

# Friday Newsletter



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## TEACHER ONLY DAY - FRIDAY 17<sup>th</sup> AUGUST

Late 2016 the Dunedin Catholic Schools Kāhui Ako (Community of Learning) was approved by the Ministry of Education – the first in Dunedin! We are a community strengthened by our faith and united for excellence and equity.

We firmly believe that when we work collaboratively we:

- Strengthen our Catholic special character.
- Enhance the wellbeing and pastoral care of all our young people, whānau and staff.
- Can more efficiently implement systems, programmes and initiatives, in order to strengthen student outcomes.

On Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> of August all the teaching and support staff in all our Catholic Schools are gathering at Kavanagh College for a day of high quality, targeted professional learning. This will mean that schools will be closed for the day but will be open for an extra day in Term 4.

Unfortunately, the teacher's union has scheduled a strike day for the same week, Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> August! This is something that is completely out of our control and as the Expo has been months in the planning we were unable to change the date of this. We apologise for any inconvenience and express our gratitude for your support.



Yesterday a group of Year 5 & 6 children took part in the Otago Rippa Champs at the University Oval. It was an action packed day with some very tough competition from over 200 Dunedin kids. The St Bernie's Warriors came 1st in their pool and made it through to the Semi Finals losing to St Clair by 1 try in the last seconds of the game. The children finished 3rd overall and qualified for the Otago Regional Rippa Champs that will be held next Tuesday. Congratulations team on a superb effort. They were even lucky enough to get a picture with some of the Otago players who stopped by, including Vilimoni Koroi, (back left), a member of the All Blacks 7's team.

## A message from Mrs Valley

*'Dear St Bernadette's Families and Friends,*

*I can hardly believe almost two months have past, and I have been meaning to write to express my sincere thanks for all your kind and thoughtful messages and gifts on my retirement.*

*The St Bernadette's community has been part of my life and my family's life for such a long time and it was very special to me for so many of you to send good wishes as I begin the next phase.*

*Noel and I are currently visiting Split, Croatia, in scorching sun (34 degrees today). It is a beautiful city with much history & lovely beaches. We have also been very lucky to see England during such a lovely summer. The Dunedin winter seems very far away and I hope you are all keeping warm and safe.*

*Once again, thank you for all your kindness. I look forward to being in touch from a different location on my adventures later in the term.*

**Aug 3rd  
Term 3  
Week 2  
2018**





# MERCY VALUES AWARDS

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RATO AWHINA ■ SERVICE  
TIKA ■ SOCIAL JUSTICE  
MANAAKITANGA ■ HOSPITALITY  
PANEKIRITANGA ■ EXCELLENCE  
TE TAPU O TE TANGATA ■ RESPECT



## Back Row

Kiana  
Kaliti  
Equator  
Tom  
Iyla  
Anna  
Logan  
India

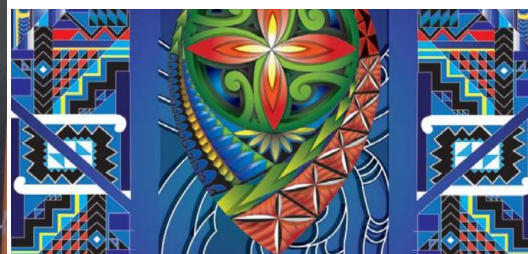


## Front Row

Vansh  
Aidan  
Eamon  
Joshua  
Dion  
Millie  
Eli  
Isla



## 2018 Maori & Pacific Island Festival



This year is the 25th annual Otago Polyfest celebrating Māori and Pasifika performances from early childhood education services, primary schools and secondary schools. Over 150 groups across five days from the 10th to the 14th of September. This year there will be two groups performing from St Bernadette's. The senior classes will make up one group and the senior classes the second. The junior children are pictured here practising their Tongan song called Malimali Mai. The senior classes will begin their preparation next week.

## St Bernadette's Home and School Association News

The final amount raised from the recent cheese rolls fundraiser is now available. The amount is \$3,508.80, an amazing effort. Well done everyone. McDonald's have another fundraiser for schools that we would like to take advantage of. If you bring along your McDonald's receipts to school, the association can exchange these for redeemable vouchers we could use for prizes at Term 4's Gala Day.

