



St Bernard's School Newsletter

12 April 2021

Term 1, Week 11

Upcoming Events

April

- 12 - Learning Conferences
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- 13 - Scientist Lessons all Classes
- 16 - Term 1 Finishes, 3pm

May

- 03 - Term 2 begins 9am

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

My goodness, this has been a busy term! This morning at staff prayer we reflected on Psalm 60:12 "With God's help we will do mighty things." I think we have certainly had God's help this term. Your children have experienced many wonderful things due to the effort and enthusiasm our staff have for providing the best for them following our vision, "our school - a pathway to the world."

Today and tomorrow we hold our Learning Conversations. A chance for the children to share what they have learnt and what their next goals are. This is always a lovely opportunity for teachers to connect with families as we work together to provide the best learning journey for our children.

Lisa

New Year Celebrations

Happy New Year to Jayden and his family. Jayden and his Mum were both born in Thailand. The 13th-15th of April is Thai new year, Songkran. Songkran comes from the word Sanskrit and means passing of the sun. It is a time for house cleaning, family gatherings, visiting temples, and throwing water. Water is an important resource to Thailand, needing plenty of it for the rice they grow, so it makes sense that it plays a major role in the celebration. It is a symbol of washing away the old year to prepare for the new year.



Happy New Year to Danica and Dara and their families. The 14th – 16th of April is Cambodian New Year. The festival comes after the gathering of the harvest when agricultural workers can relax and spend time with their own families.

Day 1: The first day, called *Maha Songkran*, is the day of creating. To honour the angels who are believed to have created the earth, people light candles and burn incense. Locals join in collective prayers and offer food and other donations to the monks.

Day 2: The second day of the Khmer festival is all about charity. Encourage your children to think about those less fortunate than themselves and how they can make a difference. Children, the elderly, and teachers traditionally receive presents on this day.

Day 3: The third and final day of Khmer New Year celebrations is dedicated to washing away sins. Perfumed water is used to wash images of the Buddha and children cleanse their parents and grandparents in return for valuable life advice.

Wednesday Liturgy

Please come and join Room 4 along with members of our parish to celebrate Liturgy in room 3 at 9am this Wednesday 14 April.

School News

Learning Conferences

Learning Conferences begin this afternoon and continue tomorrow. Children are invited to be present at the conference giving them the opportunity to share their learning goals with you.

Each conference is for 15 minutes we ask everyone to respect this time limit. If you reach the end of the fifteen minutes and need more time the teacher will arrange an appointment at a later date.

St John's Annual Appeal

Last Friday we had a fun dress-up day to support St John's. All of the funds raised in Wellington stay in the Wellington Region and go towards running local community programmes, including their Youth programme (over 200 Youth members who attend weekly), Friends of the Emergency Department (Hutt Hospital), and Caring Caller. We raised \$76.50 from all your donations.

School Accounts

School accounts have been emailed out to families.

If there are any issues with the details on your account, you did not receive one, or you would prefer a hard copy please contact Katrina in the school office.

Accounts can be paid by cash or online into the school account: 12-3141-00330613-00 please use your child/rens name as the reference. The school bank account details are also at the bottom of the invoice. (we encourage online banking if this is convenient). Many families arrange an automatic payment to ease the financial pressure. Remember that donations can be claimed as a tax deduction.



Happy Birthday to Sam and Logan who will turn 11 on Friday and to Flynn who also turns 11 during the school holidays. We hope you all have wonderful, fun filled birthdays.

Class Programmes

Room 1

In Room 1, the students read an old time favourite. 'What Does Greedy Greedy Cat Like?'

In response to the story, the students shared what they would feed Greedy cat if he visited them for dinner at their house. Everyone had lots of wonderful ideas about what to feed our popular Kiwi cat; from popsicles to hamburgers! Ethan was a little bit concerned about Greedy Cat and his diet so decided the best option was sushi and a glass of water. With all the wonderful food on offer, we do believe that Greedy Cat will be most impressed, and more than likely visit again! Pop into Room 1 to see our wonderful new Greedy Cat wall display.



Room 2

Due to illness, the students missed out on their weekly art session with Whaea Vanessa on Wednesday. Instead we went for a walk around the school looking, listening and feeling nature. The students chose a leaf to bring back into the classroom. They studied the fine details of the leaf, sketched what they saw, then created a pastel drawing of the whole leaf or a segment of the leaf. In a follow up R.E. lesson, the students learnt about God's grace. I posed the question "What is Grace"? Recently we spent a week saying a decade of the rosary daily. Joshua looked at a poster of the prayer "Hail Mary" and read aloud "Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you". I asked the students what that meant? Their answers were so thoughtful:

- praying to God
- believing in God
- peace and love
- being kind and following God's ways
- loving God
- listening to God

From the 'Faithalive' website, we unscramble the definition of grace: "Grace is God's life and love working in people and in the world." So, I then asked the students when they have seen God's grace in others or in the world. Their artwork and beautiful thoughts are displayed in class. I'm so thrilled with the results.



Room 4

Last Friday saw the children supporting St John's Ambulance Day by dressing up as doctors, nurses or patients and bringing in a gold coin donation. Room 4 came as patients with injuries and there were a couple of doctors on hand to help treat the patients.



Public Notices

Harbour City Gymnastics

"Gymnastics is a great and fun activity for developing confidence, coordination, strength and agility. Harbour City Gymnastics, Hataitai Park, are currently taking enrolments for Term 2 classes - from preschool to adults. Email our office office@hcg.org.nz for further information or to register.

Join our gymnastics packed Term 1 school holiday programme. This will be running over the 2 week break with 9 sessions available;

- Monday 19th April - Friday 24th April

- Tuesday 27th April - Friday 30th April

The cost is \$45.00 per day (9.00AM - 3.00PM)

To register please visit hcg.org.nz/holprog or contact office@hcg.org.nz - Spaces are limited so be in quick!"