



# St Bernard's School Newsletter

29 August 2022

Term 3, Week 6

## Upcoming Events

### August

- 29 - ASB Sports Centre, Yrs 1-8
- 30 - Scientist Visit, All Classes

### September

- 02 - Onsie Day
- 05 - ASB Sports Centre, Yrs 1-8
- 07 - Scientist Visit, All Classes
- 20 - Scientist Visit, All Classes
- 29 - Celebration of Learning 2pm
- 30 - Term 3 Ends, 3pm

## 2022 Term Dates

Term 3 Mon 25 Jul - Fri 30 Sept

Term 4 Mon 17 Oct - Fri 16 Dec

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## Principals Message

### Reverse evacuation

Each term we hold fire and earthquake drills. There may be an occasion however when evacuating isn't the best choice. This is what we call a reverse evacuation. These happen when we are notified by the police or other agency that there may be a danger in the local area.

Last week each class had a chat about this and had a little practice by themselves. This week we will hold a whole school drill. We have kept discussions and details at a minimum so as not to worry the children, especially when it is something we are unlikely to ever have to do. Ask your child what their class does in the situation and if you want more details please speak to me but for obvious reasons we cannot publish our procedures.

### Sausage Sizzle

Thanks to all who helped out on Sunday at our Bunnings sausage sizzle. We raised \$466 towards funding our senior camp.



## Language of the Week

Our language this week is German. Saskia and Amira's maternal grandfather (Gumps) has German heritage. [German](#)

Lisa

## Special Character

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### Parish Newsletter

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

During whole-school prayers this week, the children will hear the story of The Ten Lepers. The message behind the reading is that of being thankful for what we receive.

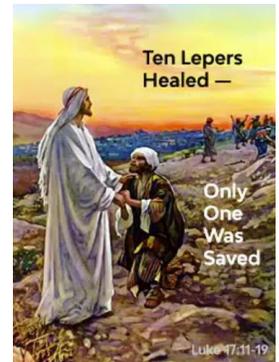
*Luke 47:11-19*

*Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. Traveling from Galilee to Samaria, he came into a small town. Ten men met him there. These men did not come close to Jesus, because they all had a harmful skin disease. But they called to him, "Jesus! Master! Please help us!"*

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*When Jesus saw the men, he said, "Go and show yourselves to the priests."*

*While the ten men were going, they were healed. When one of them saw that he was healed, he went back to Jesus. He praised God in a loud voice. Then he bowed down at Jesus' feet and thanked him. (This man was a Samaritan.) Jesus asked, "Ten men were healed; where are the other nine? Is this Samaritan the only one who came back to thank God?" Then Jesus said to him, "Stand up and go on your way. You were healed because you believed."*



## School Administration

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### Onsie Day – Friday 2 September

This coming Friday we will be having a 'Onsie Day' to help raise money for Wellington Free Ambulance. **Wear your favourite onsie or pajamas** and bring a gold coin donation! See you all in your onsie on Friday!



### Term Dates for 2023

Term 1: Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April (6<sup>th</sup> Feb Waitangi Day holiday)

Term 2: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April- Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June (25<sup>th</sup> April ANZAC public holiday, 5<sup>th</sup> June Queen's birthday public holiday, 30<sup>th</sup> June is a teacher only day)

Term 3: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September

Term 4: Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December (23<sup>rd</sup> October Labour Day public holiday)



**Happy Birthday** to Danny who turns 7 today and to Marco who turns 7 tomorrow, we hope you both have wonderful, fun filled birthdays.

