St Bernard's School Newsletter

31 August 2020 **Term 3, Week 7**

Important Dates

September

01- Brooklyn Library Rm 1

04- Football Coaching Yrs 1-8

08- Brooklyn Library Rm 2

09 - Teacher Only Day

11 - Football Coaching Yrs 1-8

15 - Brooklyn Library Rm

18 - Football Coaching Yrs 1-8

18 - Assembly 2.15pm

22 - E Pro8 Challenge

24 - Celebration of Learning 2pm

25 - Football Coaching Yrs 1-8

25 - Last day of Term 3, 3pm

2020 Term Dates

Term 3: Mon 20 Jul – Fri 25 Sept

Term 4: Mon 12 Oct – Wed 16 Dec

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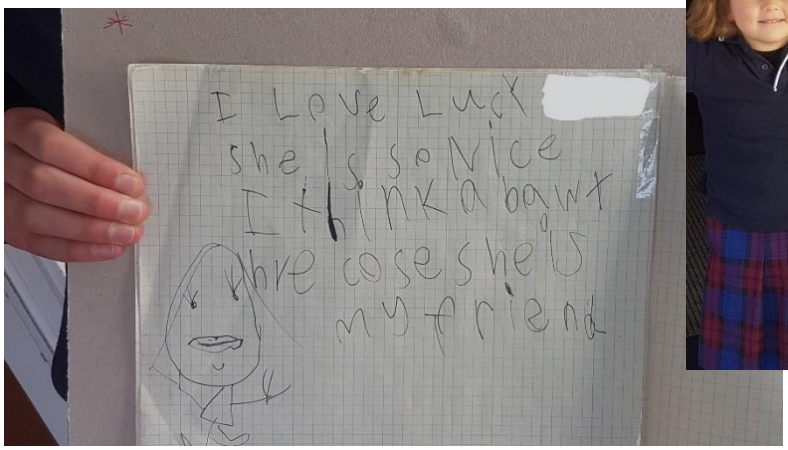
Principals Message

One of the best parts of being a little school is the deep connection made between our older and younger students. We see this day by day. Help with gardening, reading together in the library, opening packets at lunchtime, playing chase in the playground, running a junior art club. Last weekend Cosima brought in a book she had made for her tuakana, Lucy. We really do have the most amazing kids.



Wednesday Mass

A reminder that on Wednesday we will celebrate mass as a school to welcome Ms Stratford into the Church. We will provide a morning tea for parents after the Mass and ask that you monitor your distancing to meet level 2 expectations. The children will have a shared lunch. They will maintain their moist breath zones and be served by adults to ensure hygiene standards are kept. Please provide a plate to share that day. They can be dropped off at the office in the morning and we can reheat as necessary.

Teacher Only Day – 9 September

A reminder that next Wednesday 9 September is a teachers only day, so school will be closed.

Welcome!

A big St Bernard's welcome to Danny and his family who have joined us. Danny will be in room 1 we hope he has a great start to school.

School News

Vogelmorn Foundation Grant
We have recently received a grant from the Vogelmorn Foundation for $1700 to help improve our school grounds. We are so grateful for their support. Our first purchase was some new plants and pebbles to tidy up the garden bed in front of the hall. Thanks to the gardening club who worked hard to dig out all the weeds and then put in the new purchases.

School Photos – Free Delivery Extended to 13 September
Each child was given a slip with instructions and their 'shoot key' code on it a few weeks ago, this enables you to view and order your child's photos on line. **All orders placed before Midnight on Sunday 13 September will be delivered free to school**. (Orders placed after this date will incur a postage fee.)

Thursday Hot Lunches
During level 2, we will not be serving Thursday hot lunches, but children are still able to order pizza, hotdogs, cookies, iceblocks and muesli bars from the school office on a daily basis.

Raffle
Thank you to those families who have donated an item for our raffle. Examples of suitable items are, chocolate, fancy toiletries, nice sauces, toys, cinema tickets or books. Please sell as many tickets as you can, remember you can always come for another sheet.

Library Visits
Please add Brooklyn library visits to your diaries and help the children remember to return their books to school on that day. Any books not returned on the class visit day will need to be returned yourselves.
Room 1: 01 September Room 2: 08 September Room 4: 15 September

Unfortunately, under level 2 the Brooklyn library is closed for school visits, so Room 1's scheduled visit tomorrow has been canceled. Please make sure any library books you may have at home are returned to the library.

Crazy Hair Day
Check out some of the crazy hair from Friday's fundraiser for Blood Cancer and Leukemia New Zealand. Thank you for the gold coin donations that will help with the valued work they do to help suffers.

Assembly
This week's assembly was led by Viola, Leo and Greta. Room 1 sang a song they had made up about recycling, Room 2 shared their amazing pastel work based on Aztec suns and Room 4's party political candidates spoke to the school about their policies.

SPCA Day
On the 25th of September, St Bernard's School is going to have an SPCA Day. The children can dress up as an animal, and will bring either a gold coin, or a pet food donation. This is why we're doing it.

The Story of Magic and Grace
At home we have a cat named Grace. She has a brother named Magic who ran away 13 years ago. On the 27th of June, this year, my dad got a call from the SPCA saying that they had found Magic in Tauranga. We have had to send Magic to the vet a few times, and I would really like to thank the SPCA for looking after Magic for us.

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	4th February – 16th April	96	Closed: 8th Feb (Waitangi Day), 2nd April (Good Friday), 5th and 6th April (Easter Monday and Tuesday) Teacher Only Day: 1st April
2	3rd May – 9th July	98	Closed: 7th June (Queen's Birthday) Teacher Only Day: 4th June, 25th June
3	26th July – 1st October	100	
4	18th October – 16th December	86	Closed: 25th October (Labour Day)