



St Bernard's School Newsletter

25 October 2022

Term 4, Week 2

Upcoming Events

October

- 24 - Labour Day
- 25 - Scientist Visit, All Classes
- 26 - Whole School Mass 9am
- 31- Senior Camp
- 31- Swimming

2022 Term Dates

Term 4 Mon 17 Oct - Fri 16 Dec

2023 Term Dates

Term 1 Thur 2 Feb Jul - Thur 6 Apr

Term 2 Mon 24 Apr - Thur 29 Jun

Term 3 Mon 17 Jul - Fri 22 Sept

Term 4 Mon 09 Oct - Fri 17 Dec

Fri 30 June – Teacher Only Day

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Principals Message

Report Survey

Thank you to the 13 parents who complete my survey about how we report to parents on their child's progress.

Main points coming from the survey were:

- *Parents would like to know if their child is working at, above or below the expectations for their age.
- *Parents would like more context as to what comments written by teachers actually mean.
- *70% are happy with the timing of the mid-year report.
- *22% of parents would like to see a change to the social development and work habits table.
- *92% (12) of parents feel the end of year report is easy to understand.
- *100% of parents are happy with the length of the end of year report.
- *92% of parents feel the end of year report is personalised to their child.
- *61% of parents would like more regular online reports throughout the year.

We have decided as a staff that we will use our current format for the end of this year and then move to a new system in 2023.

Lisa

Special Character

Parish Newsletter

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

From the DRS

Although Easter Time is the highlight of the Catholic Church, Term 4 is definitely a busy time of our liturgical calendar year here at school. On Wednesday, we celebrate our Whole School Mass at 9am in the School Hall. All are welcome. On Saturday is the Sacrament of Confirmation Mass for those who missed out during Covid19 restrictions. It is at St Francis de Sales Church at 6pm. Please keep the candidates in your prayers. All Saints and All Souls Days are in Week 3. All Souls Day Mass will be celebrated at St Francis de Sales Church at 7pm.

We have our Caritas 1 Day Challenge on Friday 4th November - please put this in your diary! It is our final big fundraising event for the year. Watch out for more details over the coming week. Advent and Christmas are also ahead as well as our Leavers' Mass and Nativity play. Make sure you transfer all the important dates from our newsletter into your calendars so you don't miss anything.

Mrs Tiller

Calendar Art Fundraiser

The children have completed some fantastic artwork which can be made into cards, calendars, diaries, mousepads and sketch books. These make great Christmas presents for family and friends.

If you did not see their artwork at the Celebration of Learning last term, it can be viewed in the school office, please see Katrina.

Order forms are being sent home today. Orders need to be placed by this Wednesday 26 October to ensure Delivery for Christmas.

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.



Swimming Lessons

All children will be taking part in our swimming programme this term. Lessons will be every **Monday**. 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.

Children are to wear their PE Uniforms to school on Mondays for swimming.



Happy Birthday to Alna who turns 10 today, and to Kate who turns 7 tomorrow, we hope you both have wonderful, fun filled birthdays.

School Accounts

School accounts were sent out during Term 1. Thank you to those who have already made payments. Accounts such as reading eggs, swimming, technology, activities and Religious Education have to be paid by the school. If the money does not come in, school funds from other budgeted areas will need be used. This will mean we will not have the money for things such as teaching resources. If for any reason there are difficulties paying your account please contact Lisa. If you would like a copy of your invoice please contact Katrina.

Class Programmes

Room 1

Our tamariki had a busy and wonderful start to term four last week.

We began our week welcoming Elijah and Nelly to Room One.

We had our first swimming session of the term which grouped the children ready to start their lessons next week.

On Tuesday, we enjoyed a fantastic day out at the Wellington Museum. We were blessed with fantastic weather which enabled us to explore the waterfront and spend some time at Waitangi Park in the afternoon.

In literacy, we began reading the book, Iggy Peck Architect. As part of this, we spent an afternoon creating using a range of construction materials. We are looking forward to continuing our writing around this book as we explore some of Wellington's landmarks and changes to the waterfront.

In pangarau (maths), we are learning about length and height. We have been using terms such as: long, longer, longest, tall, taller, tallest, short, shorter, shortest and the same. At home, you could help us by using these terms when talking about different objects and their lengths and heights. We know that when we measure, we have to line our items up accurately. We found lots of objects to compare. We even ordered ourselves from shortest to tallest!

We are so excited about the rest of our term - it will be a busy one full of lots of exciting learning.



Room 2

What a busy start to our final term of the year! It was wonderful to see the enthusiasm and excitement of the students as we headed for the bus on Monday to go to the Kilbirnie Pool. Assessment completed, the students thoroughly enjoyed the post Covid19 restrictions, diving into and leaping about in the splash pool, and simply having fun in the water.



On Tuesday was another day out of the classroom as we ventured into the city for the day. Weather was on our side, a glorious sunny Wellington day. We snuck in some history during our street walking, snacked on parliament grounds then headed back to the Wellington Museum to imagine life back in Paddy's day. I was thrilled to see the students' reactions to the fountain and the Paddy display and even viewing the plaque on the waterfront donated by the Polish refugees. A special thank you to Daniel Counihan, Enrino Pasullean and his father, Kate Davidson and Kate O'Carroll for being our parent helpers.



Paddy the Wanderer

Room 4

Last Tuesday, Room 4 visited the Portrait Gallery on the Wellington Waterfront. The gallery was showing an exhibition of Maori artists' work about the land wars of the 1860s. The children looked at a range of art exhibits and drew their own pictures based on what they had seen. For another activity, they had to identify specific te reo words in some of the art works and find their meanings. After visiting the Portrait Gallery, the next activity was a heritage trail along the Wellington waterfront. In three crocodile bikes we set off in different directions to find significant landmarks along Oriental Parade and the waterfront. The children had great fun finding landmarks, including the marker on Oriental Parade about Nancy Wake known as "The White Mouse". They had to steer their crocodile bikes safely to ensure they dodged cyclists, runners and people strolling along the waterfront!

