

Friday Newsletter



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Students and teachers inspired by visitors

Bishop Michael came to St Bernadette's yesterday for his first official visit as the new Bishop of the Dunedin Diocese. He kindly accepted the invitation to say mass for the Year 5/6 class. This was also the first time that this group of children had been to mass in the new prayer space in the hall. The theme of the Mass was 'The Good Shepherd' and Father Michael brought his crosier (crook) to explain to the children that growing up on a farm he was familiar with the purpose of the crook in bringing sheep that had gone a different way, back to the safety of the flock. He described his role as a bishop to that of a shepherd of the diocese in helping people find safety and support when they need help.

Earlier in the morning, the school was visited by the New Zealand Under 23 Marist Rugby Team. The young men are on a tour of the country playing several games, one of which was held later that day at 3pm against the Dunedin Rugby Club Colts. For the record, the score was 47-17 to Marist.

The players asked the children about their school values and they spoke personally about what these values for them and what they believed it would mean for the children of St Bernadette's. They sang a song of praise, and performed a haka. In turn the children performed a kaka and sang for the team. There was a real surprise at the end of their visit, have a look at the photos on the next page!



Aug 24th
Term 3
Week 5
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If you would like a ball for your school then you have to jump and catch it?

That was the challenge Ritchie from Marist Rugby gave to the staff of St Bernadette's yesterday morning.

The staff and the students were up to the challenge and 20 LeslieRugby sports balls were given to the school. **Thank you to Marist Rugby for their generosity and LeslieRugby.**



Mr Bone



Zoe



Mrs Waldron



Miss Fitzgerald



Mrs Mapley



Mrs Christophers



Mr Shaw



Theresa



Kristal-Lee and Filipe happy to pose for a photo with the balls from Marist Rugby.



Richie invites the children to ask some questions to the players.

During last Sunday's school and parish Mass, Amy Fitzgerald's daughter, Mila was Baptised. It was a lovely occasion and it was special to see so many families join us.



Congratulations to
Mila Grace Wairaamia Wade
and to Amy & Dallas



On Wednesday Luke, Teuila and Tom went to the Steven Adams Basketball Camp at the Edgar Centre. Alex and Alice also attended the camp. Four hundred children attended the event. Several coaches worked with the children on defence, offence and drill and games. Steven rotated around the groups. Tom had the opportunity to score against him, and later Steven blocked him. Luke was fortunate to play a game of knock out against Stephen Adams. Earlier in the morning Teuila attended a special Steven Adams' conference with nine other children as a result of winning a competition. At this conference she was able to ask Steven a question. Part of her prize included a signed basketball as well as a signed copy of his book called My Life, My Fight.

Support for the people of Kerala in India

Caritas Aotearoa NZ will be giving a Solidarity Grant to Caritas India to support its efforts in providing humanitarian aid to the people for Kerala following the devastating floods over the past week. Caritas India has people working on the ground in Kerala and so can work with the local community in providing support to those most in need. **Donations can be posted to Caritas Aotearoa NZ, Freepost 689, PO Box 12193, Thorndon, Wellington 6144, or made online at caritas.org.nz.**



Mason Lynch

Dunedin Rugby Club
U7 Leopard Sharks
Most Valuable Player



Jordan McEwan

Southern Rugby Club
Year 2 Magpies
Best Team player



Above: **Louis**

Most Consistent Player
Dunedin Rugby Club
Under 5 team.

Below: **Blake**

Most Promising Player
Green Island Club
Under 5 team.



The netball season is now over for the year and the St Bernie Fliers would like to tell you about their season. This report is written by Peyton and Gracie-Lee. 'Thank you so much to our coaches, Nicole, Mel and Jackie for supporting us and teaching us during the season. We really enjoyed the games, win or lose. We got better and better because of your support. We had a happy team and we loved having a go at all the different positions. We are going to carry on with netball next year.'



If there is anyone out there in the St Bernadette's community who would like to celebrate success or achievement in any field, we would love to acknowledge your success in our newsletter. Please contact the school, or email Gerard Shaw directly at gerard@stbernadettes.school.nz

Junior Art Gallery Visits

This week the five Junior Classes enjoyed their visits to the Dunedin Public Art Gallery.

Each class had their own focus and as usual, produced some stunning artworks. Thank you to our wonderful parent helpers for assisting with these visits.

Room 6 created images of what they might see through a window. They also chose something to go on their window-sill. Some of the art works are printed below. This is our final visit for this year and we thank John Neumegen, the art educator, who always inspires us and achieves the most incredible results with the children in a short space of time.



Below are some photos of Room 8's visit to the Art Gallery yesterday. Our theme was Fairy Tales. We acted out the Three Little Pigs (and the police) and the Three Billy Goats Gruff. Then the children could draw either of those for their art work.



Above: Sapphire and James

Below: Lesley, Tia, Maine, and Jacob.



Above: Sam and Lesley

Below: Fakava, Isla and Louis





MERCY VALUES AWARDS

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



Back Row

Sapphire
Elizabeth
Jameson
John
Marco
Blake
Roman
Eli

Congratulations



Front Row

Isla
Grace
Peyton
Lesley
Walter
Kai

Welcome to St Bernadette's



Fakava Amato



The Ukulele Jam will be held next Wednesday. Included in the Jam is a Ukulele Design competition. The class held their own competition to decide which 2 designs would represent St Bernadette's and the winners were Kairangi and Leivi. Congratulations boys and good luck for next week.

Home and School News

The Fathers' Day Raffle will be drawn next week at Prayer Assembly. assembly. 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 raised from the raffle will be put towards playground development. Thank you for returning the cards and money. We would like all cards returned, sold or unsold by next Tuesday please.

St Bernadette's School ~ Term 3 Calendar

WK	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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

Have A Go Day for Year 3 and 4's.

On Wednesday of this week our Yr 3 and 4 children went to the Edgar Centre for a sports day organised by Sport Otago called "Have A Go Day". Over a 3 hour period our children got to experience 6 different sports, each sport being taught by an expert coach. This day was very well organised and a lot of fun for all our children. Thank you to Kerri from Sport Otago for all her hard work making this day such a success.

Here is what Isaac in Room 4 had to say about it.

Have a Go Day was like doing 3 hours of non-stop fun fitness. We played sports like tennis, football, touch rugby, athletics, cricket and softball. The cricket was really fun but my favourite was the football. I can't wait to have another go at this day next year. Thanks Sport Otago!

By Isaac B

Clockwise from left: Chelsea, Kaliti, Isla, Kiana and Abigail.

Fred is playing T-Ball.

AJ is playing tennis.

The children are lining up in their teams waiting to play.



Leiha has lost her black jersey with writing on it. It is named. If anyone finds it please take it to Leiha or Mr Shaw