

Friday Newsletter



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Ash Wednesday Liturgy

Senior students accepted the responsibility of placing the ashes on the foreheads of everyone who attended the Ash Wednesday Service, including children, staff and parents. The ashes represent the fact that we want to try and be the best we can be in preparation for Easter. They remind us of the cross that Jesus died on. They help us to understand that we need God to help us in our lives. Sometimes we decide to give up things. It doesn't have to be types of food or drink, it can be giving up saying unkind things or getting grumpy.



Cody and Valentino



Tia



Sylvie and Evie

Combined Opening Schools' Mass This Sunday the 18th of February 9.30am

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. On the 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. **Please make a special effort to join us from 9.30am till 10.30am to celebrate the start of the 2018 school year.**

School Camp 2018

The Board of Trustees has given approval for a Year 5 and 6 school camp to be held from the 26th to the 30th of November this year. The camp will be held at Berwick. The camp is for the Yr 5 and 6's from R1 and R3. A meeting will be held for parents in March to discuss the camp, date to be advised.

Athletics Sports Day next Thursday 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 schoolmates 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 2.20pm to announce the team results. We will be travelling by bus to and from the event. There is no cost for 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 February 23rd.

- Children will take morning tea and a drink with them to the sports.
- We will return to school for lunch.
- Children should wear their summer sports uniform, but they are also welcome to add or replace items reflecting the colour of their team.

| Order of Events (Approx) | |
|--------------------------|-----------------|
| 9.15am | Buses Leave |
| 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 |
| 11.50am | Distance Races |
| 12.20pm | Tidy Up |
| 12.30pm | Buses return |
| 2.20pm | Award Ceremony |

**Feb 16th
Term 1
Week 3
2017**

St Bernadette's School Calendar Term 1 2018

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
|---|-----------------------------------------|---------|-----------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------|--------|
| 4 | 19 Parent Teacher Meetings this week | 20 | 21 | 22 Athletics Day | 23 Athletics postponement day. | 24 | 25 |
| 5 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 1 March Class Mass Room 8 | 2 Prayer Assembly Room 1 | 3 | 4 |

Parent Teacher Meetings Next Week

These meetings are being scheduled for next week. Appointments can be made on line, at parentinterview.co.nz and use the code MWTAK9YZ

If you are having difficulty making an appointment don't hesitate to phone the school office and secure a time for your meeting. If the days and times do not suit, you are always able to make a time at any stage of the school year to make a time for a chat with your child's teacher.

FAITH FACT FOR WEEK 12th – 16th Feb

Earlier this week: February 13th - Shrove Tuesday

Pancake Day, or Shrove Tuesday, is the traditional feast day before the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday. Lent, the 40 days leading up to Easter, is traditionally a time of fasting. Shrove Tuesday was the last opportunity to use up eggs and fats before embarking on the Lenten fast, and pancakes were an ideal way to use up those ingredients. At St Bernadette's we carried on that tradition - and the pancakes were yummy.



Pancakes at St Bernies
 Clockwise from above left.
 Mata serves Kairangi his pancake.
 Daniel receives his morning tea from Mr Wilcox.
 Beth, Mackenzie and Anika are clearly enjoying their pancakes.
 Mrs A and Jani hard at work in the kitchen.
 Eli and Sean prepare the pancake mixture for the oven



Thursday Class Mass

Father Sani visited Room 2 yesterday to celebrate their class mass. The children were able to tell Father Sani about their understanding of this important season of the church year and about what Lent means to them. The theme of the Mass was to try to be a better person during Lent, do good deeds for others and do it without fuss. The children read with confidence and sang with enthusiasm. They showed respect and reverence and it was a lovely time for everyone who attended. Mr Wilcox was very proud of the boys and girls from Room 2.

When you do good deeds, don't try to *show off*. If you do, you *won't* get a reward from your Father in heaven.

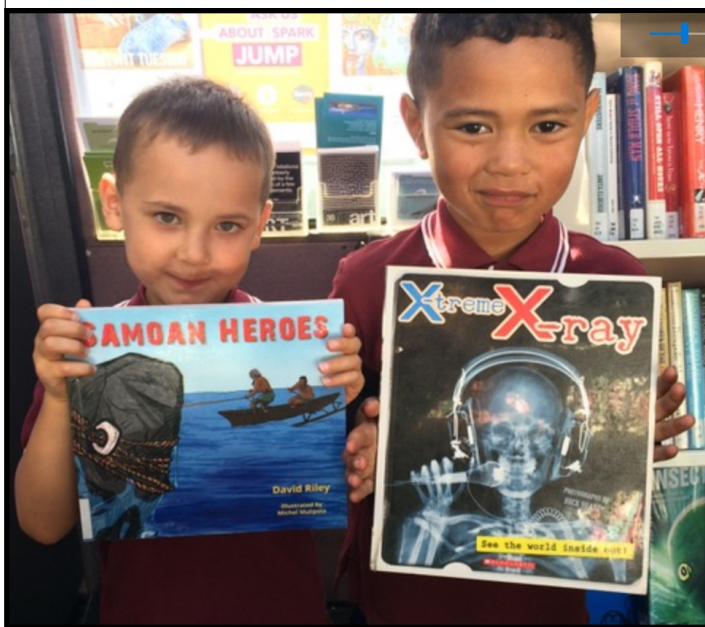
Matthew 6:1 CEV



We would like to say thank you to our school community for their prayers for Toini who has been ill in Auckland. Her health is improving from day to day. Please continue to keep Toini and her family in your prayers.

