

Dates for the Diary			
Monday	July	20th	Start of Term 3
Monday	July	27th	Maori Language Week
Tuesday	July	28th	Life Education Mobile Classroom
Wed	July	29th	Ariki Cup Cross Country
Thursday	July	30th	Year 6 Kavanagh Sports Day
Friday	July	31st	Prayer Assembly - Room 8
Friday	Aug	7th	Prayer Assembly - Room 5
Tuesday	Aug	11th	'Keep Dunedin Beautiful'
Friday	Aug	14th	Prayer Assembly - Room 6
Monday	Aug	17th	Art Gallery Visits
Thursday	Aug	20th	R1 Ukulele Jam
Friday	Aug	21st	Prayer Assembly - Room 7
Tuesday	Aug	25th	Y5/6 Netball Tournament
Friday	Aug	28th	'Have a Go Day' R7, R6, R5, R4
Friday	Aug	28th	Prayer Assembly - Room 1
Friday	Sept	4th	Prayer Assembly - Room 4
Sunday	Sept	6th	Sacrament of Confirmation
Friday	Sept	11th	Prayer Assembly - Room 3
Monday	Sept	14th	Social Justice Week
Week	Sept	15th	Maori and Pacific Festival
Thursday	Sept	24th	Mercy Day

**Maori and Pacific Island Festival**

Full school practices for the Maori and Pacific Island Festival commenced this week and already the children are showing commitment to this venture by working very hard and are sounding and looking good! The festival is held at the Edgar Centre over four days starting on Wednesday the 15th of September.

**St Bernadette's cell phone number: 027 352 8019**

This is an alternative method of contact regarding absences, late arrivals or other messages. After 3.00pm, the phone will stay with the After School Care staff. Messages can still be made by calling our office on 455 7408 or emailing office@stbernadette.school.nz

**Sacrament of Confirmation**

This term the year four students who have been baptized Catholic will begin preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation and then in the final term will prepare for their First Holy Communion. Confirmation will be celebrated by Bishop Colin on Sunday afternoon at 2.00pm on Sunday September the 6<sup>th</sup> at St Joseph's Cathedral in Rattray Street. On **Sunday, August the 9<sup>th</sup>** there will be a gathering with the children and their families to begin the home/parish component of the preparation. This will take place in the St Patrick's Community Centre starting at 11.45am. Please join us and please bring something for a shared lunch.

**Kavanagh College**


# Open Day

**Sunday August 2015 2pm**  
**Kavanagh College Auditorium**  
**(off Tennyson Street)**  
**Ph (03) 477 3408**  
**Email: mcampbell@kavanagh.school.nz**  
**www.kavanagh.school.nz**

**DIGGERS**
**DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME**
**Term 3 - Edgar Centre**

The programme consists of weekly coaching sessions at the Edgar Centre, where basic fundamentals are introduced focusing on skill based drills and while having FUN. These squads do not play in a weekly competition! We encourage all participants to play for their own school mini ball teams.

The programme is designed to compliment the school miniball programmes and Otago Representative All sessions are held at the Edgar Centre. Ages 13 Years & under, no experience necessary. Day: Tuesdays beginning 28<sup>th</sup> July for 8 sessions. Squad: U8's 3.30pm-4.30pm, U11's 4.00pm-5.00pm, U13's 4.00pm-5.00pm. Cost: \$70.00 per child. Email operations@basketballotago.co.nz or download a form from Basketball Otago website.



**Increase prices for Smart Lunches**

<b>Small Smart Lunch</b>	<b>\$4.00</b>
<b>Large Smart Lunch</b>	<b>\$5.00</b>

**Dunedin Diocese - News**
**Discussion Groups - STARTING SOON**

The 'Called by Christ' programme is about to be run all over our diocese, starting in Mid-August. It is a home-based programme that aims to reignite joy in our faith. All that is involved is meeting four times in groups of 8-10 in someone's home, or another suitable place, to discuss together the material that is provided. It is a very straight-forward and non-threatening programme. We are hoping to form a few groups made up of parents from the school. Please give this some thought and if someone asks you to join a group please consider joining. Sign up at cdd.org.nz/called-by-christ-invitation

# Friday Newsletter

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## Welcome to St Bernadette's School





**Madison Steenkamp**
**Abby Duong**
**Charlie Hesson**

## Welcome back Harold and Richard

Harold and Richard are making their eagerly anticipated annual visit to St Bernadette's School next week. 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 three days of the visit, from Tuesday until Thursday.

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 a self esteem and positive image of themselves.
- Develop strategies for relating to others.

This year's focus for the Life Ed visit to St Bernadette's is self-esteem, building a positive personal image, with children looking at their own unique personality, realising they are special because they're unique and accepting the uniqueness of others.

The classrooms are 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 Richard undergo special training, deliver the sessions in an engaging way and bring the magic into the mobile classroom.

