



# St Bernard's School Newsletter

01 May 2023

Term 2, Week 1

## Upcoming Events

### April

### May

- 01 – Life Education ‘Harold’
- 02 – Life Education ‘Harold’
- 03 – Life Education ‘Harold’
- 09 – Brooklyn Library, Rm 1
- 16 – Brooklyn Library, Rm 2
- 19 – Wellington Zoo, Whole Schl
- 23 – Brooklyn Library, Rm 4
- 30 – Brooklyn Library, Rm 1

## 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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## Principals Message

On Monday morning, our teachers worked with teachers from St Anne's and St Francis de Sales schools. The focus of discussions was the refreshed New Zealand Curriculum document. The new curriculum has a great focus on matauranga Maori, makes it clearer how we can give effect to Te Tiriti Waitangi and is framed within a whakapapa gifted by Dr Wayne Ngata. Mātaurangi, the guiding kaupapa (principle) is:

*Mātai ki te rangi, homai te kauahu wanaga ki uta, ka whiti he ora.*

*Look beyond the horizon and draw near the bodies of knowledge that will take us into the future.*

The refreshed curriculum is being introduced over the next few years, one subject at a time. At St Bernard's we have spent time as a staff working on the new Aotearoa New Zealand Histories (ANZH) curriculum and designing the St Bernard's ANZH Curriculum. In order to cover the objectives, we have created a Year A and Year B plan. Teachers will start delivering the curriculum this year and we will review it as we go to ensure it is appropriate for our community and well resourced.

Here are links if you would like to see what will be covered in each class.

[Room 1](#)   [Room 2](#)   [Room 4](#)

## Zoo Trip

On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May, we are having a trip to the zoo. We will be leaving school at 9am and returning to school by 1.30pm. In order to keep safe ratios, we will need 7 more adults.

Please check your diaries and let me know if you will be able to join us for the trip.

Thanks.

**Lisa**

## Wellington Rugby

At 11am this Friday, the WRFU Community Rugby Officer Lucy Barry is coming to St Bernard's and bringing two of New Zealand's most important rugby trophies - The NPC Cup and Ranfurly Shield. The Wellington Lions won both trophies last season which means they were the best rugby team in the country.

The children will be having a rugby skills session and will have the opportunity to have their photos taken with these two iconic rugby trophies. Parents are also welcome to come and have their photos taken at 11am.

Children must come to school in their PE uniform on Friday, ready for some quality rugby coaching from the WRFU.

### Parish Newsletter

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

### School News

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#### Life Education

This programme will start Monday next week. All children will visit the mobile classroom during Harold's visit. Please ask your child to tell you about what they have been learning as part of the programme.



#### Easter Raffle

Thank you again to everyone who contributed to the Easter raffle. \$612 was raised through the raffle.

The winners were:

1<sup>st</sup> Prize – Inigo Esteban

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – The Harper family

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – Shauna Lough

4<sup>th</sup> Prize – Daniela Phelon

Remaining prize winners were: Jesriya Aneesh, Thinbeth, Luke, Adrian Enegbuma, Ieuan Esteban, Helen Tesfamarian, Merrawi, Jen Price and Joana Johnston. Congratulations to you all.

#### Brooklyn Library Visits

This term we will resume our twice termly visits to Brooklyn Library. If your child wishes to borrow a book during the visit they need to bring their personal library card with them. We will return books on the next visit if they are brought back in time. Books not brought on the day of the visit will need to be returned by yourselves. If you would like to leave your child's card in the classroom between visits then teachers will find a safe place to keep them.

Room 1: May 09  
May 30

Room 2: May 16  
June 06

Room 4: May 23  
June 13

#### Absences

If your child is sick or unable to attend school for all or part of the day, please either phone 3899377, email the school office on [office@stbernards.school.nz](mailto:office@stbernards.school.nz) or send a notification via the school app (skool loop) by 9.00 a.m. so that your child's absence can be accounted for.

Children who are late need to report to the office in case they have been marked absent by the teacher who takes the roll first thing in the morning.

If an absence is planned for a special reason, a note or telephone call to the school in advance is appreciated. In cases of prolonged absence, e.g. a family trip, a written note is required.

#### Lunchtime Clubs

Thank you to Toby who has been running a floorball club each Wednesday this year. A fabulous way for him to share his skills, show the value of service and also great exercise for everyone.

