

ST. BERNARD'S NEWS LETTER

Principal's Report

Term 1 - Week 6 - 13th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have passed the half-way point of the term and have settled into the routine of learning and activities at St Bernard's. As always, we have had a busy couple of weeks and look forward to some exciting events in the next few weeks.

Camp

The Year 5/6 Camp to Rottneest took place from Wednesday to Friday last week and a fabulous time was had by all. On returning to school, our students reported close-up, and not so close-up, encounters with quokkas, a New Zealand fur seal, pods of dolphins and an octopus. They went swimming, snorkelling, bike-riding, lighthouse exploring, and much, much more. The camp provided amazing opportunities for learning, social interaction and team building and was an experience which will be remembered for many years to come.

My congratulations to all our students who conducted themselves so beautifully throughout the camp, and my thanks to all involved: Mr and Mrs Bell, Mrs Atkinson, Mrs Marinoni, Mrs Davies and Mr Robertson. Special thanks to Mrs Sibley for her behind-the-scenes organisation, and to our wonderful P&F Association for their continued financial support of the Year 5/6 Camp, ensuring costs are kept to a minimum for our students and their families.

We now turn our attention to the Year 5/6 Canberra Camp in September, and I would like to remind Year 5/6 parents of the opportunity to attend as parent helper volunteers. Again, this has been supported by the P&F Association, covering the cost of the camp in full for two parent volunteer helpers. Please contact the school office for a copy of the form to volunteer if you are interested.

Commissioning and Commitment Mass

Last Sunday saw our new staff commissioned by Fr Gerome, on behalf of Bishop Holohan, to their new role as staff members at St Bernard's Primary School. Staff who had not previously been commissioned were also included in this ceremony. Congratulations to Miss Pavlovic, Miss Sugg, Miss Plakakis, Miss Sticken, Miss Hewitt, Mr and Mrs Bell, Mrs Matthews, Mrs Shepherd and Mrs Cant.

Students preparing to receive a sacrament this year also completed their commitment to their sacramental learning, along with their families, at this Mass. Congratulations to Adrianna Kahn and David De Guzman who are preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation; Toby Leuscetti and John Pajares who are preparing for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion; and to Jack Leuscetti and James Pajares who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. We will celebrate the latter first, with Fr Tony Chiera on Saturday 6th June at 6pm. Please put this date in your calendars in support of our students and their families.

Magic Coat

Our students and parents have been given a wonderful opportunity to attend free sessions on the Magic Coat – an approach to improving resilience and wellbeing for children. Please follow the link below for more information about the Magic Coat and see information later in our newsletter for details of the free parent session date and times. <https://themagiccoat.com/>

Rob Hanekamp

Term One has been a tough time for our groundsman, Mr Rob Hanekamp, as he has dealt with the long illness and passing of his father, as well as his own health concerns. Rob remains on sick leave from his role at St Bernard's as he works towards a full recovery. I ask for your prayers and thoughts to be with Rob as he works through this difficult time.

Assisting us in Rob's absence has been Mr Rob Brown, who formerly worked as the groundsman at St Bernard's. We are very grateful to 'Brownie' for picking up the ropes in Rob's absence and working so hard to keep our school functioning and looking so good. 'Brownie' has also upskilled our Year 4-6 students in the correct procedure for raising and lowering the flags each day, ensuring they understand not just what they need to do, but why they need to do it in a particular way.

Health Update

It has been a difficult start to the school year due to various illnesses which have affected many of our students and families. Concern about the Coronavirus – COVID-19 - has also naturally caused some anxiety amongst our staff and families. Catholic Education WA is constantly updating school principals about the possible impact and implications of the spread of the virus and yesterday we received a six step plan to be followed should a case of the COVID-19 virus be confirmed within our school community.

I encourage all families to remain updated on the virus by accessing accurate information from the WA Health Department. You can access updated fact sheets on the department's website using this link <https://www.dese.gov.au/news/coronavirus-covid-19> For further health advice please visit the following link <https://www.health.gov.au/news/health-alerts/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-health-alert>, and for information on travel restrictions please visit the Department of Home Affairs website using the following link: <https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/news-media/current-alerts/novel-coronavirus>.

