

# Friday Newsletter



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## Athletics Sports Day

The weather finally came to the party on Wednesday with the best day for quite some time. The St Bernadette's Athletics day arrived and it was well worth waiting for. Corstorphine Park was again a great venue and the weather provided a dry ground and great facilities. The event itself was full of friendly competition and amazing effort and determination. There was a lovely atmosphere of support and co-operation with a focus on fun.



March 2nd  
Term 1  
Week 5  
2017

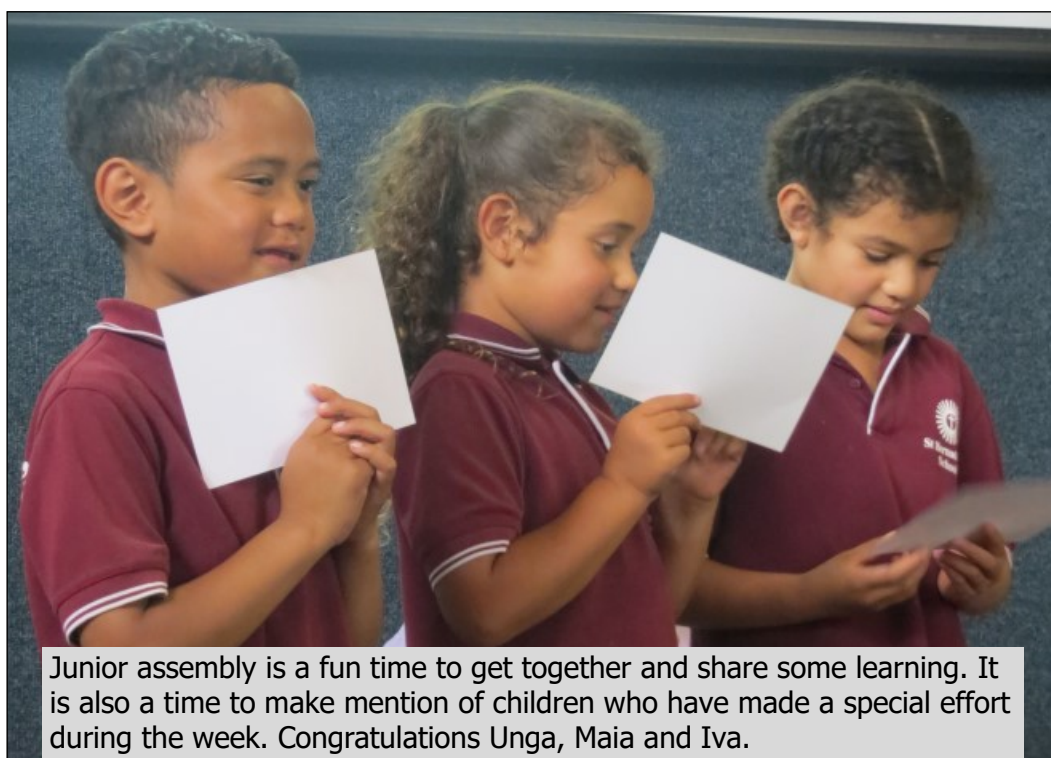


# St Bernadette's School Calendar Term 1 2018

Wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thursday	Friday	Sat	Sunday
6	5	6	7	8 Class Mass Room 4	9 Prayer Assembly Room 6	10	11
7	12	13 R1 Art Gallery 12.30 –2.30	14	15 Class Mass Room 5	16 Prayer Assembly Room 8	17	18 Schools' Mass 9.30am



The monarch butterflies continue to be a source of fascination for the children.



Junior assembly is a fun time to get together and share some learning. It is also a time to make mention of children who have made a special effort during the week. Congratulations Unga, Maia and Iva.

