

Dates for the Diary			
Monday	March	7th	Senior Visit - Ecosanctuary
Tuesday	March	8th	Junior Visit - Ecosanctuary
Thursday	March	10th	Home and School AGM
Friday	March	18th	R3 Prayer Assembly 9.15
Monday	March	21st	Anniversary Day - Holiday
Thursday	March	24th	Holy Week Liturgy
Friday	March	25th	Good Friday - Holiday
Sunday	March	27th	Easter Sunday
Monday	March	28th	Easter Monday - Holiday
Tuesday	March	29th	Easter Tuesday - Holiday
Wed	March	30th	Swimming block starts.
Friday	April	8th	Swimming block finishes
Friday	April	8th	Prayer Assembly Room 8
Friday	April	15th	Prayer Assembly Room 4
Friday	April	15th	End of Term 1
Monday	May	2nd	Term 2 begins

**Welcome**  
to St Bernadette's

**Nikau Brew**



What a wonderful 'Walk n Wheel Week' we had a St Bernadette's. It was great to see so many children and parents making an active start to the day. All the children have had a wonderful week and we thank everyone for getting on board. Don't forget about your 'Walk n Wheel' cards! These will be signed by your teacher and Mr Bone will be posting them to Sport Otago on Monday. Above : The junior school are enjoying their Walk n Wheel obstacle course. Above Right: The 'Bike Club' on their way to school.

T-Ball Draw Saturday March 5th			
Bernie Battlers	Columba	Diamond 11	9am
Bernie Black Sox	GSN Gold	Diamond 5	10am

Rippa Monday March 7th				
St B All Stars	Y3/4	St Clair 1	Field 2	3:45
St B Riders	Y5/6	Bradford Untouchables	Field 2	4:45
St B Chargers	Y5/6	Portobello Cheetahs	Field 1	4:15

# Get Set Go



Sport Otago along with Athletics New Zealand and Athletics Otago hosted a wonderful sporting event for Year 0-2 Children on Wednesday. The children from Rooms 7,6 and 5 took part in a variety of physical activities such as running, dodging, throwing kicking and jumping. All the children and adults who took part had a terrific afternoon.

# Gift Boxes for Refugees

Thank you for your support for the project regarding refugee welcome boxes. Remember this is not compulsory, but if you wish to fill a box please select one of the following per family; pantry box, toiletries box, laundry box, children's stationery box, or anything else appropriate. The box can be decorated by the families and returned to school in Holy Week March 22nd-25th. This is an activity your family can take on if you feel you are able to.

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# St Bernadette's School




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## Orokonui Ecosanctuary visits on Monday and Tuesday

We are all eagerly anticipating the visit to the Orokonui Ecosanctuary on Monday and Tuesday of next week. The senior classes will visit on Monday and the junior classes on Tuesday. Children will need to be at school by 8.45am on the morning of their trip as buses will leave at 9am. There is a list of classes and items the children require on the trip at the bottom of this page. Thank you to the parents who have offered to accompany us.

If the trip is postponed on either day a notice will be published on the Home Page of the school web site. The programme at the ecosanctuary takes place from 10am till 2pm. It is a comprehensive learning opportunity for the children and one that will be very valuable for the whole school community. The cost of the visit has been included in the \$40 Term 1 curriculum activities cost, which also includes the athletics day and the eight day swimming block.

Over the last three weeks we have been preparing for the trip in a variety of ways. The students have been developing their observation skills particularly around the school. Each class has been allocated an area of the school grounds and they are using their skills to investigate what is growing and living in this space, what creatures live in and visit this area and which plants are native and which are introduced. They have written class protocols to make sure that we all respect the environment we are investigating. Taitalea and Te Atawhai show the photographs they captured of creatures living in their assigned area of the playground.



Today Tahu from the Orokonui Ecosanctuary visited the school and took time to work with each class to discuss their study and to explain to the children about what to expect on their visit next week.



Monday 7th March Buses leaving at 9am	Tuesday 8th March Busses leaving at 9am	Items Required
Rooms 1, 3 and 4	Rooms 4,5,6 and 7	Morning tea, drink bottle, lunch, closed in footwear. Sunhat and sunscreen. Warm clothing: Mufti, Jersey, fleece or jacket.
Mr Shaw, Mr Fitzgerald, Mr Wilcox	Mr Bone, Ms Tayles, Mrs Eathorne, Mrs Vallely and Mrs Christophers.	

