

# Friday Newsletter



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It's wet and cold on a Dunedin Monday. But it doesn't stop George and Tessa from Dunedin Tech from helping the children from every class at St Bernadette's develop their football skills along with the general skills of reaction and anticipation. In the photographs above, the children line up in pairs to see who can react fastest to particular commands such as 'hips', 'up' and 'shoulders'. Every now and then the command 'go', challenges each pair to see who picks up the tee first. In more traditional football drills the children learn the correct way to head the ball. Jaydan works alongside Leivi, with Kai and Sarah working together to practise their heading skills.



Welcome  
To St Bernadette's



Millie Sluiss

## Beauty and the Beast Congratulations Kavanagh College

A wonderful theatrical experience for the St Bernadette's children. So proud for us to see former pupils of our school and in the Catholic Schools Kahui Ako perform with such pride and expertise.

Here are some comments from the children.

Talita: I loved Belle's yellow ball gown.

Isaac: I like the beast because of his scary mask.

Daniel: I really liked Belle's father because of the  
The cool gadget that he invented.

Kiana: It was funny and cool and the best part was when Gaston got thrown off the castle wall.

June 1st

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At Moana Pool on Wednesday it was Jo's groups turn for water safety. The children were invited to bring clothes. Some brought long trousers, t shirts and even wore shoes. We all had to wear life jackets that had to be nice and tight. In one of the activities we had to get into a huddle to show what we could do to preserve our body heat. We had to jump off the edge into the water. It was important to hold our noses so no water went up our noses or in our mouths. Another activity involved lifting a person from the water by holding on to the swimmer's lifejacket and lifting them out to safety.

We also practised going into the water by sitting on the side and tipping over backwards as though we were on a boat.

- Report by Teuila and Tammy.

The St Bernadette's Board of Trustees met on Tuesday evening. The board would like to share the following updates with the community.

#### **Chapel development.**

The new chapel space is nearly complete. We are just awaiting the glass sliding doors to arrive. Once in place we will advise you of the official opening.

#### **Teaching and Learning**

The board received a report from Debbie on programmes and developments in Reading and Writing throughout the school. There are a range of initiatives in progress to improve learning for our students. Mid year student reports and parent teacher meetings are scheduled for later in the term.

#### **Playground Development.**

The Board is currently looking at ways to enhance the playground. There is a focus on the adventure playground at present and the students have been surveyed to give their opinions on this area.

#### **Message of Sympathy**

On behalf of the school community, the board extends sincere sympathy to the Thompson and Reed families on their sad family losses recently.



## Matariki Celebration

Join us on Thursday June 21st at 5.30pm  
Celebrate Matariki at St Bernadette's

- Enjoy some hot soup and bread.
- Hear the story of Matariki.
- Watch videos of our tamariki perform.
- Enjoy each other's company.
- Be home by 7 o'clock.

#### ***The Time of Matariki***

*Matariki is a time to prepare; to learn, to share ideas, and to celebrate the future. Just as the Northern Hemisphere prepares for spring and growth on the 1st of January, during its New Year celebrations, Matariki is our time.*

#### ***The Start of Matariki***

*Traditionally, a lookout was posted to watch for the pre-dawn rise of Matariki. This marked the start of Matariki.*

#### ***The New Year Celebration***

*The New Year celebrations began on the sighting of the next new moon.*



# National Young Leaders' Day

On Monday St Bernadette's sent four of our Year 6 children to the Dunedin Town Hall for the annual Young Leaders' Day. NYLD events include motivational talks from great New Zealand leaders, question times, videos, music and interactive activities. The speaking team consists of leaders in business, sport, politics, community, science and the arts.

The message of the day develops, as students are challenged not only to reach their own personal goals but the goals of those they are leading. The objectives of NYLD are: Inspiration, Connection, Student empowerment, Promoting positivity, Motivation and Education. Here are some reflections from our representatives, Cody, Tom, Evie and Isobelle.



Jono Naylor used to be the mayor of Palmerston North, but he has retired because he felt it wasn't right for him. But one of the first things he said was that Muhammad Ali always used to say 'I didn't do well.' Where as Joseph Parker said, 'We didn't do so well.' So the point is not to be too self centered.

Jono's message was: 'Humility. Be Others focused, Play to your strengths, Extend yourself.' That's what **HOPE** stands for. Hope is the promise that tomorrow is better than today. There is always more to learn. It is better to try and fail than not try at all.

**By Evie**



At the Young Leaders' Day, as well as listening to inspiring speeches, all 800 of us played some games. The first game we played involved huge blown up beach balls. We each had different sides. Liz's side to the left and Christian's side to the right, (they were the two hosts). We had to throw the balls up to either side of upstairs chairs where other schools were sitting. They had to hit it to the back of the town hall, then hit it over the barricades and down to the chairs on the floor. Our part down at floor was to hit it back onto the stage. Liz's side won first then Christian's and the overall winner was Christian's side. We were happy because it was our side.

**By Izzy**

Robbie Fruen is a rugby player who had very inspirational words. His topic was the word Whakāro. Before he started playing rugby his dad would wake him up at 5:00am. Robbie had to make sacrifices to play rugby. The sacrifices he made changed his life completely. He lost friends and he was late to school, but Robbie didn't let that get him down. He trained hard and he ended up with playing with people like Richie McCaw. He was so good that they won the world cup. After they won, Robbie was told the news that he had a very bad illness. He had heart problems and it forced him to stop playing rugby and have a heart surgery. He's recovered from that but he's stopped playing rugby. Robbie is an inspirational guy that has a wife, daughter and a pug, cute, right. I will never forget my first time at NYLD.

