

Friday Newsletter



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Thank you Mrs Vallely

Margaret Vallely enjoyed her last day teaching yesterday after 34 years at St Bernadette's. Today she was acknowledged by the school community at a special assembly. There were presentations for Margaret, as well as prayers and messages of thanks and goodwill. Two books were handed to Margaret which included many messages from adults in the community and reflections from current student in the school.

Here are some of the messages received from parents of present and past students.

Margaret was always so cheerful and gracious whenever we met at school. Margaret's attitude was a special hallmark that more of us needed to take on board. The image I took away after that 9 year connection was: A happy bantam mother hen joyfully gathering and marshalling her uncertain charges.

Thank you so much for the time and energy you have placed in our kids. We have really appreciated your input into their lives. It is very sad to see you go. I know us and all the good folk at St Bernadette's will miss you.

Mrs Vallely has told each of my kids when they started school to make sure they eat their 'bready thing' out of their lunch box first. My kids still refer to this almost every day! Thank you so much Mrs Vallely for setting my kids up really well for school.

I can still remember bringing my 2 daughters to St Bernadette's for their first day at school (with both being a tad anxious) and being greeted by Mrs Vallely. Suddenly all that anxiety disappeared as she welcomed them with her calm and warm manner.

Your manner with children can only come from within and that's because you have a beautiful heart. All our love.

How quick do the years go by. I had the privilege of having you teach both myself and my son. You go above and beyond and out of your way to know the children's families.

I will always be so grateful Margaret, for your kind and gentle manner with my son first started school. You were such a lovely presence each morning and made him feel safe and happy during his big transition. Now you can sit back and be proud of all your years of hard work. Enjoy your retirement.

You sent us a photo of us all arriving and were always so thoughtful and kind. It was so appreciated. Also, I have to mention your patience! The way you get the little ones into the swing of things at Saint Bernadette's is nothing short of masterful! They will all miss you and so will we. Enjoy your retirement.

Here are reflections from some of the children.

Dear Mrs Vallely

Mrs Valley, you are kind, caring and loving to all the students at St Bernadette's School. We are going to miss you very much. I can remember the time where I slipped on a soccer ball and got a lump on my head and you were there with me. - Thank you from Levi.

Dear Mrs Vallely,

You are a great teacher. You are very kind. You're a really patient teacher. You teach us lots. You gave all of us a turn with Q-Bear. You make everyone smile. You give everyone prizes. The school will never be same without you Mrs Vallely. I hope you have a great retirement. - We will miss you!!! From Daniel.

Dear Mrs Vallely,

I will miss you so much. You have been so kind. When me and Kandice walk into your class we tell each other all of our memories with you and let me tell you there are some funny ones.

Have a wonderful retirement. With lots of love from Gracie-Lee. Bye Bye

Dear Mrs Vallely,

You are kind, caring and loving. You make us smile. You taught us so many things like reading, writing and mathematics. We will never forget you and we will miss you very much. You will always be in our memories. - By Luke and Kingston.

Dear Mrs Vallely

We are all very sad that you are leaving, we wish you could stay. You are so kind, caring and loving. You must be very patient with all of the kids. You have a place in your heart for everyone. You are so helpful around the community. We all love you. - Love from Evie

**June 8th
Term 2
Week 6
2018**



At Moana Pool last Wednesday it was Jo's group 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 maintain 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 last Tuesday evening (May 29th). 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 the 29th of May St Bernadette's School 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 last Thursday Morning



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

Coming up at St Bernadette's School Calendar

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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
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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 Kāhui Ako perform with such pride and expertise. Here are some comments from the children.

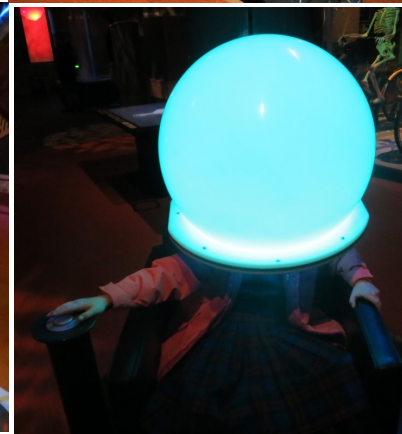
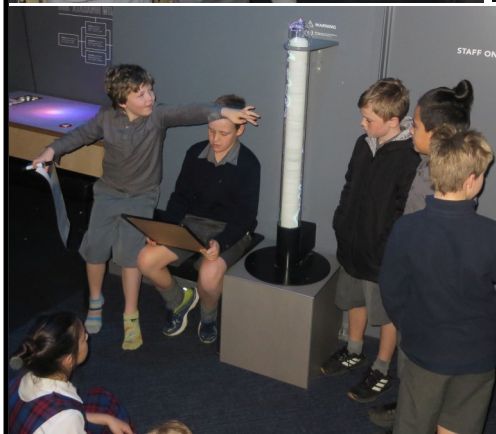
Talita: *I loved Belle's yellow ball gown.*

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.*

All three senior classes visited the Science of Light exhibition at the Otago Museum Discovery World. 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.



VAIASO O LE GAGANA SĀMOA 27 MĒ - 2 IUNI 2018



Classes celebrated Samoan Language Week from May 27 to June 2. 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



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

Last Wednesday 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

Thank you all those people who have offered to help at these events.

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.

There are enough people for the Pink concert, but we would really like some more helpers for the other two events. Please let us know if you can help.

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

NEW Online Enrolment

You can now enrol or update your details online at:

www.southernhdb.govt.nz/pages/oral-health-enrolment



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It's wet and cold last Monday. But it didn'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.

