



SAINT BERNADETTE'S SCHOOL

Loving our learning, Living our faith, Knowing our God

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

20 March 2019

It has been a dreadfully sad and tragic time for New Zealand since the events in Christchurch. We opened our school week by praying together and share these prayers with you.



God of peace, We pray for all victims of the tragic violence in Christchurch on Friday.

May those who were injured experience your love and healing.

May those who have lost their lives enter the fullness of your life and love.

May all who suffer the pain and loss of their loved ones know our love and support.

We pray for the Muslim community in Christchurch who are our brothers and sisters with faith in one God.

May they know that they are one with us, and experience our love and support for them.

We pray for all who are assisting in the aftermath of this event.



We especially want to focus on a renewed outreach to others in love, kindness and welcome. It is a personal choice we live each moment to do as Jesus did and respond to hatred through reaching out to each other and showing love to our neighbour.

May we be instruments of peace to one another so that all people feel safe and loved.

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi.

Lord, make us instruments of your peace:
where there is hatred, let us sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console,

to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.



Please be aware of your children on social media. We want to work with you to support anyone who is distressed by this event or anything they have been exposed to since.

A Vigil to pray and show our support will be held at the Hutt Recreation Grounds tonight at 7pm.

Our Year 7 & 8 students left for camp this morning and we wish them well for lots of adventures over the next 3 days. We look forward to hearing the stories on their return.



Tomorrow is Room 4's Class Mass. 9.00 am in Room 4.

We would love you to come and celebrate with us.

2019 Term 1 Dates

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:

- Hutt City Kindergartens - Family Colour walk and Fun Day, Sunday March 24th from 1 to 4pm at Trafalgar Park, Lower Hutt. Sausage sizzle, mini jeeps, inflatables etc. Register for the colour walk on eventfinda.co.nz. See notice board for more details.



HAPPY CAMPERS



READY FOR ADVENTURE