



SAINT BERNADETTE'S SCHOOL

Loving our learning, Living our faith, Knowing our God

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

11 March 2020

Thank you for your support of our two big events last week.

We are very grateful to all of the adult helpers that came to Te Papa to see the Alice in Wonderland exhibition with us.

Also thank you for allowing us to have a staff only day on Friday. Five hundred teachers and support staff and principals from schools across Taita and Naenae and Stokes Valley listened to fantastic speakers like Ann Milne and Henare O'Keefe. We will now work to ensure our learning has a positive impact on our learners.



Weetbix Triathlon Good luck to everyone involved in the Weebix Triathlon tomorrow. Have fun!

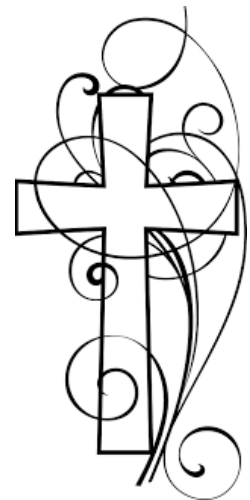


Year 4 - 8 Learning Conferences

Please use the form on the last page to make an appointment that suit you for next Wednesday or the Wednesday after.

Diocese Mission Expo this Saturday

Come along to the Mission Expo at Bishop Viard College, Porirua, on 14 March between 10am and 4pm. Lots of free parking and public transport just across the road. While the children are having their faces painted, or playing some of the many organised games, adults can explore the booths and be entertained by a schedule of performances. The children may like to attend a workshop where they make and bring home either a bird box, insect motel, or planter box (they will need to register for the workshop with Ann Williams 496 1783 - leave a message with contact details). Come for lunch and enjoy multi-cultural food. Entry is free and there are door prizes.



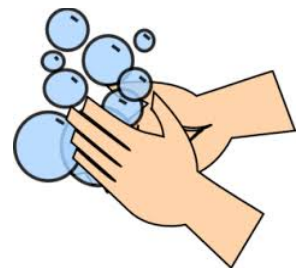
Corona Virus information

The Ministry of Health's current advice is that with continued vigilance, the chance of widespread community outbreak is expected to remain low. So we all have a role here to minimise the spread of COVID-19.

Our school remains well prepared for the possibility there might be a case in our community. If that were to occur we are confident we can put our plans in place and know we will be supported by regional health authorities and the Ministry of Education.

I am sure you are all keen to do what you can to prevent risk of infection. The best preventative steps are:

- wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and dry thoroughly
- avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- avoid sharing anything that has come in contact with saliva, whether in your living or social environments
- stay home when you are sick and seek medical attention
- cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the rubbish
- get adequate sleep and eat well-balanced meals to ensure a healthy immune system.



It is so important we continue to care for and support all members of our wonderful school community, especially those who may be impacted by COVID-19 in some way.

If you want to know more about COVID-19 please make sure

that any reading you are doing is from a reliable source. The Ministry of Health is the best source of information for New Zealand and they update this information regularly - <https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus>

A reminder that anyone who is ill should not be attending school.



The COVID-19 symptoms are a fever, coughing and difficulty breathing. If anyone has these symptoms and has recently been to a [country or area of concern](#), or have been in close contact with someone confirmed with COVID-19, please encourage them to contact Healthline (for free) on [0800 358 5453](tel:08003585453) (or [+64 9 358 5453](tel:+6493585453) for international SIMs) or their doctor immediately.

2020 Term 1 Dates

Thursday 12th March	Weetbix Tryathlon
Wednesday 18 March	Learning Conferences
Thursday 19th March	Year 5 & 6 Sports Festival
Wednesday 25 March	Learning Conferences
Thursday 26th March	Board of Trustees Meeting 7pm in Staffroom
Thursday 9th April	Holy Thursday
	Last day of Term 1
Tuesday 28th April	First day of Term 2

Parent Student Teacher Learning Conferences

Wednesday 18 March and Wednesday 25 March

Learning Conferences are 20 minute appointments for **all Year 4 to 8 students**. Our Learning Conferences are 3 way discussions between the student, their parents/caregivers and teacher.

Child's Name	Room No.	Preferred Approximate Time	Preferred Day (Delete One)
			18 March 25 March
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Please indicate an approximate time between 1.00 pm - 7.00 pm to discuss your child's learning, with them and their teacher. We will confirm a time with you from your preference.