

Dates for the Diary

Wed	Feb	17th	Athletics Day
Thurs	Feb	18th	Athletics (Postponement)
Friday	Feb	19th	R1 Prayer Assembly 9.15
Friday	Feb	26th	R5 Prayer Assembly 9.15
Sunday	Feb	28th	Weetbix Tryathlon
Wed	Mar	2nd	'Get Set Go' Sports Day
Week of	Mar	2nd	Parent/Teachers Meetings
Friday	Mar	4th	R6 Prayer Assembly 9.15

Rippa Monday Feb 15th

A notice has been sent home today for all Rippa Rugby players regarding teams and other information.

St B All Stars	Y3/4	Portobello	Field 5	3.45pm
St B Riders	Y5/6	Liberton	Field 2	4.15pm
St B Chargers	Y5/6	George St	Field 2	4.45pm

Hola Amigos!

After the success of last year with the Spanish Classes we will be back this year from the 18th of February. The Spanish classes will be on every Thursday from 3:15 pm to 4:00 pm.

The children will be learning the language through games, songs and well structured lessons. And not only that, the children will also learn about different cultural aspects such as: food, music, dance. Please enrol your child at the office.

The classes are \$15 per term. We're so looking forward to see you all.

Cristina and Lina

Term 1's Curriculum Activities Costs.

This term there are three important and important curriculum activities that carry a cost.

- The Athletic Day next week requires buses to and from Corstorphine Park.
- In week 6 we are travelling by bus to Orokonui Ecosanctuary for a four hour learning programme. Staff from Orokonui have already attended a staff meeting and will return to work in the school with each class the week prior to our visit. There is a cost for buses and entry to the ecosanctuary.
- We have organised an 8 day swimming block for the end of term. This is a vital component of our Physical Education and safety programme. Our closest pool at Carisbrook School is under repair and not available. We are lucky to have the use of Anderson's Bay School Pool. There is a cost for buses, tuition fees and the hire of the pool.

The Board of Trustees and Home and School Association are very supportive of all three activities and will significantly subsidise the cost for parents.

The school is asking for \$40 per child (families with 3 children pay for 2) towards the cost of the 8 swimming sessions, Athletics day buses and the Orokonui Ecosanctuary visit.

We ask that payment be made before the end of term, which gives families nine weeks to pay the \$40.

You may wish to pay in weekly instalments instead of paying in a lump sum.

Please contact Sally in the office to discuss payment options. Thank you.

Term 1 Team Sports

Thank you for returning the forms for Term 1 team sports.

T-Ball

The T-Ball seasons commences tomorrow. This is the post Christmas section of last terms programme. The same teams are entered. The Mixed age team called the Black Sox has lost a few players as they have moved on to intermediate. Thank you to the children who agreed to fill their places in the team. Special thanks to Kaz Rowe who has worked so tirelessly and encouragingly with a great group of players. We would love some other parents to help Kaz with this team.

The Black Sox team for tomorrow will consist of: **Nevaeh, Carolyn, Alberto, Nathan, Manaia, Gracie-Lee, Leiha, Loken, Grace, Levi.**

The Battlers team remains the same group of young players who developed so much over the season.

The Battlers are **Lorenzo, Holly, Ropata, Evie, Kiana, Sophie, Maria, Katalena, Te Marama, Roman, Joshua and Callum.** Please contact the coach if you are unable to play. The draw for tomorrow's game is below.

T-Ball Draw Saturday Feb 13th

You can also check the draw and results at edgarcentre.co.nz

Bernie Battlers	Columba	Dia 10	9am
Bernie Black Sox	Andy Bay Blue	Dia 3	10am

Futsal teams and Touch Rugby players will be informed of their teams next week. These games begin the following week.

Friday Newsletter

16 Forbury Rd Dunedin, Phone/Fax (03) 4557-408

Email: office@stbernadettes.school.nz Web: stbernadettes.school.school.nz



Golfing stars shine in tournament

The St Bernadette's community has known for some time that Anahera and Kairangi Koni are amazing golfers. That knowledge has now been shared both nationally and internationally, following the children's performances in the US Kids Tour event in Auckland this week.

Anahera is 6 years old and she won the under-7 section. Kairangi, aged 7, finished 2nd in the under-8 section. This remarkable performance means that both children will represent New Zealand against the top two Australian age group players in Sydney in May.

In winning her age group tournament, Anahera, will also travel to the United States representing New Zealand in August at the US Kids World Championships in North Carolina.

I'm sure it seems that these events are long way away in terms of time and distance for Kairangi and Anahera, but what must seem very close and memorable was their opportunity to meet and work with Lydia Ko while in Christchurch.

In media reports it was clear that Lydia was extremely impressed with the skills and attitudes of these St Bernadette's youngsters, as we all are.



