



# St Bernadette's School Calendar Term 1 2016

Week	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1	1 Feb	2	3	4	5	6	7
2	8 WAITANGI DAY	9	10 Ash Wed Mass	11	12	13	14
3	15	16	17 Athletics Sports	18	19 Assembly R1	20	21
4	22	23	24	25	26 Assembly R5	27	28 Weetbix Tryathlon
5	29	1 March	2 Juniors. 'Get Set Go'	3	4 Assembly R6	5	6
		Parent / Teacher Meetings					
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Orokonui Ecosanctuary Visits							
7	14	15	16	17	18 Assembly R3	19	20 PALM SUNDAY
8	21 Anniversary Day	22 HOLY WEEK	23	24 Holy Thursday	25 GOOD FRIDAY	26	27 EASTER SUNDAY
9	28 Easter Monday	29 Holiday	30	31	1	2	3
		Swimming Block					
10	4	5	6	7	8 Ass. R8	9	10
11	11	12	13	14	15 Assembly R4	16	17

Term 2 Starts May 2nd

# Friday Newsletter



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This morning the school officially welcomed nine new people to St Bernadette's. Our 3rd year trainees from the College of Education are Danielle King, Elliotte Strange and Kaitlyn Rowan. Room 7 new entrants are Eli, Evangeline, Toutai, Isla and Rhiley.



The first buddy reading session took place today. Daniel was Bianca's buddy while Bidy partnered up with Esther.



The great weather has reinforced the need for sunhats in the playground and we thank families for ensuring that the children have them.



Preparation has begun in earnest for the Athletics Sports being held in two week's time at Corstorphine Park.



## Athletic Sports

The annual St Bernadette's Athletics Sports are scheduled for the morning of Wednesday the 17th of February with a postponement day of the 18th. The venue will be the same as last year, Corstorphine Park. Join us if you can for this great occasion.

## Swimming

An 8 session swimming block has been negotiated for the children from the 30th of March till the 8th of April. Caversham Pool is not available but we are very pleased to be able to secure the Anderson's Bay Pool for our programme.

## Term 1 Sports

Yes, team sports are about to be up and running again at St Bernadette's this term. So far we have had correspondence from Touch Rugby, Rippa Rugby and Futsal. T-Ball will continue the post-Christmas completion. A notice will be sent home early next week seeking interest from players. Touch begins on the 19th of Feb, Futsal on the 12th and T-Ball on the 13th.

## Ash Wednesday Mass

The school will attend the parish Mass next Wednesday at 9.30am. This is the start of the season of Lent when we prepare for Easter.

## Prayer Assemblies

These have been scheduled for the term. Check the calendar to find out when your children's assemblies are scheduled and join us if you can. The time for the assemblies are 9.15. The first assembly will be hosted by Room 1 on the 18th of February and you are all very welcome to along.

Feb 5th  
2016  
Term 1  
Week 1



St Bernadette's School is privileged to have a car park available for parents and caregivers in delivering and collecting children. Other schools do not have this facility. Please follow the rules below and appreciate the benefits that the carpark provides.

- Park only in the marked parking spaces and not in the centre aisle.
- If no parks are available please drive out of the car park and seek parking spaces on the street.
- Please consider the option of parking on the street and walking to meet your children.
- Children will wait with the teacher on duty until the person collecting them leaves the car and meets outside the front of the church.
- Once the children have met up with their adult and stay close together until they are safely in the vehicle.

## Inquiry Topic: Term 1

**The big question:** *What is our role in conserving, preserving, protecting, appreciating and treasuring the plants and wildlife in our own environment?*

Our initial tasks are to carry out series of observations in our school and home environments.



- What plants and creatures are in your local environment?
- What do you see around you?
- What do you not see?
- What plants are native?
- What plants are introduced?
- What do you see that is different in home and school and surroundings?
- How well are we able to observe?

**In week 5 of the term the classes will be visited by staff from the Orokonui Ecosanctuary.**

They will discuss what the children have been learning and provide them with the bigger picture and the work of the sanctuary.

**In week 6 the whole school will visit Ecosanctuary.**

The visit will provide focus for a whole school. Seniors and Juniors will visit on separate days.

