



St Bernard's School Newsletter

28 March 2022

Term 1, Week 9

Upcoming Events

April

- 04 - 3 Way Conferences
- 05 - 3 Way Conferences
- 13 - Whole School Mass
- 14 - Term 1 Finishes, 3pm

May

- 02 - Term 2 Begins, 9am
- 06 - Football Coaching
- 13 - Football Coaching
- 20 - Football Coaching
- 27 - Football Coaching

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

As you will be aware, last week, the government announced changes to Covid restrictions. As of the 25th of March, indoor capacities increased to 200. From April 4th, mandates for vaccination requirements will be removed. Mask wearing for children Year 4 and above and for all adults in school still remains a mandated requirement.

We will maintain our current procedures at school with parents picking up and dropping off from the gate. We will review this over the Easter break once we have a better idea of infection rates in Wellington. We currently have 7 children who are infected and 1 isolating. Thankfully, Mrs Tiller returned to school today. I know the children and staff have really missed her.

Learning Conferences

As you know, next Monday and Tuesday we will be holding our learning conferences. This is an opportunity for your children to share their literacy and numeracy goals with you. Siblings are asked to wait in the library rather than attend each other's conferences. Please wear a mask for the conferences which will be held in person in the classrooms.

Bookings for meetings will be through our school app. The app can be found in the Appstore or GooglePlay and is called Skoolloop. If you have difficulty accessing the app, please contact the office.

For instructions on how to book please [click here](#)

Each time slot is for 15 minutes. Please ensure you are on time so that meetings don't get behind schedule.

These meetings are purely for learning goals. If you have concerns about other areas of your child's schooling, please arrange a separate time.

Lisa

Faith

Parish Newsletter

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

School news

Missing Polar Fleeces

There are a number of children with missing polar fleeces. Could everyone please check to ensure their child has not accidentally brought another child's fleece home with them, and that all fleeces are clearly named so we can easily identify and return them. Thank you.



Library Visits

Unfortunately, under the red setting guidelines we are unable to visit the Brooklyn Library. During this time if you would like your child to borrow extra books from the school library, please let us know. The children are allowed to change their books daily at lunchtimes all year round.



Happy Birthday to Natan who turns 8 on Friday, we hope you have a wonderful, fun filled birthday.

Class Programmes

Room 1

We had a lovely week in Room One last week.

In literacy, we continued with our work on the book, 'The Sea Saw' and wrote thank you letters to the sea thanking it for looking after Sofia's lost bear. We also learned about the prefix un- and how this makes the opposite meaning of a word. In math's, we are all learning different addition strategies to help us when adding different size numbers.

In RE, we discussed how we can show love to one other and the different ways we receive love. We also learned that God's greatest gift to us is Jesus.

In art, we loved making our very own puppets. We really enjoyed role-playing with our puppets.



Room 2

Last week, Room 2 did some research into penguins as a follow on from their sea week work the previous week. They then recorded their findings in Google slide presentations.

Penguin eats:

Penguins like to eat small fish and some squid and lantern fish.



What It Eats

The little blue penguin's diet contains fish, krill and squid. Its favourite fish is sardines and anchovies.



Cool fact

They gather in very large colonies with thousands of penguins. The female lays one egg. They don't build nests. The egg is kept warm on their feet. The male and female take turns holding the egg on their feet.

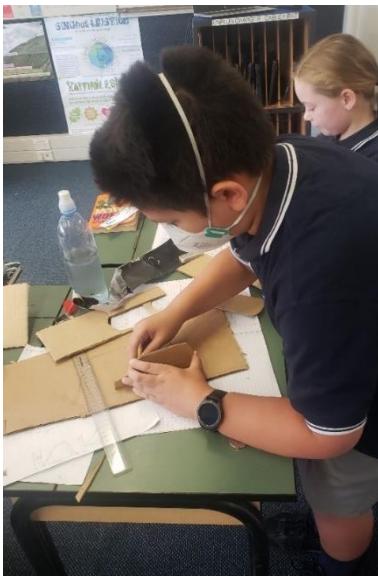
What It Looks Like

It is the smallest penguin. It is only 15 inches, which is a bit bigger than a ruler. It only weighs as much as two blocks of butter. It has blue/grey eyes and a black beak.



Room 4

Last Tuesday, Room 4 had another session with our science advisor Stephen Williams. The focus was explaining the forces acting on a balloon-powered cardboard car. Once Room 4 had discussed the science involved and drawn diagrams, it was down to designing and making their prototypes!



Intermediate

This week, Mrs Harper taught the children how to make pizza scrolls. They must have been delicious as no one shared with a hungry principal this week!



Public Notices

Thinking of playing Rugby ...

Looking for a winter sport for your children? Come and join the **Wellington Rugby Football Club "Axeman"**.

We have excellent facilities and are centrally located on the edge of the town belt above Hataitai.

We are steeped in almost 150 years of history and pride ourselves on our community and our family friendly culture.

The Junior Club caters for pre-school ripper through to year 8 tackle and our qualified coaches focus on building team skills, improving confidence and giving kids (and the parents) the opportunity to have a lot of fun!

The season gets underway in April 2022 so please register by picking on the link below

[Wellington Football Club-Wellington Football Club \(sporty.co.nz\)](http://Wellington Football Club-Wellington Football Club (sporty.co.nz))

Vaccination Clinic – Unichem Pharmacy Brooklyn, Friday 1 April

Most people will know earlier this year the Ministry of Health made COVID19 vaccinations available for our tamariki aged 6-12.

With the widespread outbreak of omicron, to help in the effort of getting our community vaccinated our pharmacy has been set up as a vaccination site. We acknowledge that we live in wonderful Aotearoa where we have access to full information and choice and we know everyone will not choose to get their children vaccinated.

We would like to extend an offer to St Bernard's School, we thought we could create a clinic type of scenario this coming Friday the 1st of April from 3pm-5.30pm especially for your children to be vaccinated if they are eligible, well and everyone is consenting.

If you would like to make a booking for your child please give the pharmacy a call on 049396631 and we will make an appointment OR you can email us at unichembrooklynpharmacy@gmail.com. It will be a good opportunity to watch our children over their weekend as an added peace of mind factor like we all do after any vaccinations.