



# St Bernard's School Newsletter

27 March 2023

Term 1, Week 9

## Upcoming Events

### March

27 - 3 Way Conferences

28 - 3 Way Conferences

### April

05 - Whole School Mass 9am

06 - Term 1 Ends, 3pm

24 - Teacher Only Day

25 - Anzac Day

26 - Term 2 Begins, 9am

### 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

### Contact Us

Office@stbernards.school.nz

www.stbernards.school.nz

Ph: 04 3899 377

## Principals Message

There will be no principals message this week as Lisa is away at the WCPPA Conference. She will be back at school on Thursday.

## School News

### Covid

As you will have heard last week, we had two positive covid cases in the school community. These cases had not been at school during their infectious period. Thank you so much to the families for making the great choice to isolate as soon as symptoms appeared.

Please be vigilant, and if your child/ren are showing any symptom's - coughing, sneezing, a headache or are just not feeling themselves, please keep them at home until they are symptom free.

### What are the new COVID isolation rules in NZ?

**You must self-isolate for 7 days while you recover.** Day 0 is the day your symptoms started or when you tested positive, whichever came first. Your Household Contacts do not need to isolate. They should test daily for 5 days.

### Learning Conferences

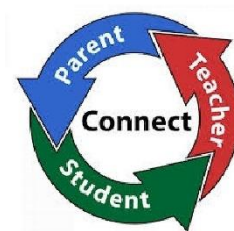
Learning conferences begin this afternoon and continue tomorrow. These are a time for children to share their learning goals in reading, writing and mathematics. Each appointment is 15 minutes long, we kindly ask everyone to please respect this time limit. The idea is that children lead as much of the appointment as they can depending on their age. These appointments have a learning focus so if you have any other concerns please arrange a separate time with the class teacher to discuss them.

### Chicken Pox

We have a child in the school who has been diagnosed with chickenpox. The early signs are a fever and spots with a blister on top of each spot. Ministry of Health recommendations are that children should not be attending school for one week from the date of the appearance of the rash or as advised by a GP.

### Easter Raffle

Thank you to all those families who have kindly donated Easter eggs for our raffle, we have lots of yummy prizes to be won! The raffle will be drawn after Mass next Wednesday 5 April, **please ensure all money and tickets are returned by next Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April at the latest.**



## Parish Newsletter

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

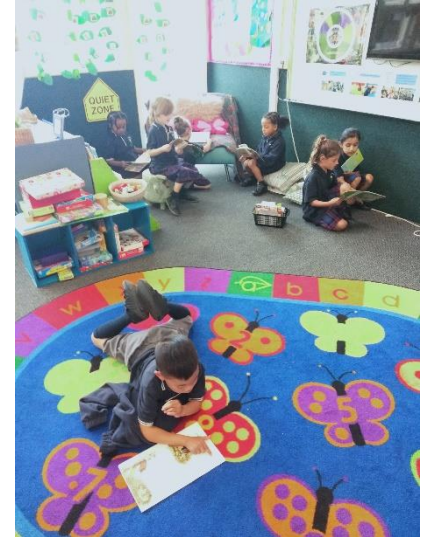
## Class Programmes

### Room 1

In reading this week we have been discussing characters in the stories we read and where the story is set. After reading Jack and the Beanstalk, we have planted a bean seed each and are going to watch them closely to see how fast they grow! We might have beanstalks for the holidays!