## MERCY AWARDS



Ezra and Evie



Marco

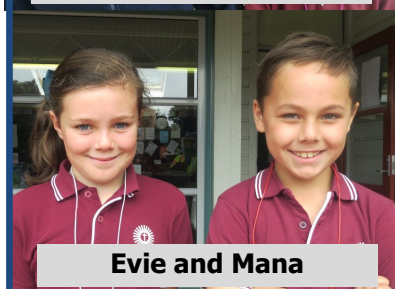
Joslin



Theresa and Eamon



Kieran and Jaydan



Evie and Mana



John and Honey



Abby

Kaliti



# OUR TRIP TO THE ART GALLERY

Room 2 had a great visit to the Dunedin Public Art Gallery last Friday. When we arrived we looked at the paintings to do with 'peace'. Then we went to the classroom and drew ourselves with pastels, drawing why peace means to us. Mr Neumegen asked us to show ourselves thinking about a place we like to go or an activity we like to do that is your happy place. It may involves being with a pet or a friend or your family.

## BEING IN NATURE IS A GOOD WAY TO FIND PEACE

It is amazing how a walk along the beach or through the bush or biking along a coastal path can reconnect you to the world of nature. Spending time in the great outdoors is a good way to switch off from our 'busy' lives for a while.

## BEING CREATIVE IS A GOOD WAY TO FIND THAT HAPPY PLACE

The left side of the brain is important because it keeps us organised and gets things done. But sometimes it is hard to switch it off when you want to relax. Being creative is entering the right side of the brain. This is when you are doing something you enjoy so much you get completely absorbed and forget about the time...and your troubles. There are lots of ways you can be creative - playing music, writing a story, drawing, painting, colouring in, doing a jigsaw, playing a game, gardening, working on a hobby project and lots more. Talk to family and friends to find out what they enjoy doing that makes them feel relaxed.







'Walk n Wheel to School Week' is an initiative designed by Sport Otago and the Dunedin City Council to promote and encourage active transport to school. We would like to see as many children and families as possible supporting this event. As part of this week, we invite the children to bring their wheels to school on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March. This could be their bike, roller skates/blades, scooter, or skateboard. Helmets are compulsory. We will have a supervised session for the junior children with circuits in the afternoon (this is instead of Junior School Assembly).

## Car Parking

For the safety of all our precious children we are asking everyone to be vigilant and respectful in our carpark areas. This means parking only in designated areas, driving slowly and triple checking before you reverse. Children should not be walking to cars without an adult present because they are very hard to see in a reversing car. We would also ask that parents do not drive up the school driveway to drop children off.

This is a safety issue for children who walk up the driveway in the morning. If you see any issues that need to be addressed please let us know.

## Uniform

Thank you to all those parents who are ensuring their child is wearing the correct uniform, we are looking very smart. It is great to see how many children are wearing the appropriate black school shoes. We are expecting that this will be most of the children by the beginning of Term 2.

## Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees met for the first time on Tuesday the 27<sup>th</sup> of February. We were pleased to welcome two new board members, Emma Thompson and Beena Aprem, to our team. We thank them for making themselves available for this important role. Kate Hesson was also appointed as the new Chairperson, replacing the long-standing, hard-working and very committed Katrina Kerr-Bell. We congratulate Kate and offer our grateful thanks to Katrina for the wonderful contribution she has made over the last 10 years to St Bernadette's.

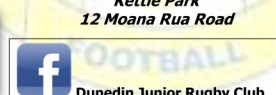
Debbie presented our 2018 School Charter to the Board for final approval before it was sent to the Ministry of Education. The Charter contains the vision, values, strategic goals and targets for our school and is available at the school office for anyone who would like to read it. Also available from the office are the minutes from the previous meetings. Our next meeting is to be on Tuesday the 10<sup>th</sup> of April at 6 p.m. Members of the public are always welcome to attend these meetings, but do not have speaking rights unless approved by the Board Chair.

Four enthusiastic and colourful Lions pose for the camera at Wednesday's athletics sports. From left to right Seth, Charlie, Olivia and Kaliti.



## DUNEDIN JNR. RUGBY CLUB Registration & Family Fun Day

**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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