**March 4th**  
**2016**  
**Term 1**  
**Week 5**

# A moving experience for Dunedin South parishioners

As Easter approaches, the reality of St Bernadette's Church closing is certainly sinking in. The redevelopment of St Patrick's means that the basilica will become the spiritual home of the Dunedin South Pastoral Area. Parishioners of St Bernadette's, St Brigid's and St Alphonsus will say goodbye to their parish churches and come together for worship at St Patrick's. We have all been kept well informed of developments and of the time frame. There is definitely an air of excitement tinged with nostalgia as the changeover date gets closer.

There will be only three more Sunday Masses at St Bernadette's. The last of these will be Palm Sunday. Usually, at the Palm Sunday Mass, the congregation processes into the church. On this occasion, those in attendance will process out of the church, carrying their palms as well as items from the church such as chalice, candle and lectionary as items symbolic of the transition from one spiritual home to another. The congregation will then walk to St Patrick's Basilica, which promises to be a moving experience in more ways than one.

When we think of leaving St Bernadette's one can't help but relive experiences associated with the church. It would be good to hear some of the memories that you might have, as readers of this newsletter with associations to school and parish. Perhaps of a baptism, or a wedding or even a school or class mass. If anyone has stories they would like to share we would be happy to publish them in this newsletter.

The photo on the right was taken in 1935, the year the school opened about a year after the church itself celebrated its first mass. In 1933 a committee was formed to raise funds for the purchase of land and the building of a church in the area. Before the Church was built, Sunday Mass was held in the Caversham Lodge building at Forbury Corner. The community worked extremely hard to raise money for the building of the Church. In 1934 Father C J Collins was appointed to take over the newly formed parish of St Bernadette's, Forbury. A school would be situated in the storey above the church. Father Collins asked the Sisters of Mercy to staff the new school. On February 4th 1935 the sisters began their work in the school. The principal of the new school was Sister Mary Liguory. *'The buildings are a monument to C J Collins, but surely his greatest monument must be the spirit he established and fostered here in this parish.'* - Monsignor Peter



It's hard to believe that the floor above the church catered for 200 children at the school's peak. Rooms half the size of current classrooms would easily accommodate 30 to 40 children in tightly packed rows. It was not until the mid 80's that the last classes to be housed in the church building moved to the school building where the current school exists

Far left: The corridor lined by bookcases adjacent to three of the classrooms above the church.

Left: The view of South Dunedin through the stained glass window in one of the upstairs classrooms.



## 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.

### St Mary's Kaikorai School



Sat 5th March - 11am

### St Bernadette's Home and School Association

## AGM

School Hall  
7pm  
March 10th

Please consider joining this group of friends of St Bernadette's School.

One of the items on the agenda will be the proposal for a Working Bee within the next month.

### Southern RFC

Do you want to play rugby this winter?



FREE BALL to all new Rippa Grade players

### Juniors

Rippa Grades - \$35\* | Tackle Grades - \$45\*  
(Under 5's & Under 7's) (Under 8's & Up)

\* Family discounts: we give \$5 off for each additional child in family.

Registrations:

Sun 6th Mar 10am-11.30am

Come and have fun, learn new skills and make new friends

- FREE KIDS TICKET to Highlander v Sharks 22nd April, 7.35pm
- Fair play emphasis and experienced coaches
- Optional Rugby Academy—U11s to U13s
- Jerseys, shorts and mouth guards supplied. Socks \$12.

Location: In the clubrooms at Bathgate Park, Helena Street  
Contact: Helen 455 8287 or 027 622 7496, Michael 487 7007 or 027 291 6588

### DUNEDIN RUGBY CLUB

#### Junior Registration

2016

All new and existing players & families welcome!

The Dunedin Junior Rugby club would like to invite you to join us for the 2016 season. The key focus of the junior club is for our children and families to have FUN while learning the basics of playing rugby, and making lots of new friends. Teams cater for Under 5s (Wugby) through to Under 13 (Year 8).

#### Registration Days & Times

Sun	6th March	1.00 - 3:00pm
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Dunedin Clubrooms 12 Moana Rua Rd

Dunedin Junior Rugby Club

For more information contact Chris McLaughlan on 453 5828 or 0274 166385 or email [omc.ltd@gmail.com](mailto:omc.ltd@gmail.com)