Pancake Tuesday

The day before Ash Wednesday is known as Shrove Tuesday. The word 'shrove' means to admit that we make mistakes and can do better. It is also known as Pancake Tuesday because a long time ago people gave up certain foods for lent. They prepared for Lent by eating a feast of pancakes. In doing so they used up the butter and eggs before the Lenten fast. At St Bernadette's we cooked and ate pancakes, but we have no intention of fasting over the next few weeks. We have other plans and some of the children share their Lenten goals inside this newsletter.



**Feb 12th
2016
Term 1
Week 2**

St Bernadette's School Athletics Sports

When: Wednesday February 17th
Postponement day Thursday February 18th
Buses leaving school at 9.15am

Where: Corstorphine Park (Middleton Rd)

Who: Blue Sharks, Red Eagles, Green Tigers and Yellow Lions.

Children are asked to wear their summer uniform, including sunhats, but they are also allowed to wear some 'extra colour' to associate themselves with their team.

Family and friends of the school are all cordially invited to join us!

At the end of the day we will hold a special assembly back at school to offer congratulations and announce the team results. This gathering will be held in the hall at 2.20pm.

The children will be travel by buses, leaving school at 9.15am and returning at 12.15pm. The children will take their play lunch and a drink with them to the park.



Athletics Day—2016



Order of Events (Approx. times)	
9.15am	Buses Leave school
9.30am	Teams assemble
9.40am	1st Field Event
9.50am	2nd Field Event
10.00am	3rd Field Event
10.10am	4th Field Event
10.20am	Morning Tea
10.35am	Girls' Sprints
11am	Boys' Sprints
11.25am	Relays
11.45am	Distance Races
12.00pm	Tidy Up
12.15pm	Return to school

Ash Wednesday and Lent - What's it all about?

Q: Hey, your forehead's dirty. What's that on your forehead?
A: **Ashes...they're from church.**
Q: Why did your church put dirt on your forehead?
A: **It's not dirt; they're ashes. Today's Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. Catholics wear ashes to show that we want to change to get ready for Easter.**
Q: Are they supposed to be in a shape or something? Just looks like a smudge to me.
A: **It's supposed to be in the shape of a cross – like the one that Jesus died on.**
Q: So you think you're something special because you're wearing ashes on your forehead?
A: **No, just the opposite. It shows that without God, this is all we are – ashes. It's a way of admitting how much we need God.**
Q: So how're you going to change...gonna become all holy on us?
A: **Just trying to become what God wants me to be. A good person.**
Q: I hear you guys give up stuff for Lent too. What for?
A: **Sometimes we give up stuff. But more often we just try to be better people. Like exercise. Hard work but makes you stronger.**
Q: So you can't have any fun for how long?
A: **I can still have fun, I'll just be doing some stuff a little differently for 40 days...that's how long until Easter.**
Q: Then you can go back to being your old self?
A: **No, that's the point. I'll hopefully be a better version of myself!**

At the Ash Wednesday mass at St Bernadette's, the children from the school participated in a liturgy which focused on every individual's effort to make a change. The readings, hymns and homily all drew attention to our individual responsibility to make a conscious effort to do better, and in doing so grow closer to God. The senior children have determined their own goals for the 40 days of Lent. They are happy to share these with you. They also understand that our goals are not always achieved, but as long as the will and the effort is there then there can be a satisfaction and change can happen in our lives and the lives of those with whom we are in contact.

Here are a few of the goals for the senior children of St Bernadette's.

'I will be a role model for all the little kids. Every day I will use my knowledge to help me. I will believe in myself in everything I do.' - Monique
'I will support others in their work. For the next forty days I will try to listen more in class. I will help others and try to learn more.' - Philjoseph
'Every day I will encourage others to make good decisions. Including people is one of my goals because I don't want others to be lonely.' - Laura
'I will encourage others to do their best. I am going to try hard in every thing I do. I will believe that I can do my best.' - Emmy
'Everyday I will try to be more patient and wait my turn. For the next forty days I am going to think before I act so that I make the right choices.' - Amalie

community NOTICEBOARD

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



Sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon Dunedin – Sunday 28th 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
Enter from home ON LINE at 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 TRYathlon t-shirt, drawstring kit bag and swim hat.
- Free bbreakfast from the Weet-Bix Breakfast Tent
- PLUS the chance to WIN awesome spot prizes

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

St Bernadette's School Home and School Association

First committee meeting
for 2016

Staff room

**Thursday 18th February
6.00pm.**

**Anyone interested in joining
our committee and help out
is very welcome.**

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

paul@cathsocialservices.org.nz
www.cathsocialservices.org.nz



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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 9th February for 8 sessions

Squad: U8's 3.30pm-4.30pm, U13's 4.30pm-5.30pm

Cost: \$70.00 per child.