The programme is based on the three philosophical messages that we believe are 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 two sessions in the classroom over the four days. In addition to this there will be a special half hour session for parents at 2.30pm on Thursday. Please come along and meet Harold and Richard.**

**Car Park Safety: The Mobile Classroom will be parked on the upper area of the Church Car Park from Monday afternoon till Thursday afternoon. The usual parking area will be available when dropping off and picking up children. It may be more convenient to use street parking.**



**July 24th**
**Week 1**
**2015**
**Term 3**



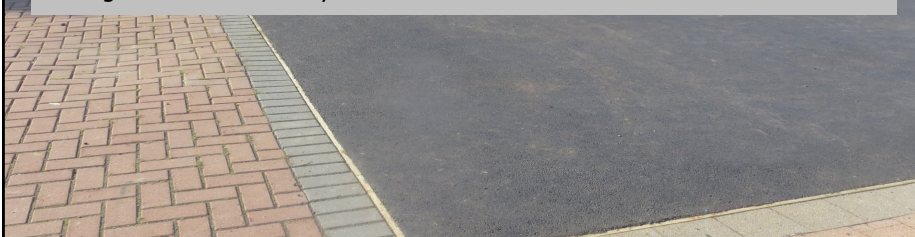
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A large area of the playground area was resealed over the holidays and in the coming weeks the driveway will also be resealed.



Seren has been busy competing in Gym competitions in the holidays and came third in the College Street Club event. Seren's team also came third. If anyone else has done something special tell Mr Shaw and you too could be in the newsletter!

## Ariki Cup 2015

The Ariki Cup is a 2.5 km cross country race run at Kettle Park. It will take place at 11am this Wednesday July 29<sup>th</sup>.

The cancellation day is the following Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August. Here is a map of the course. Our team will be running two laps of this difficult and challenging course. Team Members are; Nathaniel Sutherland, Isaac Robertson, Alberto Adams, Ted Kerr-Bell, Caleb Knight and Joseph Brennan. Amalie Latton, Jenna Prendergast, Ruby Brew, Ruby De Graaf, Arna Van de Klundert, Tiarni Linwood.



# Homework Hints Spelling

### You can help your child's spelling by:

- Encouraging them to look closely at words and talking to them about words.
- Encouraging them to try new words.
- Playing word games with them, such as: hangman boggle, scrabble.
- Looking for spelling mistakes in the Friday Newsletter.

### Tips for learning how to spell new words **LOOK - THINK - COVER - WRITE - CHECK**

- LOOK carefully at the new word. How can you break it into smaller bits?
- THINK about the parts of the words which might cause problems - double letters for instance, or a vowel that isn't pronounced as you would expect.
- COVER the word and close your eyes. Try to see it in your mind's eye.
- WRITE the word down without looking back.
- CHECK to see if you're right. If not, look carefully at where you went wrong.
- When copying a new word always try to write the whole word in one go. Don't keep looking back.
- Try finger-writing: While you're thinking about the word, pretend to write it with your finger.

# Home and School News

## \* Changes happening in Room 2

It was a classroom, then it became a library, then a computer suite and it is now being transformed into a multi-purpose learning space. The library has returned and there are still a bank of computers. The removal of computer desks has allowed space in the room for learning groups and reading areas. Teacher lap tops and iPads can remotely project onto a large television screen in the wall, as happens in the classrooms.

A wonderful group of helpers have spent a considerable amount of time and effort in recent weeks to get the room to where it is today. Special thanks especially to Tracy Lamb, Gareth Harper and Diana Robertson. But the work is still in progress. A staff wish list asks for more iPads and Chrome Books for the new learning space as well as the classroom, and the Board and the Home & School have agreed to work towards this objective.

Over the next few weeks a Mathathon is being organised to raise funds for this purpose and details of this project are outlined below.

St Bernadette's received some great news recently with our application for a grant for library books being accepted by the Bendigo Trust granting us \$4,000 for new library books.



## \* Mathathon - Fundraising and Learning

St Bernadette's School is holding a Mathathon over the next few weeks supported by the Home and School Association. Funds raised will be used to purchase iPads and Chrome Books for the school.

In a Mathathon the students are given a list of maths facts to learn over a four week period. The number of facts and the difficulty of them will depend on the age and stage of each student. The children are challenged to learn as many of these facts as possible in the allocated time. While they are learning their facts they are also encouraged to find sponsors among family and friends. The sponsors agree to pay a certain number of cents per fact correctly answered on the 'Test Day'. The best thing about this type of fundraising is that in addition to providing great learning equipment for the school it is an incentive to improve each student's numeracy skills and knowledge of basic facts.

As an example, if the child has 50 facts to learn, the sponsor may agree to pay 5 cents per fact. If the child gets all the facts correct the sponsor pays \$2.50. If the child gets 40 facts correct then the sponsor pays \$2.

Younger children will have fewer facts to learn so the sponsors may wish to pledge a little more money per fact. The timeframe for the Mathathon is as follows.

### Time Frame

**Friday July 31st:** Lists of the facts and the sponsorship cards are distributed. There are 3 weeks to learn the facts.

**Friday August 21st:** Test Day. On this day the children will be tested on their facts. The results will be put onto the sponsors cards and signed by the teacher. The cards will then be given back to the children the next day with the amounts that each sponsor is requested to pay.

**Friday August 28th** All money and sponsors card returned.

## \* Ski Trip planned for late August

This year, St Bernadette's school are teaming up with St Brigid's School for a combined school ski trip. This event will occur on the weekend of 22/23rd August, at Cardrona ski field Wanaka. School group bookings get discounted rates on rental equipment, lessons and lift passes. Families are expected to arrange their own accommodation in Wanaka. The organiser requires approximate numbers by July 31st. No deposit is required and payment will be expected on the day. Full cost per person adults and children is \$86 for rental, lesson and lifts and \$62 for lift and lesson. Lessons are compulsory. For further information or bookings, please contact Catharine Kan email: [catsi88@hotmail.com](mailto:catsi88@hotmail.com) or phone 455 0886

