



St. Bernard's College

"To Stand on Life-Giving Ground"

ke a ora tātou,

On 1st June many of us assembled here at the College at 6.45am to name, bless and open our new main building. It was an honour to name the building the "Cardinal John Dew" building.

Cardinal John Dew has been the leader of the Catholic Church in New Zealand for the last 16 years. More significantly he has been "our Cardinal"; always willing to prioritise being at St. Bernard's when we asked him to be and always interested in the wellbeing of the staff and boys and families here. It is our experience that he is a humble and generous man who has tried to live out the Gospel with a concern for others rather than for himself. He is a man who values learning and integrity. Therefore our new block is named for him - the "Cardinal John Dew" building.

Our Cardinal had been asked to gift us a "quote" that we could put up in the main entrance way for the boys to read every time they walked into the building. He chose **"Always be thankful"** from Colossians Chapter 3 verse 15.

So we finish off a "full-on" term with our trip to New Plymouth for our annual sports exchange with Francis Douglas Memorial College and our Kapa Haka and Pasifika groups performances in regional competitions and at Hutt Fest. We've had O'Shea Shield, a school cross-country, an "open day" and an "international week" run by our Year 13s. We've had two school bands perform at Rockquest –twice! We had a Year 10 retreat day and closed our term off with a Mass together as a school community. And once again we dodged the 'Covid19 bullet' to be able to do this stuff together. All things considered "Always be Thankful" seems quite a fitting statement to finish the term off with.

Staffing.

Ms Kirsten Hudson is leaving us at the end of this term to return to teaching in Auckland. We have been very fortunate to have appointed Ms Patty Haley join our staff to replace her. Ms. Haley is well known to many of us already as a teacher at Sts Peter and Paul Lower Hutt for many years. Apart from this she has also had two boys go through our school. We welcome Patty to our school in Term three.

Government Donation Scheme

The Board, at it's meeting of June 30th, 2021 considered the impact of the College's decision to opt into the Government Donation Scheme for this year. The Board were satisfied that there has been minimal impact on the ability of the College to offer a full curriculum and range of learning experiences over this year without having to seek payment from parents. Because of this and the on-going uncertainty around financial security that many families are feeling as the Pandemic continues the Board have agreed to remain in the scheme for 2022.

The MCDT (Marist Community Development Trust) have still asked for donations and we ask that, if you can, you support them. The College is the sole beneficiary of this trust and applies to them to support students who are in hardship at the College and to help fund the special character activities that are unique to this College.

Thank you also to those of you who support the College through your time in coaching or managing sports teams here. Priceless!

I will also be taking a Principal's sabbatical over Term three. This has been planned for some time now but given the uncertainties around the pandemic there seemed little point in announcing it until it was actually likely to happen. Instead of shuffling a whole lot of staff around and therefore impacting on the students' learning, the Board and I have asked Mr Neal Swindells to act for me over Term 3. I have known Neal for many years and relied on him in my early years as a Principal as a mentor. He was Principal at St John's College in Hastings for 14 years and was recently the Rector of St. Pats Town. He is a wonderful Catholic leader. I will miss the community of St. Bernard's immensely over the next 10 weeks. Which is probably exactly why I need to take a Sabbatical. I am sure the boys will stay awesome in my absence!

Nga mihi

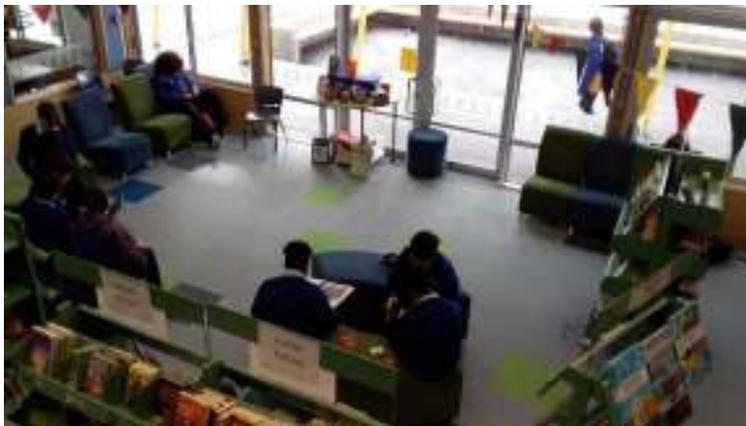
Simon Stack
Principal



Library

The NEW SBC Library and Information Centre

After 6 days unpacking we now have an amazing Information Centre located right at the heart of the school. We are very blessed that the school supports having a brand new space for research, literacy, learning, group working, resourcing, student support and fun activities. We are loving being on the ground floor and having lots of students and staff passing through and investigating the space. We have great plans for the future and love that St Bernard's values the Information Centre as a special place.



