

## What's coming up

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Wk 5	21	22 <i>Ukulele Concert</i> 2.20pm	23	24 Mass R5	25 Prayer Assembly R4	26	27
6	28 <i>Keeping Ourselves Programme</i>	29	30 <i>School Photos</i>	31 Mass R6	1 Sept Prayer Assembly R3	2	3 <i>Fathers' Day</i>
7	4	5	6	7 Mass R3	8 Prayer Assembly R8	9	10

### School Photos

PhotoLife will be taking class, individual and sibling photos on **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August**. Every child will be in a class photo and will also have an individual photo taken. Please ensure your child is in the correct uniform. Once the proofs arrive, these will be sent home attached to an envelope with an order form. If you would like a sibling (family) photo taken, an envelope is now available to collect from the School Office. Please return the envelope with correct payment by Friday August 25th as these must be paid for in advance.

### Term 3 Activities Fee

These invoices have been sent out. This will cover the costs of the Life Education programme and the Maori & Pacific Island Festival. The Year 6 children will pay a little extra to cover the cost of buses to the Kavanagh sports morning and Ukulele Jam.

### Please remember 'The Gathering' Teacher Only Day

Friday the 22nd of September is a 'Teacher Only Day'. This means that the school will be closed. All Catholic Schools in the Dunedin Diocese will be closed on that day as staff attend a conference in Alexandra. 'The Gathering' is held every 3 years.

## Dunedin Catholic Schools Kahui Ako Strengthened by Faith United for Excellence & Equity

Words from Mrs Waldron

Not only am I newly appointed principal of St Bernadette's School, I am also the newly appointed Lead Principal of our Dunedin Catholic Schools Kahui Ako (Community of Learning). While that makes me a very busy person it is a great privilege to be in both these roles.

Our Kahui Ako was initially formed late in 2016 and a lot of work has been done by our principals, Board representatives and the wider Catholic community to develop a shared vision and organisational structures. We have also analysed student achievement data across all of our schools and identified some common achievement challenges.

The really exciting part about being part of the Kahui Ako is that we are now working on developing our 'Theory of Improvement' (what we are going to do, to raise achievement). All this work has been collated into a document that is about to be sent into the Ministry of Education for endorsement. The Ministry of Education also provide extra staffing, 'Inquiry' time and focused professional development for our Kahui Ako to help us meet these challenges.

Keep watching this space for updates on our Kahui Ako.

"The most valuable resource that all teachers have is each other. Without collaboration our growth is limited to our own perspectives"

Robert John Meehan



Welcome to St Bernadette's  
Eamon Henderson

# Friday Newsletter



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## Family Mass ~ This Sunday 20th August 9.30am

School Family Masses on the third Sunday of each month are becoming eagerly anticipated events. Not just by the families from St Bernadette's and St Brigid's, but also by the parishioners, who really look forward to the Sunday when the young people take on leadership roles in the liturgy at the 9.30 mass at St Patrick's Basilica. Here are our readers for Sunday's Mass. Thank you Kristal-Lee, Ruby, Arna, Drew and Daisy (who was absent for the photo).

We anticipate a big turnout of children and families at the Mass to enjoy the celebration and lead the singing. Mrs Waldron gave out invitations to every child in the school today and we look forward to a big crowd. This mass is a particularly special one for those children preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation. This will be a part of a time of reflection and learning for the children and their families. The morning will include the following:

- Parish Mass at 9:30am where the children will receive a special blessing.
- Shared brunch (please bring a plate of food for us to share together)
- A couple of activities for you to do with your child, and family.

