



St Bernard's School Newsletter

08 August 2022

Term 3, Week 3

Upcoming Events

August

- 08 - ASB Sports Centre, Yrs 1-8
- 09 - Scientist Visit, All Classes
- 15 - ASB Sports Centre, Yrs 1-8
- 15-17 - Dental Van Onsite
- 22 - ASB Sports Centre, Yrs 1-8
- 30 - Scientist Visit, All Classes
- 29 - ASB Sports Centre, Yrs 1-8
- 30 - Scientist Visit, All Classes

2022 Term Dates

Term 3 Mon 25 Jul - Fri 30 Sept

Term 4 Mon 17 Oct - Fri 16 Dec

Teacher Only Day - Fri 8 July

Principals Message

As you know, last week, we underwent our Special Character Review. Our reviewers gave very positive feedback, particularly around the quality of teaching, the opportunities for prayer and the welcome they received from the staff, students and families. They are happy that we provide our children with genuine opportunities to encounter Christ. The next step will be for Zita Smith to write up a draft report. This will then come to myself and the Board to review before it is sent to the Cardinal. Once this has been accepted by him, we will share it with the community.

I am very pleased that any recommendations that are likely to be included in the report are actions that we have already begun working on or that we have identified as next steps ourselves. This shows that we are a reflective school and clearly understand what we need to do to further improve what we already consider to be a truly Catholic experience for our children within our mission -

Empowering Children in their learning within the Catholic Community.

House Cards

As part of our behaviour management strategy, we give the children house cards when they are shown to be modelling our school values. When your child receives a card, they place them in a box for their house team. We have begun getting the children to stand up at Monday prayers if they have received a card and they get a paki paki from the school. Please encourage your child to talk about how they can show the values and to share with you when they receive a card. Our aim is to show the children that by modelling the Mercy Values, we can begin to live more like Jesus.

You were spotted showing



Language of the Week

Our language this week is spoken in Nigerian by Lea. Her Dad's native language is Esan from Edo State Nigeria. Lea is saying 'Hello, my name is Lea, I am 6 years.'

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Special Character

Parish Newsletter

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

From the DRS:

<https://www.tearaamaria.nz/>

Te Ara a Maria Hikoi coming to Wellington South

Tuesday 9 August

10am Liturgy

11am Icon Arrives at St Anne's Newtown

3.30pm to 7pm Icon open for private devotion

Wednesday 10 August

10am Talk by Korty Wilson on the Icon.

3.30pm to 7pm Icon open for private devotion

Thursday 11 August

10am Mass with the presence of the Icon

10.30 to 11.30 Icon open for private devotion

A Mass of the Dedication of St Mary of the Angels in Wellington as the National Shrine to Mary, Mother of God, Assumed into Heaven will be held at St Mary of the Angels on Sunday 14 August 2022 at 2pm. The Mass will be the culmination of the year-long nationwide hīkoi of the artwork Ko Hāta Maria, te Matua Wahine o te Atua (Holy Mary, Mother of God) by the artist Damien Walker (Studio of Saint Philomena, Rangiora). The hīkoi began with a Mass at St Mary of the Angels on the Feast of the Assumption last year. The artwork will go on permanent display in St Mary of the Angels after the 14 August Mass.

All Catholic Primary Schools were asked to contribute paper or harakeke flowers to be brought up and placed at the base of the shrine during the Mass. Our classes did a stellar job creating these beautiful wreaths with our school colours.



School Administration

School Photos

You should have recently received an email (please also check your spam/junk box) directly from photolife, with your child/rens 'shoot key' code and instructions on how to view and order your child's school photos on line.

All orders placed before Midnight on Sunday 21 August will be delivered free to school. (Orders placed after this date will be delivered to your address and incur a postage fee.)

Please see Katrina in the office or email office@stbernards.school.nz if you did not receive an email, and I can source your child's key code for you.

Uniform

Please, please, please ensure all items of your child's uniform are labelled with their name. Please use a vivid as biro washes off easily.



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

Class Programmes

Room 1

In Room One, we have started a new focus in science. 'What's it made of and why?' We began our science topic by going on a materials hunt. We learned about different types of materials such as: wood, glass, metal, plastic and stone.

We loved looking around our classroom and school to find different objects and materials.

Our new science topic is going to help us when looking at buildings of the past, present and future which we will be looking at this term.

