

Are they starting at a new school next year but are keen to stay in touch with their Island Bay mates?

Come and check out the new Island Bay Youth Group!

For kids Year7+ (ages 11-16), 7-9pm Fridays fortnightly from 4 Feb. First session will be a BBQ & Bonfire Night @ Princess Bay!

Hosted by Island Bay Presbyterian Church & Catholic Parish Wellington South, and run by Youth Pastor Harry Troughton, this youth group is a chance for the young people of Island Bay to hang out, catch up with friends who are at different schools, and have loads of fun and games, in a safe and welcoming space.

All adults involved in this programme are double vaccinated and Police vetted.

For more info contact Harry on youth@ibpc.org.nz

Code Camp

Code Camp allows kids from the ages of 7-12 to develop 21st century skills in a fun and action packed environment. Develop confidence & initiative through design, creativity, solving problems, presenting & collaboration. Create games, apps.

Venue: Queen Margaret College, Thorndon

Dates: 13-16th Dec,

10th – 14th January,

17th – 21st January,

25th – 28th January.

Book Now at <https://codecamp.co.nz>