Year 9 Readers Cup

This year the Year 9 readers cup was held at Wellington Girls East college. Ten schools took part in the competition and St Bernard's entered the 'SBC Scorpion Readers' team of four boys, Eamonn Sugrue, Xavier Blythen, Jimmy Brown and Liam Hawtin-Fisher. The boys had to read six books in advance of the competition and answer some very tricky detailed questions based on each book. While we didn't make it to the National competition the boys did well and made us very proud.



Library

Book Shipment to Tonga

We are very fortunate at St Bernard's to have an outstanding brand new library space, which is valued by the staff and boys at the College. Every year books are withdrawn from the library to make way for new books coming in which keeps the collection looking fresh and relevant for the boy's studies. Most of the withdrawn books are given away to the boys and any remaining are supplied to the Rotary Charity Organisation who arrange for them to be shipped to Tonga. This year we have had a big clearout for moving into our new space so lots of books have been donated to the Tonga project!

Ms. Kent (Information Centre Manager) has also been working with 3 of our Tongan Boys (Mo'ui, Tevita and Joel) who volunteered to be involved. The boys wanted to supply some stationery with the shipment as this is really expensive in Tonga. We included a big bag of pencil cases, pens, pencils, sharpeners, exercise books, highlighters etc! Mo'ui also wrote a personal letter to go with the shipment and nominated the 'Ocean of Light International School' to receive the collection as his mother taught at the school many years ago.

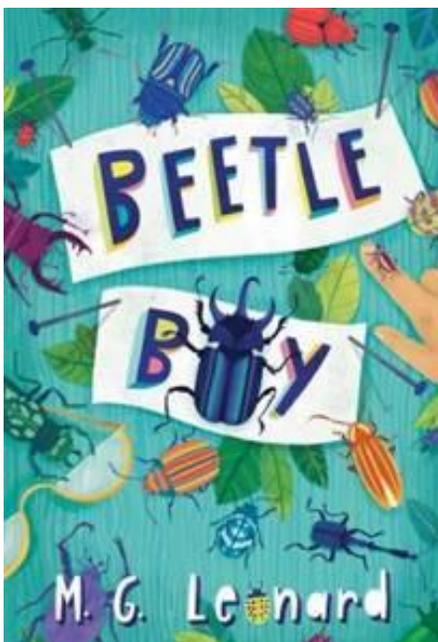
The full shipment (including our five boxes) will arrive in Tonga in August. The NZ Rotary coordinator has passed on this e-mail message from Felisita, the coordinator in Tonga:

'how sincerely moving to see such students that learn overseas but still have the heart of a Tongan the love, kind and eager to help students back at home...with great appreciation.'

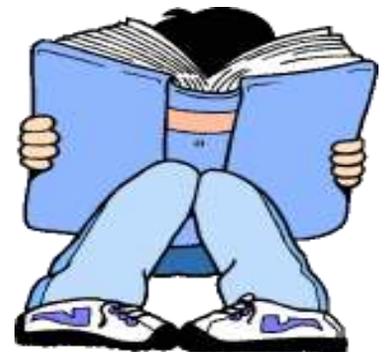


Mo'ui, Tevita and Joel

Book of the Month



READING



The first book of a trilogy, Beetle Boy is a darkly hilarious adventure full of exotic beetles, daring schemes, and true friendship. A perfect winter read for yr7 or 8's. A great book to learn about the amazing world of beetles with a cast of characters worthy of Roald Dahl.

Darkus Cuttle can't believe his eyes when he discovers a huge insect in the street. It's a giant beetle -- and it seems to want to communicate. But how can a boy be friends with a beetle? And what does a beetle have to do with the disappearance of his dad and the arrival of the terrifying Lucretia Cutter, with her taste for creepy fashion?

Kapa Haka

Tēnā koutou, Te Huatai Katorika, our senior Kapa Haka group placed 3rd in our recent regional Kapa Haka competitions. This was held at Te Mako on Wednesday.

