

Friday Newsletter



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St Bernadette's School

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At morning tea time on Wednesday the staff took the opportunity to celebrate a couple of milestones. Father Gerard is celebrating his 50th birthday this coming weekend and Stephen Hopkins married his partner Louise last Friday. The whole school community offers its congratulations to Gerard, Stephen and Louise on these special occasions.

Welcome Mila Grace Wairaamia Wade

Welcome Mila to the St Bernadette's School community. Miss Fitzgerald gave birth to Mila on January 11th. Congratulations to Amy and Dallas.



Mr Wilcox's class presented a thoughtful and informative Prayer Assembly this morning on the topic of Waitangi Day. The children spoke with confidence about this historic event in the New Zealand's history and the importance of recognising the reason for our holiday on Tuesday the 6th of February.



Miss Tayles couldn't resist the temptation to spray the children with a little water on Wednesday. It was very well received.



Kairangi and Anahera have again featured in the ODT in recognition of more amazing golfing achievements at the US Kids Wellington Tour.

Sports Team Entries

Forms have been sent home for children wishing to participate in team sports this term. Some of the children did not return their forms today and some didn't receive theirs. For those reasons the entry forms will be accepted on Monday. More forms available at the office.

Masses and Prayer Assemblies

Prayer Assemblies

On Friday mornings at 9.15 classes take a turn to present a Prayer Assembly for the whole school. Parents, family and friends are very welcome to join us for these assemblies. They generally last between twenty and thirty minutes. The first of these was presented today by Mr Wilcox's class, R2.

Class Masses

Classes are also rostered each term to celebrate a class Mass on a Thursday at 9.30am. Children join parishioners in the church for these services.

School Mass

The first combined St Bernadette's and St Brigid's Mass of the Dunedin Mercy Parish will be held on Sunday the 18th of February at 9.30am.

FAITH FACTS FOR WEEK 29th – 2nd Feb

A new School year.

2nd Feb Presentation of Jesus in the Temple

When Jesus was 40 days old Mary and Joseph travelled to the temple in Jerusalem for a ceremony. Many, many years before Jesus came to earth as a baby, God had given Moses laws for His people to obey.

One of those laws was that any family who had a firstborn son had to take that son and have him dedicated at the temple. To dedicate someone means to offer him to God. The parents of the firstborn son had to take an offering with them as they dedicated their son to God in the temple. Mary and Joseph did this. On this day in the church we celebrate Jesus dedication.



Did Jesus go to school?

Jesus was like most Jewish boys. He learned from His parents at home about the Scriptures and Jewish history and culture. All Jewish males were also offered free public education which was instituted for all male students in the first century, BC. As part of their education all the boys were taught Scripture and law but also included reading, writing, history, elementary sciences and mathematics.

Can you give a helping hand?

From time to time in our school community we have families who need a helping hand. As a staff we have decided to look at providing a 'Care package' when we become aware of a need. Circumstances could include

- Illness or injury in a family
- Transport difficulties
- Accommodation problems
- Bereavement
- Employment issues
- Loneliness after relocation

If you think you could help in any way with assisting us in providing a care package could you please contact the school office or myself with the resources or ideas you might be able to offer? We could then compile an action list should a need arise.

Thank you - Anne-Marie Eathorne
For St Bernadette's School Staff'.



St Bernadette's School Calendar Term 1 2018

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1	29 Teacher Only Day	30 January	31	1 February	2 Prayer Assembly Room 2	3	4
2	5	6 Waitangi Day	7	8 Class Mass Room 1	9	10	11
3	12	13	14 Ash Wed Liturgy	15 Class Mass Room 2	16	17	18 First School's Mass
4	19	20 Parent Teacher Meetings	21 Parent Teacher Meetings	22 Athletics Day	23	24	25
5	26	27	28	1 March Class Mass Room 8	2 Prayer Assembly Room 1	3	4
6	5	6	7	8 Class Mass Room 4	9 Prayer Assembly Room 6	10	11
7	12	13	14	15 Class Mass Room 5	16 Prayer Assembly Room 8	17	18
8	19	20	21	22 Class Mass Room 3	23 Prayer Assembly Room 7	24	25 Palm Sunday
9	26 Otago Anniversary Day	27	28	29 Liturgy (am) Holy Thursday	30 Good Friday	31	1 April
10	2 Easter Monday	3 Easter Tuesday	4 Commonwealth Games begin	5 Class Mass Room 6	6 Prayer Assembly Room 5	7	8
11	9	10	11	12 Class Mass Room 7	13 Prayer Assembly Room 3	14	15