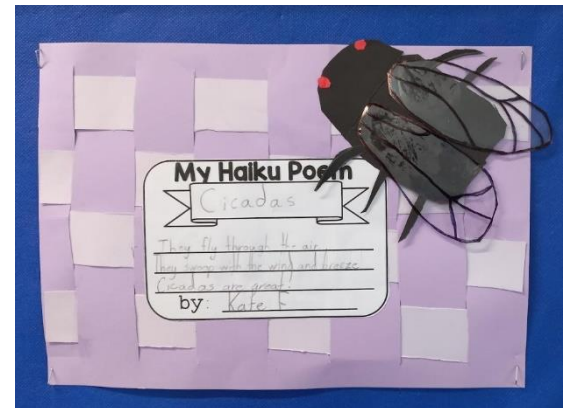
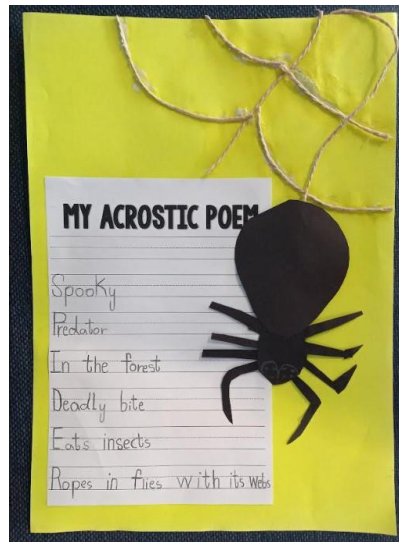
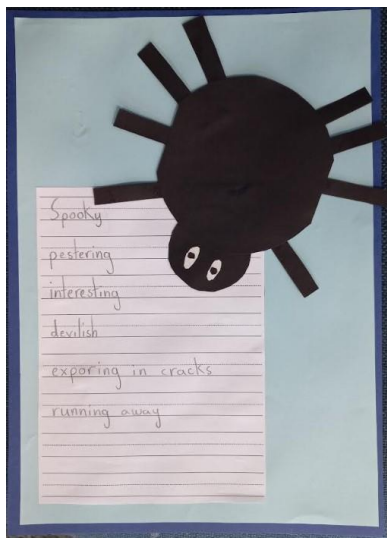
Two new activities we have been doing in reading time are...

1. "relax into reading" after morning tea, where we sit with our browsing baskets and choose a few books to read.
2. Buddy reading - where we choose buddy that has a different book from us find a cosy corner in the classroom and take turns to read to each other. We are enjoying reading to our friends and helping each other.



### Room 2

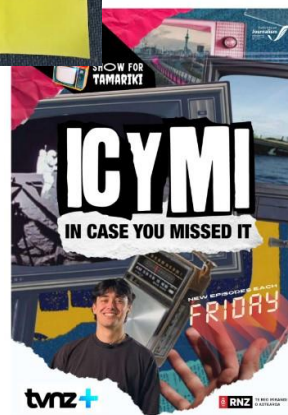
It was World Poetry Day on Tuesday so Room 2 has been writing poems about inchworms, spiders and cicadas. Kate has written a haiku poem. Haiku poems have 3 lines; 5 syllables, 7 syllables, 5 syllables. Annabel and Blake opted for an acrostic poem about spiders. More to follow next week.



TVNZ have launched a News show targeted at 8 to 14 year olds, delivering age appropriate news bulletins about the past week. I encourage the students to check it out.

For Mātauranga Whakapono our R.E. lessons, we have been learning about how celebrating Mass brings us closer to Jesus. On Wednesday at our Class Mass the students paid special attention to the doxology at the end of the Eucharist Prayer. The liturgy is a work of the Holy Trinity. In the liturgy the Church acknowledges and adores the

Father as the source of all blessings. It does this through, with and in Christ who 'is always present in his Church, particularly in her liturgical celebrations.' In the liturgy the power of the Holy Spirit recalls Christ's saving actions and makes them present to the faithful. The Spirit draws the assembly into communion with the Trinity and each other a communion which is to bear fruit beyond the celebration in witness and service. Well done to Inigo and Abe who read the long 1st reading and responsorial psalm respectively. Also, thanks to Imara, Daniel, Annabel, Kate, Quinn and Eva who read the prayers of the faithful.



TVNZ is excited to bring you a new informative, short form show called ICYMI (In Case You Missed It) aimed at tamariki aged 8 to 14 years of age.

ICYMI delivers a short and sweet, age appropriate news bulletin with some of the biggest news stories of the week, a look back at a milestone in This Week In History - and an engaging, 90-second explainer that tackles subject matter from everything from Dyslexia to The Wood Wide Web.

