



St Bernard's School Newsletter

03 April 2023

Term 1, Week 10

Upcoming Events

April

05 - Whole School Mass 9am

06 - Term 1 Ends, 3pm

24 - Teacher Only Day

25 - Anzac Day

26 - Term 2 Begins, 9am

2023 Term Dates

Term 1 Thur 2 Feb Jul - Thur 6 Apr

Term 2 Wed 26 Apr - Thur 29 Jun

Term 3 Mon 17 Jul - Fri 22 Sept

Term 4 Mon 09 Oct - Tues 19 Dec

Teacher Only Days

Mon 24 April

Fri 30 June

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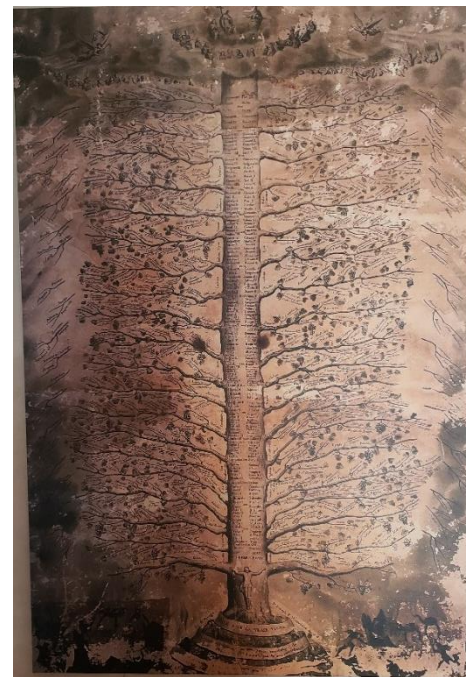
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Principals Message

Last week, I had the pleasure of being able to join 20 other Catholic primary principals on a conference in the north of the country.

On Sunday, we arrived in Pahia where we were staying. Then we caught the ferry over to Russell where, amongst other things, we visited the Pompallier Mission and were given a tour around the printery and tannery. I have so much learning that I can share with the staff and children. One thing that stood out for me was the True Vine Tree which Bishop Pompallier brought with him from France. It laid out the history of the Catholic Church. It is thought that the tree was one of the things that encouraged the Maori people to trust him. They saw that this man had an understanding of whakapapa which is a major part of Maori culture.

On Monday we walked to Waitangi and had a guided tour of the grounds. Our tour guide had grown up in the local area and was so knowledgeable about the history. I learnt about the Confederated Tribes of New Zealand which was new learning for me and got to visit the room where the writing of the Treaty was finished and stand on the ground where the Treaty was signed on the 6th of February 1840.



On Tuesday, we headed top the Hokianga where we visited Manea Footsteps of Kupe. Our tour guide was a direct descendent of Kupe, considered to be the first explorer to reach New Zealand. Such a beautiful place, steeped in Maori history. [Hokianga](#)




We extend a special congratulations to Te Kahuirere's mum, Te Aroha and Simon Tupu who were recently married.

Lisa

Faith

Easter Mass – Wednesday 9am

Please come and join us as we celebrate Easter Mass this Wednesday at 9am in the school hall.



Catholic Parish of Wellington South

In the spirit of Suzanne Aubert

We are a community of joyful disciples growing together and sharing Christ's message
Ko tātou tetahi hāpori o ngā ākonga harikoa, e whakātupu ngātahi ana, e ruia ana te karere o Hēhu Karaiti

Easter Timetable

Holy Thursday 6 April:
7pm St Francis de Sales


Good Friday 7 April:
9am St Anne's Stations of the Cross
10am St Francis Stations of the Cross

Good Friday Afternoon
Commemoration of Our Lord's Passion:
3.00pm St Anne's
3.00pm St Francis de Sales

Easter Vigil Saturday 8 April:
7.00pm St Francis de Sales

Easter Sunday Sunday 9 April:
9.00am Mass at St Anne's
10.30am Mass at St Francis de Sales
5.00pm Mass at St Anne's

This term our students have been learning about the symbols and traditions of Easter. I encourage you to take your children to Mass this Easter so they can experience the Holy Week celebrations.
This is our faith.



