

Friday Newsletter

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Era i roto i te rangimarie, e manaaki atua

Rest in peace, God bless – Whaea Jenny

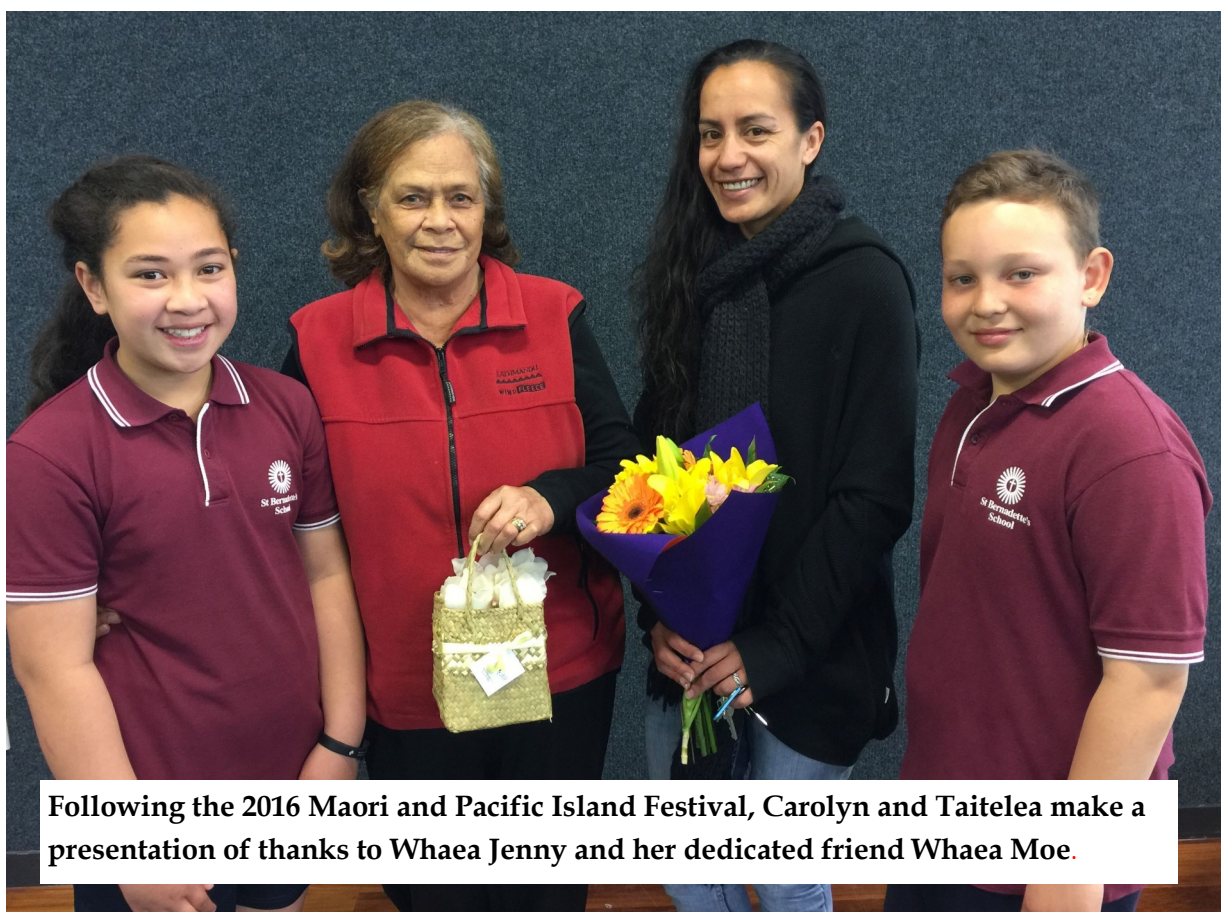
It is with much sadness that we share the sad news that Jenny Donaldson, known to us all as Whaea Jenny, died on Monday morning. Jenny had been unwell for quite some time. In May, her husband Bill, also a very respected member of our school community, passed away.

Whaea Jenny has been a vital part of St Bernadette's School for over ten years. She took the role as guide and mentor for our kapa haka programme. Her presence and her mana have been very important to the culture of our school over those years and we believe that these are being maintained and strengthened today. There is no better evidence of co-operation and unity than during preparation for an event such as the Maori and Pacific Island Festival.

Whaea Jenny was central to this development for St Bernadette's.

Jenny also played a significant role in other events such as Marae visits, as well as fundraising initiatives for St Bernadette's during events such as Matariki celebrations. The students and staff have enormous respect for Jenny, as they had for Bill. They will be sadly missed and remembered with much love. Jenny's funeral will be held tomorrow, Saturday 22nd of September, 10am at Hope and Sons.