## Class Programmes

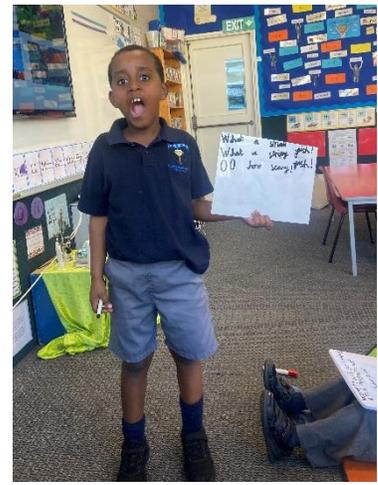
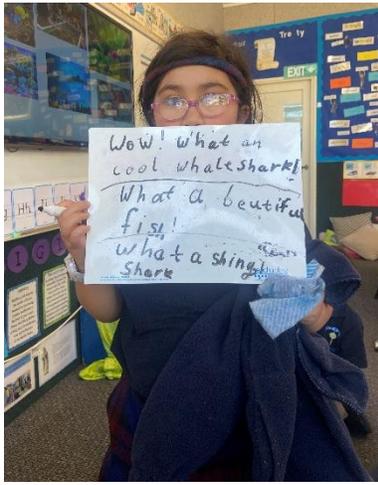
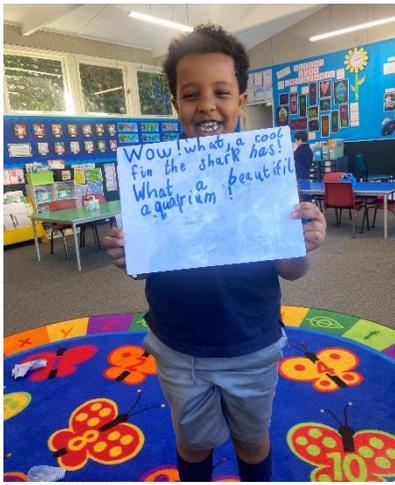
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### Room 1

Last week, we started looking at fractions in maths. We know that a fraction is a part of a whole. We have been learning about the importance of equal size groups and splits when looking at halving shapes, numbers and groups. You could help us at home by asking us to split objects into equal groups, starting with halves and moving to quarters and thirds or even folding paper into halves or quarters! How many equal folds can you make on a piece of paper?

Last week, we were also visited by Angela Swan from Canterbury University who led us in some whole class and small group reading activities, designed around the Better Start Literacy Approach, which we are starting to use in Room One. We enjoyed sharing our knowledge of segmenting and blending words.

In writing this week, we have been looking at exclamation sentences and exclamation marks. We looked at pictures from an aquarium, like the one from the book "Leo and the Octopus" and wrote some of our own exclamation sentences.



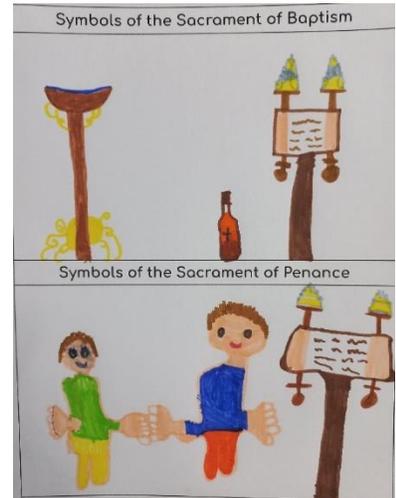
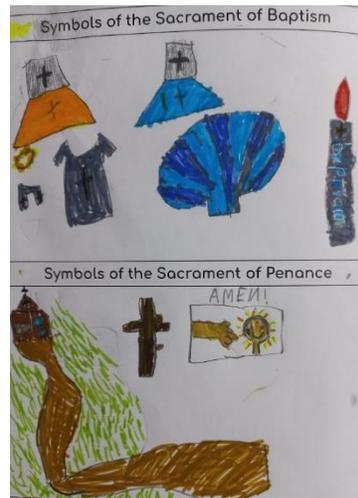
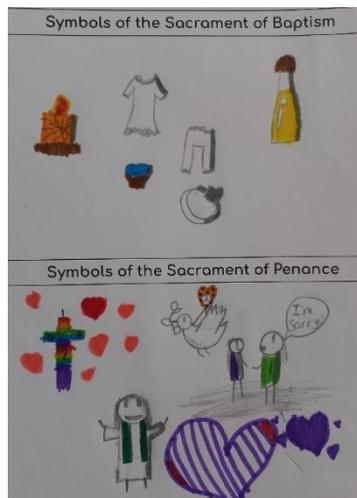
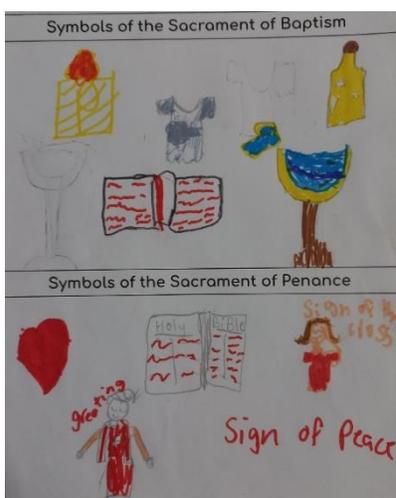
Wallace came to school with a special present for Room One: a box of new glue sticks. We are so grateful to Wallace and her family.



