

# Friday Newsletter

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## Mālō e lelei! Tongan Language Week / Uike Kātoanga'i 'o e Lea Faka-Tonga

The Tongan children in our school community made a wonderful sight at this mornings assembly. The children were all dressed in traditional costume and explained to the gathering about the different items of clothing they were wearing. Following the assembly they went around the school and performed a dance for the students. Throughout the week all classes learned a great deal about the Tongan language as well as information about Tonga, their traditions and customs.

Mrs Gillespie made a powerpoint for the school which was a great resource for the teachers to use in the class. More photos of Tongan Language Week activities are inside this newsletter.



Following the Room 2 assembly this morning, these children were introduced to their school mates. Sixteen girls and boys are currently preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Bishop Michael will confirm the children on Tuesday the eighteenth of September, at 6pm at St Patrick's Basilica.

Sept 7th  
Term 3  
Week 7  
2018

# Maori and Pasifika Festival

## St Bernadette's Performances Information

Juniors	Years 1-3	Wednesday September 12th	Part of the 12.15 to 1.15 bracket.	Edgar Centre
Seniors	Years 4-6	Thursday September 13th	Part of the 1.15 to 2.00 bracket	Edgar Centre

If you plan to attend the festival to see the children's items, make sure you are not late. Once an item has started you are not allowed entry. Admission is by koha. Be aware that the Edgar Centre car park will be very busy during this time. The children will be going twice to the Festival, once to perform and another time to relax and enjoy other school's items, and support our school mates in their item!

Wednesday Afternoon September 12th		Thursday Afternoon September 13th	
12:00 pm	St Joseph's Cathedral School - Pasifika	1.pm	Anderson's Bay School Kapa Haka
12:15pm	St Brigid's School	1.15pm	North East Valley Normal School
Approx <b>12.25pm</b>	<b>St Bernadette's Junior School</b>	Approx <b>1.25pm</b>	<b>St Bernadette's Senior School</b>
	Elmgrove School - Junior Kapa Haka		Arthur Street School Kapa Haka & Pasifika
	Palmerston Primary School - Kapa Haka		Bradford School - Teina

Family members and friends who are unable to attend the actual performances are welcome to come to school and view the final practice at 2.15pm on Tuesday. This will not be a dress rehearsal. The children will be travelling by buses to and from the Edgar Centre. Please note that there is no cost to the children for buses or entry. Costs have been budgeted for by the Board of Trustees. On Wednesday the buses leave school at 11.15am and return at 1pm. On Thursday the buses leave at 12.10pm and return at 2pm. Clothing: We would like all of the children to wear their sports/summer uniform to school on Wednesday and Thursday of next week. Girls, no colourful hair ribbons please.



## St Bernadette's School ~ Term 3 Calendar

WK	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
8	10	11	12 Maori & Pacific Festival- Juniors	13 Maori & Pacific Festival- Seniors	14 Prayer Assembly 9.15am R2	15	16 Schools' Mass 9.30am
9	17	18  Sacrament of Confirmation 6pm	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

Please note that there will be no class mass for Room 6 next week on the 13th of September.





# MERCY VALUES AWARDS

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



## Back Row

Iyla  
Lorenzo  
Lizbeth  
Maddison-Rose  
Charlotte  
Sateva  
Lily



## Front Row

Eamon  
Finau  
Bella  
Fakava  
Teuila  
Nate  
George

## St Bernadette's Home & School Association

**22nd September 2018**

**School car park**

**Limited spaces available.**

**Book your spot quick.**

**\$20 per car - 9am start**

**Cars must be parked by 8.30am  
at the latest.**

**Contact Rachel Reed 02102336232**



## Gala Day Countdown

**Can each family please  
bring along a can that can  
be used for the grocery  
hamper raffle and for  
chocolate wheel prizes?**

**Huge thanks to the following  
businesses for their donations  
for Fathers Day raffle.**

**Mitre 10 Mega  
The Good Oil**

**Emersons  
Hello World  
RDG Cafe**



# Fitting end to a great basketball season



The Thunders and the Raptors Year 5 and 6 basketball teams found an ideal way to celebrate an awesome season. They enjoyed a shared lunch with their coach Mrs Waldron. After lunch they shared their thoughts on the 2018 season.

'We were a great team because we were great friends. Good friends make a good team.

Our defence and our shooting were two of our strengths. We always made sure that we were supportive of each other.

We shared the ball with all the players, we knew each others' skills and strengths.

We were able to use particular talents of individual players.

The Thunder were undefeated throughout the season and the Raptors got better and better with each game.

Mrs Waldron was the best coach ever, always there and always supportive.

Big thanks to our parents, grandparents and other family members who supported us.



Congratulations to Maddison-Rose who was Baptised last Sunday at the 9.30 mass at St Patrick's Basilica. The photo shows Father Gerard preparing to baptise Maddison-Rose, who is supported by her Mum and her sister, Krystal-Lee who altar served at the Mass.



**Antonio Rapp**

Caversham AFC

9th Grade 2018

Most Improved Player



# The Religious Education Bridging Document

## For Catholic Schools Teaching Year 1-8 Children in Aotearoa New Zealand

A revision of the Religious Education Curriculum is currently taking place. The story of Jesus and the mission of the church is 2000 years old. The current primary Religious Education is 20 years old. While aspects of the curriculum are somewhat dated, the content is still relevant even though the nature of teaching and the make-up of New Zealand classrooms has changed significantly in the past two decades.

