

Friday Newsletter

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End of School Year Information

Friday December 11th

- **Leavers' Assembly**

This morning the Year 5 children held a special presentation to celebrate the contributions of the 35 Year 6 children moving on to new schools in 2021.

- **Kavanagh Pantomime**

This afternoon we travelled to Kavanagh College to enjoy their annual Christmas Pantomime.

- **Progress Reports**

These have been sent home today and should be in your child's bag.

- **Takeaway Night**

Tonight: 5pm-7pm. Come along, bring your own tea and enjoy the company of our school community. Who knows, maybe a visit from Santa.

Monday December 14th

- **End of Year School Mass**

St Patrick's Basilica 9.30am. Buses will be leaving school at 9.10am. The celebration should take approximately one hour. We would love to see you there to give thanks for the school year and say farewell to the Year 6 children.

- **Leavers' Lunch**

This will be held on Monday following the end of year Mass. The Year 6 children will share a meal with the staff, thanks to our wonderful Home and School Association.

Tuesday December 15th

Last school day of the Year. No After School Care on this day.

School will be open till 3pm. You will read in a letter from Mrs Waldron sent home with student reports today that there are changes in the rooms that some teachers will be in during 2021.

One of the major tasks on this day will be to move resources from one classroom to another.

We do ask that if children intend to leave earlier than 3pm on Tuesday that the teacher is informed prior to leaving.

Wednesday February 3rd 2021

First day back—Term 1



Best wishes to you all from the staff and students of St Bernadette's School.
We wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas.



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'Wonder Project' Final Blast Off - Thank You Ryan!

Last Friday all students in Kōwhai Hub visited Kew Park to watch the final rocket designs of students in Room 1 and 2 take off. The final launch was very exciting and marked the culmination of the 'Wonder Project' led by Miss Bell and Ryan Fitzgerald. Ryan, a parent at our school and Chief Engineer at Fisher and Paykel has acted as our Ambassador for the Wonder project, teaching us all about STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math's) and Rocketry. Student's involved were asked to reflect this week on Ryan as a person and what we had learned during the project:

"He has inspired us and made us wonder what it would be like to go into space."

"Ryan made me think of what I would like to be when I grow older. He's travelled the world with his job. That's something I want to do too."

"I've learned some pretty smart stuff from him, like Newton's laws of motion. He has three by the way. I remember $F=MA$ (Force = Mass x Acceleration)."

"I understand how rocket's work now. I didn't think about the nose cone and payload and why the best shape for fins is a triangle before."

"There is a lot of testing that goes on to build a rocket. First you have to build a prototype rocket and do test flights. You look at your data and see what worked and what didn't then you modify (or change) your design."

"I think Ryan is a great teacher. I've learned all about thrust, lift, drag and gravity. My sister has learned all this stuff in Intermediate but I know it now."

"There are a lot of different jobs you can do in your rocket team. Not just the person who makes the rocket . . . you can also be a safety officer, a chief engineer or a test pilot."

"I never knew that water could be fuel for a rocket."

"Pumping air into the rocket is not as easy as it looks. The unit for air pressure is Psi (pound per square inch)."

"250 ml of water is $\frac{1}{4}$ of a litre."

"The circumference of a bottle is the distance around it. You can measure the distance around a circle by using string and a ruler."

"Your measurements need to be very accurate. You can't just slap your fins on anywhere. You need to measure and make sure they are kept an equal distance apart."

A tremendous amount of learning has gone on during the project and we thank Ryan for his generosity and time. He has certainly made us 'wonder.' Huge thanks to Ryan and to Miss Bell for their commitment to this project and providing a wonderful learning experience for our children.



Rippa Teams Triumph

Great news. Our 3 St Bernie's Rippa Rugby teams all won the final of their respective competitions. The Bernie's Bacon, Bernie's Bros and Bernie's Biscuits won their finals on Monday. Congratulations to all our Rippa players on a great season. We are very proud of them.

Right: St Bernies Bros.

Josh, Mana, Mia, Ropata, Eli, Fred, Kiana and Charlotte.

Below Left': St Bernies Bacon.

Jameson, Kymorah-Lee, Toutai, Abigail, Harry, Isaac, Alex and K-Lee.

Below Right: St Bernies Biscuits.

Louis, Walter, Tai, Isla, Tae and Māia.



Children's Christmas Mass @ Mercy Parish



The Good News is coming to Mercy Parish this Christmas eve.

Mercy Parish will be celebrating this amazing, good news gift with a Children's mass on the 24th of December at 5.30pm.

Our children will be acting out the nativity story during the mass.

We need EVERYONE who would like to act/read/sing/play an instrument, to join us.

If you are interested, please join us at St Patricks Basilica for rehearsals on Sunday the 20th from 3pm to 3.30pm and Wednesday the 23rd from 5.30pm to 6pm.

If you are interested but cannot make any of these times, contact Jane Hawkins on 02040928377 or jane.e.faragalla@gmail.com.



MERCY VALUES AWARDS

Aroha – Compassion
Rato Awhina – Service
Tika – Social Justice
Manaakitanga – Hospitality
Panekiritanga – Excellence
Te Tapu o te Tangata – Respect



Mercy Awards for Rato Awhina ~ Service Thank you Nicky, Ria and Lesley

It is with a mix of sadness and congratulations that we farewell Nicola Bell from St Bernadette's School. Nicky has been teaching at the school for the last two years, but sadly her tenure is completed. It is wonderful, yet no surprise, that she has already found another teaching position at Sacred Heart School, North East Valley. Nicky is a very talented and dedicated teacher and she has been a great asset to Kōwhai hub during the last two years. It is exciting times for Nicky as she begins her new teaching role and also watches the progress on her new home being constructed. We extend our very best wishes to Nicky for the future.



Ria Doppenberg has been a special member of St Bernadette's staff as a 3rd Year teacher trainee in Mānuka hub and teacher aide. Yesterday Ria graduated with a Bachelor of Education at Otago University. Unfortunately graduands were unable to enjoy the traditional George Street parade as the celebrations were called off. Yesterday the St Bernadette's children ensured that Miss Dopp received the accolade she so richly deserved by providing her with a walk of honour in the school playground. Congratulations Ria from your St Bernadette's family.

Lesley Taylor has been at St Bernadette's for the last two year providing relief teaching for staff with particular responsibilities. Lesley is the ultimate versatile teacher. She has taught in every age group in the school. She can adapt to the needs of every group of students and the requirements of the classroom structure. She has been willing to seamlessly carry out the existing programme, or step in at moment's notice and deliver an original and interesting day for the children to enjoy. Lesley has accepted a position at St Francis Xavier School and will also train as a Reading Recovery teacher. We thank Lesley and wish her the very best in her new position.

