



# SAINT BERNADETTE'S SCHOOL

Loving our learning, Living our faith, Knowing our God

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

6 March 2019

You will have heard lots of talk in the media about the review of 'Tomorrow's Schools'. This is said to be the biggest shift in education in 30 years and it is really important that lots of people have their say for the future of education in New Zealand.



The report by the Tomorrow's Schools Independent Taskforce *Our Schooling Futures: Stronger Together \ Whiria Ngā Kura Tūātinini* was released in December 2018. The independent Taskforce is now very keen to receive feedback from as many people as possible to help

complete their final recommendations.

Public consultation on the report is now open and we really encourage school staff, board members, PTA members, parents, whanau and the wider community to have their say on the future of our schooling system....



- **The Lower Hutt public consultation meeting is 13th of March 7pm to 9pm at Waterloo School. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend. All welcome.**
- An online survey which canvasses opinion on each of our 2 recommendations is now available and will remain open until 31 March 2019:

<https://consultation.education.govt.nz/tsr>

Consultation closes 7 April 2019. We want everyone to have their say and we want to do our very best to listen carefully to what is said.



From the Independent Taskforce

**Bali Haque (Chair), Barbara Ala'alatoa, Mere Berryman, John O'Neill and Cathy Wylie**

### Duffy 'Caught Being Good' Awards

Congratulations to these children who were 'Caught Being Good' last week:

Room 1 - Kimora Leafa and Khyrin Charleton

Room 2 - Baileigh Siolo-Thompson, Katsianah Pedro and Koryjiana Leleisiuao

Room 3 - Jasmine Paio, Ola Tauailoto and Bronson Tupou

Room 4 - Genesis White and Jose Ruiz Yepes

Room 5 - Mabei Makoi and Darla Ruiz Yepes

Room 6 - Christina Suitha and Jacob Nansen

Well done and enjoy the book you have chosen!



This morning we celebrated the beginning of Lent with Ash Wednesday Mass.

Lent is about doing all we can to grow closer to God.

Baileigh has been writing about the process of the Easter preparation.

First we burn the palms and then we add the Holy Water Oil. Once we have finished mixing it, then Father says a prayer. Then he puts his thumb into the burnt palm and uses his thumb to do the sign of the cross.

By Baileigh in Room 2



## Message from the Attendance Dues Team

Statements have been posted out to all accounts that have an outstanding balance.

You can pay attendance dues in the following ways:

**Internet Banking Payments** You can process a one-off or regular payment yourself through internet banking. If you do not use internet banking, please contact our office or your school for an automatic payment form to take to your bank.

**Cash** You can pay in cash at any Westpac branch or in person at the Wellington Office at 22 Hill Street, Thorndon. Or at the office of your child's school.

Ph: 0800 462 725

Email: [dues@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:dues@wn.catholic.org.nz)

Text: 021 0890 7902 or [www.wn.catholic.org.nz/attendance-dues](http://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/attendance-dues).



# 2019 Term 1 Dates

Thursday 7th March	Movin March day	
Thursday 14th March	Weetbix Tryathlon	
Friday 15th March	Assembly	2.30pm in Parish Hall
Wednesday 20th March - Friday 22nd March	Year 7 & 8 Camp - El Rancho in Waikanae	
Friday 22nd March	Jump Jam	2.30pm in Courtyard
Wednesday 27th March	Year 5 & 6 Sports Festival	
Thursday 28th March	Parenting in faith	6pm-7pm in Staffroom
Friday 29th March	Assembly	2.30pm in Parish Hall
Tuesday 2nd April	Board of Trustees Meeting	7pm in Staffroom
Thursday 4th April	Learning Conferences	
Friday 5th April	Gumboot day	
	Jump Jam	2.30pm in Courtyard
Friday 12th April	Easter Liturgy	2pm in Parish Hall
	Last day of Term 1	
Monday 29th April	First day of Term 2	

## Other Events:

- Free Kids 'Gone Fishin' Day - Saturday 16th March, 9.30am to 12pm at Queens Wharf (by Te Papa), Wellington. Registration on the day and bait provided. Sausage Sizzle and food trucks. Sponsored by Blue Light, Wellington.

