

Friday Newsletter



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Children respond well in emergency drill



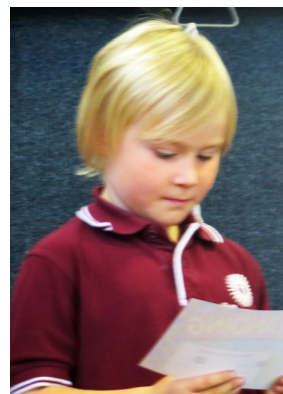
Emergency drills are a very important part of school procedures at St Bernadette's. Yesterday there was a fire drill and the children are to be congratulated for their quick and sensible response. Mrs Waldron was very impressed with the three and a half minutes it took for the children to clear their classrooms, gather in the assembly areas and for the staff to check all areas of the school and take the roll. Well done everyone.

Special Ukulele Jam coming up soon

St Bernadette's has been involved in Ukulele Jams every year for the last 8 years in Dunedin, but this year there is a special jam happening in Dunedin on Thursday the 29th of March. This happens to coincide with the first of three Ed Sheeran concerts in the city, and the jam will take place at lunch time in the Octagon. There are an expected number of 1088 children with ukuleles taking part, including the 27 children in R1. One of the four songs the children will be playing is the song called Photograph by Ed Sheeran. Ed is not expected to make an appearance, but what a great way to celebrate music in our city.



Junior Assembly award winners this week included Ali, Finau and Stanley from Room 8, and Ruby from Room 6.



In the weekend Albie and Fred Reed travelled to Christchurch for the U14 South Island Surf Competition (Southern Region). Albie won a gold medal in the U10 boys' foam board race. Fred also performed really well. Here is Albie with his medal.

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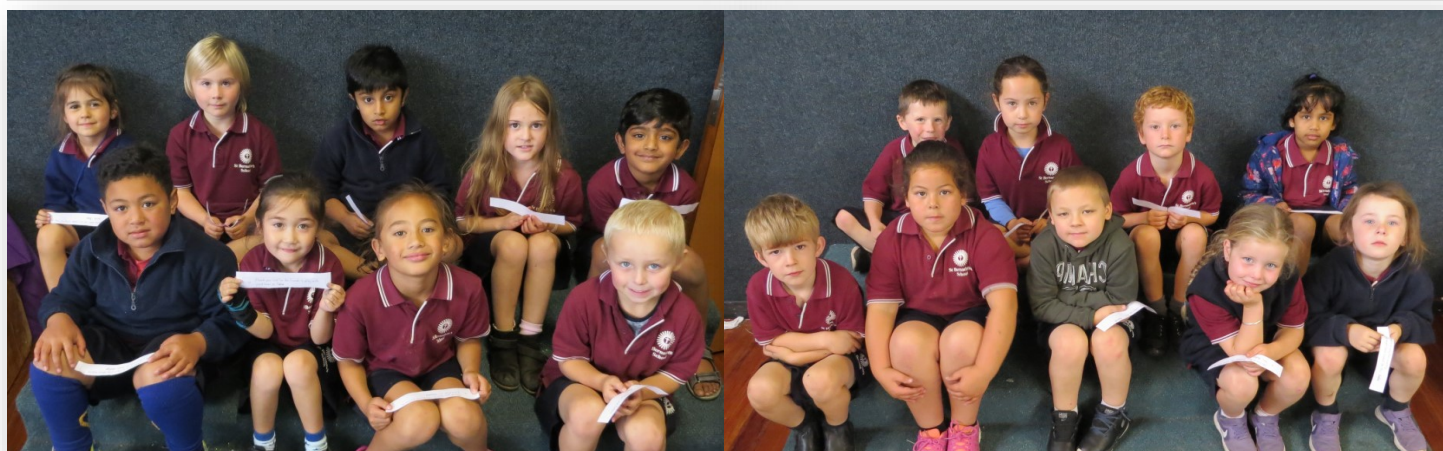
Athletics Sports Day
Rescheduled for
Wednesday February 28th
Postponement day Thurs, March 1st
Let's try again and hopefully the weather will play its part.

St Bernadette's School Calendar Term 1 2018

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
5	26 Gallery R3 12.30 - 2.30	27 Board of Trustees Meeting	28 Athletics Sports	1 March Class Mass Room 8 (or Sports if wet)	2 Prayer Assembly Room 1	3	4
6	5	6	7	8 Class Mass Room 4	9 Prayer Assembly Room 6	10	11

Parent Teacher Meetings

Thank you for attending the meeting during the week. This was a valuable exercise for teachers and for parents to share information to help the learning of students in the coming months.



At this morning's Prayer Assembly Mrs Eathorne's class told the school all about what life was like for Jesus when he was a young boy. He lived in a very hot country, much hotter than New Zealand. He played games just like we do. He ate some foods that were different from us and some foods that are same. The clothes they wore were different to what we wear. Like us, he lived in a family that cares for each other.



Eri and Kandice



Joshua and Saki



Suzuka and Tammy



Tom and Nasa

Special guests at St Bernadette's

Today we had some very special visitors in the school. Four students from Ochanomizu University in Tokyo, one of the top universities in Japan. Ochanomizu was the first university for women. The four students are part of an intake who are studying at the Otago University Language School for the next couple of months. As part of their study, Eri, Nasa Suzuka and Saki have asked to spend time in a school and St Bernadette's is very happy to have them working with us. Today the students were introduced to the school at Prayer Assembly and then joined in Buddy Reading. After interval some of the senior students took Eri, Nasa, Suzuka and Saki to Discovery Time to work with the junior children. At lunchtime they enjoyed a barbecue sausage with their friends in Room 1.

There was great excitement in Room 7 on Thursday morning when our first butterfly emerged from its chrysalis. After watching the butterfly dry its wings and get ready to fly, we let it go at the end of the day. Its first flight was from the swan plant onto Mackenzie's jersey where it stayed for a while before crawling behind her ear.



Valentino and Belinda take a close look at the Monarch butterfly as it dries its wings.



Aidan, Tai, Sean, Samuel and Iva wait patiently for the butterfly to fly away.



Mackenzie enjoyed having the butterfly take a rest on her sports top.



Butterfly art work by Room 6

Mercy Award Winners



Back: Kandice, Sylvie, Albie, Abigail. Middle: Tautai, George, Tia, Lorenzo. Front: Ted, Hanaliana, Dina, Elizabeth, Aidan.