



St Bernard's School Newsletter

07 December 2020

Term 4, Week 9

Upcoming Events

December

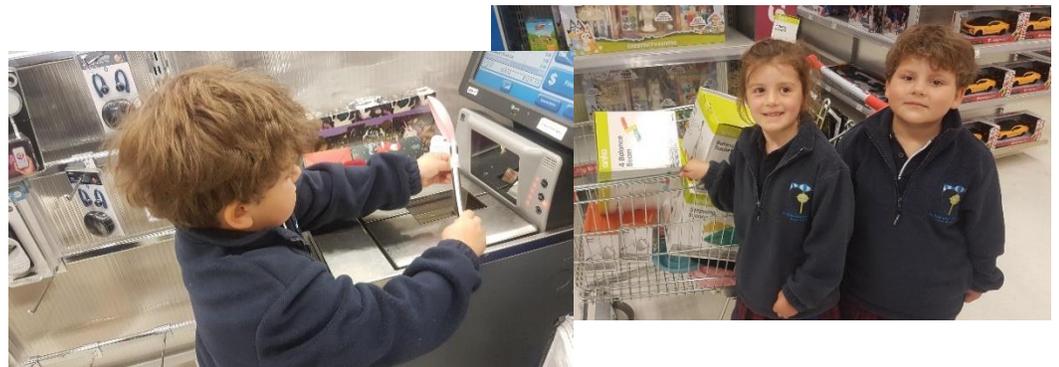
- 07 - Swimming
- 09 - Leavers Mass 9am
- 10 - Nativity Play 6pm
- 16 - Term 4 Ends, 12.30pm

2021 Term Dates

- Term 1 Thurs 4 Feb - Fri 16 Apr
- Term 2 Mon 3 May - Friday 9 July
- Term 3 Mon 26 Jul - Fri 01 Oct
- Term 4 Mon 18 Oct - Thurs 16 Dec

Principals Message

Last Friday I took a trip to Kmart with Cosima and Saskia because we had \$200 to spend. For Cosima's 6th birthday she had a Fiver Party. Instead of buying her presents, her friends gave money for Cosima to donate. This year we were super lucky because she chose St Bernard's to donate the money to. We decided to buy some cooking equipment and also bought some fun items for children to use in the playground to improve their balance. The girls had great fun and were so helpful.



Last Day 16 December – Come Dressed in Red and Green

Children are reminded of the school tradition of coming dressed in the Christmas colours of green and red for the last day. Find those Christmas hats, reindeer antlers etc. and get them ready for the day.

Remember school finishes at 12.30pm.



Faith

End of Year Mass and Thank You Morning Tea

Please come and join us at our end of year Mass this Wednesday morning at 9am in the school hall. After Mass we will be having morning tea as a way of saying thank you for all your help and support during the year.

Keep the Christ in Christmas

At this very busy time of year it is important that we do not forget that Christmas is about the birth of Christ. Remember to keep the Christ in Christmas.



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End of Year Celebrations – 10 Dec

Children have been very busy practising for our end of year celebration to be held at 6pm, this Thursday 10 December. The evening will include the nativity play and our Year 8 leavers Paddy, Darren, Leo, Douglas, Isobel, Isabella, Lucy, Greta and Shanty will be presented with a cross and chain as a memento of their time at St Bernard's. We are very proud of all these young people and look forward to following their future successes.

All children are involved in the presentation of the Christmas story. If for any reason your child will not be attending it is important that you let their teacher know immediately as this will have an impact on others.

Christmas Singing

Children from Room 2 and Room 4 visited Brooklyn Kindergarten last Thursday to sing Christmas songs. Our children sang with energy and had a wonderful experience performing for the children. A few of our children also entertained the audience on the ukulele with Stand by Me and Somewhere over the Rainbow.

The action photo is of the children singing I want a Hippopotamus for Christmas.



Pack the Bus

On Friday we were visited by The Breeze for their Pack the Bus event. Thank you so much for the gifts you donated to the Wellington City Missions to support people who are not as lucky as us, particularly at this time of the year. The children were entertained by Anna and Elsa and some of Father Christmas' elves.



Brooklyn Kids

Last week the Room 1 year ones, hosted a group of excited children from Brooklyn Kids. We read and discussed the story of The Rainbow Fish and then coloured in our own rainbow fish with its beautiful scales. It was a story of friendship and sharing just like we model in Room 1. It was lovely to see all St Bernard's students making them welcome and playing chasing games with them.

