



SAINT BERNADETTE'S SCHOOL

Loving our learning, Living our faith, Knowing our God

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Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa. Greetings to you all.

Swimming for Rooms 4, 5 & 6



Since we cannot walk to Naenae Pool as usual for our swimming we have a new plan. Rooms 4, 5 and 6 will be taking the bus to Stokes Valley Pool each of our 9 swimming days. This is important learning and it is vital that the students in these classes bring their togs to school each day. There will be no swimming for these students in Term 1 next year so we really need to make the most of this learning opportunity. I am always really proud of how good our students are at swimming and the more they do, the better. We are doing our bit to make sure we are not part of the dreadful drowning record of New Zealand.

Swimming is next week and the week after. Every day except the first Tuesday when lots of those students will be at Central Zone Athletics.

We are going to the Ballet!

On Friday our whole school is going to the ballet to see Hansel and Gretel performed by the Royal New Zealand Ballet. Please make sure you have signed the slip in last week's newsletter or this week's to acknowledge that you know we are all getting on buses and heading in to Wellington for this.



_____ has permission to travel to Wellington and see the Royal New Zealand Ballet presentation of Hansel and Gretel on the 8th of November.

Signed _____



Adjusted timetable

Going to the pool in buses means we are changing our day around a bit for the next two weeks. The school day will start and end at the usual times but we will have morning tea at 10.40am - 11am and then lunch time at 12noon. Seniors will catch the bus to the pool at 12.30pm.

St Bernadette's Authors

We are excited that the New Zealand Book Council has sponsored us to have a real published author working alongside our Room 5 & 6 students.

Moira Wairama is working with our students and helping them find their voice and express themselves. I am always inspired by how deep and reflective our students can be.

Enjoy these poems from our authors.



Yesterday was Parihaka day and here is some of the writing from that learning.

I stand for my people
I stand with my pride
Me and my people will forever stride
Soldiers are coming to take me away
But my love for this village will forever stay
Te Whiti and Tohu will show you the way
Parihaka, I love you and I'm here to stay



Written by Marseille.

The soldiers barge into the village
Pulling out weapons and guns
While the kids have fun and sing
We ask them to go
But they just stand still
The guns go bang

Written by Zaymoah



People invading my small village
A group of strong men arriving with guns
Rushing towards me
I feel my heart pounding as I stand with pride
How do they not know this is not right?
All they want is our land, but why?
Knowing the difference between right and wrong
As we're together, we all stand strong



Written by Ida

Arriving to New Zealand



Leaving our loved ones behind
Everyone sad, starting to cry
“ don’t forget me “ my miserable sister said
I remember and cry myself to bed

Travelling in the great Hong kong
Getting confused, every direction is wrong
An unknown language is spoken
No sudanese around here
I’m feeling scared and lost, I start to fear

Huge Ethiopian plane
Landing safe and sound
Our feet slowly begin to touch the ground
My mum and dad as happy as they can be
Suddenly about to live their dreams

A decade later life in New Zealand is going great
I’ve never felt so different
I want to go back home and see my grandma again
But I’m not sure if its safe my age depends
I still think about my sister every now and
then

by Amou Mading



Term 4 Dates 2019

Friday 8th Nov	Whole school going to Royal New Zealand Ballet in Wellington to see Hansel and Gretel	Afternoon
11th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd Nov	Rooms 4, 5 and 6 swimming at Stokes Valley Pool	Afternoons
Tuesday 12th Nov	Year 4-6 Central Zone Athletics (Postponement date - Thursday 14th November)	
Thursday 21st Nov	Room 2 Class Mass - Feast of Christ the King	
Thursday 28th Nov	Room 1 Class Mass - Advent	
Friday 29th Nov	Jump Jam	2.30pm
2nd - 3rd Dec	ASB First Aid for kids	
5th, 6th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th Dec	Rooms 1,2 and 3 swimming at Naenae Primary School	Afternoons
Thursday 5th Dec	Board of Trustees Meeting in Staffroom	7pm
Friday 6th Dec	Assembly	2.30pm
Sunday 8th Dec	First Reconciliation at St Bernadette's Church	5pm
Friday 13th Dec	Jump Jam	2.30pm
Monday 16th Dec	School Picnic	
Tuesday 17th Dec	End of Year Mass	6pm
Wed 18th Dec	Assembly School Year ends	10am 12.30pm
Tuesday 4th February 2020	First day of 2020 school year	8.50am

Central Zone Athletics

We are proud of our large group of athletes heading off to Central Zone athletics on Tuesday (with a postponement date of Thursday). Miss Kirkland and Melania and Angela will be travelling with the students by bus.

