



St Bernard's School Newsletter

08 March 2021

Term 1, Week 6

Upcoming Events

March

- 08 - ASB Get Wise Visit Yr 3-8
- 09 - Scientist Visit – All Classes
- 11 - Caritas Guest Speaker
- 12 - ASB Centre – Whole School
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- 22 - Scientist Visit – All Classes
- 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

We get lots of questions and some confusions around fees and donations and so I thought I would try and explain what is paid, who to and how it is used.

	Paid to	Used for	Notes
School donations	School	The money we receive is used for items that will support teaching and learning in the school.	Donations add to our Ministry budget and extend what we can offer the children. Donations can be claimed as a tax deduction.
Other costs	School	Swimming Technology (Year 7 and 8) Reading Eggs Matific RE programme	These items are things that we have to pay as a school. If they are not paid by families, then they are paid out of our budget and will decrease the amount we have available for other areas.
Activities	School	*Trips and visits, including entry charges and bus hire. *Visitors to the school, for example, ASB Getwise, Life Education. *Year 7 and 8- options programme resources, for example, ingredients for cooking.	These activities widen the curriculum for our students and allow us to explore our local area. Year 7 & 8 pay a higher amount to cover their options programme.
Catholic Dues	Archdiocese	This goes into a central fund and is used to pay for repairs and improvements to Catholic Schools, for example, our toilet refurbishments from last year were paid for by this.	This money is paid directly to the Archdiocese. It is a fee not a donation. School principals have some say in whether families can receive a decrease in the amount of this fee in certain situations.

Please contact me if you feel you need support in paying the Catholic Dues or if you have arrears from previous years. I have some leeway to reduce current years and clear previous years if finances are tight.

Lisa

Faith

Wednesday Mass

Please come and join Room 4 along with members of our parish to celebrate Mass in room 3 at 9am this Wednesday 10 March.

School News

Easter Raffle

Thank you to those families who have already sent in Easter eggs for our raffle. 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.

Raffle tickets were sent home last Monday, extras are available from the office.



Happy Birthday to Erin and Joshua who both have birthdays this coming Sunday 14 March. We hope you both have wonderful, fun filled birthdays.

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: March 16

Room 2: March 23

Room 4: March 30

Class Programmes

Room 1

In Room 1 we created gorgeous pieces of art based on the story "Giraffes can't dance". This book is a touching and triumphant story about being yourself. Check out our adorable art!



Room 2

We have a big focus on prayer during Lent. This week we listened to the story of Jesus praying in the desert. We talked about what it must have been like. Through meditative prayer we reflected on how he must have felt. We also discussed where our sacred space is where we can encounter Jesus. Some feel at peace and safe in nature, some in church, some at home and some here at school. We ended the week writing special Lenten prayers.

Room 4

For the last two Tuesdays (and a little bit of last Friday) Room 4 children were busy making and testing paper model rocket designs. The children had to use straw, paper and cellotape to make 5 model rocket designs, first testing just the rocket body before adding 1, 2, 3 and 4 fins at the bottom each time. Next they tested how far each version of the model rocket flew through the air in the school hall. The results were recorded in a chart and an average flight distance for each model found. Some rocket designs flew as far as 11 metres!



Intermediate Options Programme

On Thursday for their options cooking programme Isabelle and Kenzi made burgers.

Flynn, Sam and Logan made dinosaurs and their shells from modelling clay. This was part of their Paleontology badge about extinct animals.



Art Sessions

In Week 5 our school commenced art lessons with Whaea Vanessa. This week we explored the medium of paint. Over the coming weeks we are going to create our own paintings. On Wednesday we painted the backgrounds. In reference to the first session, Inigo said "Wow! That was awesome. I love art!" Joshua loved the fact that everyone else chose either red or blue paint for their backgrounds but he got to select his favourite colour which is green. We are looking forward to this week's lesson.



ASB Centre

On Friday we went for our second session at the ASB Centre where we played floorball and handball.