They have worked so hard to reach this achievement. We thank the whānau who did come to support the kaupapa with practices and etc. Thank you to Mr Stack who has been committed in supporting our kaupapa. These were our placings.

3rd te reo Māori

3rd Moteatea

3rd Waiata a rings

3rd Poi

3rd Whakawātea

3rd Kākahu

3rd Titonga hou

2nd Waiata Tira

All the best to Te Ara Whānui Kura and Wainuiomata who will represent our kapa at National level.



Ngā mihi
Matua Jonas

Yr 10 Burger Competition

The Grand Final of the Year 10 Gourmet Burger Competition was held on July the 8th. We had Alex from Dirty Burger in to judge with his mate, Chris Bishop. They had a difficult job judging the incredible burgers made by our six talented finalists, but in the end, Jonathan Kirkland took the 2021 title. Well done Jonathan!

Alex was super generous, handing out hundreds of dollars' worth of vouchers as prizes. First prize was \$100 worth!! Trent Longstaff walked away with a \$75 voucher for 2nd place and John Sio took the bronze, along with a \$50 voucher. The remaining finalists didn't leave empty handed either – they all got a \$25 voucher each. Great work Floyd Vennell, Boston Fuge and Roman Kersten.



1st – Jonathan Kirkland



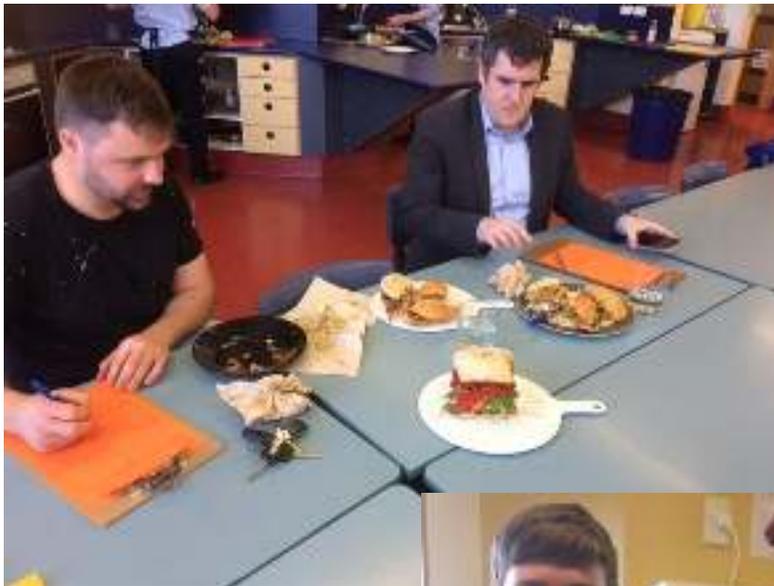
2nd - Trent Longstaff



3rd - John Sio



Yr 10 Burger Competition



Sport

Hato Paora Exchange



On the 24th of June, St Bernard's 1st XV and U15A travelled up to Fielding to play their annual traditional match against Hato Paora.

We were warmly welcomed on to the school by a powhiri. After the Powhiri, we headed into the changing rooms to prepare for our games. Both the U15s and 1stXV games were played in high spirits under the warm sun.

Carl Woodman-Smith and Kelly Tangiwai-Scott's scoring ability combined with Troy Savelio's defence was a massive factor in St Bernard's 1stXV 31-7 win.

Over on field 2, the St Bernard's U15s we're also able to secure the win with a final score of 37-6, thanks to the dynamic running game of Dezman Laban and Isaac McGuiness.

After the game Hato Paora sung us into the hall as we mixed together to share some food before jumping back on the bus to school. All and all, not just a great game of rugby for the boys but also an awesome experience for us enjoying the amazing hospitality of Hato Paora.

Sport

Francis Douglas Exchange



Francis Douglas Memorial College – Sports Exchange

St Bernard's College travelled to New Plymouth on Tuesday for our annual sports exchange with Francis Douglas Memorial College. With no exchange in 2020 due to Covid-19 our sports teams were looking forward to this exchange.

The addition of Junior Basketball and Football made this a large event with in excess of 100 students involved. Badminton was the first sport underway on Tuesday afternoon followed by Basketball games played in an electric atmosphere in their school gym. While our junior team was soundly beaten, senior boys were outstanding and in the end had a convincing victory.

Games played on Wednesday morning were dominated by Francis Douglas but we did manage a win in Under 15 Rugby and our football teams were very competitive.