The day prior to our school performance at this year's Maori and Pacific Island Festival we sent an email to Jenny to tell her that our senior children's item was a tribute to members of our community who had passed away in recent months, including her husband Bill. We also said that we were performing to honour her. We wished her well and extended our love from the whole community. We are not sure if Jenny was able to view the email. If she was at all able to, I know she would certainly be watching the children on live stream.



Following the 2016 Maori and Pacific Island Festival, Carolyn and Taitelea make a presentation of thanks to Whaea Jenny and her dedicated friend Whaea Moe.

St Bernadette's School

Sept 21st
Term 3
Week 9
2018



Car Boot Sale Postponed

Teachers and other members of our community will be attending Jenny Donaldson's funeral on Saturday morning. In respect for Jenny's family and those attending we have postponed the boot sale until early in Term 4. The holidays could be a good time to have a bit of a spring clean out and find some unwanted items for next term's Car Boot Sale.

Monday ~ Mercy Day ~ Mufti Day

Next Monday the 24th of September is Mercy Day. This is a very significant day for all Catholic Schools founded by the Sisters of Mercy. This coming Monday we will celebrate and give thanks to the order of Mercy Sisters. Without their courage, commitment and determination, St Bernadette's School would not exist. We give thanks for the work of their founder, Catherine McAuley.

Catherine was born in Ireland over 200 years ago. She saw so much poverty and hardship around her that she gathered together a team of helpers determined to work hard to help those in need. Catherine inherited money and she spent it all on establishing a home for young women in difficult situations. She established that home on the 24th of September. The group of young women called themselves the Sisters of Mercy. The community grew, and more and more women gave up everything they had to help Catherine in her work. In 1850 many of the sisters travelled to New Zealand to work in our country. They left their homes, many of them in their mid to late teenage years, to help people on the other side of the world. Most of them never returned to their homeland. From the moment the sisters arrived in each town, they set up a school. They worked without pay. They established many primary schools, including St Bernadette's in 1934. The Sisters of Mercy also worked with the sick in their homes and in hospitals. In Dunedin they opened the Mater Hospital in Dunedin in 1936. This was later renamed Mercy Hospital. They also worked with the homeless and those in prisons. Today there are over 200 Sisters of Mercy in New Zealand. There are about 12,000 Sisters of Mercy currently working around the world in 40 different countries.

On Monday we will celebrate the work of Sisters of Mercy and take time in our busy lives to appreciate the work of those who came before us.

Mercy Day
Monday
September 24th

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.

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 support them in helping the people of Kerala.



Congratulations to the twenty four young people who received the sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday evening. Bishop Michael confirmed the candidates at St Patrick's Basilica supported by Father Sani and Father Gerard. Special thanks to Mr Bone and also parents and staff for guiding the children towards this special day.



St Bernadette's has been running out of storage space for quite a long time. Yesterday morning, the planning of a solution came to a reality with the arrival of an eagerly anticipated container. The container was lifted from the truck on Easter Crescent over the school fence, then cleverly and carefully placed into position. It's a great asset and its arrival was a cool event for the children to see.





MERCY VALUES AWARDS

AROHA ■ COMPASSION

RATO AWHINA ■ SERVICE

TIKA ■ SOCIAL JUSTICE

MANAAKITANGA ■ HOSPITALITY

PANEKIRITANGA ■ EXCELLENCE

TE TAPU O TE TANGATA ■ RESPECT



Congratulations

Jaydan Steenkamp, Kingston Papeau, Lukas Braun,
Jordan Nguyen, Nikau Brew, Maddison-Rose Boyd,
Lola Cayford, Marco Silvano, Valentino Fevaaiai,
Ruby Sadgrove, Aisha McKellar,
Seth Kyle, Madison Steenkamp,



Nikau Brew

Melchester 8th Grade
Fair Play Award



Eli Bungard

Melchester 8th Grade Minions
Most Valuable Player



Isabella McLennan

Dunedin Tech Comets
Most Valuable Player

St Bernadette's School ~ Term 3 Calendar

WK	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
10	24 Mercy Day Mufti 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

Athletics Taieri Summer Season Opening night

Seniors Tuesday 9th October 2018
Memorial Park 6.00pm - 7.00pm
Age - 13yr old - Masters

Children's Section Tuesday 16th October 2018
Memorial Park 5.30pm - 6.30pm
Age - 5 - 12yr olds

Register on-line - www.athleticstaieri.com
enquiries@athleticstaieri.com



Playball Holiday Programme

We will be operating from Bayfield High School during the upcoming holidays 8 am - 6 pm Daily. With specialised sports clinics delivered to children via our highly trained coaches, everyone is guaranteed to have lots of fun. In addition to this, we have Trip Days to Inflatable World, Laser Force, Bowling & Am I Fit. For the full schedule and more information head to <http://playballdunedin.com/> or email: coachliam@playball.co.nz. Be QUICK as spaces are filling fast. WINZ Subsidies available.

