



St Bernard's School Newsletter

20 September 2021

Term 3, Week 9

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

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Principals Message

Eye Tests

On Friday I emailed you all a survey link about a free service we have been offered by Specsavers Opticians. They are going to bring an auto refractor into school to assess the children. The refractor tests the way light is changed as it enters their eyes and can be a telltale sign of the need for a full eye examination. Eye examinations are free for children under 16 years of age. If you have not done so already, please complete the survey to let us know whether you allow your child to have their eyes checked by the auto refractor.

Financial Support

I am aware that covid times have been difficult for many families. Below is a link that could tell you whether you are entitled to financial support from the government. It is a quick and simple process.

<https://check.msd.govt.nz/>

There are also some situations in which I can help with the Archdiocese School fees. Please come and see me if you would like to discuss this option.

Comm-Unity

We have registered the school with a non-profit organisation called Comm-Unity. It is a way for us to fundraise for the school.

- Businesses register themselves with Comm-Unity and promise to donate a certain percentage of what is spent by customers who are also registered.
- Schools register themselves with Comm-Unity and encourage their communities to choose them as the organisation they wish to support.
- Parents register themselves with Comm-Unity and choose the school as their chosen organisation to support.
- Parents don't need to carry another loyalty card. They simply register their debit cards and everything is taken care of when they visit participating businesses.

Please consider downloading the Comm-Unity app to your phone and joining up to support St Bernard's. Visit www.comm-unity.kiwi for more details.

Lisa

Faith

Wednesday Mass

With current level 2 restrictions there will be no Mass in room 3 this Wednesday 22 September.

School Photos

Last Thursday each child was 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 they haven't given you their slip.

Brooklyn Library

All scheduled visits are canceled whilst we are in level 2 restrictions.

Please check to make sure all books that have been taken out on earlier visits have been returned to avoid penalties.

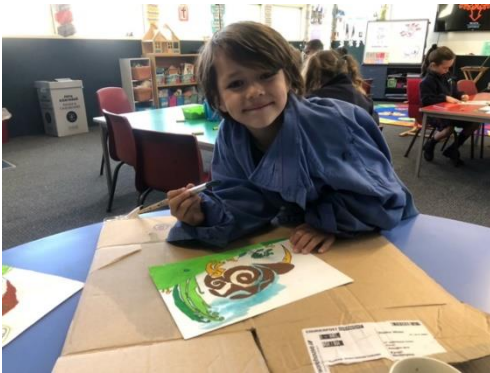


Happy Birthday to Natalie who turned 10 last Thursday and to Blake who turns 8 tomorrow. We hope you have/had wonderful, fun filled birthdays.

Classroom Programmes

Room 1

Room 1 had an action-packed week celebrating Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori, which is a national celebration of our national language. Each day we had lessons with new greetings and phrases in Te Reo Maori. We also enjoyed a wide range of activities that helped us learn and discover the Maori culture. This included learning new waiata and poi dances, learning how to use whai (string games), listening to Maori myths and legends, and creating beautiful pieces of koru-designed art.



Room 2

Social Justice Week and Te Wiki o te reo Māori falling on the same week meant Week 8 was very busy. We celebrated Social Justice Week with a Whole School Liturgy and a focus on learning about the Beatitudes across the week. We have had several conversations about how we can live more like Jesus by better understanding what the Beatitudes are promising us. Room 2 is showing their learning by painting artwork to reflect the Beatitudes. In addition to our usual te

reo Māori classroom commands and conversations about the days of the week and the daily weather, we learnt some place names and practiced greetings and emotions. We also discovered that by using what we already know, clues from the pictures and common sense we were able to decode two stories written in te reo Māori with reasonable accuracy.

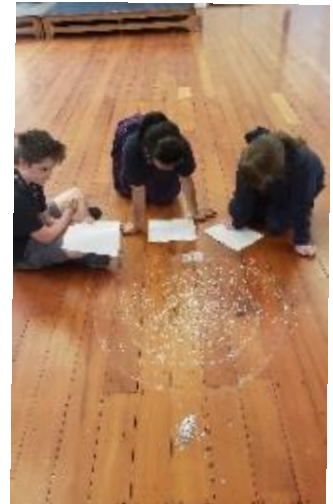
For Science this week we have started to look at pollution. We discussed air, land and sea pollution. We have a pollution jar display which we are monitoring to see the changes in air and water which has been polluted. We also created a model of an oil spill so we could see what damage is done to the ocean and its animals when oil is spilt. We will continue to learn about pollution over the coming weeks.



Room 4

Last Tuesday in Room 4 we investigated the spread of germs and water droplets when we sneeze. This was to give the children a clear visual about how germs spread and why it is important to cover your mouth when you sneeze!

Our first experiment focused on what happens when you use soap and how it makes germs move away from your skin. Our second experiment focused on what happens when someone sneezes without covering their face, compared to covering their elbow or wearing a mask. Two balloons filled with confetti were popped to show the spread of water droplets from a sneeze into the air and how far they would travel in both cases. The pictures below show what happened when a face is covered - this was represented by Flynn with the cardboard!



Intermediate Programme

Our seniors made spring rolls this week. They were surprised how tasty carrots and cabbage can be once they are fried. Mrs Small is the official taste tester and was extremely impressed with the flavour and crispiness.



Tots to Teens Magazine

SEPTEMBER ISSUE digital magazine is available here <https://issue2109nis.totstoteens.co.nz/>.

Refugee Support

Refugee families from Afghanistan will soon be leaving MIQ and some will be settling in Wellington. Please contact Catholic Social Services to help with-

1. Rental housing
2. Household and/or pantry items
3. Basic furniture eg. beds, drawers, dining table
4. **Direct donation.** Our CSS bank account number is

BNZ 02-0560-0213864-00. Please include in the reference fields your name and Afghan so we can link it to this cause.

Contact Paul Alsford at Catholic Social Services on 021 754145 or Email p.alsford@wn-catholic-social-services.org.nz

Wellington South and St Mary of the Angels Social Justice Group

Initiative to help with the setting up of houses for Afghan families. Pantry items you may wish to donate:

Canned fruit, Rice, Chickpeas, kidney beans, canned tomatoes, flour, couscous, sugar, salt, pepper, Olive oil, Eggs, tea, coffee, milk powder, turmeric, chilli, cinnamon, nutmeg.

(NOT baked beans or noodles or tinned meat.)

The former St Bernard's Church has been offered to store the donated items.

Contact joe.green@wellingtonsouthcatholic.org or johnsonfeeney@gmail.com



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BROOKLYN JUNIOR CRICKET CLUB



Wellington Harrier Children's Athletics Program

Our children's athletics club day starts Saturday 9th October, we meet at Newtown Park at 11.30 am.

Registrations are open please click on the link below.

<https://memberdesq.onesporttechnology.com/3217/reg/subs>

New members are welcome to come along and give it a go.

For more information please contact:

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