

Friday Newsletter



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Thank you for responding to the notice regarding Wednesday's strike action and the Teacher Only Day next Friday. Unfortunately we have no reason to believe that the strike will be called off. The Catholic Schools' expo has been planned for several months and it is very unfortunate that the strike has been called for the same week. We apologise for the inconvenience and express our gratitude for your support. **St Bernadette's will be closed on Wednesday and Friday of next week, the 15th and 17th of August.**

This photo shows our Rippa Rugby team demonstrating good sportsmanship at the Otago Championship on Tuesday. The players congratulate the opposition from Silverstream after a hard fought and close game. The St Bernadette's Warriors qualified for the championship round after finishing 3rd in the Metro Rippa Champs. Congratulations to the Year 5 and 6 students. We are all very proud of you. Well done Isobelle, Peyton, Teuila, Xanthe, Lola, Evie, Luke, David, Nate, Louis, Jaydan, Albie and Isaac.



School Mass next Sunday

August's combined St Bernadette's and St Brigid's Mass will be held next Sunday the 19th at St Patrick's Basilica. The Mass will begin at 9.30am.

We are looking for children to take special responsibilities at the service, We are also inviting children to sit with Mr Shaw and Mr Bone and lead the singing, and of course we would love to see lots of St Bernadette's children and families joining in the celebration.

**Aug 10th
Term 3
Week 3
2018**



MERCY VALUES AWARDS

AROHA ▣ COMPASSION
RATO AWHINA ▣ SERVICE
TIKA ▣ SOCIAL JUSTICE
MANAAKITANGA ▣ HOSPITALITY
PANEKIRITANGA ▣ EXCELLENCE
TE TAPU O TE TANGATA ▣ RESPECT



Back Row

Congratulations

Front Row

Finau
Leivi
Levi
Naimh
Bella
Angie
Ella
Storm



Ché
Lorenzo
Mason
Evie
Callum
Tia
Maine
Eli
Leo

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, with 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 junior classes will make up one group and the senior classes the second. In the photo below left, the junior girls are watching some of Mr Bones class demonstrate what they have been learning in poi. In the other photo the seniors are practising their waiata.



**St Bernadette's
Home and School
Association
News**

The Association is organising a Fathers' Day Raffle. Tickets are only \$1 each and there are 3 great prizes to be won. The raffle will be drawn on Friday the 31st of August. Money raise from the raffle will be put towards playground development.

Our new Prayer Space is open for worship

The first service in the area was a class mass, celebrated by Mrs Burkes' class, R5. Father Gerard said the mass for the children and a group of parents. Members of the Mercy Parish are also very welcome to join us on Thursdays at ten past 9. Next week it is the turn of Room 1 to hold their class mass.

Bishop Michael will open the space officially later in the month. We will inform you of the date for this ceremony soon.



Prayer Assembly - Room 7 The Feast of the Assumption of Mary.

Next Wednesday is the Feast of the Assumption. In the bible there isn't a story that tells us what happened to Mary at the end of her life. So how do we know what happened? The people who knew and loved Mary would have known. They told the story to each other, and they told their children and grandchildren. This story has been passed on for hundreds and hundreds of years, and now we are telling it to you. Long ago, after Jesus died, his mother Mary stayed with his friends and she prayed with them.

Because she was the mother of Jesus, she reminded them of the many things her Son Jesus said and did.

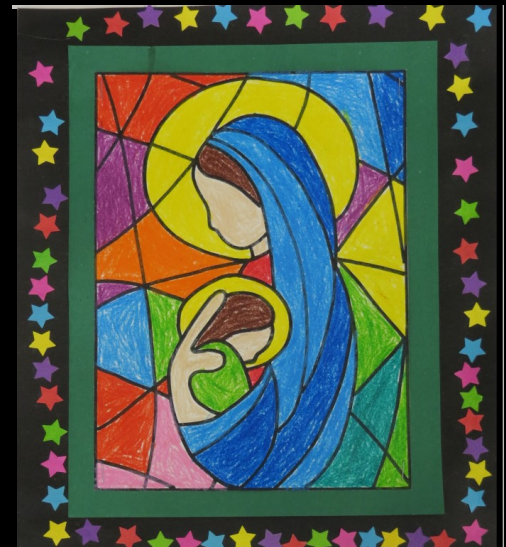
She showed them how to listen to God just as she and Jesus did. Mary became a very wise woman to her people. When it was time for Mary's life to end, and her work was done, she died. Something very special and wonderful happened. God loved Mary so much that he took her, body and soul, to heaven where Jesus welcomed her home. When Mary's friends and family came to find her, the room was empty. She was gone. We call this the Assumption of Mary into heaven. Mary was happy to go to heaven and to be with Jesus again.