Public Library Book Visit visits to St Bernadette's

On Monday morning, Mrs Vallely arranged for the Book Bus to visit the Junior Classes. Jo, the bus driver and librarian talked to us about why there is a book bus and who uses it. We were excited to see inside the bus and once we got in we could look at the books. Jo has now made St Bernadette's a scheduled stop every fortnight, on Monday mornings at 11 o'clock. Children who have a library card, may borrow books on these days. If you are interested in your child becoming a library member, we have enrolment forms available. Please ask your child's teacher.



Several cases of head lice have come to light in the school in the last few days.

Symptoms

In school-age children check for head lice often, at least once a week. Scratching, scratch marks or a rash can be a sign that your child has head lice. But not all children complain of itchy heads.

At least once a week, check the scalp for head lice insects and eggs, especially:
around the hairline at the back of the neck, behind the ears
on the crown (top of the head).

Treatments

Chemical treatments or wet combing are the usual ways to treat head lice. Talk to your pharmacist, doctor or nurse for advice. Ordinary shampoo or soap will not kill head lice. Do not use fly spray, kerosene or animal treatments, as these may harm children.

Chemical treatments use a special shampoo or lotion that kills the head lice and the eggs. Follow the instructions that are supplied with the chemical treatments.

Always do a second treatment 7–10 days after the first. This is to kill any head lice that may have hatched after the first treatment.

Prevention

It's not possible to completely prevent head lice because they're very common. But there are things you can do to stop head lice from spreading.

Brush hair every day. This may help kill or injure head lice and stop them from laying eggs.

Mercy Awards



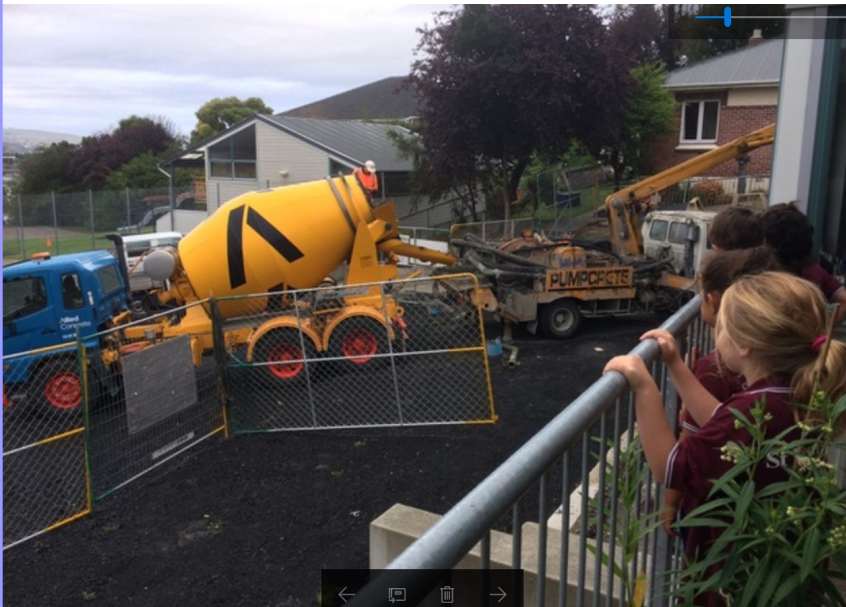
Back Row: Joshua, Kaliti, Mata, Xanthe, Logan, Jameson, Ropata, Elise and Holly.

Front Row: Dion, Alex, Finau, Storm, Lulu, Samuel and Stanley

Building Progress

We are pleased to see our new chapel making progress. Early on Wednesday morning there was a lot of action when two trucks arrived with the concrete for the new chapel floor. Some early arrivals got to see the concrete being pumped up to the space behind the hall where the chapel is being built.

We are all waiting with interest to see what happens next.



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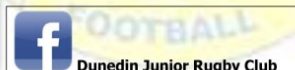
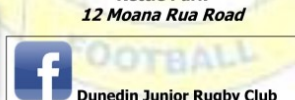
**Sunday 4th March
12 - 2pm**

**All new & existing
players & families
welcome!**



**Free BBQ
Bouncy Castles
Games & Activities**

**Dunedin Clubrooms
Kettle Park
12 Moana Rua Road**



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