

We are very saddened to pass on the news to our community that Mr Ray Taggard has passed away. Ray had been our school caretaker for over twenty years up until he retired at the end of the third term in 2015. He was much loved by the children and staff of St Bernadette's. Ray had been ill for some time, but he made a special effort to attend the farewell Mass for Mrs Taylor on the final day of last term, and died suddenly just two days later. At this morning's assembly the school prayed for Ray and gave thanks for the contribution he made to our school. We send our love and our prayers to Ray's wife Sue and son Craig. Ray will be greatly missed.



Ray Taggart ~ Rest in Peace

Every year Kavanagh College organises a sports event for the Year 6 children from all the Catholic School in Dunedin held at the Edgar Centre. This event is always a wonderful day, organised by Mike Campbell from the college, ably supported by senior Kavanagh students. This is a great initiative to allow children to mix in friendly competition with those from other schools who may be class mates next year. There were a variety of sports on display including football, dodgeball, hockey, netball, basketball and touch. Everyone had a great day and our St Bernadette's teams showed heaps of respect, sportsmanship, resilience and determination. The structure of the event required teams of seven, so a lucky few from Year five made up the five teams of seven from St Bernadette's. **A very special thanks to Mike Campbell and Kavanagh**



Mercy Parish - Whanau Aroha

Brings you a fun night of
HOUSIE

FRIDAY 28th JULY
Dunedin Rugby Club Rooms
7pm

**Cash Prizes, Raffles,
Food & Beverages.**

**All proceeds will go to the
NANO NAGLE TRUST—
Supporting Children to attend Catholic Schools**



Congratulations to this week's Mercy Award Winners

Back row: Ruby, Xanthe, Ruby, Albie, Riley.
Middle Row: Alice, Trinita, Josh, Bella.
Front Row: Eli, India, Sean, Anika and Mia.



Wednesday School

Preschoolers preparing to enrol at St Bernadette's are encouraged to come to Wednesday School to help with transition to school life. Parents can check in at the office at 1.30pm and then join the children in Room 7 for the afternoon programme. This will include time in the classroom, a play in the playground and a visit to the library.

Friday Newsletter

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Welcome Mrs Waldron

A bus full of children, staff and members of the St Peter Chanel School community arrived at St Bernadette's on Monday just after 9am to honour and give thanks to Debbie Waldron as Principal of their school as she assumes the Principal's role at St Bernadette's. The mihi whakatou began with Debbie being led into the school hall by her Green Island community. There was a welcome by St Bernadette's Board Chair, Katrina Kerr-Bell, followed by a waiata from St Bernadette's. Pesamino Tili from St Peter Chanel School then spoke on behalf of St Peter Chanel and they, in turn, sang a waiata. Before speaking to the gathering Mrs Waldron was officially 'handed over' to her new school. Debbie then spoke in to those gathered and expressed her appreciation to both school communities. Everyone joined together in song and then the real fun began. Two hundred children with common faith and values sharing kai, chats, games and more singing, and then viewing a video made by the children of St Peter Chanel to show their very fond feelings of Mrs Waldron. Then they boarded the bus back to Green Island. It was a lovely ceremony and a special occasion. At St Bernadette's we are very grateful for the manner in which the children, staff and wider community of St Peter Chanel have graciously accepted the transition. Debbie will be both greatly missed and very welcome.



A message from Mrs Waldron

I would like to thank everyone for making me feel so warmly welcomed to the St Bernadette's school community, especially those who were involved in organising the Mihi Whakatau. It is an honour and privilege to have been selected as your principal and I am excited about being a part of this vibrant community. The first big challenge for me is getting to learn all the names of the tamariki and their whānau (thankfully the children are being very patient with me when I forget). I pray for God's blessings on us all as we enter this time of change and growth in our school and in all our Dunedin Catholic Schools.

- Debbie Waldron

Huge thanks from the St Bernadette's Home and School Association to the helpers who moved and spread wood chips on Sunday afternoon. Having been transferred from Saturday to Sunday, it was great to have so many helpers on hand, some who had been shovelling sand and well as woodchips on a very challenging, wet weekend in Dunedin.