I believe Mary is very passionate, because she spreads her love all around people and was very kind. She has a very loving heart deep down inside of her and she loves everyone. She was really happy when she had Jesus and she loved him very much.
by Mackenzie



I believe Mary had a baby, because the angel said to her, "You are having a baby" and the angel said, "Call it Jesus". Mary is also our mother. She can see over us.
by Tia

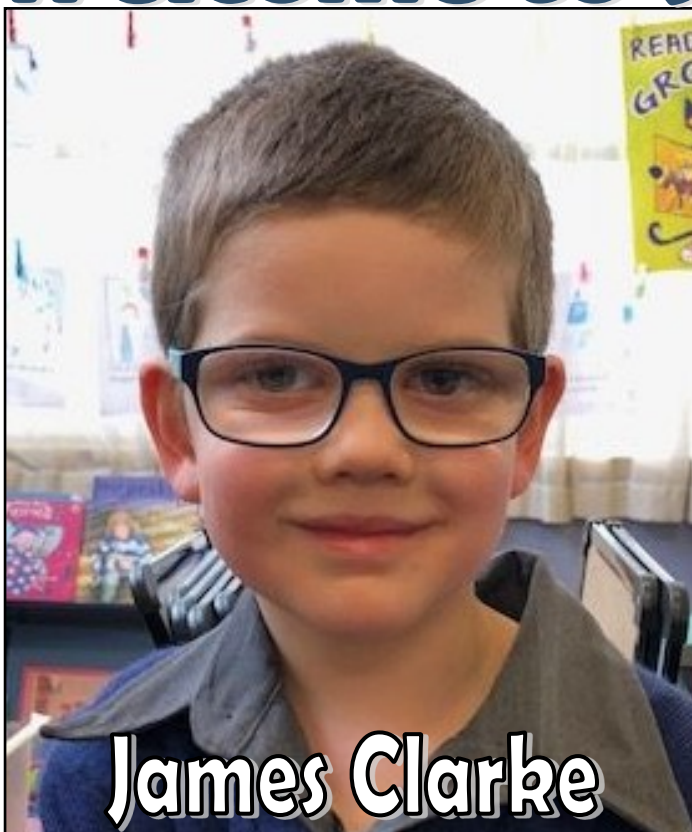


I believe Mary is a prayerful person, because she always prays to Jesus and God. I believe Mary is kind to everyone, and she is always happy. I believe Mary is a loving person, because she loved God and Jesus and Joseph.
by Lulu

St Bernadette's School ~ Term 3 Calendar

WK	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
4	13	14	15 Feast of the Assumption. Strike Action	16 Class Mass R2+4 9.30am	17 Teacher Only Day School Closed.	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	25	26
6	27	28	29 Ukulele Jam Room 1	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 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

Welcome to St Bernadette's



James Clarke



Lesley Taiala

Congratulations

Teuila entered a competition a few days ago. Children around Dunedin were asked to think of the one question they would ask Steven Adams if they met him. Teuila said she would say, 'Does your long hair and you beard irritate you when you are playing basketball?' The organisers really liked the question, and Teuila was one of three winners. On Wednesday the 22nd of August Teuila will be attending a basketball camp with Steven Adams. At the camp she will be able to ask him her question. In addition to that, her prize includes some clothing merchandise, plus a copy of Steven Adams new book.



Tame Govaerts-Paul was a talented athlete and a fine student when he attended St Bernadette's School a few years ago. Since he left he has gone on to become one of New Zealand's most promising swimmers. On 14 August Tame is heading to the USA. He is going on a scholarship (academic and sporting) to Drury University which is in Springfield Missouri. Last night at the Zenith Club, Tame was presented with this swim bag (with Zenith embroidered on it) along with some Zenith caps to remember them by. The club congratulated his and wished him all the best for his time in Missouri. At St Bernadette's we also send Tame our kindest regards and congratulate him on his success.



Speaking of ex-pupils and swimming, Stefannie Gillespie is currently representing New Zealand in long distance swimming in Canada. Stefannie's attended St Bernadette's as a pupil and her mother, Sharlene is currently a teacher at the school. Sharlene is accompanying her daughter as coach.

