

Friday Newsletter



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St Bernadette's has just purchased 41 chrome books for the school. This is a wonderful opportunity for learning and we are extremely grateful to the Otago Community Trust for their help in making this purchase possible. Forty one students proudly display the chrome books with a special message.

Ash Wednesday Liturgy

A liturgy will be held in the school hall on the 14th of February at 2.15pm. The service will be lead by the senior students of the school and we welcome the attendance of members of our community.

Combined opening schools' Mass Next Sunday the 18th of February

The association with our Mercy Parish base at St Patrick's Church is a vital part of our St Bernadette's School culture. This is even more important now with the absence of our own church on site. Every third Sunday of the month there is a special mass at the Basilica at 9.30am when the families from St Bernadette's and St Brigid's come together to celebrate mass. It is the role of the two schools to plan and organise the liturgy. We provide the greeters and the welcome, the readers and the altar servers. We organise the offertory procession, the prayers of petition and we also are responsible for the music. At the start of next week we will seek those willing to take these roles. Please consider these roles, but the big thing is attendance and participation. Just come along and take part.

TE TIRITI O WAITANGI

Yesterday's Junior Assembly reinforced the significance of Waitangi Day for all New Zealanders. Last Friday Mr Wilcox' class provided a wonderful insight into this document in our nations history. This week the learning was consolidated in classes as they explored their ideas as to how this day is important to each of us at St Bernadette's.



Yesterday, the Room 4 children shared at Junior Assembly their personal understanding of what Waitangi Day means to each of us. Several children shared their personal thoughts about what it means to them. The photograph shows the children singing their movement song called 'Reach For the Stars', with particular reference to the stars on our nation's flag.

A reminder that the Weetbix Tryathlon early bird offer closes this Sunday the 11th of February. If you wish to take advantage of this, please go on line at the Weetbix Tryathlon website.

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Athletics Sports Day (Please note the date change.) Thursday the 22nd of February.

Events take place from 9.40am till 12pm. It's one of those very special days on the school calendar. A chance for the children to show their athletic skills and participate in friendly rivalry against their school mates from other teams. All members of the school community are encouraged to come along and support the Blue Sharks, Red Eagles, Green Tigers and the Yellow Lions. At the end of the day we will hold a special assembly back at school at 2.30pm to announce the team results. We will be travelling by bus to and from the event. There is no cost to parents for the buses thanks to our wonderful Home and School Association which sponsor one school event each term. If the weather is poor the postponement day is Friday the 23rd of March. Full details and timetable in next week's newsletter.



All teams came together yesterday to establish team spirit. Here are the **Blue Sharks** with their reading buddies showing support for their team.

Today the team buddies got together to share some reading time together.

Red Eagles



Tom and Madison

Yellow Lions



Wesley and Albie

Green Tigers



Antonio and Gracelyn

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, 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.

- Anne-Marie Eathorne, for St Bernadette's School Staff.

One of our Year 4 students is currently in hospital in Auckland. Toini has been in hospital for the last few days. The children in all classes have been praying for her and for her family. Mrs Waldron spoke with Toini's dad this morning and he said that she is making good progress, but please continue to keep her in your prayers.

The next couple of weeks at St Bernadette's

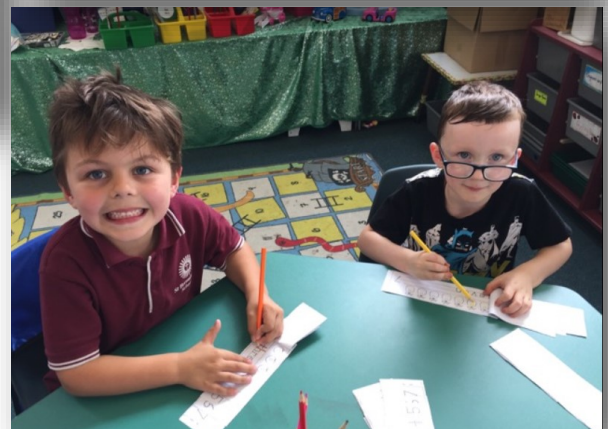
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
3	12	13	14 Ash Wed Liturgy	15 Class Mass Room 2	16	17	18 First Schools' Mass St Bernadette's & St Brigid's.
4	19 Parent Teacher Meetings this week.	20	21	22 Athletics Day	23	24	25

Wednesday School - Transition to school

Wednesday School is a regular opportunity for families to bring their children who are intending to enrol at St Bernadette's, and participate in a period of transition with the class and the teacher. The children interact in the new entrant classroom to make that time of transition as smooth as possible.



Welcome to our new children and to Mary-Lee, who is facilitating the Wednesday School programme this year. This Wednesday the children are learning about the letter C. Caterpillars provided opportunities for lots of activities for the children. They did some dancing, painting, counting and colouring and it was a lot of fun! If you have a pre schooler due to start in either term one or two this year, please contact the school office and bring your young ones along to Room 8 from 1:30 till 3 on Wednesdays.



FAITH FACTS FOR THE WEEK

6th Feb Waitangi Day

Waitangi Day, named after the place where the Treaty of Waitangi was first signed, commemorates a very significant day in the history of New Zealand. Bishop Pompallier arrived in New Zealand in 1838, and established many Catholic missions. Pompallier was sympathetic to Māori concerns, and for his time, he had an enlightened view towards Māori culture. He was at Waitangi when the Treaty was signed on the 6th of Feb 1840, and asked Lieutenant-Governor Hobson for his promise to protect the Catholic faith. This pledge is sometimes referred to as the unwritten "fourth article" of the Treaty, and is said to protect and recognise not only major western religions, but also Māori custom.