**July 28th
Term 3
Week 1
2017**

Term 3 Calendar 2017

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Wk 1	24 July	25	26	27 Life Education	28 Life Education	29	30
2	31st Life Education	1 August Life Education	2	3 Mass R1	4 Prayer Assembly R7	5	6
3	7 Parent Teacher Meetings	8 BOT Meet. Parent Teacher Meetings	9	10 Mass R7	11 Prayer Assembly R5	12	13
4	14	15	16	17 Ukulele Jam Mass R4	18 Prayer Assembly R6	19	20 Confirmation Family Mass
5	21	22 Keeping Ourselves Safe Programme	23	24 Mass R5	25 Prayer Assembly R4	26	27
6	28	29	30 School Photos	31 Mass R6	1 Sept Prayer Assembly R3	2	3 Fathers' Day
7	4	5	6	7 Mass R3	8 Prayer Assembly R8	9	10
8	11	12 Polyfest Week	13	14	15	16	17 Family Mass
9	18	19	20	21 Mass R8	22 Teacher Only Day	23 Elections	24
10	25	26	27 Sacrament of Confirmation	28 Mercy Day Assembly	29	30	

Parent Teacher Meetings	Parent Teacher Meetings will be scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, the 7th and 8th of August. A notice will be sent home early next outlining how to book times for the meeting.
Kavanagh Enrolments for 2018	Those who wish to enrol their child at Kavanagh for 2018 are asked to make contact with Lynlea at the Parish house at St Bernadette's. There will be a meeting for those parents on Tuesday at the house on Tuesday the 8th of August at 3.15pm. Even if you are unable to make that meeting it is important that you make contact with Lynlea prior to the 8th. Thank you.
Term 3 Inquiry Topic Making Choices	<p>This term our Inquiry topic is about making choices. All the children will be investigation a range of safety topics. Some of the contexts for learning will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore aspects of home, school, local and national safety. • Understand our own role in maintaining personal safety. • Consider the ways that we can contribute to our own and others' safety. • Realise the importance of following rules and guidelines for safety.
Life Education Mobile Classroom	Harold and Maria are back! The Life Education mobile classroom will be stationed at the school until next Tuesday. Each class will have two lessons with Harold and Maria, the programme educator. The focus for the lessons are designed to fit with the school inquiry theme of Making Choices. The Junior classes will learn about making healthy food choices and following the Food Pyramid. The senior students will learn about making careful choices and decisions around the internet in regards to Cyber Safety.
Ukulele Jam	The Year six children are busy preparing for the annual Ukulele Jam. The Room 1 children will join 500 other children for a morning of music on Thursday the 17th of August.
Keeping Ourselves Safe	Keeping Ourselves Safe enables children and young people to learn a range of safety skills that they can use when interacting with others. Students recognise the differences between healthy and unhealthy relationships. The programme is lead by Constable Jeanette Parcell.
T3 Activity Fee	Term 3 activity invoices will be sent out next week
Parish Family Masses	Class Masses have been scheduled throughout the term on Thursday mornings at 9.30am. Parents, whanau and Parishioners of the Mercy parish are warmly invited to join the children for the Mass. The schedule dates are indicated on the adjacent calendar.
Prayer Assemblies	Like the masses, classes take turns on a Friday to share a Prayer Assembly with the school. Assemblies commence at 9.15am and generally last about half an hour. Everyone is very welcome to attend.
Sacrament of Confirmation	A tentative date for the Sacrament of Confirmation has been set for the 27th of September. You will be notified when the date is confirmed. A special Mass for the candidates and families is scheduled for the 20th of August. This will involve the Mass, followed by a workshop in the Pastoral Centre and a shared lunch. A letter will be send home soon to those involved.
School Photos	The date for school photos has been set for the 30th of August. Details to follow.
Maori & Pacific Island Festival	Preparation for this years event is underway. Polyfest is always a highlight of the year and in 2017 it will take place during the week from the 12th to the 15th of September at the Edgar Centre.
'The Gathering' Teacher Only Day	Friday the 22nd of September will be a Teacher Only Day. Catholic Schools in the Dunedin and Southland Diocese will be closed on that day while all staff attend a conference in Alexandra. 'The Gathering' is held every 3 years.
Mercy Day Celebration	Thursday the 28th of September is Mercy Day. St Bernadette's is a Mercy School, founded by the Sisters of Mercy. This date is the anniversary of the opening of the first House of Mercy in 1827 in Dublin, Ireland by Catherine McAuley, founder of the Sisters of Mercy. This is always a special day of celebration at St Bernadette's and the Room 1 children will present a Prayer Assembly for the school to reflect on the Mercy Values, so much a part of our school life.