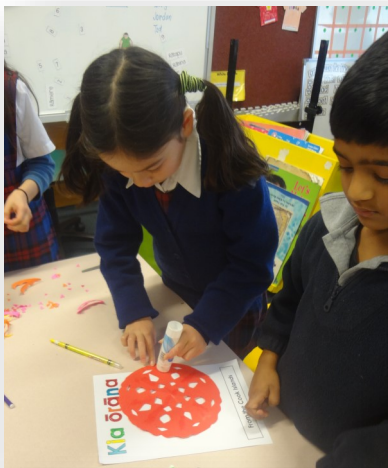


# TE 'EPETOMA O TE REO MĀORI KŪKI ĀIRANI

## Cook Islands Language week



One of the most important of the traditional crafts and patternmaking activities of the Cook Islands is tivaevae quiltmaking. The children in Room 6 made their own collages and cut outs using the beautiful floral designs similar to those used in the tivaevae quilts.



Kia orana, Talofa, Malo e lelei, Kia ora and welcome to Room 4's prayer assembly. Today the Room 4 children celebrated some of the language and culture of the Cook Islands and thanked God for the beauty of creation. They shared a traditional creation story from the Cook Islands called The Pearls of the South Seas. The world is a precious gift given to us by God. The Cook Island's are a wonderful example of how precious and beautiful this world is and how we need to take care of it.

The response to the prayers of the faithful was 'Te Atu akarongo karakia' – Lord hear our prayer.

At the conclusion of the assembly the children made the sign of the cross in the language of the Cook Islands.

'Ingoa nga Metua, e letu e vauerua tapu.

# St Bernadette's School ~ Term 3 Calendar

WK	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
3	6	7 Ariki Cup Cross Country  Rippa Finals	8	9 Class Mass R5 9.30am	10 Prayer Assembly 9.15am R7	11	12
4	13	14	15 Feast of the Assumption.  Strike Action	16 Class Mass R2+4 9.30am	17 Teacher Only Day	18	19 Schools' Mass 9.30am
5	20	21 Board Meeting	22 Art Gallery Juniors	23 Class Mass R1 9.30am  Art Gallery Juniors	24 Prayer Assembly 9.15am R8  Art Gallery Juniors	25	26
6	27	28	29	30 Class Mass R7 9.30am	31 Prayer Assembly 9.15am R3	1 September	2 Fathers' Day
7	3 Tongan Language Week	4	5	6 Class Mass R8 9.30am	7 Prayer Assembly 9.15am R6	8	9
8	10 Maori & Pacific Festival This Week	11	12	13 Class Mass R6 9.30am	14 Prayer Assembly 9.15am R2	15	16 Schools' Mass 9.30am
9	17	18 Sacrament of Confirmation	19	20 Class Mass R3 9.30am	21 Life Ed Mobile Classroom  Prayer Assembly 9.15am R5	22	23
10	24 Mercy Day  Life Ed Mobile Classroom	25 Life Ed Mobile Classroom	26 Life Ed Mobile Classroom	27	28 Prayer Assembly 9.15am R1 Last Day Term 3	29	30

## There is a busy term in store at St Bernadette's.

- A whole school inquiry topic of 'Participation and Involvement' is planned for the term.
- Class Masses and Prayer Assemblies have been scheduled each week and you are all invited to join us for these events.
- Teacher Only Day. The Catholic Schools Kāhui Ako professional development day will be held on the 17th of August.
- Room 1 are participating the 2018 Ukulele Jam later in the term along with 1000 other children from around Dunedin. They will also perform a concert for the school as well as family and friends at St Bernadette's. Date to be advised.
- The Sacrament of Confirmation is scheduled for Tuesday the 18th of September.
- The Maori and Pacific Island Festival is scheduled for the 10th to the 13th of September and we will be participating in this event.
- The Life Education Trust Mobile Classroom will make its annual visit in the last week of the term.
- There are two school masses during the term. The liturgies are jointly organised by pupils of St Bernadette's and St Brigid's.
- The Junior Classes are preparing for a visit to the Dunedin Art Gallery for an educational experience with John Neumegen.



