



St Bernard's School Newsletter

15 August 2022

Term 3, Week 4

Upcoming Events

August

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

September

02 - Onsie Day

05 - ASB Sports Centre, Yrs 1-8

07 - Scientist Visit, All Classes

20 - Scientist Visit, All Classes

29 - Celebration of Learning 2pm

30 - Term 3 Ends, 3pm

2022 Term Dates

Term 3 Mon 25 Jul - Fri 30 Sept

Term 4 Mon 17 Oct - Fri 16 Dec

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Principals Message

We have been very lucky this year to be supported by The Brooklyn Resource Centre Charitable Trust and the Vogelmorn Foundation. Each has given us grants to be able to buy resources for the school.



BRC gave us \$1,000 for non-fiction books, \$1449 for a digital camera, tripod and case, and \$2,399 for 4 ipads and cases.

The Vogelmorn Foundation gave us \$1590 with which we purchased 2 ipads and cases, an ipad charging station, 3 Chromecasts and some headphones.

Thank you so much to both trusts.



Language of the Week

Our language this week is Amharic, one of the languages spoken by the people of Ethiopia. Here is Natan sharing his mum's native language. **Amharic**

Policy Review

This term we will be reviewing our Student Well Being and Safety and Staff Well Being and Safety policies. If you would like to read and comment on these policies, please log into www.schooldocs.co.nz username: stbernards, password: taft

Term Dates for 2023

Term 1: Thursday 2nd February- Thursday 6th April (6th Feb Waitangi Day holiday)

Term 2: Monday 24th April- Thursday 29th June (25th April ANZAC public holiday, 5th June Queen's birthday public holiday, 30th June is a teacher only day)

Term 3: Monday 17th July- Friday 22nd September

Term 4: Monday 9th October- Tuesday 17th December (23rd October Labour Day public holiday)

Special Character

Parish Newsletter

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

The Assumption

The Assumption of Mary is also known as the Falling Asleep of the Blessed Virgin Mary or the Dormition of Mary. It is a Holy Day of Obligation and is celebrated annually on August 15.

Every year, Christians celebrate when Our Blessed Mother was taken up into Heaven body and soul at the end of her life. On November 1, 1950 Pope Pius XII infallibly declared the doctrine of the Assumption a dogma:

"By the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, of the Blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, and by our own authority, we pronounce, declare, and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma: that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory."



What is the difference between the Ascension and the Assumption? Jesus ascended. Mary was assumed. Because Jesus is God, He went up into Heaven by His own power. Mary, however, is human. She is not God. Thus, she could not ascend to Heaven by her own power. Therefore, she was assumed – taken up into Heaven.

Even though Mary was assumed into Heaven, she is always with us. Heaven is our home and Mary wants us to be with her and her Son for all eternity. On the Solemnity of the Assumption, let us remember our Mother, who is in Heaven and who loves us very much. The Assumption is the fourth Glorious Mystery in the Rosary. So, every time we pray the Rosary, we can remember that she is always with us and that she loves us more than anyone else on earth could!

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 this Sunday 21 August will be delivered free to school. (Orders placed after this date will be delivered to your home 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.

Congratulations It's a Boy!

Congratulations to Te Kahuirere in Room 1 and her family. Te Kahuirere's new baby brother Elijah arrived last Friday.



Happy Birthday to Toby who turns 12 today, and to Quinn who turns 8 on Thursday, we hope you both have fantastic, fun filled birthdays.

Class Programmes

Room 1

In Room One, we are reading the book, Leo and the Octopus.

The world was too bright for Leo. And too loud. "I must be living on the wrong planet," Leo thought. Leo struggles to make sense of the world. He doesn't understand the other children in



his class, and they don't seem to understand him. But then one day, Leo meets Maya. Maya is an octopus, and the more Leo learns about her, the more he thinks that perhaps he isn't alone in this world, after all.

Last week, we wrote letters of advice to Leo for how to cope with loud noises and bright lights. Check out Imara's wonderful writing:

Dear Leo,

How are you? We read your letter. Here are some ideas that you can use to help you. My first idea- you can tell a trusted teacher because the teacher will know what to do or you can go to the library because it is a quiet place there and you can read books there in peace. My 3rd idea is you can wear sunglasses so they will block your eyes from the bright light. My last idea is you can wear headphones and listen to quiet music so you won't hear the loud noise in your ears.

*With love from,
Imara.*

We have also been learning about octopuses and wrote factual information about all that we have learned.