In Religion, we are looking at the sacrament strand. Last week, we discussed the importance of making others feel welcome. We acted out ways to show welcome in different places - at home, on a marae, in our classroom. We know we can say: 'Harare mai' 'It's great to see you!' 'We are so glad you are here' or smile and shake hands.

We learned that God has called us by our names and wants us to feel welcome in the Church - a Baptism is a welcoming of someone into God's Church family.



Room 2

Week Two was a very busy week. We started our sessions at the ASB Sports Centre. The students learnt badminton skills, first with a balloon then with a shuttlecock. Then they began learning the skills for the game ki-o-tahi. Great fun was had by all.



For science this term we are learning about the Material World - States of Matter. To develop a better understanding of how insulation works, we created our own insulated cups to slow the melting process for ice.

On Wednesday, our Year 2 students had their first visit in Room 2 to assist with transitioning into the middle school next year. It was great for the Year 3 students to work alongside the Year 2 students exploring the literacy and maths games available in Room 2.

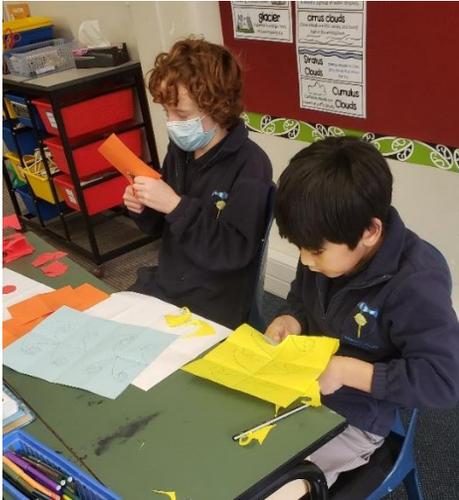


Room 4

On Friday, we welcomed our Year 4 and 5 children for the day. This was a great opportunity for us to act as tuakana (elders) and guide the younger children (teina) through the day.

We started with a circle solution session where the children identified their strengths and the strengths they want to develop.

Later on we designed a tivaevae pattern. Tivaevaes are special bedspread patterns made in the Cook Islands. They feature flower and insect designs and lots of colours. We sat with the Year 4 and 5s helping them complete their tivaevae patterns.



In the afternoon, we played some games. We played Attackers and Defenders, and Chicks and Crow before having to go inside due to the rain and finish with Good Morning Prime Minister. We had to disguise our voices and say, "Good Morning Prime Minister," to someone sitting at a chair at the front of the class but with their chair facing the whiteboard. It was a lot of fun as we did our best to disguise our voices!

It was great to have our visitors in Room 4 for the day and show them our hospitality - maanakitanga! Ka Pai Room 4!

Board of Trustees News

It is with great pleasure that I am able to formally declare the results of parent representatives to our Board at St Bernard's.

At the close of nominations, the total number of valid nominations were under the number of vacancies required to be filled. We therefore do not need to hold a separate election process but can instead accept all our nominations as members of our Board.

The following parent representatives are duly elected:

- Craig Evans
- Hamish Flanagan
- Kumera Derresa

Treena Tiller has been reappointed as our staff representative.

As you know Craig and Hamish are current Board members who stood for re-election. Kumera is our newly elected Board member. The current Board extends a warm welcome to Kumera and look forward to working with him over the next three years.

Your new Board officially takes office from the 10 August 2022.

As we are a Catholic School, the Proprietor, Cardinal John Dew, can also have up to 3 appointees on the Board.

The successful proprietors are:

- Damian Clarke
- Wallace Enebuma

We would also like to acknowledge and sincerely thank the board members who have stepped down for all their hard work during their time on the board over the past 3 years, it has been greatly appreciated.

- Kate Davidson
- Janine Kerr
- Derek Bond
- Kelly O'Sullivan

With special mentions to Kate, who did a wonderful job as our Board Chair, and to Janine who has been the secretary for many years. 😊

We still have a couple of positions available on the board if you would like to join.

Please see either myself or Mrs Small if you would like to find out more.

Katrina Bagley
Returning Officer

MEASLES

Measles is a very serious illness. It spreads through the air by sneezing and coughing.



The first signs are a high fever and runny nose, cough, and red eyes. Tamariki are at risk of measles if they haven't had their MMR vaccines that are usually given at 12 and 15 months.

The best prevention is two MMR vaccinations. If you are unsure how many your family have had, check with your doctor. Vaccines are free for tamariki and adults who have not had two doses.

Call Healthline on 0800 611 116 if you have symptoms and need advice or see www.ProtectAgainstMeasles.org.nz