There was no shortage of helpers on Wednesday to help carry in the cartons of 'free milk to schools' from Fonterra.



St Bernadette's School

Gala Day

Countdown

27th October

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

47 ALBERT ST,
ST CLAIR
SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 30
11AM TO 3PM
CASH ONLY

BARB &
JANET'S
DESIGNER
WEAR
SALE



CAVERSHAM
HARRIER & ATHLETIC CLUB

Caversham Children's Athletics for children 5 - 14.
Training on Tuesdays 6 - 7.30 pm from October
16th, 2018, at Corstorphine Park, Middleton Road.
For more info. see our website <http://www.cavershamharriers.co.nz> or contact Evelyn
021 176 1138 (earmstrong@chemistry.otago.ac.nz)
or Ken 0278943722 or pop along to our infor-
mation evening on Tuesday 25th September any
time between 6 and 7pm.

Life Education Mobile Classroom visit.

Harold and Maria are making their eagerly anticipated annual visit to St Bernadette's School. They will be at the school from today until next Wednesday. The mobile classroom will be stationed in the upper area of the church car park and will be the headquarters for Life Education learning during the four days of the visit.

Life Education is a charity that provides children with the knowledge to make informed choices about their health.

The organisation reaches 245,000 primary and intermediate children every year. The programme also helps children develop life skills. It encourages children to make healthy choices, develop self esteem and a positive image of themselves and develop strategies for relating to others. This year's focus for the Life Ed visit to St Bernadette's Juniors is Social Relationships and the Seniors topic is Growth Mindset.

The mobile classroom is air-conditioned and equipped with sight, sound and aroma technologies and three-dimensional film technology that make learning in the mobile classrooms, a fascinating experience. The children sit on a carpeted floor with no desks or seating. There is an immediate feeling of informality and group security, so even the shyest child feels able to join in and contribute to the programme and discussion. A lack of windows promotes focussed learning so the children can be fully immersed in the 'journey'. Educators, such as Maria undergo special training to deliver the sessions in an engaging way and bring the magic into the mobile classroom. The programme is based on the three philosophical messages believed to be essential to a child's development: that they are unique and special, that their bodies are magnificent and that we need to support and respect each other. Each class will have three sessions in the classroom over the four days. In addition to this there will be a special half hour session for parents at 3pm on Monday.



Thank you Miss Calvert



Thank you Miss Paterson

Today was the final day at St Bernadette's for the 3 graduating teacher trainees who have been working in the school during the year. We would like to thank these fine teachers for their wonderful work with their classes and for their involvement and commitment to the school over the past eight months. The children, the staff and the whole community is very grateful and we wish them all the very best for their teaching careers.

**Thank you Amanda Calvert,
Quin Paterson and Donna Mapley.**



Thank you Mrs Mapley

St Bernadette's School CAMP FUNDRAISER

Botanicals
Energizing Shower
Gel Box Set
5x 250mL



\$46, Save \$49

Contains five Botanicals Shower Gel packaged in a giftable box, perfect for every house hold or upcoming Christmas.

\$6 from each box set goes towards the Year 5 & 6 children attending camp.

Two orders will be placed

Orders and Money
into the Office
27th Sept for Oct 16th
delivery.

Orders and Money
into the Office
Oct 25th for Nov 6th
delivery



**Wayne
Goldsmith**

**THE SPORT
EXPERIENCE**

'Sporting Parents - Ten Critical Moments' 25th September

Wayne Goldsmith is coming to Dunedin. He has incredible knowledge and experiences to share through his worked with athletes and coaches around the world. It costs \$25 but it will be well worth it. Join us for 90 minutes talking about fun, fitness and families and discover just what it takes to be an outstanding 'Sporting Parent'.

wgcoaching.com/event/sporting-parents-ten-critical-moments-4/

Dunedin LIGHT Party
A positive alternative to halloween

BOUNCY CASTLE LAND

MUSIC

SUPER HERO CAPE MAKING

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

entry GOLD COIN per person donation

BRING A PICNIC

FOOD STALLS

GAMES

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



Tennis Otago Holiday Programme October 2018

Back by popular demand!

For tennis players and aspiring tennis players aged 6-16

Week 1: October 1-4 (Mon-Thurs inclusive)

Week 2: October 8-11 (Mon-Thurs inclusive)

9am-1pm daily

Where: Logan Park Tennis Centre (or Edgar Centre if wet)

Two streams will be run in tandem:



Hot Shots for 6-10 year old learners



Step It Up for 10-16 year olds

Cost: \$50 per 4-day week or \$15 per day (sign up for as many days as you like)

Catering for all levels from beginners to more seasoned players

Limited spaces - sign up now to avoid disappointment!

Come and play tennis in a fun, supportive environment

Online sign-up only via the following link:

<http://bit.ly/October2018holidayprogramme>