Have a read of Michaela's writing:

Octopuses live in the sea. They can camouflage. They have no bones and they have 8 arms. Their skin is smooth and they have blue blood. They spray out black ink so other creatures can't see them. They have excellent eyesight.

In addition to these literacy activities, we enjoyed making our own octopus crafts.

In science, we are continuing with our 'What's it made out of and why?' work. We looked at different materials and discussed their similarities and differences, starting to look at the properties each material has.



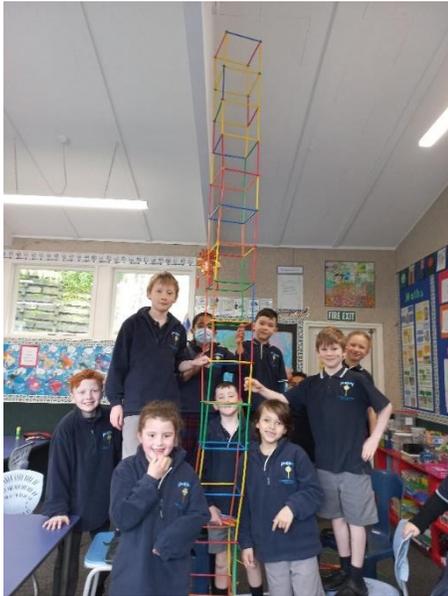
Room 2

Our weekly trip to the ASB Sports Centre continues to be a highlight for the students. Dylan and Scott, our instructors, noticed improved skills after just one week. Students were spending more time rallying with longer volleys. Individuals also increased their reps when practicing by themselves.



In mathematics we are learning to order fractions. The students worked in small groups to make comparisons between pizza slices, providing visuals to show how the larger the denominator the smaller the fraction. Working with halves, quarters, eighths, thirds, sixths, twelfths, fifths and tenths, the students made connections using their understanding of doubles and halves.

During our frequent rainy lunchtimes, the students have thoroughly enjoyed creating towers using the straw connectors. These photos show the budding engineers get such satisfaction from building their structures whilst working collaboratively together.



Room 4

Last Tuesday, our Science Advisor Stephen Williams led a discussion about the water cycle. Vincent and Logan N helped to label and explain the different parts of the cycle using a diagram on the whiteboard.

Here are Sam and Natalie's water cycle explanations which all students have produced.

Natalie's explanation:

The Water Cycle starts when the sun heats up oceans, lakes, rivers streams and creeks. The water evaporates and becomes water vapour. The water rises up into the air where it will change form and become water vapour. Water can evaporate from lakes, ponds, rivers and streams. As the water vapour rises into the air, it begins to cool down and become water droplets. Water droplets push together to form clouds. This process is known as condensation. Condensation can happen on your window, after a cold night.

Wind currents move clouds around and eventually they stop, often over mountains. The water droplets in the clouds become so heavy they start falling to the ground as rain, snow, hail or sleet. This process is called precipitation. The water flows back to streams, rivers and lakes and also to the ocean. Trees gather water through their roots and then release the excess water through their leaves as water vapour. This is called transpiration. This is not the end, it's only the start. The water cycle starts again!



Sam's Explanation:

The Water Cycle starts with the sun. The sun heats any body of water, for example rivers, lakes, streams and oceans which causes evaporation. Evaporation is when water droplets change into water vapour. This happens when water is heated up and turns into steam which creates clouds.

Condensation is gas turning back into a liquid and happens when the air is cold. As the air gets colder the water droplets form clouds. More and more water droplets are being formed from the steam and making the cloud heavier. As a result of this, the water droplets inside the cloud start to squeeze together and become trapped inside the cloud.

As the air cools down the water droplets are too heavy to be held by the clouds. This causes precipitation, which is when any kind of water falls from the sky including snow, rain, sleet and hail. As it rains, water will be driven into streams and rivers. The water in streams, rivers and lakes makes its way to the ocean. While this is happening plants and trees cause transpiration. This is when plants release water through their leaves into the clouds. All of the streams and rivers will flow into the ocean and the cycle starts again.

Public Notices

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ALL AGES & ABILITIES

Kelly Sports Summer Series Football/Netball Competition 2022/2023

Join us for another fun-filled year of Friday night Football and Netball!

Football is a 5 aside competition held at Ian Galloway Park.

Netball caters for 5/ 6/ 7-a-side and is held at Marsden & Karori Normal Schools.

Competition runs from term 4 through to term 1 (with a break over Xmas).

To register and for more information go to:

www.kellysports.co.nz/netball2022

www.kellysports.co.nz/football2022