Pope Francis says:

"Jesus, Love incarnate, died on the cross for our sins, but God the Father raised him and made him the Lord of life and death. In Jesus, love has triumphed over hatred, mercy over sinfulness, goodness over evil, truth over falsehood, life over death."

Parish Newsletter

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

Term 2 Begins Wednesday 26 April

A reminder we have a teacher only day on Monday 24 April, we then celebrate ANZAC day on Tuesday 25 April, so School will officially open for term 2 on Wednesday 26 April at 9am.

Covid

Please be vigilant, and if your child/ren are showing any symptom's - coughing, sneezing, a headache or are just not feeling themselves, please keep them at home until they are symptom free.

Thank you so much to the families for making the great choice to isolate as soon as symptoms appeared.

What are the new COVID isolation rules in NZ?

You must self-isolate for 7 days while you recover. Day 0 is the day your symptoms started or when you tested positive, whichever came first. Your Household Contacts do not need to isolate. They should test daily for 5 days.

Easter Raffle

Thank you to all those families who have kindly donated Easter eggs for our raffle, we have lots of yummy prizes to be won! The raffle will be drawn after Mass this Wednesday 5 April, **please ensure all money and tickets are returned by tomorrow Tuesday 4th April at the latest to go into the draw.**

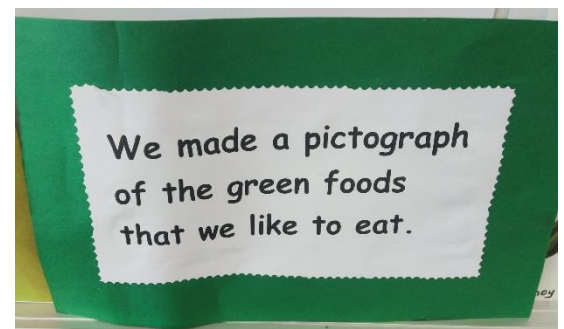
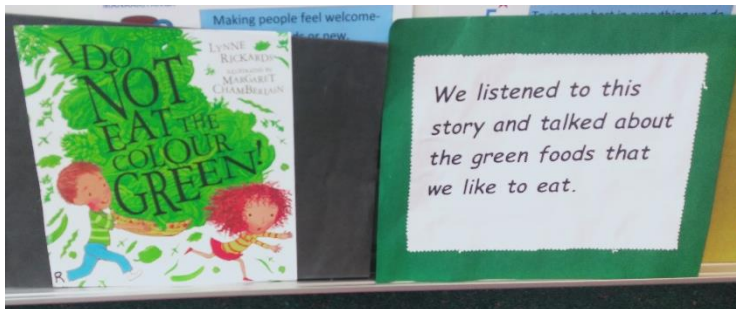


Happy Birthday to Saskia who will celebrate her birthday during the school holidays. We hope you have a wonderful, fun filled birthday.

Class Programmes

Room 1

We are keeping a close eye on our beans....2 have started to shoot, exciting!! That got us talking about eating beans, and we listened to the story "I do not Eat the color Green" By Lynne Rickards, and decided to find out what green foods Room 1 children DO eat! We made a pictograph to show the results.

