

ST. BERNARD'S NEWS LETTER

Principal's News

Term 3 - Week 4 - Friday 14th August

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a whirlwind two weeks at St Bernard's since our last newsletter, with so much going on around the school. Please 'Like' our Facebook page to get regular updates on school happenings and a look at the week ahead in the 'What's On This Week' page posted every Sunday. The Year 1/2 class and Science learning area are showcased later in this newsletter. Each fortnight we will have a focus on a different classroom and specialist learning area to ensure you are hearing about all the great learning going on at St Bernard's.

Open Night

It was wonderful to see so many families at our Open Night on Monday. I saw many children proudly showing their families around and it was great to see the interaction between children, parents and teachers. My thanks to all our teachers who prepared their classrooms and stayed late after a busy day of teaching. Thanks, also, to our specialist area teaching staff who displayed work from Semester One. Our Rainbow Room was transformed into an amazing gallery space with lots of student work on show. Thank you to everyone who placed a vote in the 2021 diary cover competition which was also on display on the night. We had some amazing work produced by students and the big reveal of the winning entry/ies will happen at Assembly in Week 6!



First Holy Communion

The celebration of the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Sunday 2nd August was a special day for the Pajares and Leusciatti families. John and Toby received the Eucharist for the first time at our Parish Mass, with members of our parish and school communities attending. Morning tea was held afterwards at the school and the Communion cake was cut by the boys with Fr Gerome looking on. In a couple of weeks, John and Toby's brothers, James and Jack, will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. The Vicar-General of the Bunbury diocese, Fr Tony Chiera, will officiate at the Confirmation Mass on Saturday 29th August at 5pm. This weekend, Mass will be celebrated on Sunday at 8.30am with Bishop Gerard Holohan who is making his parish visits to St Bernard's in Kojonup, St Patrick's in Katanning and St Michael's in Tambellup. Everyone is most welcome to join us for this Mass.

Uniforms

Thank you for assisting your children to wear the correct uniform and wear it with pride. Our new stock of ties have now arrived and everyone is looking fabulous in their winter uniform.

Take care and God Bless,
Mrs Marino



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SCIENCE

Last week the Year 3 – 6 students visited the Kojonup Rubbish Tip to further their understanding of waste and recycling in Kojonup. Mr Webb showed the students how they sort recycling and identified good and bad recycling products. He also gave a tour of the rubbish tip explaining how they recycle different materials and discussed how the students can make a difference by recycling at school and at home.

This term we have started recycling soft plastics to make eco bricks, batteries, coffee pods, old phones, cables and ink cartridges. If you have any of these items at home, please send them to school with your child. A big thank you to Mr Matt Webb for giving up his time, Mrs Leonie Smith for attending as parent help and Mr Matt Atkinson for driving the bus.

The students were asked what they learnt from the excursion and here are some of their answers:

- Take the lid off the milk bottle before you recycle them – *Reagan*
- 1, 2, & 3 plastics can be recycled – *Logan*
- Paper is easy to recycle – *Lincoln*
- Kojonup waste used to send their rubbish to China – *James S*
- You can recycle cans - *Charlize*
- 5, 6 & 7 are the worst types of plastic – *Sam C*
- Kojonup Waste collect rubbish from Dumbleyung, Katanning, Lake Grace – *Toby*
- Not all plastic can be recycled – *Katana*
- Polystyrene foam is terrible and can't be recycled, it is killing the earth – *Poppy*
- When you recycle you can help the environment – *Sammy*
- Since China stopped taking our rubbish we now have a stockpile of it – *Alexander*
- Kojonup Tip are very good at recycling materials – *Darcie*
- Aluminium cans are the easiest to recycle - *Stewie*

This week there was much excitement with Scitech visiting us. On Wednesday students learnt about Robotics and Coding and on Thursday students participated in learning about animals, taking a closer look at the features of different creatures. Some students discovered how different environments affect how things grow.



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YEAR 1/2

The Year 1/2 class started off Term 3 with a bang! In Week 2, we presented our 'Under the Sea' assembly item to staff, family and friends at school. This meant that we had to say goodbye to our good friends Pingu and Icey, as our learning about the ocean had sadly come to an end.

