



## ST BERNADETTE'S MAKING HISTORY

The very first Catholic School Rippa Rugby Tournament was held last Friday at Kettle Park and over 50 of our Year 4-6 Students were taking part in making history. Mrs Kate Nicholson, Tumvaki (Principal) of Kavanagh College, told us that in the years that follow, we were part of the very first tournament and that this moment will be a special day to remember. And it was. The St Bernie's All Blacks and the St Bernies Blue teams took out the Year 3-4 AND Year 5-6 competition winning all their games. It was by no means an easy competition with the majority of our teams having no subs and there were no breaks in between games. They did the mahi (work) and fought hard to make the finals. Each game consisted of 2 x 12 minute halves with a 1 minute half time. Congratulations to all of our tamariki who took part. Kei Runga Noa Atu! Outstanding! It was great to see so many old faces who had gone to St Bernie's over the years with some playing, reffing and collating scores. A very big thank you to Tim Lucas running this event. We look forward to next year's tournament and adding more trophies to our collection.



March  
20th  
Term 1  
Week 7



# Open For Business - FINALLY!

Not only was it St Patrick's Day on Tuesday, but it was also the official opening of our grass field. We have waited so long for it to open so we were really excited that the day was finally here. We all gathered together around the field and sung a song. All of us were asked to put our hands out like we were touching the grass and we blessed it. There was a ribbon at the opening of the field and Josh got to cut it. All of us were allowed to have a picnic morning tea on the new grass. We really love how big it is and we are looking forward to playing lots of games on it.

Room 3





# Before School Care






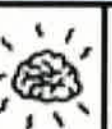


































**Does your child arrive to school before 8:30am?  
If so, your child will now be attending Before School Care.**






We are going to trial Before School Care in Term's 2 and 3. It will be available from 7.30 to 8.30 am. No child is to arrive to school before 7.30 am. Any child who arrives before 8.30am must sign in at the hall. If you know your child arrives around 8.15am they still need to sign in. There will be a Weet-Bix breakfast provided for your child if they would like to have one if they arrive BEFORE 8.10am.

- Cost: \$2 per day for before 8.15 am.
- Families with more than one child - \$3 per day, per family.
- The cost for arriving from 8.15am-8.30am will be \$20 for the term. (Per family)

It is our intention to ensure the children are warm and that we make enough money to cover costs. We will be open to making slight modifications to the pricing structure or organisation if we find it is not working as expected. Many thanks to those who filled in our survey form regarding Before School Care.

## Symptoms of Covid19 Cold & Flu

	 DRY COUGH	 FEVER	 RUNNY NOSE	 SORE THROAT	 BREATHLESSNESS	 HEADACHE	 BODY ACHES	 SNEEZE	 FATIGUE	 DIARRHOEA
COVID-19										
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COLD										