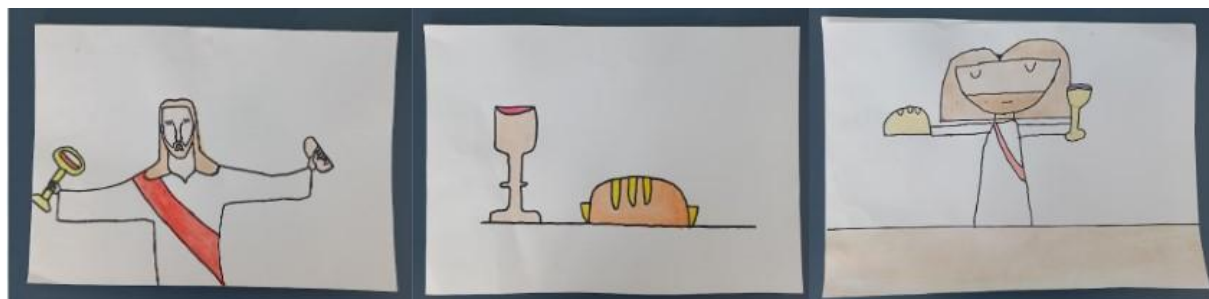


Room 2

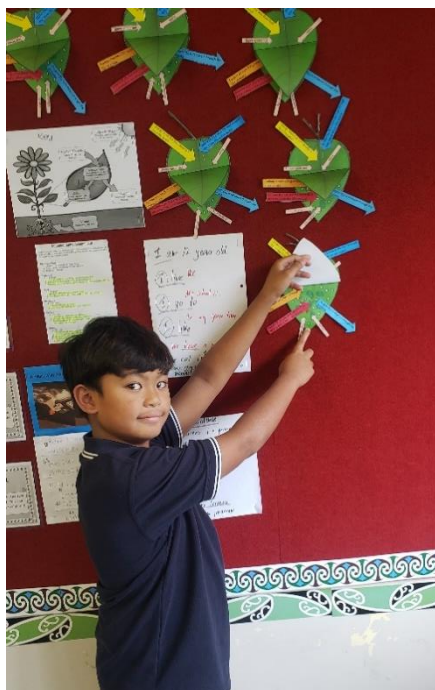
This week in pāngarau/mathematics we have been learning vocabulary and strategies for subtraction. To subtract can mean to take away, minus, how many less, the difference between, decrease or fewer. Understanding the vocabulary helps students to know which calculation to use when reading mathematical word problems and equations. They have been learning to apply partitioning, counting back and counting on strategies to solve double digit subtraction problems.

The Room 2 students have continued to publish their poems about spiders, inchworms and cicadas. Please pop into the classroom to see their poetry wall

As we head into Holy Week and prepare for our Easter Mass on Wednesday, we have been working on some artwork depicting the Last Supper. Here are a few of our paintings. Please come along to our Mass at 9am on Wednesday to see more!!

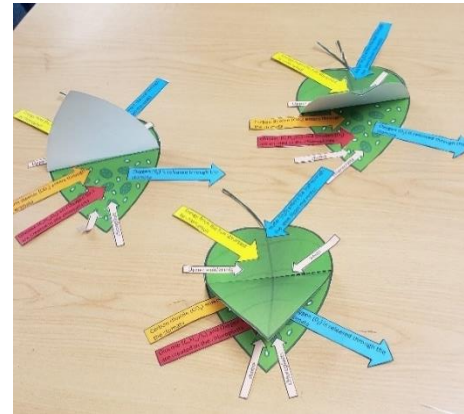
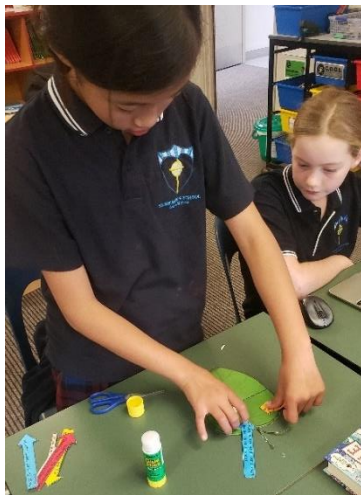


These photos are of the Palm Sunday service at Wellington Cathedral of St Paul. Cosima and her mum sung the Communion hymn. It was the first time they have sung together since Cosima joined the Choristers this year. The papier-mâché donkey was part of the procession from Parliament grounds to the Cathedral.



