



# St Bernard's School Newsletter

30 May 2022

Term 2, Week 5

## Upcoming Events

### June

- 03 - Football Coaching
- 06 - Queens Birthday
- 08 - Scientist Visit, All Classes
- 08 - Central Zone Cross Country
- 10 - Football Coaching
- 17 - Football Coaching
- 22 - Scientist Visit, All Classes
- 24 - Matariki Holiday
- 22 - Scientist Visit, All Classes
- 30 - Life Education 'Harold'

### July

- 01- Life Education 'Harold'
- 01 - Football Coaching
- 06 - Celebration of Learning
- 07 - Football Coaching
- 07 - Last Day Term 2, 3pm
- 08 - Teacher Only Day

## 2022 Term Dates

**Term 2** Mon 2 May - Thurs 7 July

**Term 3** Mon 25 Jul - Fri 30 Sept

**Term 4** Mon 17 Oct - Fri 16 Dec

*Teacher Only Day - Fri 8 July*

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## Principals Message

Talofa lava!

This week is national Samoan language week. Thank you to Mason for sharing this language, recognising part of his dad's heritage.

Did you know there are only 17 letters in the Samoan alphabet?

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gl25ln8vIkA&t=38s&ab\\_channel=PacificKids%27Learning](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gl25ln8vIkA&t=38s&ab_channel=PacificKids%27Learning)

This slide show has lots of information about Samoa and the children will be using some of it during the week in their classes. [Samoan Language week slideshow](#)

## Toys in school

We have a number of children bringing toys, balls and playing cards into school. We have relaxed our rules slightly in this area as items are being used nicely. Please make it clear to your children however, that if they choose to bring them, then they need to be prepared that they may get lost or broken. Please ensure that anything important, expensive or delicate is not brought in.

**Lisa**

## Special Character

### Parish Newsletter

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

### Whole School Masses

Whole School Masses for the rest of this term will be Wednesday 8th June to celebrate Pentecost and Wednesday 6th July to conclude our term.

Please put these dates in your diary, we would love to see you there.

### This coming Sunday we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost.

The Church celebrates the Feast of Pentecost fifty days after Easter Sunday. Pentecost Sunday ends the season of Easter. Before he returned to his Father in Heaven, Jesus visited his disciples and promised to send the Holy Spirit to help them. One morning when the disciples were gathered together with Mary, the mother of Jesus, and some other women, they suddenly heard a noise like a strong wind. Then they saw what looked to be flames of fire over each of them. "And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit." (Acts of the Apostles, 2:4)



The Holy Spirit filled the disciples with courage and faith, empowering them to share the Good News with others. They began to tell others about Jesus. On this day, the gift of the Spirit allowed the disciples to communicate even with those who spoke different languages.

On Pentecost, the Apostle Peter spoke to a gathered crowd. He asked the people to be baptised and receive the Gift of the Holy Spirit. Many people were baptised that day. The Apostles continued to baptise many people. They laid their hands on them so that they might receive the Holy Spirit, giving them strength and courage.

The Holy Spirit came to the disciples on Pentecost. God the Father and Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to help and guide the Church. The event of Pentecost changed the world and gave rise to today's Church. The Holy Spirit is still with us today.

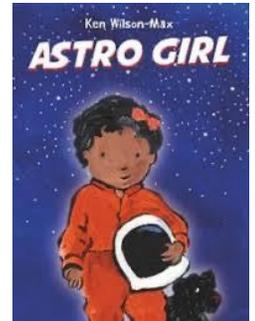
## Class Programmes

### Room 1

In Room One last week, we continued learning about growing and plants. In particular, we learned about the parts of a plant and their functions. We made our own models of flowering plants and labelled them. We have been monitoring our bean plants and watching to see when they will sprout.

On Tuesday, we found a bag of belongings in our classroom. When we examined their contents, we saw space books, a telescope, freeze dried food and a label saying 'Astrid's Bag'. We learned that this book belonged to Astrid and she was the main character of the new book we are reading in literacy time, Astro Girl.

We also made predictions about the book, learned about describing words, wrote commands and labelled nouns in pictures. We can't wait to read more about Astro Girl and continue our writing activities.



## Room 2

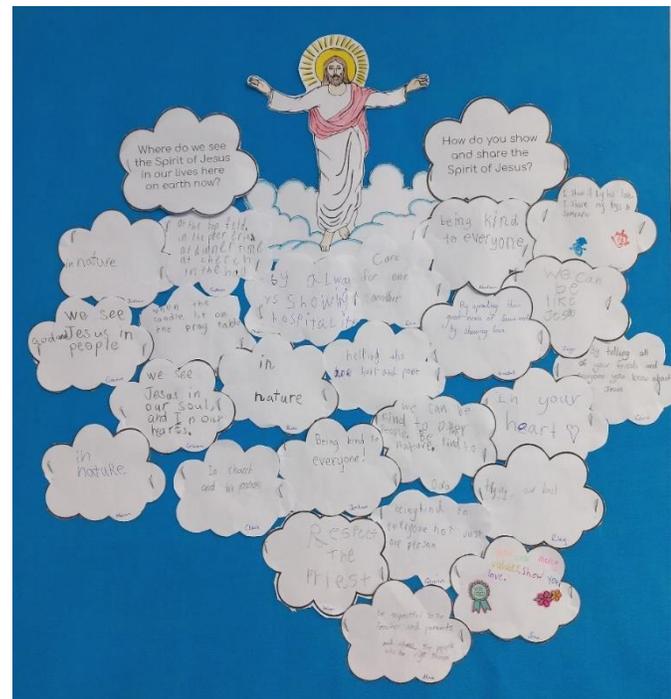
Several of our Year 4 and Year 5 students are competing at the Central Zones Cross Country Race next month so we have been building up our running stamina during our fitness breaks. Each day the students are encouraged to aim for a little further and a little faster.



For literacy, we have been learning to use SCUMPS (size, colour, use, made of, parts and shape) to describe objects. The students wrote about their favourite baby/toddler toy last week and several have been published. Don't forget to pop into Room 2 to read their amazing pieces of writing.



On Thursday it was the Feast of the Ascension so our R.E. focus last week was developing a better understanding of what happened at the ascension of our Lord and what it means for us. We know the gospel story and we understand that Jesus told his disciples that they would be baptised by the Holy Spirit and receive the power of God. He told them to tell his story to the people of Jerusalem and to the people all over the Earth. So, we discussed where we see the Spirit of Jesus in our lives and how we show and share the Spirit of Jesus in our lives.



## Room 4

Last Friday, our football coach was unwell so Room 4 went outside to play some frisbee tag instead! The children enjoyed running around the court, ducking and swerving to avoid being hit by the frisbee taggers!