Thursday Hot Lunch

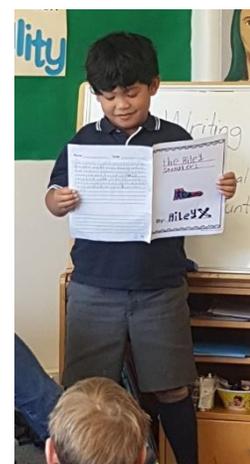
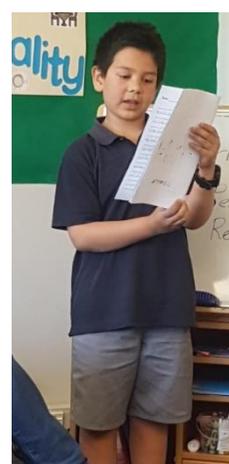
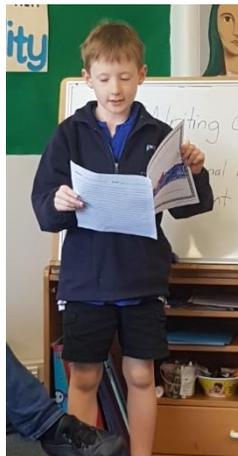
This week we will be serving Domino's Pizza. The pizzas will be ordered ahead, so **please make sure you have placed your order by Wednesday lunchtime to avoid disappointment.**

There will be a choice of cheese, ham and pepperoni, the pizzas will be sold in quarter piece slices (pizzas will be cut into 4 quarters) for \$2ea. Please let Katrina know your choice of topping and how many slices you'd like when placing your order. *For those that have prepaid for the term, please see Katrina to let her know your choice of topping (you will receive a one quarter slice).*



Writing Club

Last Thursday, the Writing Club shared their latest texts with Room 2. It was great to see them focusing on giving more detail and using interesting vocabulary.



School Reports

Your children's school reports will be sent home with them next Wednesday.

Please email the office if your child did not receive one. Email: office@stbernards.school.nz

Stationery lists for 2021

These will be included with your children's reports. Copies are also available on the school website and on www.myschool.co.nz. (Stationery can be ordered online at this site.)

We ask that all children return to school with their full stationery order.

Dental Nurse Visit



As the mobile dental clinic couldn't visit us onsite this year due to covid 19, they have scheduled our visit for the first week back next year. They will be onsite from Friday the 5 February 2021 and examinations will continue over the following couple of days.

Thanks So Much

We really can't thank all our wonderful parents who have kindly helped with transport and supervision on various trips and visits during the year enough. Without you, a lot of these trips would not have been possible. We really appreciate the time and help you have given us. Thank you!



Happy Birthday to Danny who turns 10 this Wednesday 9 December, and also to **Annabel** will turn 7 next Tuesday. We hope you both have fun filled birthdays.

2021 dates

Below are our school term dates for 2021. Dates are also given for teacher only days.

Term	Dates	No half days	notes
1	4 th February – 16 th April	96	Closed: 8 th Feb (Waitangi Day), 2 nd April (Good Friday), 5 th and 6 th April (Easter Monday and Tuesday) Teacher Only Day: 1 st April
2	3 rd May – 9 th July	98	Closed: 7 th June (Queen's Birthday) Teacher Only Day: 4 th June, 9 th July
3	26 th July – 1 st October	100	
4	18 th October – 16 th December	86	Closed: 25 th October (Labour Day)

Class Programmes

Room 1

Room 1 students have been making Nativity scenes. They painted the inside of box lids in blue then add stars. After that, they coloured in and cut out the people and stable and stuck them inside the box.



Room 4

This is the last full week of school for the Year 8s of Room 4. They have been a fantastic year group to teach and will be well and truly missed by everyone at St Bernard's. We wish Paddy, Darren, Leo, Douglas, Shanty, Greta, Lucy, Isabella and Isobel all the best for their next step on their education journey - college in 2021! Below are two photos - the first one was taken back in February and the second last Friday!



Public Notices

Brooklyn Library

- **Christmas opening hours:** Brooklyn Library will be open until Christmas Eve (24 December) until 5pm. We will also be open, along with all Wellington City Library branches, between Christmas and New Year (apart from the stat holidays). Opening hours may vary to the norm, however, so please check our website wcl.govt.nz
- **Brooklyn Library January closure for upgrades:** Brooklyn Library will be closed between **12 - 27 January 2021** for some much-needed maintenance work. During this time the return slot will be closed, and no reserves will be available.
- **Summer Reading Challenge for 5 - 12 year olds:** From 1 December - 31 January, pick up a Summer Reading booklet from any of our branch libraries. Read and review as many of the books from the list as you can and go in the draw to win spot prizes and the Challenge's main prize. Go to wcl.govt.nz/kids for more info and to write your reviews.

Brooklyn Community Market

This Saturday December 12, from 12-4pm in the Brooklyn Community Centre, Harrison Street
Great stalls, delicious food, crafts, sausage sizzle, bouncy castle (weather permitting), plus lots more and Santa!
Come to our friendly market, everyone welcome.