



St Bernard's School Newsletter

12 September 2022

Term 3, Week 8

Upcoming Events

September

- 20 - Scientist Visit, All Classes
- 20 - Intermediate Info Night
- 29 - Celebration of Learning 2pm
- 30 - Term 3 Ends, 3pm

October

- 17- Term 4 Begins 9am

2022 Term Dates

Term 3 Mon 25 Jul - Fri 30 Sept

Term 4 Mon 17 Oct - Fri 16 Dec

Principals Message

Our thoughts and prayers are with our royal family as they grieve the loss of Queen Elizabeth.



Happy New Year

Yesterday was Ethiopian New Year, Enkutatash. We wish a Happy New Year to our school families.

The Ethiopian calendar started in 7BC and so they seem to be 7 years behind other countries but in fact the Ethiopian Orthodox Church believed Jesus to be born 7 years earlier, 5,500 years after God's promise to Adam and Eve.

Enkutatash is literally translated as

"gift of jewels," a name that derives from the story of the Queen of Sheba, the ancient queen of Ethiopia.

Ethiopian New Year comes at the time when the heavy rainfall starts to cease, and the bright sun comes to shine over the green land, which is also covered by the golden flower, known in Amharic language as "Adey Abeba."



Te Wiki o te Reo Maori

In the early 1970s, it became clear that very few people in New Zealand could speak Māori. Many people were concerned about the state of decline and signed a petition for the Māori Language, which was organized by the Te Reo Maori Society. 'Aotearoa' is Māori for 'New Zealand.'

The petition was signed by approximately 30,000 people and was presented to the parliament on September 14, 1972. This day became recognized as Māori Language Day in the year 1975 and was responsible for the formation of Maori Language Week.

Te Kahuirere is fluent in te reo Maori and so will be our expert this week. **Te Reo Maori**

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Uniform

We have a lot of pre-loved uniform that needs a home. If your child has grown out of their uniform let me know and I'll see what we have in the next size. Equally, if you would like an extra item to help you keep on top of washing also let me know and I'll see what we have in their current size. If you have uniform at home your child is no longer wearing, we can sell it on for you or accept it as a donation.

Lisa

Special Character

Parish Newsletter

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

The image and psalm below are from Miss Kriechbaum's staff prayer this morning.

WAIATA 118:24

Ko te rā tenei
i hangā e Ihowā
kia whakamanamana
kia koa tātou I reira.

PSALM 118:24

This is the day
that the Lord has made
let us rejoice
and be glad in it.



A Message from St Mary's College

We are finally getting our chapel - *Atawhai*- blessed!

We would like to send an invitation to your parishioners from St Bernard's in Brooklyn to join us for our Mercy Mass celebration on the 27th September at 10am (please see attached invitation).

We are then having Fr Ron Bennett bless our sacred space, which contains the beautiful items so generously donated to our College.

We hope to see you there!

God Bless.

Message from NZ Catholic Bishops Conference

<https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/support-palliative-care/>

School Administration

Intermediate Information Evening – September 20

Next 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.

Term Dates for 2023

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

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

Term 3: Monday 17th July- Friday 22nd September

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



Happy Birthday to Clara who turns 10 on Wednesday and to Natalie who will turn 12 on Friday, we hope you both have wonderful, fun filled birthdays.

Class Programmes

Room 1

Last week, it was Social Justice Week. The theme for the week was: 'Say No to Racism. We are one in Christ' As part of our learning, we discussed what racism is, why it is wrong and how to stand up for someone if we see others being unkind.

We also read the story The Ugly Duckling. We retold the story, discussed the feelings of the duckling who looked different and how he was treated unfairly.

We then wrote letters to the duckling telling him why we thought he was beautiful and reminding him of all the beauty in difference.

Dear Duckling,

I am sorry you are feeling sad. It was horrible of the other ducks to call you names. You look beautiful and I think you are amazing with your lovely white wings.

