



St Bernard's School Newsletter

19 September 2022

Term 3, Week 9

Upcoming Events

September

- 20 - Scientist Visit, All Classes
- 20 - Intermediate Info Night 6pm
- 26 - Queens Memorial, Public Hol
- 29 - Celebration of Learning 2pm
- 30 - Term 3 Ends, 3pm

October

- 17- Term 4 Begins 9am
- 17 - Swimming Lessons Begin
- 24 - Labour Day

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

Ahoy, me Hearties! Today is International Talk Like a Pirate Day- yes there really is such a thing!

A few years ago, we did a production called Pirates Versus Mermaids so we brought out the costumes for a bit of fun. Some classes will be doing pirate themed learning activities.



Restorative Practices

On the teacher only day at the end of Term 2, staff attended some professional development around restorative practices. We were all inspired at how we could use this with the children at St Bernard's. On Friday morning, Miss Kriechbaum introduced the system to the school.

The purpose of restorative practices is to **build and maintain positive relationships for learning**. The message for the children is that even though we mess up sometimes, the important thing is that we own up to our mistakes and fix them, while showing respect for others.

In future, our conversations will be '**grown-up**'. A grown-up conversation is always:

1. Calm
2. Respectful
3. Involves listening to one another's stories.
4. Honest

Restorative practices ...

1. solve problems.
2. are respectful.
3. are collaborative.
4. take responsibility.

In future, when we are working through an issue between children or between a child and an adult, we will follow the steps below. Not every question will be used every time. We are focusing on putting things right by fixing up and being respectful, not giving a consequence

1. Tell the story	2. Explore the harm	3. Repair the harm	4. Move forward
What happened? How does that fit with our values? What were you thinking? What have you thought about since?	Who has been affected and in what ways? Who else? How has that affected our learning? Is that fair on others? When you did...was that a good or bad choice? How did it make...feel when you...	How do we fix it? What do you need to do now? What exactly are you sorry for? How will that help others and their learning? Aside from an apology, how else will we take responsibility for this?	What do you need to stop doing and start doing? What can I do to help you achieve that? What should we do if this happens again? At school, it's not okay to..... Next time, what should we do?

Language of the Week

Our language this week is Malay, spoken by the people of Malaysia. Lea will share her Mum's language with us this week. [Malay](#)

Special Character

Parish Newsletter

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

Change of Venue for the Mercy Mass

There is a change of venues for the Mercy Mass which St Mary's College has invited St Bernard's church community members to--St Paul's is hosting Elizabeth II's memorial so the Mass is now:

St Mary of the Angels for Mercy Day Mass.

Tuesday 27th September, 10am start.

Then back to St Mary's College for Atawhai Blessing (sacred space which includes taongs from St Bernard's church). St Mary's College are organising buses, so if you would like to hop on a bus you are most welcome!

Parish Mass for Celebration Sunday for Suzanne Aubert, 2 October--can you help?

Maria Elenio has been in touch to ask if members from St Bernard's are available as below for the Mass at St Francis de Sales. Please reply to me if you can help with the following:

One Reader

Two Eucharistic Ministers

Two people to read the Prayers of the Faithful.

School Administration

Intermediate Information Evening – September 20

Tomorrow night, Tuesday 20th September at 6pm, we will be holding a meeting for Year 5-7 parents to let you know how our intermediate programme is organised. Food will be provided so you can take away the worry of how to manage dinner that evening.

Celebration of Learning

On Thursday 29 September from 2-3pm each class will be sharing their Term 3 learning. Please put this date in your diary and come along and visit your child's classroom. The children will be happy to show you what has been happening at school this term.



Sun Hats Term 4

A reminder we are a sun smart school, so all children must have a school sunhat at school each day in Term 4 regardless of the weather.



Calendar Art Fundraiser

The children are currently working on some fantastic artwork which can be made into cards, calendars, diaries, mousepads and sketch books. These make great Christmas presents for family and friends. Artwork will be on display in the classrooms during the celebration of learning next Thursday. Order forms will be sent home on the first Monday of next term.

Swimming Lessons

All children will be taking part in our swimming programme during Term 4. Lessons will be on a **Monday** and will begin in the **first week of the new term**. Children will travel by bus to the Kilbirnie Aquatic Centre. The bus will leave school at 11am. Lessons will be from 11.30 – 12.30pm. Parents and caregivers of younger children are welcome to join us at the pool and assist with changing.



Please ensure all items of your child's clothing and footwear are clearly named. Children must remove *all* their belongings from the changing rooms during lessons, check that the bag your child will take to swimming is large enough for them to fit all their clothes and footwear into while they are swimming.



Happy Birthday to Blake who will turn 9 on Wednesday and to Joseph who turns 6 on Friday, we hope you both have wonderful, fun filled birthdays.