**By Cody**



Here are Toms thoughts from the day. Don't Give up. Keep on going

School is difficult, isn't it. Well, I'm going to tell you something here. Life is NOT going to be easy. You have to start from the bottom and work your way to the top. Someone could be better than you in something but you could be better in other ways. To be a better person you have to have a great attitude. Sometimes you may fail but that's ok. It just means you have to work on it and you will become great at it but you must remember to not give up.

Who inspired me the most? Riley Hathaway travelled the world, exploring under the ocean. She made friends with sea animals and picked up as much plastic under water to stop sea animals dying from eating plastic. If every New Zealander picks up at least 1 piece of plastic every day 4.5 million plastic bags would not go into the ocean each day. Imagine what our ocean would look like.

**By Tom**












Father Sani celebrated Mass with the Room the boys and girls on Thursday Morning



Netball action from Tuesday afternoon. Nina and Honey about to pass.

## Coming up at St Bernadette's School Calendar

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
6	4 Queen's Birthday	5	6  Sen	7	8 Mrs Valley Assembly 2.15  Jun	9	10
7	11	12	13  Sen	14 Class Mass R5	15  Jun	16	17 Schools' Mass 9.30am
8	18	19	20  Sen	21 Class Mass R4 Matariki 5.30	22 Prayer Assembly R8	23	24



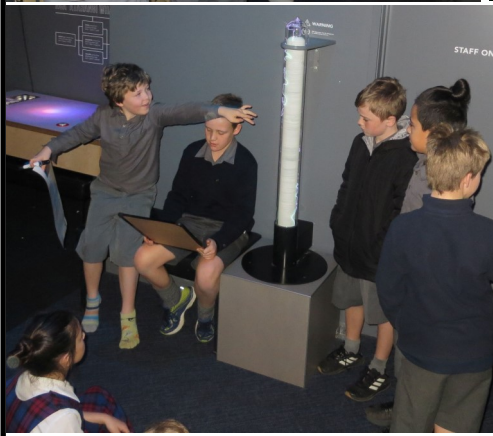
# Special Assembly for Mrs Vallely Friday June 8th at 2.15pm School Hall

A school assembly will be held next Thursday afternoon in the school hall to farewell and thank you Margaret Vallely for her many years of service to St Bernadette's School. **The assembly will be lead by the senior children.**  
**You are all very welcome to attend.**

**Right: Frosty mornings this week provided an opportunity for the first 'snowballs' of the year for Gracie-Lee and Abigail. Signs of things to come?**



All three senior classes visited the Science of Light exhibition at the Otago Museum Discovery World today. As part of the learning the children worked in groups and became Optical Physicists and shared their learning with class mates.



Many hands make light work. New furniture for Room 4 and the library was delivered by truck yesterday afternoon. The Room 1 boys were only too happy to carry chairs from the car park to the rooms.





## VAIASO O LE GAGANA SĀMOA 27 MĒ - 2 IUNI 2018



Kaliti's mum Talai tells us about the Samoan flag. We are loving the delicious Samoan panakiki Talai made for us

Classes have been celebrating Samoan Language Week. A special powerpoint presentation has been prepared by Mrs Gillespie to help us learn more about Samoa and the language. The presentation included little videos of Shalia and Mata teaching us how to count and say colours in Samoan. There were also lots of other slides of place, people and customs.

*E iloa 'oe i lau gagana*

Your language speaks volume of you

*A malu i fale, e malu i fafo*

Respect yourself and others will too

*O le gagana e la'ei ai le aganu'u*

Language characterises the essence of culture

On Wednesday of this week Kaliti's mum came to teach the Room 4 children about Samoa to help celebrate Samoan Language Week. Talai taught us about the two main islands that make up Samoa, Upolo and Savai'i. We learnt how to count to 10 and say hello to our teacher. Our teacher says "Talofa tamaiti" and we reply with "Talofa Faiaoga". Talai shared a Sunday School song with us and we really enjoyed singing it and learning the actions that go with it. Last of all we got to taste some delicious panakiki - Samoan pancakes. They were amazing. Thank you so much Talai for sharing your language and culture with us.

## CAMP FUNDRAISER – WORKING AT THE STADIUM

Dates have been supplied to work at the Stadium this year to help with fundraising for the School Camp in November.

23 June	All Black's Test
17 July	Kendrick Lamar
1 September	Pink

This is a very easy way to fundraise for our school. The **Number 1** rule is black dress pants and black shoes You will be placed on tickets or through stadium.

Could you please reply with your name and contact number by Tuesday 5 June if you are able to help with any of the above events.

## Stop Work Meeting

On Thursday the 28th of June from 1p.m, staff who are members of the NZEI are entitled to attend a paid union meeting to discuss progress on collective bargaining negotiations. School will officially remain open but with a skeleton staff and no formal class programme. There will be NO AFTER SCHOOL CARE on that Thursday. We would encourage all parents who are able to, to pick up their children at 1 p.m. Many thanks for your support.

## Free Dental Care

for 0-17 year olds

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