Love from,

Marco

Dear Duckling,

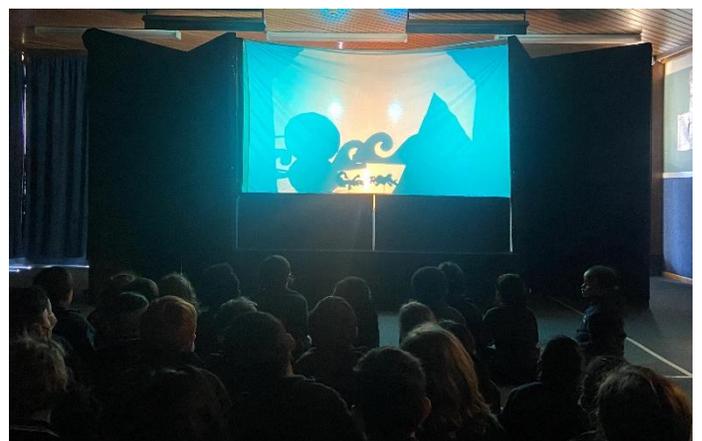
I am sorry you are sad. I am so frustrated that the others were so rude. You are so special.

Love from,

JoJo (Joseph)

On Friday, we were lucky enough to be invited to St Patrick's College where the Year 10 drama students shared Maori stories through shadow puppetry. It was amazing to see the awesome mahi of the boys! shared the stories 'Maui and the Sun', 'The Legend of Maui Fishing up the North Island' and 'Ngake and Whātaimai'. After watching the boys' performances, some of our tamariki were able to have a go with the puppets and make up their own story to perform to the audience.

It was wonderful to get us ready and thinking about Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori which is this week. How can you use Te Reo at home this week? Korero (talk) with your children about some of the phrases and words they use regularly in class. Watch out for updates from us on class dojo with how we are celebrating this week.

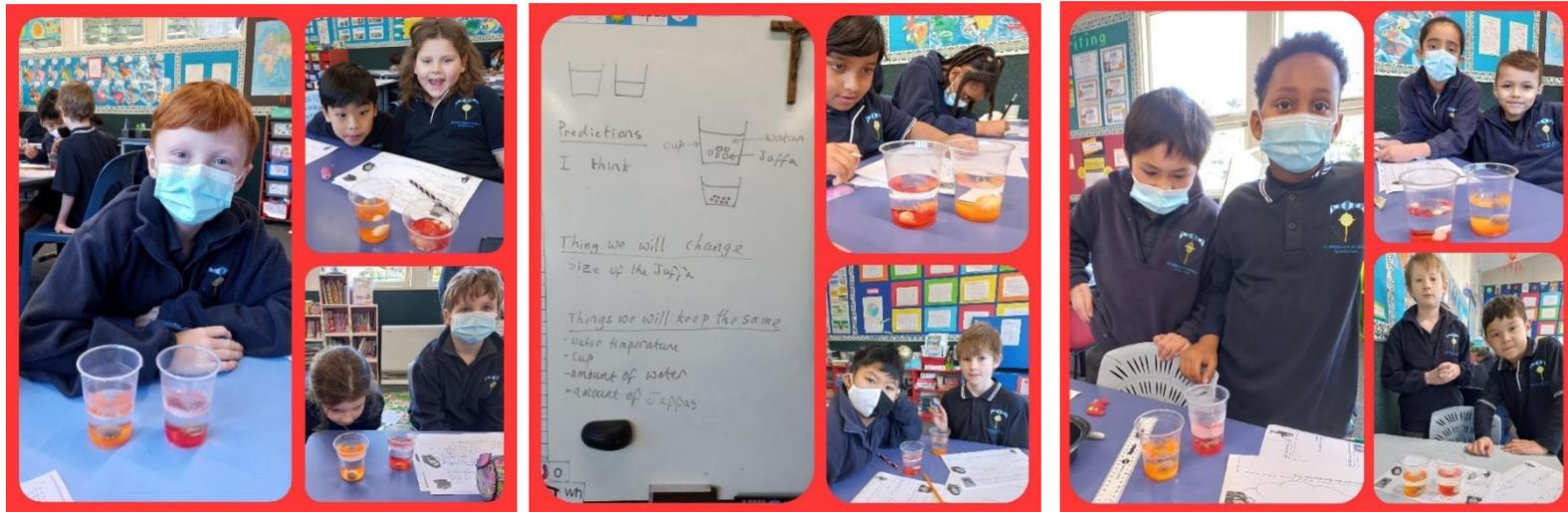


Room 2

Clara and Sam read the story "Magnetic Racing Car" written by Anne Giulieri. It was an instructional text which explained how to make a magnetic racing track, so they did!