Therefore, in response to the needs of young people, teachers and parents in today's contexts, a Bridging Document has been written to provide a pathway for Religious Education towards a contemporary curriculum.

It is expected that the Bridging document will be in place for the next five years before the RE curriculum is fully in place.

Schools are currently unpacking the Bridging Document and determining ways to implement the learning aims and objectives in line with other curriculum areas.



<b>NZ Children...</b> Have some religious knowledge, skills and experience	Come from Māori, Pākehā European and other cultures including Pasifika, Asian, Middle Eastern, African and are immigrants and/or refugees	Have a range of cognitive and affective skills, abilities and disabilities
Exhibit positive and negative behaviour towards others	Approach religious learning and experiences with varying degrees of enthusiasm, indifference, interest and participation.	Have range of understandings around social justice and fairness in the light of Gospel values and virtues
Include prayer as part of their life and relationship with God at times	Are connected to varying degrees with their local parish or pastoral area	Come from wealthy, average income and poor families
Are part of schools large and small, new and long established, rural and urban all of which reflect the social context of their communities	Make increasing use of technology to communicate, entertain and learn	Come from homes where their knowledge and commitment to faith practice is not always supported and reinforced by adult family members
Come from a wide range of family and whanau in terms of different types of families and diverse experiences of love and care	Participate in some form of sporting and /or cultural activities	Are in need of quality Religious Education which supports their personal growth and the development of an authentic relationship with Jesus and the Church.

The Aotearoa New Zealand Religious Education curriculum, and body of knowledge, needs to be taught effectively and fully in New Zealand Catholic schools.

In the light of this, teachers of Religious Education are strongly encouraged to:

- Be creative and enthusiastic in planning and teaching of RE.
- Utilise the best of modern pedagogies to engage children in deep learning, linking RE to their life experiences;
- Look to the wider community and parish for support and encouragement.
- Ensure particular knowledge, which is not easily integrated with other learning areas or whole school approaches, is taught to meet all Achievement Objectives.

St Bernadette's has prepared a plan to implement the document and has now reached the stage where they are about to trial a school inquiry topic with a Religious Education base. Classes will use the Church Strand as a trial for this integration.

As these units of work progress, we will use this page of the newsletter to inform our community of the ways that classes are exploring ways to follow the intent of the Bridging Document.



# Mercy Day

Monday  
September 24th

# Mufti Day

## 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](http://caritas.org.nz).**

On the 24th of September every year, Sisters of Mercy and their friends around the world celebrate Mercy Day. This is the day on which Catherine McAuley first opened the House of Mercy in Ireland and dedicated it to Our Lady of Mercy. This is a day that schools, such as St Bernadette's, celebrate the work of our founding order.

**As part of the celebration of Mercy Day, Monday the 24th of September will be a Mufti Day at St Bernadette's. Children are encouraged to bring a gold coin and the money raised will be given to Caritas to help them in helping the people of Kerala.**



the  
**BABY & CHILD SHOW**

SUN 16 SEPT | 9.30 - 4

More FM Arena

[babyandchildshowdunedin.com](http://babyandchildshowdunedin.com)



**Dunedin LIGHT Party**  
A positive alternative to halloween

**FORSYTH BARR STADIUM**  
28th OCT 2pm - 5pm Gate C  
CHILDREN UP TO YEAR 8 ADULT SUPERVISION REQUIRED  
NO HALLOWEEN THEMED COSTUMES OR MAKEUP  
**ALL ACTIVITIES FREE**

Activities include: BOUNCY CASTLE LAND, MUSIC, SUPER HERO CAPE MAKING, FACE PAINTING, CRAFTS, BRING A PICNIC, FOOD STALLS, GAMES.

entry GOLD COIN per person donation

**Fun for the whole family! Live Entertainment, Kid friendly Cafe, Inflatable World Fun, Have-a-go sessions! Tickets only \$5 when you buy online.**



**Mornington School FAIR**

Raffles, Silent Disco, Tombola, White Elephant, Chocolate Wheel, Plants, Novelty Rides, Live Entertainment, Cake Competition, Toys, Café, BBQ, Candy Floss, Face Painting, Bouncy Castle, plus much more!

**Saturday September 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**From 11am-2pm**  
34 Elgin Road, Mornington, Dunedin

Mornington School

## Parents of Year 6 children

There appears to be a few parents having trouble getting their Priest Consent form to accompany their enrolment for Kavanagh. We are currently in the middle of pre-enrolment interviews so I would be grateful if you could please advise parents to furnish their enrolment form without the Consent form and this can be dropped off at a later time.  
Maria Menzies (Kavanagh College)



To help their school mates learn more about the Tongan language a group of children worked with Mrs Gillespie to produce a wonderful resource to help everyone learn more about the Tongan language and culture. It is a wonderful resource and the children can be very proud of their efforts and their culture.



**‘Te mau talanoa ki homau apiako  
Sangata Penateti ae poto moe ilo  
Ho’o touanga iate au he aho kotoa  
Kau faiako pea moe fanau ako.’**



**Malo e lelei  
(Hello)**



**Fefe hake Tautai?  
(How are you?)**

**Si pe malo  
(Good thanks)**



**Kataki fakamolemole  
(Please)**

Right: During Tongan language week the children in Room 4 carried out a research project with a difference. As information was gained about Tonga it was recorded on a giant jigsaw piece. When all the information was gathered the pieces could be joined together and displayed as a completed puzzle. We enjoyed creating our giant jigsaws and finding out lots of interesting things about Tonga too.



**Callum, Rhiley and Alice**