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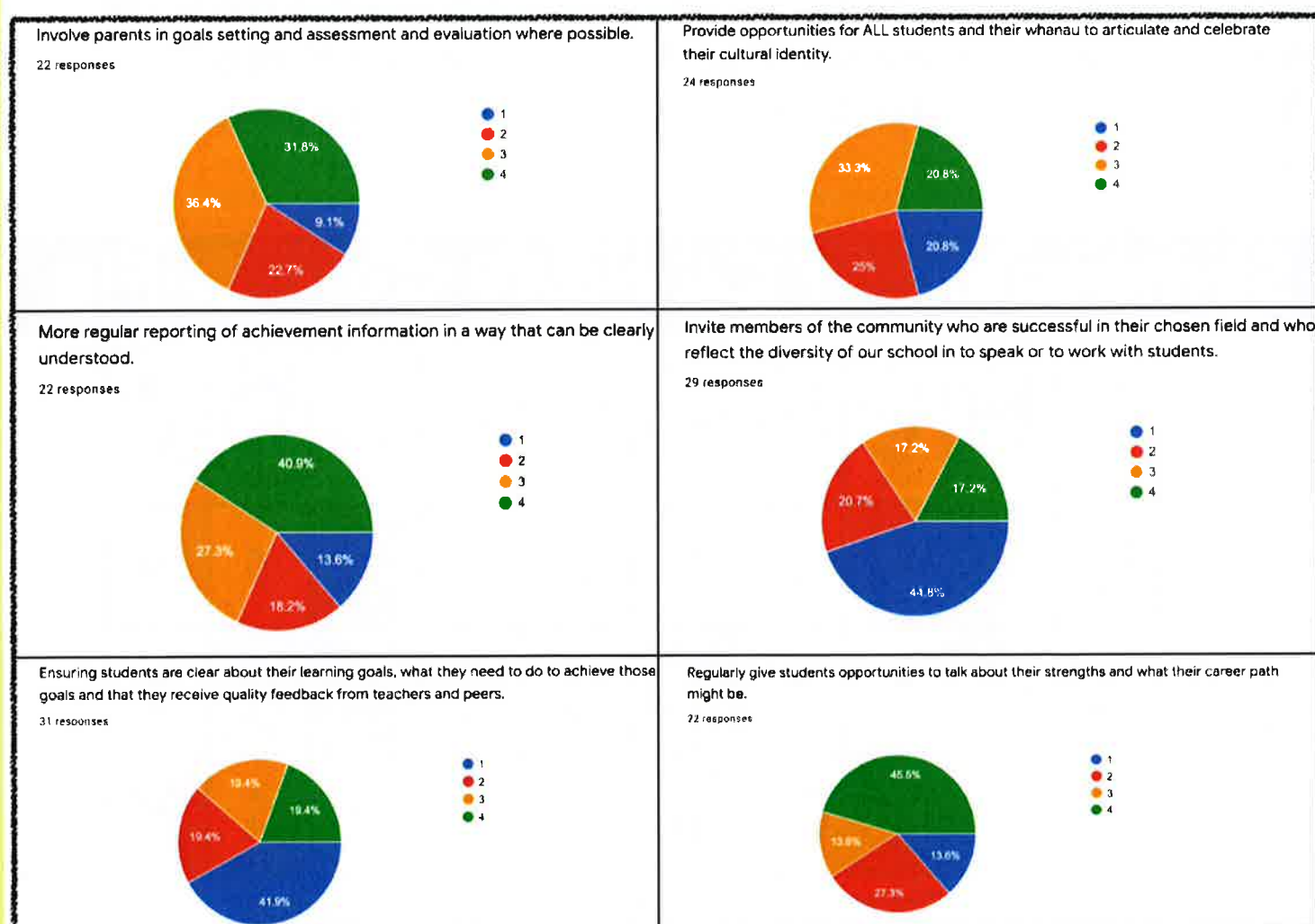
# FEEDBACK SURVEY

A big thank you to the 34 families who gave feedback following Melinda Webber's presentation of the results of our 'Learning, Succeeding, and Thriving in Education' school-wide survey. Parents were asked to rank the statements that they considered to be the most important to include as an area to focus on in our annual plan.

The three areas most identified as priority 1 or 2 were:

1. Invite members of the community who are successful in their chosen field and who reflect the diversity of our school, in to speak or to work with students.
2. Ensuring students are clear about their learning goals, what they need to do to achieve those goals and that they receive quality feedback from teachers and peers. 61.3%
3. Provide opportunities for ALL students and their whanau to articulate and celebrate their cultural identity.

You can view our annual plan in our school charter to see how these ideas have been included in our school office and on our school website. We also have copies of Melinda's extensive reports in our school office or alternatively we can email a copy to you on request.



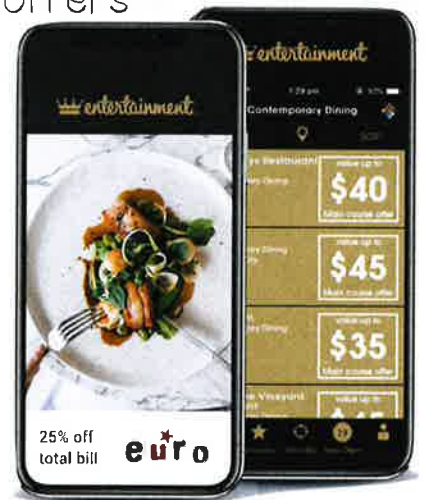


# CULTURAL GROUP

To help us meet the goal of: 'Providing opportunities for ALL students and their whanau to articulate and celebrate their cultural identity' we are going to form a 'Cultural Group' of parents to discuss ways we might achieve this goal. We were planning to hold our first meeting this term but have reluctantly decided to hold off until Term 2. In the meantime if you have any questions or ideas or think you might want to join this group then talk to either Debbie or Finau Mafi.