This week's science was all about chocolate! Yum, yum. Actually, it was about fair testing. The students learnt how to carry out fair testing experiments using Jaffas. They were tasked to find out which sized Jaffas would dissolve in water the fastest. The variables they were to change: the size of the Jaffa. The variables that remained the same: the water temperature and the amount of water, the container and the weight of the Jaffas. They found it interesting watching the food colouring sink to the bottom of the cup and the candy shell disintegrate and float to the surface. The conclusion was that the small Jaffas dissolved quicker because there were more water particles wrapped around the surface area of the Jaffas.



We finished the week on a high, being treated to St Patrick's College Year 10 boys presenting three puppet shows about Māori legends. The three legends were "How Maui fished up the North Island", "How Maui slowed the Sun" and "The Taniwha of Wellington Harbour". There was a Q&A session afterwards then some of the boys helped two small groups of our students to create and perform their own shadow puppet shows. Finally, the Year 10 boys taught our students how to play two group action games. What a fantastic tuakana/teina experience! Tumeke! Thank you so much St Patrick's College Year 10 Drama Boys.



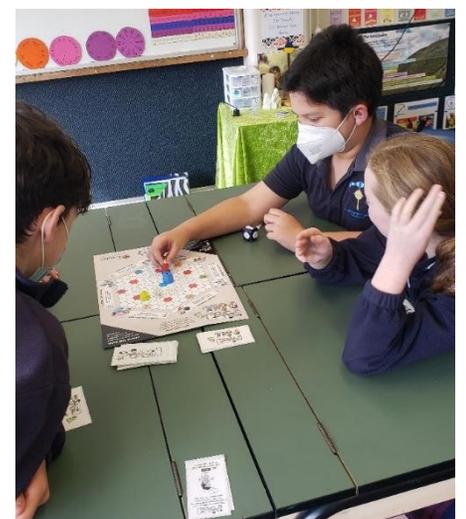
5th September to 9th September was Caritas Social Justice Week. This year's focus is **WHAKAKĀHORETIA TE KAIKIRI. KOTAHI ANŌ TĀTOU I ROTO I TE KARAITI / SAY NO TO RACISM. WE ARE ONE IN CHRIST.** It was delightful to hear the students explain their understanding of racism as something that was a problem in the past in America. They don't see each other as different. They know we are all made in the image of God and therefore, we are all equal in his eyes. The students celebrated their own personal life stories, Taku Pūrākau by identifying what makes them unique on the inside whilst being the same as others on the outside. They also wrote persuasive invitations to our local parishioners. In light of the church's closure last year, and recognising that we are lucky to continue having weekly Masses here at school, we hoped to encourage the local parishioners to return patronising our class and whole school masses.

Room 4

Room 4 conducted an experiment about air currents when Science Advisor Stephen Williams on Wednesday morning. Both ends of a teabag were cut open and the leaves emptied out. The bag was then stood up balanced on a plate. Next the teabag was lit from the top. As the flames spread quickly down the teabag, the burnt embers rose high into the air. This is due to the hot air trapped inside the bag rising. Hot air rises, explaining why warm *fronts* rise over cooler air in the *atmosphere*. Room 4 worked together to draw and label a diagram of the experiment.



Last Thursday Room 4 played a game called Push and Pull from the Caritas Social Justice Week resource pack. Push and Pull is a board game where players try to pull themselves and the other players together to make a winning pattern on the board. Every three turns Push cards are drawn that push players' counters away from each other. The game is highlighting that we want to be supportive and accepting of others rather than pushing people away because of differences in race, culture and gender.



We are loving our art sessions this term. Mrs Harper has been teaching us to read music, playing percussion instruments and recorders.

