



# St Bernard's School Newsletter

27 September 2021

Term 3, Week 10

## Upcoming Events

### September

- 28 - Scientist Visit, All Classes
- 29 - Catholic Schools Day

### October

#### 01 - Term 3 Ends, 3pm

- 18 - Term 4 Begins, 9am
- 18 - Swimming Lessons
- 25 - Labour Day

## 2021 Term Dates

Term 3 Mon 26 Jul - Fri 01 Oct

Term 4 Mon 18 Oct - Thurs 16 Dec

## Principals Message

Thank you all for your support during this term, one that has been trickier than we would have imagined back at the start of August. We are so lucky to have such a warm and supportive parent community.

### School Accounts

We as a school are determined to provide our students with as many opportunities as we can and to ensure our resources are up to date and relevant. One way to support that is through the school accounts that parents are asked to pay each year.

Thank you so much to those families who have already paid their accounts and those who are making contributions towards them, we appreciate everyone has different pressures on their finances, particularly during covid times.

The money we ask for from these accounts is used in two ways:

To pay off fees that we will as a school will be charged for, for example, swimming, Reading Eggs.

To pay for extras on top of our Ministry budget, for example, trips, sports coaches, new devices.

We ask that even if you cannot pay the full amount that you try to contribute something to ensure that we can continue to provide the best opportunities for the children.

### TERM DATES 2022

Here are the term dates for 2022.

Term 1: 3<sup>rd</sup> February- 14<sup>th</sup> April

Term 2: 2<sup>nd</sup> May- 7<sup>th</sup> July (Teacher only day on 8<sup>th</sup> July)

Term 3: 25<sup>th</sup> July- 30<sup>th</sup> September

Term 4: 17<sup>th</sup> October- 16<sup>th</sup> December

## Faith

### Wednesday Mass

With current level 2 restrictions there will be no Mass in room 3 this coming Wednesday 29 September.

## School News

### Welcome

We are delighted to welcome Joseph to school. Joseph turned 5 last week and has joined his sister Erin at St Bernard's. Welcome to school Joseph!.



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## No Celebration of Learning

A reminder there will be no Celebration of Learning this Thursday due to Level 2 restrictions.

### School Photos

Each child has been given a notice with instructions and their 'shoot key' code on it, this enables you to view and order your child's school photos on line. **All orders placed before Midnight on Sunday 3 October will be delivered free to school.** (Orders placed after this date will incur a postage fee.)

*Please check your child's bag if you haven't received the notice.*

### Swimming Lessons

All children will be taking part in our swimming programme during Term 4. Lessons will be on a **Monday** and will begin in the **first week of the new term**. Children will travel by bus to the Kilbirnie Aquatic Centre. The bus will leave school at 10.30am. Lessons will be from 11 – 12pm. 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.

**If we are still in level 2, swimming lessons are unable to go ahead.**

### Calendar Art Fundraiser

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

Due to level 2 restrictions, Teachers will be uploading children's artwork via class dojo for viewing on completion. Order forms will be sent home on the first Monday of next term.

### 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 Terms 4 regardless of the weather.



## Class Programmes

### Room 1

On Tuesday, Room One celebrated the Mid-Autumn Festival. The Mid-Autumn Festival is the second most important traditional festival in China (the most important one is Chinese New Year). It is a special family day in China, like Thanksgiving. As a class, we read and wrote about the festival's legend- the story of Chang-E and Hou Yi. We learned about their love story and why moon cakes are so important.

Everyone got to taste test a piece of moon cake. Marco said, "The moon cakes are delicious," and Daniel thought they were so yummy that he wanted to buy some more! They were a great success, and most of the students thoroughly enjoyed them.



## Room 2

Over the past week we have focused on injecting descriptive language into our writing. A great way to practice is to create 'What am I?' stories. Here are a few examples of our talented writers in Room 2:

### *What am I?*

I have a mushroom snorkel sprouting out of the muddy hood.  
A large bull bar protects the engine.  
Raised suspension helps me get over the toughest obstacles.  
Off Road tyres help me steer around sharp corners.

What am I?

I am a modified Chevrolet Ck1500.

by Sam

### *What Am I?*

I am a grey tabby cat with green eyes  
I am fat and greedy  
I fight the next door neighbour's cats  
I like to scratch the family couch  
I love plenty of attention

What am I?

I am CJ, Esme's cat

by Esme

### *What am I?*

I am big and fluffy.

I have a blue collar.

I have two long ears.

I am white with black spots.

My favourite toy is a rubber chicken

What am I?

I am Rex the dog

by Blake

Room 2 also managed to complete their Social Justice Week artwork - a response to learning about the Beatitudes.



## Room 4

In Room 4 for the last two weeks we have been learning about how to structure an argument. The children chose a topic that they wanted to write (argue) about. Beatrice's argument is about how cats and dogs are equal as pets and animals. No one should choose one animal over the other.

All cats and dogs are equal! They are amazing and fun animals. I know that some people may think differently. I believe that questions about whether cats and dogs are better do not give people a fair choice? Some people like dogs and cats equally.

Dogs are extremely intelligent. You can teach them tricks, such as how to shake hands and roll over. Dogs are also very playful and you can go to the park with them. They can run around and you can throw a ball to them. A dog can help with depression or if you feel like everything hates you. You can also spend hours stroking and hugging them. It's also really nice when you get home from work or school and your dog is so happy to see you and ready to play. This could be why some people like dogs better than cats.

It's really nice to stroke a cat, especially when they climb on your lap and purr. Cats are also really cute. If you have had the experience of a cat looking at you with big irises, then you would know what I mean. Cats can be very good pets for adults who work full time. This is because you do not have to take them for walks. Cats are less expensive than dogs because they do not need as much food or equipment (lead, id tag, bed, shampoo, conditioner). This is why some people like cats better than dogs.

Some people don't like either cats or dogs. Some people like dogs because they can't have a cat because they're allergic to fur. People might not like dogs because they bark a lot. It can be hard to have a dog because they need to be walked each day. It is also annoying to have a dog or cat as a pet because of the vet bills that you need to pay. Some people have ailurophobia, which means that they are scared of cats.

This is why I think cats and dogs are equal. My reasons are: That dogs are intelligent, cats can be good pets for busy people, and that people don't have them as pets because they don't want to pay the vet bills. Dogs and cats are both really amazing animals.

## Intermediate Programme

This week's treat was a yummy oaty caramel slice.



## Public Notices

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