The first episode of ICYMI goes to air on Friday March 24th and every Friday at 3:45pm on TVNZ 2. The show is then available on TVNZ+ for a fortnight. Extra content will also be available under a separate tab on the ICYMI page where you will find the Explainers that have been to air already.

## **Room 4**

Each term Room 4 children can write their opinions and ideas on various topics known as Writing Prompts. Writing Prompts are 10 questions or statements that the children read and then write what they think about each prompt. Below are five children's thoughts on one of the prompts they chose to write about.

### **Clara**

#### **How do you think technology has made things better or worse in our society?**

*I personally think that technology has made life better because phones make it much easier to contact people. Computers help you because it makes your work so, SO much easier to do. Also when you use computers you are saving trees being cut down, since you're not writing on paper. Technology is a great source of entertainment for children. You just have to be careful not to let them stay on the ipad or computer too long.*

### **Sam**

#### **How do you think technology has made things better or worse in our society?**

*I am going to start with the good things: technology makes people's lives better, helps raise life expectancy, and helps to protect us. The downside of this is that technology is becoming more and more human-like. This means it is becoming smart and capable, which for me is kind of creepy. I don't like the idea of a robot being able to think like a human.*

### **Erin**

#### **What are 10 things I know to be true**

1. *Butterflies can taste with their feet.*
2. *The name Erin means literacy in Irish.*
3. *The Baby Sitters club was written by ANN M. MARTIN.*
4. *Half of 40 is 20.*
5. *Vegetarians don't eat meat.*
6. *In Māori Ra means sun.*
7. *Sharks are a type of fish.*
8. *Isaac Newton discovered gravity.*
9. *3/3/2023 is World Wildlife Day.*
10. *8/3/2023 is international women's day.*

### **Danica**

#### **What was the last movie you watched? What was it about?**

Puss in Boot 2 was the last movie I watched. It was about Puss finding the Wishing Star with Kitty SoftPaws and Perrito (a dog). This was while they were being chased by Big Jack Horner, Goldilocks and the three bears. The characters are all fighting to find the map to the Wishing Star because it's the last one in the world (you get to choose a wish). Puss in Boots was also being watched by another sinister character (whose name was a secret). No one knew Puss in Boots was being chased and watched by this character except for himself. This was only discovered close to the end. IT WAS A GREAT MOVIE!

### **Toby**

#### **Wonder Weasel is looking for a sidekick? You apply for the job. Why would you be a good sidekick for Wonder Weasel?**

*I would be a great sidekick because I would be a great joker. I have a master plan on how to stop his enemies. I would distract his enemies with a terrible joke then Wonder Weasel would appear out of nowhere and save the day. If Wonder Weasel does not accept me as his sidekick, I will invite him to dinner at my house.*



## STEM Holiday Programme

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

\$90 per day



**When:**  
Tuesday 11th April - Friday 21st April 2023  
(weekdays only) 9 am to 3 pm

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

Learn more here:  
[www.qismatech.com/holiday-programme/](http://www.qismatech.com/holiday-programme/)

[www.qismatech.com](http://www.qismatech.com)    [qismatech@gmail.com](mailto:qismatech@gmail.com)  
[@qismatech](https://www.instagram.com/qismatech)    +64 21 0810 4483



**HAVE YOU REGISTERED?  
CLOSES 28 MARCH**



FIRST KICKS / MIXED / GIRLS ONLY    [BNUJFC.CO.NZ](http://BNUJFC.CO.NZ)    [BNUJFC](https://www.facebook.com/BNUJFC)

We also assist with training for primary/intermediate age children competing in the school's cross country competition.

Our coaches are qualified and Athletics NZ Accredited.

For more information please contact:

Julie Richards, Children's Manager

[juliemaerdy@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:juliemaerdy@yahoo.co.uk), ph 0212959026



**WELLINGTON**  
HARRIER ATHLETIC CLUB