### Room 2

In Room 2 this week we carried out a few science experiments to develop a better understanding of viscosity. By creating a drink using ice, orange juice, food colouring and cordial syrup we learnt the more particles in the liquid the heavier it is. The reason why some liquids won't mix is because of the weight and density. Stephen demonstrated how particles for viscous liquids move. We learnt that ice crystals occupy more space than other types of solids as water expands when it is frozen.

Continuing our focus of the Sacraments Strand in R.E. we have been learning what rituals are and their associated symbols. We identified the parallels between everyday rituals, celebrations, symbols and those of the Sacraments of Baptism and Reconciliation. This coming week we will be learning about the various parts of the Mass, identifying the rituals and symbols of the Sacrament of Eucharist.



On Friday a new whāriki/mat arrived for Room 2. Thank you, Mrs Small! As you can see, we love it! The whāriki enhances the warm, inviting classroom. We welcome our whānau to visit our classroom to see the work we are proud of displayed on the walls.

### Room 4

Last Tuesday, our science advisor Stephen Williams was back in Room 4. Stephen helped us to run the cloud in a bottle experiment. This experiment shows how air particles (including water vapour) move around in the atmosphere to create clouds. The air temperature is the key factor here, causing air particles to cool down and condense into clouds or warm up and evaporate. Stephen used his super- strength air pump to create the air pressure needed to form the cloud in the bottle. Beatrice attempted to tip the cloud out of the bottle! Room 4 also acted out this process, as the air particles condensing in a big group or being separated depending on the air temperature!



Last Friday was National Poetry Day. Room 4 were given a variety of poetry examples and used them to create some poems of their own. Here are two examples, one by Danica and one by Flynn.

#### **"Cherry" by Danica**

Cherry

A green leaf and a red body.

It is smooth and bumpy.

It is delicious.

It's a treat to eat!

#### **"A Policeman" by Flynn**

A policeman is blue

He is all seasons round

In a police station

He is sunny

A policeman is in a blue uniform

In a white police car

He is in Brooklyn Nine - Nine

A warm doughnut!

On Friday our Year 8s created an obstacle course relay for Room 1 in the school hall. It was perfect timing as it was another cold, wet lunchtime! The Yr 8s designed an obstacle course and split them into teams. The children raced against each other and had a lot of fun using the moon hoopers! Ka Pai to our Year 8 House leaders for showing some great tuakana - teina in action!



## Public Notices

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### **E Waste Collection**

Have a spring clean this week! There is an EWaste collection next Saturday 3 September at St Catherine's College, Kilbirnie, 9am - 2 pm. \$2 - \$10 charged per item. No whiteware or CRT TVs.

Further information on attached price list. [Click here](#)