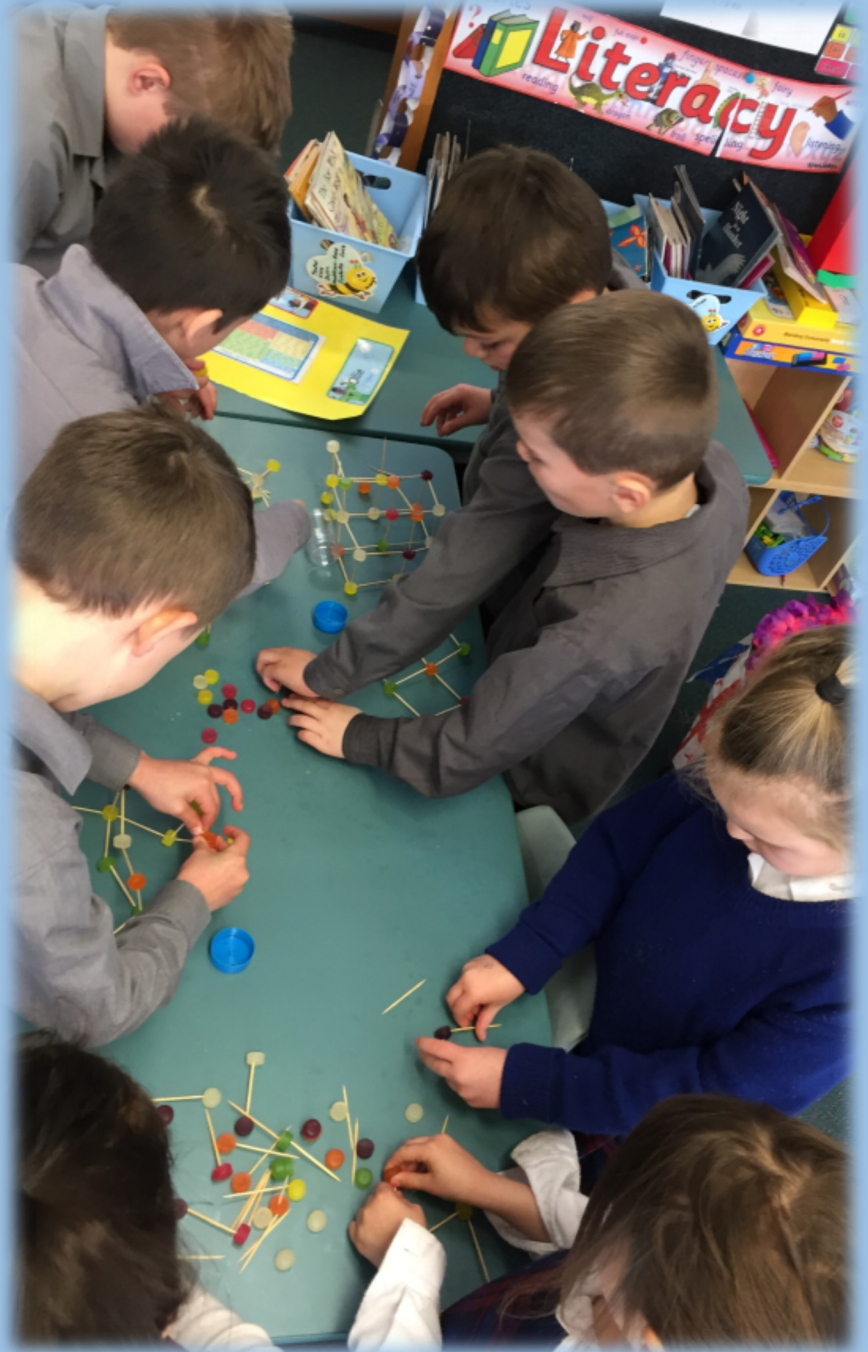
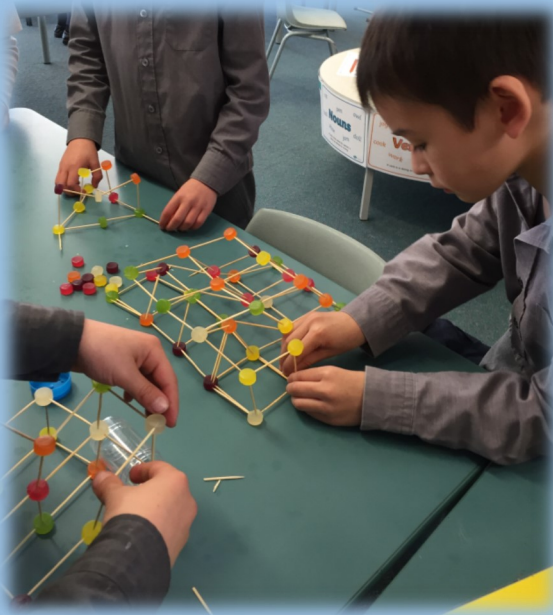
## **'DISCOVERY TIME' IS BACK!**

