

Term 3 Calendar 2017

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Wk 6	28	29 <i>Keeping Ourselves Safe Prog.</i>	School Photos	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
8	11	12 <i>Polyfest School visit as spectators.</i>	13	14 <i>Polyfest Performance 1.30pm</i>	15 <i>Mufti Day & Take Away Night</i>	16	17 <i>Family Mass</i>
9	18	19 <i>Sacrament of Confirmation</i>	20	21 Mass R8	22 <i>Teacher Only Day</i>	23 <i>Elections</i>	24
10	25	26	27	28 <i>Mercy Day Assembly Room 1</i>	29 <i>Last day of Term</i>	30	

Polyfest Performance Date / Time

The St Bernadette's item at the 2017 Maori & Pacific Festival is scheduled for 1.30pm on Thursday the 14th of September. Please put the date and time into your diary!



It's \$3 Pita Pit Spring Special the week of 4th – 8th September
Yummy pitas for only \$3 on your School's normal Pita Pit lunch day, during the week of 4th to 8th September.

School Photos Next Wednesday

PhotoLife will be taking class, individual and sibling photos on Wednesday 30th 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. If you wish to have family photos taken please return the envelope with correct payment by Tuesday 29th September.

Friday Newsletter



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'Keeping Ourselves Safe'

For the next two weeks our school inquiry topic on 'Making Choices' focuses on personal safety. The Keeping Ourselves Safe (KOS) programme will be carried out in all classes. The programme is supported by the New Zealand Police in providing a service to support schools and families.

At St Bernadette's we are very fortunate to have the services of Constable Jeanette Parcell who will present the programme along with the classroom teachers.

KOS consists of a comprehensive range of child protection resources to help students learn and apply safety skills that they can use when interacting with others. It teaches students a range of safe practices they can use and encourages students who have been, or are being abused to seek help. It contributes to an overall community prevention programme by making parents and teachers more aware of their responsibilities to help children avoid abuse.

The skills that students learn in KOS help them identify, avoid and report physical abuse, emotional abuse, sexual abuse, neglect, family violence and online abuse. The lessons for the children are specific to the age of the children.

What our students will learn.

The year 1-3 resources will help students to learn:

- Safety skills that they can use when interacting with others.
- How to keep safe when they meet and mix with other people.
- It is important to make and follow personal, family and school safety rules.

Year 4-6 resources will help students to learn:

- A range of safe practices that they can use when interacting with others.
- What they can do if they have been or are being abused, and what happens when abuse is reported.

If you have any questions about the programme you are invited to come along and meet with Jeanette next Tuesday the 29th of August, at 2.30pm to find out more about the programme.

NEWS FROM THE HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

THE ASSOCIATION MET ON TUESDAY EVENING AND WOULD LIKE TO SHARE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WITH THE COMMUNITY.

Mufti Day
Friday
Sept 15th
Gold coin

Take Away Night
Great chance to meet with our new principal, Debbie. 15th Sept 5:00pm. BYO dinner

Swimming
Great news! Term 4 again at Moana Pool. We have agreed to support this programme for the children.

Tea Towel Fundraiser
Term 4. Personalised tea towels with all students' names and self portraits! More information soon,

Mission Fair
This annual event is a very popular day in the calendar. Friday the 10th of November
Catherine McAuley's Feast Day

DISCO
CHRISTMAS THEME
FRIDAY 1st DECEMBER

Gala Day
March 2018
Can you help? Put your thinking caps on!

Thank you very much for your attendance at last Sunday's family Mass. It was a lovely gathering. The next Family Mass is scheduled for Sunday the 17th of September.

August 25th
Term 3
Week 5
2017

Congratulations to these Rugby award recipients



Congratulations to this week's Mercy Award winners



Great season for Mini-Ball Teams

Over the past two weeks the basketball season for the students at St Bernadette's has wrapped up. Term 2 and 3 saw the children practising skills and drills each week and playing a variety of schools within their competition. Each week the children have improved their skills and have gone out and played each game with a sense of fairness and enjoyment. It has been a pleasure to watch the children grow each week and be excited about playing basketball. A big thank you must go to the parents and especially those who have each week stepped in and helped out with running the game and sorting subs. Congratulations to all those children involved for a great season, we are already looking forward to next year's competition. - Mr Byrne



Words from Mrs Waldron



On Monday I attended a seminar run by the Otago Primary Principal's Association with a bit of a birthday theme - the 10th birthday of the New Zealand Curriculum. The New Zealand Curriculum is a clear statement of what we deem important in education. It begins with a clear vision for our students and includes a clear set of principles, values that are to be encouraged, modelled and explored and five key competencies that are critical to sustained learning and effective participation in society.

We are often the envy of colleagues around the world for the richness and diversity of this document so it was great to be able to take the time to think about what this document means in terms of 'future focused education'.

To find out more about our NZ Curriculum parents can go to the following site on Education Counts (a site that has lots of information for parents on education).
<https://parents.education.govt.nz/primary-school/learning-at-school/new-zealand-curriculum/>

Just to show that learning does not stop when you leave school (not that I, as a teacher, have ever really left school) some of the staff and I are also attending an information session on Monday around the new Digital Technologies Document.

God Bless and have a great weekend - Debbie