Thank you to our coaches and managers who took time off work to come on the exchange and we look forward to hosting Francis Douglas in 2022.

Football

With the grading games over, the St Bernard's college teams have been distributed into their relative divisions.

The 1st XI are currently topping the table for division 1 having won their 3 opening games. The 2nd XI are mid-table in division 4 having won 1 game and lost the other. The 3rd XI did very well in the grading games to move up to division 6, but have struggled against some misplaced teams.

The 1st XI also have the National Tournament in Christchurch to look forward to next term.

The Junior XI also did very well in grading and were placed into the premier division of the junior championship. They have had opening games against some of the toughest opponents in the competition. They will be taking part in the National Tournament in Tauranga later in the year.

With the help of four of the 1st XI players, two trials were held to select the years 7 & 8 squad that will be competing in the AIMS games tournament also in Tauranga in September later on in the year.

Sport

Karate



Back in June, Elijah Taylor won a gold medal at the Kapiti Karate Champs. Elijah is a developing karate athlete and in this competition he was entered into the intermediates, ages 12 - 15 year grade. To achieve a gold medal here is an outstanding achievement.

Karate isn't as well known in New Zealand as our other main stream sports but it is a professional sport all throughout Europe and has potential for a great future sporting career, even from our part of the world.

Congratulations Elijah on your efforts.

Music



It has been a thrill to see our music students step up to the challenges of public performance this year. Xavier Ngaro represented St Bernard's College alongside musicians from Kapiti College in the Wellington Regional Chamber Music Competition. Vele So'otaga, Aex Corcoran, Mo'ui Niupalavu, Zacharey Robertson, Noah Tuitelufuga-Heather, Jackson Gray, Ese Joe and Solomon Soane represented us at the Wellington Regional Smokefree Rockquest. Xavier continues his violin and chamber music studies with his tutor in Kapiti. Laid Bax are preparing to record their music in the next stage of the Smokefree Rockquest journey. Seize the Day are in the process of completing their first album.



There is no accounting for the hours of practice, the commitment and dedication required to be effective musicians at this level. Term 3 will see our Rock Orchestra perform at the Wellington Ensemble, Band and Orchestra Festival, our choir perform alongside Troy Kingi with the NZ Symphony Orchestra and our annual Celebration of Music on 26 August at the Lower Hutt, Little Theatre.

ESport



St Bernard's Blue and Red competed in the final of the College Sport Wellington Division One Esport Championship. Finals night was held at the Ricoh Centre, Fraser Park on Wednesday 30 June. With a best of three final series, teams were locked at 1-1 at 10pm on the night meaning final game was played on Monday 5 July. St Bernard's Red took out this game to be crowned College Sport Wellington Esport Champions for 2021. A great effort by both St Bernard's teams to make the final. Both teams will now represent Wellington in NZ High School Esport League (NZHSEL). Online finals begin next term, and our teams will be taking on the regional winners from throughout the country.



Community notices

Auditions

Badjelly the Witch by Alannah O'Sullivan adapted from the book by Spike Milligan at Hutt Repertory Theatre

Directed by Pauline Prendergast

108 Oxford Tce 2pm Sunday 25 July

Production dates 4-9 October 11am and 2pm

Expressions of interest contact: Pauline Prendergast at paulinemichael2017@outlook.com

Roles

Badjelly: boy/girl 15/16 years old

Dulboot the giant: Male 16/17 years. Tall .

Lucy the cow: Female 12/16 years.

