



St Bernard's School Newsletter

17 May 2021

Term 2, Week 3

Upcoming Events

May

- 21 - Football Coaching, All Classes
- 21 - Pink Shirt Day
- 24 - Aquarium Visit – Whole School
- 25 - Home of Compassion – Rm 4
- 27 - ASB Rec Centre Yrs 4-8
- 28 - Football Coaching, All Classes

June

- 01 - Scientist Visit & Lessons
- 04 - Teacher Only Day**
- 11 - Football Coaching, All Classes
- 11 – Assembly 2.15pm
- 18 - Football Coaching, All Classes
- 25 - Football Coaching, All Classes

2021 Term Dates

Term 2 Mon 3 May - Thurs 08 July

Term 3 Mon 26 Jul - Fri 01 Oct

Term 4 Mon 18 Oct - Thurs 16 Dec

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Principals Message

Our school is part of the Wellington Catholic Kahui Āko (Community of Learning). This network of 13 schools work together to improve teaching and learning and provide a pathway for our students through to college.

Our Achievement Challenges:

- *Reading across the curriculum (Year 1-8)
- *Writing across the curriculum (Year 1-8)
- *Literacy across the curriculum (NCEA)
- *Wellbeing and Catholic Character

Our Vision:

“We take pride in providing and excellent, holistic Catholic education to enable our community of learners on their Catholic journey- where each student is known.”

Our Levers of Change:

- *Culturally sustaining teaching and learning
- *Well-being/ being well to learn?
- *Transitions
- *Agency

The KA is headed by 2 lead principals (St Teresa's and Sacred Heart) and has 3 across school lead teachers who are the link between the schools. Each school then has at least one within-school lead teacher (Mr Small) who is the link between schools and the across school leads and who has an action plan to lead within the school to help us towards our meeting achievement challenges.

The KA is a way to access support as well as professional development. There are meetings for principal's, within school leads, school inclusion co-ordinators (Mrs Wilson), and also class teachers. The KA helps with transition connections for students as they head to college.

Our KA has a website which you are welcome to visit.

<https://wellingtoncatholic.wixsite.com/schools>

On the last day of Term 2 our teacher only day will be spent with the other KA schools, sharing good practice and gaining professional development that will help us further as we work to providing the best for our students.

Lisa

Faith

Wednesday Mass

Please come and join Room 1 along with members of our parish to celebrate Mass in room 3 at 9am this Wednesday 19 May.



Pink Shirt Day

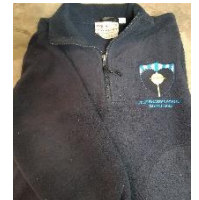
This Friday 21 May we will be celebrating 'Pink Shirt Day'. Children are to come to school in their sports uniform for football, but they may also wear something pink for eg: socks, shoes, hats, gloves, scarves, hair accessories etc.. along with a gold coin donation.

Pink Shirt day is one way we can celebrate the diverse, wonderful people around us and take meaningful steps to prevent bullying. Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atū, Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora – Speak Up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying!

By celebrating Pink Shirt Day and raising money to support the kaupapa, St Bernard's will be part of a powerful movement to spread aroha and kindness and end bullying. Every dollar raised helps the Mental Health Foundation to run Pink Shirt Day, raise awareness about bullying prevention and provide free resources to help make our schools safe and inclusive for everyone.

Missing Polar Fleece

There are a number of children with missing polar fleeces. Could everyone please check to ensure their child has not accidentally brought another child's fleece home with them, and that all fleeces are clearly named so we can easily identify and return them. Thank you.



Absences

If your child is sick or unable to attend school for all or part of the day, please either phone, email the school office on office@stbernards.school.nz or send a notification via the school app by 9.00 a.m. so that your child's absence can be accounted for.

Children who are late need to report to the office in case they have been marked absent by the teacher who takes the roll first thing in the morning.

If an absence is planned for a special reason, a note or telephone call to the school in advance is appreciated. In cases of prolonged absence, e.g. a family trip, a written note is required.

Schooldocs

You can view our Policies and Procedures, please click on the following link.

<https://www.schooldocs.co.nz/Home/SchoolLogin.aspx>

Our username is :hcm and password : schooldocs

This term we are looking at Reporting to Parents on student progress and achievement policy.

Online Safety Evening

Our Kāhui Ako group have secured Samuel Marsden auditorium for this interesting and informative event for parents. The auditorium can seat up to 500 people so there should be plenty of space available for all parents to attend. The entry fee for parents will simply be a gold coin donation for the Home of Compassion Soup kitchen.

We will also receive a link to the documentary after the event that we can share with you however if you can attend we think it will be well worth it, as we all learn techniques to help keep our children safe online.

Class Programmes

Room 1

In Room One we love to use the iPads and laptops to play the game Kahoot! Currently we are using the game to consolidate our knowledge of the friends of 10. For example, $4+6=10$ and $2+8=10$. We enjoy working in groups and competing against each other to be top of the podium. Sometimes we celebrate so loudly when we succeed that you can probably hear us down road! Download the app and play it at home, we are sure you will enjoy it too.



Room 2

This week during our R.E. lessons we learnt how Jesus was preparing the disciples for when he left them. Jesus kept telling his friends to go out and preach the good news to others. If we share joy with others, then we are living like Jesus. We are putting Jesus and others before ourselves. JOY reminds us how to be more like Jesus.



For Strand Maths this term, Room 2 students are learning Geometry. On Friday, using nets we created 3D shapes and shared them at assembly.



Room 4

Last Friday Room 4 ran the first assembly for Term 2. At the assembly our Liturgy Committee received their Student Leadership certificates for the all-day course they attended with Mrs Tiller last term. Toby and Greta read out facts about the countries they are researching and writing about - China and Rwanda.