However, this meant that our classroom would be getting a makeover! In Week 3, the classroom had been transformed into Outer Space. We took some time to explore the new set up, as well as meet our two new friends Bob and Bobette.

Besides the changes in our class, we have continued to learn lots of new things. We have started learning about the structure of a narrative in English. In Mathematics, we have learnt how to use location words, write directional instructions and program Beebots to move to in different directions. In HASS we have started learning about the continents and oceans that make up the Earth! We have learnt a catchy new song to help us remember the continents – check it out on the school Facebook page!

We are all still busy learning and can't wait to learn more this term.

Miss P
Year 1/2 class



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Open Night was a great success, with lots of families taking the opportunity to visit classrooms to see the great work students have been doing. Thanks to all our teachers for organising classrooms and specialist learning areas to showcase our great student learning.



Merit Awards



Congratulations to our award winners: (l-r)

Stewart Eyres, John Pajares, Charlize Sibley, James Smith, Jack De Guzman, Georgie Hart, Ned Pearce, Archie Thorn, Braxton Webb, Ruben Stansbury & Oliver Shepherd.

Birthday messages



LET'S CELEBRATE
- HIP HIP HOORAY! -

RYAN MACKEAN - 15TH AUGUST
HANNAH GOODACRE - 15TH AUGUST
ALEC TREEBY - 20TH AUGUST
WILLA PEARCE - 22ND AUGUST
ALEXANDER SHEPHERD - 26TH AUGUST

MJR PRIZE DRAW WINNERS:
Congratulations to Leeam
Viloria, Alec Treeby, Logan
Miotti and Ruben Stansbury.
Great DTRT everyone!



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Term Planner - Week 5 & 6

	AUGUST 17	AUGUST 18	AUGUST 19	AUGUST 20	AUGUST 21	AUGUST 22/23
5	Little Stars - 9-11am Phys Ed and Drama today		No Library this week	St Bernard's Day 11.15am - Mass in the school Library Shared lunch & cutting of the cake (1.30pm) St Bernard's Fair - 1.45pm	CATHOLIC DAY Student and Teacher Free Day	
	AUGUST 24	AUGUST 25	AUGUST 26	AUGUST 27	AUGUST 28	AUGUST 29/30
6	Little Stars - 9-11am Gathering 8.50am Confirmation Retreat Year 5/6 class		P&F Meeting 9am - staff room - All Welcome Confirmation Family Workshop @ 3.30pm		Merit Assembly Newsletter	Sacrament of Confirmation - Saturday @ 6pm

For Sale



Please see our verandah for tables and chairs, which are excess to need, and are for sale.
\$2 or \$3 per chair
\$20 per table
Please see the office staff to arrange purchase.



Texts4families

Free text messages for families supporting children on the autism spectrum

Are you a parent or carer of a child on the autism spectrum? Would you like to learn more about autism and ways to support your child?

You will receive 2-5 texts per week, for 10 weeks; you can text STOP at any time. Texts start 1st September 2020.

To be involved, send a message saying **TEXT** and your preferred language to, **0427 485 410** by the 29th August 2020

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Texts4families

Languages available: Simplified Chinese, Vietnamese, Hindi, Arabic, Korean & English

www.positivepartnerships.com.au 1300 881 971

Community

**TERM 3
FRIDAY NIGHT
ROLLERBLADING**

Katanning Leisure Centre
6.00pm - 8.00pm
7 August
14 August
4 September
18 September

Prices:
Junior \$4.50
Senior \$5.60
Hire of Skates \$2.50

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT THE KATANNING LEISURE CENTRE ON 982 14399



Register for your free seminar

Triple P - Positive Parenting Program

Get support, information and tips to give your child the best start in life.

Triple P gives you simple, practical strategies to help you raise happy and confident children. Attend a free session near you, or talk to your school about how they can provide a free seminar for your school community.

Positive Parenting Seminar - link below
LINK: triplep-parenting.net.au

TECHNOLOGY UPDATE - Facebook Pages

Our two new Facebook pages are LIVE, be sure to accept your request for the **St Bernards P & F** page and hit 'LIKE' on the new **St Bernard's Primary School, Kojonup** page (screen shots of the home screen picture below)