Friday swimming during Term 2 meant that there was a bit of a break from Discovery Time in the junior classes on Friday mornings.

Rest assured, it is back with heaps of enthusiasm in Term 3. Last Friday, Mrs Burke challenged her group to 'Create a Tower'.

The pictures speak for themselves.

- **Exploration**
- **Teamwork**
- **Experimentation**
- **Challenge**
- **Co-operation**
- **Fun**
- **Discovery!**





There are four 'teams' at St Bernadette's, the Eagles, Lions, Sharks and the Lions. More often than not the teams are engaged in friendly competition at events such as the athletic sports. But the teams are also part of learning and bonding opportunities such as 'Buddy Reading'. The older Sharks meet with their younger team mates each week as reading buddies', as do the Lions, Tigers and the Eagles. Last Friday's great weather meant that buddies were able to catch up outdoors to share stories.





# DIGGERS BASKETBALL

Term 3 Youth Development Academy  
8 Tuesdays @ The Edgar Centre  
When: Begins Tuesday, 7th August  
from 4-5pm, finishing 25th September  
Who: Kids aged 5-8 (no experience necessary)  
Cost: \$70 per child (\$10 discount  
for siblings).



# MINERS BASKETBALL

Term 3 Youth Development Academy  
8 Wednesdays @ The Edgar Centre  
When: Begins Wednesday, 8th August  
from 4-5pm, finishing 29th September  
Who: Kids aged 9-12 (no experience  
necessary) Cost: \$70 per child (\$10  
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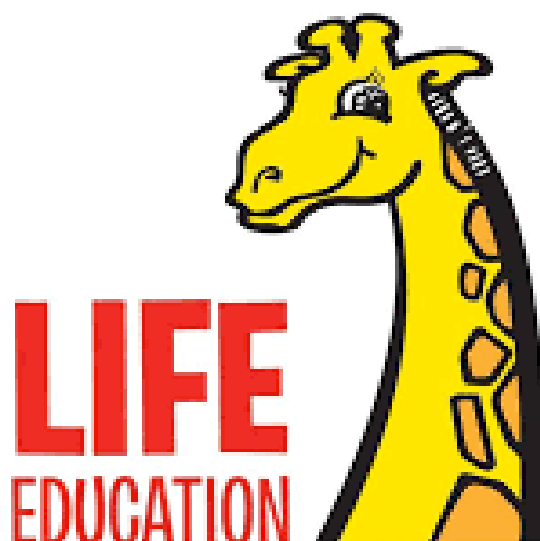
Life Education is a charitable trust that educates and empowers children to make healthy choices. We teach children about topics including food and nutrition, friendships and relationships, personal identity and helpful and harmful substances.

**Life Education Trust Coastal Otago** has a mobile classroom that teaches over 5000 children from Dunedin City to Omarama. We have a passionate Educator working full time within schools to deliver the programme and the Trust is run by a small group of dedicated volunteers who are responsible for supporting the Educator, raising funds to ensure the successful delivery of the programme and to assist with the promotion of Life Education in the Coastal Otago area.

We are seeking new volunteers to join our Trust. If you have a few hours to spare once a month, an interest in supporting children and young people within the Coastal Otago area with business, fundraising or promotional experiences we would love to hear from you.

Becoming a volunteer with the Life Education Trust Coastal Otago will provide you with an opportunity to give back to your local community, develop new friendships and social experiences and be a part of young people's lives.

Our Trustees are from all different backgrounds and if this sounds like something you could do please contact our Trust chairwoman Aileen Winmill, 027 465 7280, [aileenw@xtra.co.nz](mailto:aileenw@xtra.co.nz).



*Learning with Harold*