St Bernard's got Talent Competition

Dear parents and caregivers,

On Friday the 30th of September, we are running the St Bernard's Got Talent competition. It will be held in our school hall, starting at 9:15 am and finishing at 10:30 am. Children from Years 1 to 6 will be performing a variety of talents! Please come along and support our children/tamariki as they show us all their amazing talents!

Thank you, St Bernard's Year 8s - Sam, Logan, Beatrice, Flynn and Kenzi - with special guest judge Toby



Class Programmes

Room 1

Kia ora koutou. Last week was Te Wiki o te Reo Maori and our week was filled with many activities.

Our reading sessions involved decoding books written in Te Reo Māori and reading the English translation. We were koa when we realised how many words we already knew in these books as it helped us to work out what they were saying.

We also read three big books as a class - Tino Kai, Ngā Kaimahi, and Te Tino Kaiawhina. Special Foods, The Best Helper and The Workers.

After this, we wrote our own sentences about Ngā Kaimahi in Te Reo and English. Check out our tuhituhi!

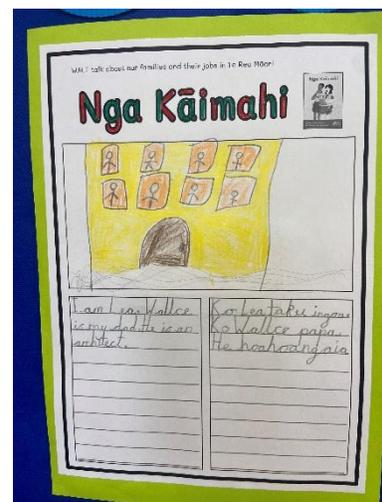
We have also been learning all of the months of the year in Te Reo Māori so that we can say the date in Reo and English. We have been learning this song https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WKIGu_qLyAA You might like to listen to it and try it out at home!

All year, we have been learning to give and follow instructions in Te Reo. whakarongo mai - listen to me, āta whakaaro - think carefully,

We made posters of some of our favourite phrases. We think they are ka rawe! (Great)

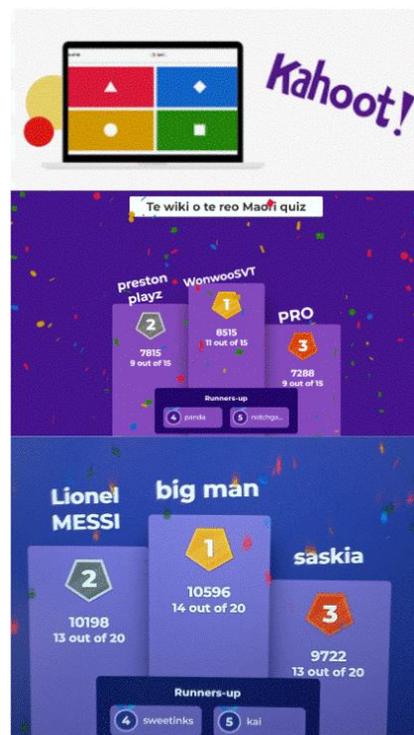
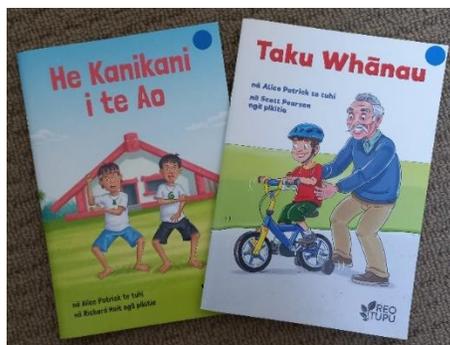


We also had a visit from Te Aroha, Te Kahuirere's mum, and her baby brother Elijah. We asked lots of questions to find out more about babies.



Room 2

To celebrate te wiki o te reo Māori, we took the opportunity to revisit the skill of decoding during pānui/reading. Using picture support and our knowledge of te reo Māori, we were able to infer what was written. The Ready to Read texts are dual language books so we were also able to check we had correctly decoded the stories. When our Year 2 students came for their weekly transition visit, we played "Whare Whare" having learnt the kupu o te reo Māori for our emotions. Later in the week, the Year 3 & 4 students were able to teach the Year 5 students how to play. Throughout the week, as we learnt new kupu/words we played Kahoot! an online gaming platform. The students chose their own nicknames and competed against each other on a timed multi-choice questionnaire. Attached are the winning podiums for two of the games.



For pūtaiao/science, we are learning to record our observations and make conclusions about changes of state. This week's experiment was making observations about the changes kernels make when heated to produce popcorn. Unfortunately, the biggest take away from this experiment was that Mrs Tiller can't make popcorn!! Oh dear, I didn't have a consistent high temperature which resulted in a lot of waiting around and very little popping. At least the students understood that the change of state is physical and irreversible, so all was not lost.