Tim: male 8-12 years

Rose: Female 8-12 years

Jim the eagle: male/female 10-12 years

Binklebonk a goblin: male /female 7/8 years

Mudwiggles a worm: male/female 7/8 years

Appletree/ Policeman: male/female 12-16 years

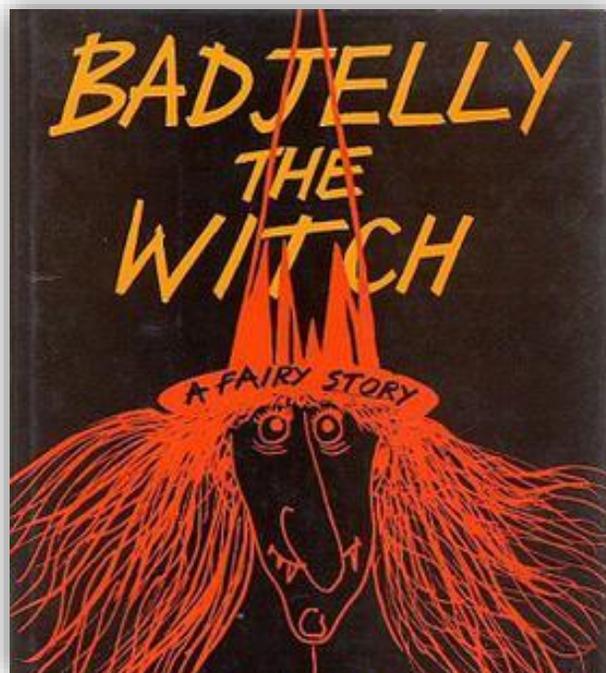
Dinglemouse: male/female 7/8 years

Rehearsals start Sunday August 1st at 3pm to 5pm

Rehearsals will be Thursdays and Fridays 4-6pm, Sundays 3-5pm

I especially need a tall male to be Dulboot the giant.

Tim, Rose, Jim the eagle, Badjelly, and Binklebonk roles sing one song each. So be prepared to sing a song of your choice at the audition.



RELAY FOR LIFE 2021 *TOTAL RAISED*

We had the highest number of boys ever, 100 students participated in this event. They all helped us fundraise \$5737.50 from school dances, sausage sizzles, non-uniform day, fundraising and other donations. Please note that some of these events took place in 2020.

On the SBC183R4L2021 team website we reached our goal of \$2000 and we got \$2750.82.

Giving our school a total of \$8488.32!



Late in Term 3 when registrations open for RELAY FOR LIFE 2022 we will begin our planning and fundraising efforts. If you are keen to sponsor or help us fundraise please get in touch with Mrs Emma Burns eburns@sbc.school.nz

Term Dates

2021

Term 1	2 February - 16 April
Term 2	3 May - 9 July
Term 3	26 July - 1 October
Term 4	18 October - 14 December

2022

Term 1	1 February - 14 April
Term 2	2 May - 8 July
Term 3	25 July - 30 September
Term 4	17 October - 9 December

Marist Community Development Trust

The Marist Community Development Trust (MCDT) was set up to support, preserve and enhance the Special Catholic Charism of St Bernard's College, the essence of the school.



St Bernard's College has opted into the Government Donations Scheme, there is no longer any payment request from the College for course costs.

Family donations can still be made to the Marist Community Development Trust, when making an online payment please use your son's name and MCDT as the reference, bank account **ASB 12-3142-0164653-000**.

Any amount will be gratefully received and will be paid back to the college to support Special Character initiatives which can't be funded from operational funding.

All donations qualify for a tax rebate from the IRD, receipts will be issued in early April.

Calendar Alerts

July

9	Last day of Term 2
26	Term 3 starts

August

3	Parent Interviews - school ends 12.15pm
5	Teacher Only Day - school closed
12	Parent Interviews - school ends 12.15pm
14	SBC Y12/Y13 Ball
16	Staff PLD - school ends 1.15pm
19	Yr 10 NCEA Parents Evening

Full school calendar is available at www.sbc.school.nz

Uniform

Thursday 1.15pm - 5.15pm

Check out our online ordering

www.sbc.school.nz



2nd hand uniform is now sold at the college Uniform Shop during opening hours

We would still really appreciate any donations of quality second hand uniform, please drop off to the main office.

Nurse

Nurse's consultation at St Bernard's College, see the office to make an appointment with a nurse from VIBE at school.

Free appointments with a doctor are available at the VIBE Clinic.

They can be made through the nurse, *or* directly with VIBE:

Vibe:566-0525 **IT'S FREE!**

Reminders

Leaving School During School Hours

If your son needs to leave school during the day please follow these steps.

- Send him with a note explaining why he is leaving
- He needs to get that signed by his dean
- Bring the note to the office when he is leaving.
- Sign out.

Payment Of School Charges

The school prefers all school charges to be paid directly to our bank account: **ASB Queensgate 12-3142-0164653-00**.

Please include your **son's first name and surname, in the reference fields**. Receipts are issued for all payments and given to students in class.

If you are facing financial difficulties please contact The Business Manager.

Contact Details

It is very important that we are able to contact you, especially in case of an emergency. **Please make sure we have your current contact information.**

E-mail

As most of our information is now sent by email.

Please check your settings to make sure we are a trusted sender.

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