



St Bernard's School Newsletter

13 September 2021

Term 3, Week 8

Upcoming Events

September

- 14 - Scientist Visit, All Classes
- 16 - Dance Splash - Canceled
- 18 - Working Bee - Postponed
- 28 - Scientist Visit, All Classes
- 24 - School Disco - Postponed
- 28 - Intermediate Info Evening - Postponed
- 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

Welcome back to Week 8 of Term 3. As tricky as level 2 is, I thank God that we are in Wellington and can be back at school learning with our friends. Thank you for your understanding during lockdown, it was challenging for us all but I can see that the children have been happy during their time at home and you should be proud of how you have managed to be teachers, employees and parents all rolled into one. A big thank you to our teachers who have supported you all and done a great job keeping the children focussed and learning as best they could in what was a crazy situation.

Unfortunately, we have had to cancel a few events, our Celebration of Learning, the working bee and school disco as well as Dancesplash. Classroom programmes will not be affected however and we can carry on with technology, weekly science and art lessons and science visits from Stephen. Nic Fitisemanu has offered to move the rugby sessions we had organised into Term 4- thank you.

If any families are in need of support as a result of working restriction during lockdown please come and see me and I will try to help.

Happy New Year

Wishing a Happy New Year to all our Ethiopian families who are celebrating the start of 2014 in the Ethiopian calendar. The Ethiopian calendar is 8 years behind the European calendar as they have a different date for the Annunciation. Below are photos of the celebrations with Natan's family.



Faith

Wednesday Mass

With current level 2 restrictions there will be no Mass in room 3.

School News

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 Clara who turns 9 tomorrow, and belated birthday wishes to Marco and Daniel A who had birthdays during lockdown. We hope you all have/had wonderful, fun filled birthdays.

Class Programmes

Room 1



Room 1 had a surprise delivery today. A beautiful new mat from some of our Easter raffle money.

Room 2

Writing prompt: You have to paddle a waka across a deep lake where a taniwha is a guardian. Write what happens next.

I see a tail coming gracefully out of the surface of the lake. Soon a head appears. The taniwha lurches at my waka, thinking I'm here to steal what it's guarding. I get thrown into the air, my arms and legs flailing around helplessly. I splash into the water. I sink lower and lower from the surface. I try to swim, but I can't ...

By Esther

Lockdown looks like people are away from their friends.
Lockdown tastes like the old cookbook.
Lockdown sounds like a Zoom call every day.
Lockdown smells like a new recipe.
Lockdown feels like less time with friends.
I wonder if we can go to school together?
by Erin

Lockdown looks like empty streets.
Lockdown feels so quiet without the school bell.
Lockdown smells like freshly baked pandesal.
Lockdown sounds like meetings in the morning and the afternoon.
I wonder when I can go back to school and play with my friends.
By Inigo

Lockdown looks like it's never going to end.
Lockdown feels like forever isolation.
Lockdown smells like pastry and bread.
Lockdown sounds like a plague going rogue.
I wonder when this chaos will ever end.
By Vincent

For more great Lockdown poems, come into Room 2.

Room 4

Room 4's last science lesson was about extracting DNA from fruit. First they mashed up strawberry, banana and kiwi fruit. Then they added handsoap which broke open the cell membrane which is made of fat and protein. Next they filtered the mixture to remove the plant tissue. After that they added methanol to separate the DNA.



Notices

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-catholicsocialservices.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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We welcome all children aged 4+

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