Room 4

Room 4 has worked hard on their weather inquiry, researching different types of weather and their effects on land, air and people! After all the writing was completed, edited and proofread it was time to publish their information reports. Below are 3 weather information report introductions.

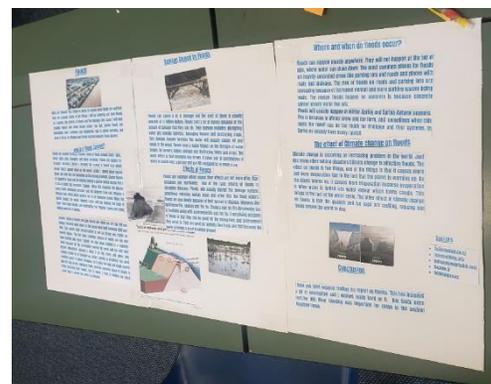
Vincent - Wildfires

My inquiry is about wildfires and their characteristics. I will cover what can cause wildfires to start as well as when and where wildfires occur. I will explain the effects of wildfires, why some wildfires are necessary and the damage that wildfires can cause. Wildfires only need dry fuel, oxygen and heat to ignite. Wildfires can occur naturally but most start because of humans and their actions.

Beatrice - Acid Rain

What is Acid rain? Acid rain is caused by humans and pollution. Acid rain starts as normal rain before polluted gases (sulfur, dioxide and nitrogen) in the air cause the rain to turn into acid. The acid that has mixed with "normal" rain falls to earth as Acid rain.

Sam - Floods What are Floods you ask? This report is going to explain what floods are and how they are caused. Some of the things I will be covering are: how floods start, the effects of floods and the damage they cause. I will also explain where and when floods occur. Fun fact, glacier floods are becoming more common and dangerous due to global warming and pose a threat to villages and towns located beneath these glaciers.



As well as their reports the children have begun making their 3D Water Cycle models in preparation for Celebration of Learning next week. The children are very focused and are working hard to construct 3D shapes that will form parts of their water cycle/weather models!



Public Notices

Tot to Teens Magazine

Click the link to view their latest magazine <https://issue2209.totstoteens.co.nz/>

CRICKET REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN

Brooklyn Junior Cricket Club welcomes back players from last season and invites new players to join from ages 4+. The club enjoys an inclusive culture for boys and girls, and can supply all the equipment needed. It's a great way for the kids to make friends and learn some skills, and for parents to make new contacts in the community. Practices for junior teams are generally held at Tanera or Vogelmorn Parks, and the modern format of game has been designed so kids are always doing something. Games for younger grades take only an hour on Saturday morning. Registrations are now open via www.bjcc.co.nz

Karori Amateur Athletics Club, Ben Burn Park, Wednesdays 6pm. Season starts 19th October 2022

The Karori Athletics Club provides a fun environment of track and field athletics for children aged 6-15 years old. The Club is open to all – come along on the 19th of October at 6pm and try out some of our activities.

Our club athletes can access specialist coaching and represent the club by competing in Inter-club events and other competitions during the season. It's also a great way to get additional practice for Western and Central zones competitions.

The Club meets weekly at Ben Burn Park in Karori on Wednesday nights (6.00pm-7.30pm) over the summer from October to March.

For more information including details on online registration, visit the website: www.karoriathletics.org.nz

Staglands Treasure Hunt!

Win your Golden Ticket in our 50th Anniversary Treasure Hunt!

Locations on map: Wetlands, Staglands Golden Ticket, Entrance, Secret Garden, Whio Aviary, Arapawa Island Goats, Settlement, Kids Corner, The Tam, Auckland Pigs, Picnic Area, Toe Toe Aviary.

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Staglands Wildlife Reserve & Café CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

STEM Holiday Programme

Open to kids between the ages of 7-12 years old (Years 3 - 8)

\$80 per day

When: Monday 3rd October - Friday 14th October 2022 (weekdays only) 9 am to 3 pm

Where: Ground Floor/15 Willeston Street, Wellington Central, Wellington 6011

Learn more here: www.qismatech.com/holiday-programme/

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October LEGO® STEAM Holiday Programme

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St John's Anglican Church Johnsonville & LifePoint Church Mt Cook
3 - 14 October, 9:00am - 4:00pm

Monday - 3 October Greek Odyssey	Tuesday - 4 October Music World Tour	Wednesday - 5 October Brick City Engineers	Thursday - 6 October Animal Adventurers	Friday - 7 October Pocket Monsters
Monday - 10 October Past n Present	Tuesday - 11 October Magical Myths	Wednesday - 12 October LEGO Games	Thursday - 13 October Ocean Explorers	Friday - 14 October Mining Mania

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STEAM EDUCATION

SWIS MARKET DAY

Come along for something sweet, savoury, games, and lots more!

3PM TO 6PM
AT 30 TE WHAREPŪRI ST (SWIS)
WEDNESDAY 21 SEPTEMBER

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