The children will journey into a forest of knowledge to unravel forest food webs and discover bird adaptations. They will meet endangered birds while examining ecological processes and why some species are extinct.



They will learn about biodiversity and why we must protect it at all costs? They will journey back through 85 million years of evolutionary isolation to identify unique conservation strategies for endangered species in Aotearoa today. The children will leave the sanctuary armed with enthusiasm and practical ideas.

They will know about the ways that they can, as individuals and as a school, play a part in conservation and preservation. They may consider conducting native bird surveys and find out how to attract native birds to a safe place.



**Sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon  
Dunedin – Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2106  
Memorial Park, Mosgiel**

Children aged between 7 and 15 can enter as an individual and compete in all three events or as part of a team of two **BEFORE 5.00PM MONDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2016 to get the DISCOUNTED SCHOOL PRICING!**

Enter from home ON LINE at [try.weetbix.co.nz](http://try.weetbix.co.nz) with your parent or guardian using the school group discount code:

**STBE0829**

Link to the School Group –  
*St Bernadette's School, Forbury, Dunedin*

Each child receives:

- A Weet-Bix Kids TYAatholon medal and a downloadable certificate of achievement.
- An official Weet-Bix Kids TRYatholon t-shirt, drawstring kit bag and swim hat.
- A Complimentary breakfast from the Weet-Bix Breakfast Tent
- PLUS the chance to WIN awesome spot prizes and meet your sporting heroes.

**ACTion....after school drama classes**

**Anita Cumming School Of Drama**

Classes for all ages at Athenaeum Theatre Lower Octagon. Run by a qualified teacher.

For all enquiries please phone Anita on 0211674196

**GIRLS UNIFORMS FOR SALE**

**Contact Janine: 027 444 6988**

- SIZE 4- 2x short sleeve blouses, 1x jersey
- SIZE 6- 1x pinafore, 1x jersey, 2x short sleeve blouses, 2x shorts, 2x tee-shirts
- SIZE 7/8- 1x fleece jacket, 1x pinafore
- SIZE 8- 1x short sleeve blouse, 2x long sleeve blouses, 1x jersey, 2x tee-shirts, 1x shorts
- SIZE 10- 1x long sleeve blouse, 1x short sleeve blouse, 1x pinafore, 1x shorts, 1x jersey, 1x tee-shirt

You are welcome to place notices for the children in the school newsletter. Please please email content to the school office early in the week.

## St Bernadette's Gym Club

This year's gym classes will start on Tuesday February the 9th at lunchtimes. We are losing our adult helper Kathleen Ring, who has been very helpful over the last year. Kathleen is starting work at the end of March so we are looking for another parent to step in. Hopefully we do not have to stop the group but we do need two adults every week. Please contact Mrs Valley or Mrs Christophers if you can help. Please ensure that payments are up to date. Do not pay at the school office. Cash payments can be made to Mrs Valley or Mrs Christophers. You can make automatic payments for gym fees.

**Tricia Broad**

Take a look at some of the options we have available for parents to discover new skills and find support. Phone now and enrol or register your interest for one of the following courses or groups.

**The Parenting Toolbox** Choose from an early years (0-5), middle years (6-12) or Tweens & Teen years (12+) course and join us for 6 weeks looking at practical things to build your family. Groups run each term. Courses run at nights 715-9:15 and we have day groups for early years.

**Game on** A 6 week group just for dads wanting to make the most out of their life and their relationship with their kids.

**Seasons for Growth** a grief and loss course for children and adults.

Phone us now on 4553838 or email  
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**Catholic Social Services**

## OCEANAGOLD DIGGERS

### DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME – TERM 1

Weekly coaching sessions at the Edgar Center, Basic fundamentals. Skills and drills and emphasizing fun. The Development Programme is designed to compliment the school miniball programmes.

All sessions are held at the Edgar Centre,  
Ages 13 Years & under, no experience necessary.  
Day: Tuesdays beginning 9<sup>th</sup> February for 8 sessions  
Squad: U8's 3.30pm-4.30pm, U13's 4.30pm-5.30pm  
Cost: \$70.00 per child.