



St Bernard's School Newsletter

01 March 2021

Term 1, Week 5

Upcoming Events

March

- 05 - ASB Centre – Whole School
- 08 - ASB Get Wise Visit Yr 3-8
- 12 - ASB Centre – Whole School
- 19 - ASB Centre – Whole School
- 26 - Assembly 2.15pm
- 31 - Easter Liturgy

April

- 01 - Teacher Only Day
- 02 - Good Friday
- 05 - Easter Monday
- 06 - Easter Tuesday
- 16 - Term 1 Finishes, 3pm

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

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Principals Message

I came across the following quote last week and it really connected with what we are trying to teach the children. Try your best, ask lots of questions, don't give up and most importantly smile and help each other.



Last Tuesday, staff had their first meeting with Stephen Williams who is our professional development provider for science. We discussed pre-conceptions that many children have about scientists- generally male, white and with crazy hair caused by explosions- and how we can break this. We looked at ways we can see science on our daily lives and cultural activities- baking bread, making tapa cloth, making ice cubes. Teachers are feeling inspired about the potential for science sessions in their classes.

Lisa

Faith

Wednesday Mass

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

Ash Wednesday

Lent is a journey of faith. It is a time of change, a time to focus on being closer to God. The 40 days of Lent are from the 1st Sunday in Lent ending on Holy Thursday. The Lenten season starts on Ash Wednesday. A cross of ashes is placed on our foreheads to remind us to turn back to God. Lockdown Level 3 postponed our celebration of Ash Wednesday until Tuesday last week. Our Year 8 liturgy committee members Viola and Isabelle distributed ashes to all those in attendance.



Servant Leadership Workshop

I had the privilege of taking the awesome Year 7 & Year 8 liturgy committee to a Servant Leadership Workshop on Friday at St Thomas More Church with students from St Teresa's and St Benedict's schools.

Here are some reflective comments from our leaders:

"We described attributes of effective leadership from A – Z." (Logan)

"We talked about good leaders of our world." (Flynn)

"We split into four groups to plan parts of a Mass." (Sam)

"We did a partnership activity with students from the other schools as a getting to know you activity and to learn how to communicate." (Isabelle)

"We considered further leadership options available in our school." (Sam)

"We learnt how to create liturgical movement within Mass and I am keen to lead a group." (Viola)

"We enjoyed acting out the gospel. It helped us build confidence in performing in front of an audience." (Beatrice and Kenzi)



School News

Assembly

Assembly this week has been canceled.

Easter Raffle

This year we will once again be having our Easter raffle. Families are asked to donate Easter eggs to be used as prizes. The eggs will be used to make up gift baskets for the raffle. Eggs should be dropped into the school office. Children will be given house points for their donations. **Tickets will be sent home today.**



Happy Birthday to Vincent who turns 9 on Wednesday. We hope you have a wonderful, fun filled birthday.

Library Visits – All Scheduled Visits are Canceled Whilst in Level 2

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: March 16

Room 2: March 23

Room 4: March 2

March 30

Second Hand Uniform

Don't forget about the have second hand uniform items we have available for sale. If you would like to take a look please see Katrina or Lisa.

Floorball

On Thursday 25 February we had our first floorball game against SWIS. SWIS scored 2 quick goals at the start, 1 of which was a penalty hit because of a high stick. We (St Bernard's floorball team) scored 5 goals in the second half, 3 from Logan and 2 from Toby.

By Toby

Class Programmes

Room 1

Last Thursday, Room 1 played with stretchy red lycra. We had lots of fun pulling, stretching and moving the lycra to music and nursery rhymes. Lycra activities are brilliant for developing social skills, coordination and team work!



Room 4

Our Year 7 and 8 students have started their options programme.

Beatrice is working towards the Home Chemistry badge. Here she is using filter paper to remove the charcoal from a coloured liquid.

Viola is working towards the Technology badge and had to make a bridge spanning 1 metre. She then has to find the heaviest mass that can be supported by the bridge.

Sam, Logan and Flynn are currently working on the Palaeontology badge and researching extinct animals.

Isabella and Kenzi chose the cooking option and so far have made muffins and pancakes- burgers are on the menu for this week.



Room 2

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go".

Dr Seuss

Here are some Room 2 students enjoying reading.