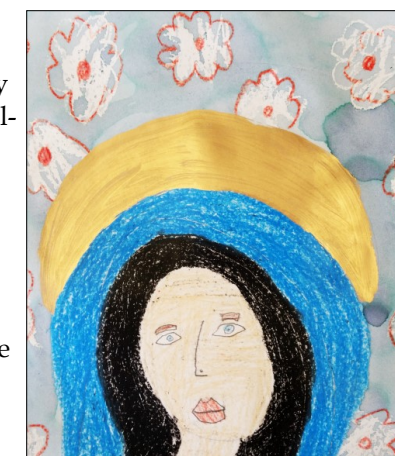


### Congratulations to this week's Mercy Value Awards

Back Row: Laura, Holly, Tamzin, Cody, Arna, Shalia, Joel, Jordan.  
Front Row: Toutai, Sophie, Maria, Gracelyn, Joslin Lulu and Ruby.

Monday was the Feast of the Assumption, when the children celebrated this special feast day of Mary.

Room 6 dedicated their Prayer Assembly to Mary. The children spoke and sang beautifully and also made wonderful art work for the to mark the occasion. This picture of Mary was made by Ezra.



On Tuesday, Sam brought this special prayer mat to school for Room 5 to use on Mary's special feast day.



August 18th  
Term 3  
Week 4  
2017



## 500 ukulele jammers make amazing music



Two months of practising reached a musical climax yesterday when 500 hundred primary school children from over 20 school came together to sing and play together a variety of music, old favourites and some current hits. The Tahuna Intermediate hall was packed for the event, as it was a day earlier, when another 500 children held their Ukulele Jam.



The special guest and judge of this years ukulele design competition was Anna Grimaldi, Anna is an ex pupil of Tahuna Intermediate and she was also the winner of a gold medal for long jump at the 2016 Rio Paralympics. During the jam Anna allowed Preston to try on her treasured gold medal.



Next Tuesday the 22nd of August the St Bernadette's Year 6 children will present a ukulele concert for the school. Friends and families of the children are also invited to attend the concert at 2.20pm.



Congratulations to Kilistina Moataane on being named in the Otago Spirit women's Rugby squad. Tina is an ex-pupil of the school and the supervisor of the St Bernadette's After School Care programme. Well done Tina.



The Dunedin Junior Rugby Club Prizegiving was held last Sunday. Josh received a trophy for Most Consistent Player. Alex received his award for Most Valuable Player. If other children have won awards for a special activity you are welcome to see Mr Shaw to receive recognition through this newsletter.



## Room 4's stories about making choices

As part of our 'making choices' study Room 4 have been looking at persuasive writing as a way to influence the decisions that people, or in this case story characters, make. After sharing the classic children's story 'Goldilocks and the 3 Bears' we looked at all the bad decisions Goldilocks made on that dangerous trip into the woods.

*Dear Goldilocks*

*In my opinion you should never go into the forest all alone it is very naughty, especially when your parents do not know. Goldilocks you need supervision in the forest by a parent especially when you are so young.*

*You should never go and enter a stranger's house especially when you have no idea whose house it is, that is very rude and please don't touch other people's property it is disrespectful. It could break and you will have to pay the Bears.*

*Goldilocks, you need permission from your parents before leaving the house. I think you need to say sorry for what you have done and you should be in big trouble and never go out alone ever again!*

*By Niamh*



This week's Big Book in Room 6 was 'Rosie to the Rescue'. Rosie is a cow and the children enjoyed looking at dairy products and then making butter. They learnt that in the past people made their own butter. The Room 6 children in the class made their own butter and it tasted just like the butter from the shop. The children enjoyed eating it with crackers.

Roman and Susana shake the ingredients to thicken the mixture into butter. Charlotte pours salt into the jar of cream.



## Super Heroes Netball

On Tuesday the St Bernie's Shooters netball team played in the annual Year 3&4 netball tournament at Edgar. This year the theme was 'Super Heroes'. The girls won the 'best dressed' prize for dressing up in these awesome costumes and received a brand new match ball for their efforts. Well done Shooters.

Peyton, Lola, Leiha, Caitlyn and Nina are pictured here with celebrity guest Olivia Bates who is a new signing with the Southern Steel. Incidentally, Olivia was also a celebrity guest at this week's Ukulele Jam.