## entertainment books

We're selling the Entertainment Books again this year and they're going 100% digital. No more leaving your book at home! You'll also get new offers instantly on the APP so you never miss out, and they're valid for at least 12 months from purchase. Early Bird offers are out now with gift with purchase and extra months on your APP. This month, you receive an extra 3 months on top of the 12 month digital membership plus a \$10 Caltex voucher. Check out the multi city option for all cities in New Zealand, Australia and Bali for only \$119.99. Get yours today by copying our coded link and supporting St Bernadette's School:



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Please contact Sally in the office if you need any help or more info.



**ALL PRAYER  
ASSEMBLIES HAVE  
BEEN CANCELLED  
UNTIL FURTHER  
NOTICE.**

A reminder that it is Otago Anniversary Day on Monday 23rd. There will be no school as it is a public holiday.



# LEARNING SUPPORT COORDINATOR

We have the pleasure of introducing and welcoming Rachel Davis to our team. Rachel has taken up the role as Learning Support Coordinator and will be working closely with St Bernadette's as well as the other Schools in the Dunedin Catholic Kahui Ako. The purpose of the LSC role is to make sure that children with mild-to-moderate and neurodiverse learning support needs receive appropriate help when they need it. Rachel will be working with students and their whānau, teachers, leadership and external agencies to coordinate support for students with learning needs. We are very fortunate to have Rachel working with us to support our learners.



## Temporary Suspension of all Masses due to Covid 19

The New Zealand Catholic Bishops have been carefully considering the steps they need to take with Mass and other public liturgical gatherings because of the strong Government restrictions on public gatherings to counter the Covid-19 coronavirus pandemic.

Effective immediately, all Masses are to cease until further notice. Churches may remain open seven days a week for private prayers and reflection, but parish priests should ensure that numbers of people present remain small and follow Ministry of Health social distancing guidelines to stay at least 2 metres from each other.

Due to the Covid19 situation, ALL SCHOOL SPORTS have been suspended until further notice. With the suspension of these codes, we are unsure at this stage what this will mean for our school competitions and events moving forward. Any decisions made about the remainder of the season for these sports will be communicated as soon as possible.







# Working Bee

SATURDAY 28th MARCH 9.30am – 12.00pm

We are still planning to have our Working Bee on the above date –  
Please contact Sally to let us know if there is anything on the  
list below you could lend us a hand with:

- Clearing sacred space.
- New soil and planting shrubs in the carpark garden.
- Water blasting concrete wall under the hall.
- Plants levelled on the bank and put soil in.
- Build retaining wall on the bank one level up.
- Rake over gardens and put in some compost
- Stumps cut down to ground on the bank beside Room 8.
- Build a step in to sacred space.
- Clearing weeds and distributing stones in area next to the hall.
- Cobblestones outside shed to be fixed.
- Water blasting outside the junior classes.



BARB & JANET'S  
DESIGNER WEAR  
**SALE**  
47 ALBERT ST, ST CLAIR  
SATURDAY, MARCH 28  
1PM TO 5PM  
SUNDAY, MARCH 29  
11AM TO 3PM  
CASH ONLY

## CAMBODIAN VILLAGE

As part of our Caritas studies, the Room 4 children have been learning about life in a Cambodian village. In particular, we learnt about a girl called Sopee and what sorts of things she would do in her daily life. We were amazed to hear all the chores she has to do each day from early in the morning before school starts, to helping with cooking tea and doing the dishes. We had a go at building some of the huts and resources that were in Sopee's village. Here is Patrick's hut almost completed and it is looking Ka Rawe!



## Defibrillator Presentation

The defibrillator presentation that was scheduled to be held on Thursday the 26th of March at 2pm, has now been postponed. Because this is such an incredible gift we have been given, we think it will be a fabulous idea to go ahead with our 'Dress in Red' on this date, which the children are asked to bring a gold coin koha. Our koha is a symbol of thanks for what we have received as well as a way that we can pay it forward to someone else.



## Term 1 2020 Calendar

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
7	16	17	18	19 Mānuka Mass	20	21	22
8	23 Otago Anniversary Day	24	25	26	27	28	29
9	30	31	1st April	2	3	4	5 Palm Sunday
10	6	7	8	9 Holy Thursday Easter Liturgy	10 Good Friday	11	12 Easter Sunday
	13 Easter Monday	14 Easter Tuesday	15	16	17	18	19
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
1	27 ANZAC Day Holiday	28 Term 2	29 Senior Swimming	30	1 May Junior Swimming		