Room 4

This term, Room 4 has been researching plants as their inquiry. The children have been growing wildbean plants for the last 5 weeks of Lent. Room 4 learnt about photosynthesis and its importance for plants and therefore humans. Last week, the Year 6 children constructed a leaf model showing photosynthesis in action. The model has a leaf with a flap that you lift up to see the photosynthesis process. The outer layer of the leaf model has 4 arrows showing two parts of a leaf (upper epidermis and veins) and energy being absorbed from the sun, as well as water entering the leaf. The inside flap of the leaf model shows carbon dioxide entering the leaf through the stomata and glucose forming inside chloroplasts (little oval shapes that are part of the inside of a leaf). One more arrow shows oxygen released by the leaf into the air - which we are grateful for!



College News

Introducing the head and deputy head girls from St Catherine's.

Kia ora, I am Ella, and I am the head girl of St Catherine's for 2023.



I take great pride in this role and I am so grateful to have the opportunity to serve the school I have been a part of for the past 4 years. I am very passionate about continuing to grow our school's values of mercy, love and community. This year, myself and the rest of our leadership team are committed to giving our students the most fun and exciting year possible! Throughout my time at St Catherine's College, I have felt the support of my school community in everything- from academics to sports and other school activities. I hope to continue this positive environment and uplift all of our students to achieve their full potential while having a great time doing it.

Finally, I want to thank the students, staff and whānau for your continued support of all our students.

Please continue to be kind and share your love for our special little school!

Kia Ora! I'm Maia Bouras, Deputy Head Student for 2023!



Over the last four years, I have been immersed in this wonderful community full of love and support, which has inspired me to want to step up and be a leader for our school this year. I've taken part in many of the opportunities and initiatives that we offer, including being in the environment group, debating in my junior years, mercy crew, representing the school in swim sports, and much more.

For me, SCC is really special because it is so much more than just a school. It's such a unique, diverse, and loving community that allows each student to be supported on their journey. I hope this year to foster our values of mercy and wisdom, encourage each student to work towards their goals, and give back to the community that has given me so much.

Tots to Teens

View their latest publication here <https://issue2304.totstoteens.co.nz/>



Circus School Holiday Programme!

The Circus Hub in Wellington offer circus classes that are fun, exciting and challenging. Skills taught include aerial silks, trapeze, acrobatics, juggling and more! A great activity to develop coordination, perseverance, creativity and confidence. For ages 5-15 years.

We also run classes for all ages preschool to adults.
Bookings essential, book online today at www.circus.org.nz

FUN Sticks

FUN Sticks is an 8-week hockey programme designed for children aged 5-6 years (school Years 1 & 2)

2023 FUN Sticks will focus on individuals' movement and motor skill development, helping build a young person's physical literacy and preparing them for sport. Hockey skills will be taught through fun, games-based activities.

Where:

FUN Sticks is run at the following locations across Wellington,

- National Hockey Stadium (NHS), Wellington = 10:00 am – 11:00 am – Saturday starting 6th May
- Hutt (Fraser Park) - 10:00 am – 11:00 am Saturday starting 6th May
- Porirua (Elsdon Park) – 3:45pm – 4:45 pm – Tuesday 9th May
- Kelburn (Kelburn Normal School) – 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm – Tuesday 9th

The cost for the 8-week programme is \$50.

Register using the following link for the Player registration system PlayHQ

<https://www.playhq.com/hockey-new-zealand/register/5a8236>

Please contact Regan Fricker, Development Officer (Umpires) regan@wellingtonhockey.org.nz if you have any questions.

If your child loves doing cartwheels, handstands, trampolining, flips, dancing, or parkour, then they will thrive at Bigair Gym!

Bigair Gym classes are excellent for fun, focus and fitness! Children learn new skills and develop personal confidence and self-achievement! Strong focus is given to safety and technique, ranging from fundamentals to advanced skills. The structured classes follow a Bigair Badge Programme, which creates focused learning, and allows children to achieve and feel personal progression! Bigair classes include **GYMNASTICS, TRAMPOLINING, TUMBLING, FREE RUNNING** (that's parkour with flips) & **CHEERLEADING!** Inquire about Bigair **BIRTHDAY PARTIES** too!

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