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The following is a link to a four minute animated clip for children on the Coronavirus from the website BrainPOP, which you may wish to watch with your children: <https://www.brainpop.com/health/diseasesinjuriesandconditions/coronavirus/>

Finally, the World Health Organisation has released this short video on how to prevent the spread of the virus: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC07-dOwgza1IguKA86jqxNA>

School Nurse Update – COVID-19 and Head Lice

The following is a link to an information update prepared this week by our school nurse, Mrs Annie Hornby, addressing both the COVID-19 virus and the treatment and control of head lice. School Nurse Update T1, Wk6. Link

Swine Flu – Influenza A

To date our school has not received formal notification of any cases of Swine Flu, or Influenza A, which has affected people in the Kojonup community. Parents are reminded that if they are asked to report confirmed cases of this, or any other virus by their doctor, they must do so in order to help stop the spread of the virus.

As in the case of any illness, please do not send your child to school and keep your child at home until they are well again.

Until next time, wishing you all good health. As always, if you have any concerns or queries, please don't hesitate to come and see me.

God Bless,

Mrs Sharon Marino



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Rottnest Camp

Our Year 5/6 class had a great time at their Rottnest Camp last week. They had perfect weather and had a great time enjoying all Rottnest had to offer – especially bike riding and swimming. Take a look at some of the great photos from their time on the island on our website.



Oral Language - Timetable

Oral Language Week - Week 8

Monday 23rd Yr 3 /4 - 1.30pm
 Tuesday 24th Yr 5 /6 - 1.30pm
 Tuesday 24th PP - 2.30pm
 Friday 27th Yr 1/2 - 9.20 am (straight after assembly)

Community Info

HOOK INTO HOCKEY

Registration time, please register your interest with; kojonuphockeyclub@gmail.com and any further queries contact Katie Daw 0438 321 006

K-3 - Hook into hockey & C or D grade nominations



Term Calendar

	March 16	March 17	March 18	March 19	March 20	March 21/22
7	Little Stars - 9-11am			School Board Meeting 5.30pm		Harmony Day (Sat) Fourth Sunday of Lent
8	March 23 Little Stars - 9-11am	March 24	March 25	March 26	March 27 Merit Assembly Newsletter	March 28/29 Fifth Sunday of Lent
	Oral language presentation 3/4 Class - 1.30pm	Oral language presentation 5/6 Class - 1.30pm PP Class - 2.30pm			Oral language presentation 1/2 Class - 9.20am (after assembly)	
	Oral Language Week					

Please visit our Website and Gallery for more pictures.

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ART AWARDS - STAR BOARD



**CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS WEEKS STAR BOARD WINNERS:
PRE-PRIMARY CLASS, ESSIE BELL,
SCOTT BILNEY, CHARLIE THORN
& KATE MCGUIRE.**

COMMITMENT MASS



**JAMES PAJARES, JACK LEUSCIATTI,
ADRIANNA KAHN, TOBY LEUSCIATTI,
JOHN PAJARES & DAVID DE GUZMAN.**

SCHOOL'S TENNIS CLASSIC



School Classic Tennis Tournament

The St Bernard's school community should be very proud of the students who represented our school at the School's Classic Tennis Tournament in Katanning on Monday 9th March. The students were: Will Sibley, Charli Guidi, Archie Atkinson, Chaaya Jury, Matthew Cant and Codi Trethowan.

There were comments from the Tennis West representatives about what well-mannered and polite students they all were. If that wasn't enough, they also displayed really good tennis skills and fantastic sportsmanship.

The schools they played were St Patrick's, Gnowangerup, Braeside and Broomehill Primary Schools. Overall, St Bernard's came third behind St Patrick's and Broomehill. Congratulations to all of the students who took part and thanks to Mrs Marinoni, Mrs Atkinson and Mrs Trethowan for supporting the team.

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Congratulations



Assembly Achievements

Congratulations to this week's Merit Certificate Winners -

Jake Perry, Kristian Mackean, Archie Thorn, Codi Trethowan and Quinn Melling.

Birthday messages

LETS CELEBRATE - Hip Hip Hooray! -

* No birthdays to report this newsletter!!*