

# ST. BERNARD'S NEWS LETTER

## Principal's News

*Term 2 - Week 8 - Friday 11th June 2021*

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our newsletter catch-up for the past two weeks which, despite two short weeks, you will find jam-packed with events and happenings!

### EDUCATION

**Reports:** As we approach the end of the term, our teachers are busy preparing reports, completing assessments and finalising learning for Term 2. Reports will be sent home in Week 11 and I encourage you to engage fully with these reports and seek feedback and clarification from your class teacher if required.

**Year 3/4 STEM Network:** On Wednesday Miss Hewitt, Mr Bell and I attended the second Great Southern Network STEM Network meeting at St Matthew's in Narrogin with teachers from St Patrick's in Katanning and St Joseph's in Albany. Teachers and students in the network are preparing for the Showcase event in Term 4. STEM is Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths and presents many opportunities for students to engage with the General Capabilities of the Australian curriculum and to begin developing important skills in teamwork, collaboration, creative and critical thinking. Next newsletter there will be an update from Miss Hewitt on our Year 3/4 students' STEM projects.

**Enrichment:** Congratulations to our St Bernard's Enrichment Team who attended a Creative Edge Thinking workshop at St Patrick's, with students also attending from St Matthew's. It was a great opportunity to prepare for the Creative Edge Challenge event in Perth in August. Our students were congratulated by the workshop co-ordinator on their behaviour and manners, and there were many comments about how smart our students looked in their uniform. The team created a hot air balloon in response to the 5 minute challenge to create something that represented your school and to explain why. The students chose a hot air balloon because St Bernard's helps them rise to the sky, reflecting our motto of Reach for the Stars.

### CATHOLIC IDENTITY

**First Holy Communion:** Congratulations to David De Guzman and Adrianna Kahn on receiving the sacrament on Saturday 29th May. It was a very special event and I extend a very special thank you to our staff and community members who were able to attend to support our students and their families.

**Fr Gerome:** Our thoughts and prayers are with Fr Gerome as he remains on extended leave. We thank Fr David who was with us for six weeks and we welcome Deacon Ian from Bunbury who will conduct a Liturgy of the Word with Communion for the next two Sundays.

**MJR:** We have a new MJR focus, announced at assembly this morning by Kate and Jack, our MJR Ministry leaders: NGU, or Never Give Up. Congratulations to our MJR prize drawer winners: Chevin Noonan, Jack De Guzman, Kaylee Goodall and Lanz Villoria for our DTRT focus: Do The Right Thing!

### STEWARDSHIP

**SBD:** Please note the Student Background Data (SBD) data collection form which was sent on the School Stream App earlier this week. This is data we are required to collect on behalf of the Australian Curriculum and Reporting Authority (ACARA) and which helps to determine school funding. This is due back to school by next Friday, June 18th.

**Teacher meetings:** A reminder that the correct protocol when seeking information about your child in their classroom is to talk to the classroom teacher first to open a dialogue and seek a resolution of any issues which may be of concern.

### COMMUNITY

**Philippines Independence Day celebration:** We had a wonderful gathering of our school community last night to support our Filipino families in celebrating their Independence Day which takes place on June 12th. Please see the coverage later in our newsletter, but a huge thank you to Mrs Sophie Atkinson for co-ordinating this event, along with Marilou Vilorio and other members of the Kojonup and Katanning Filipino community - they are a very special part of our school and it was wonderful to share this celebration with them.

*God Bless,*

*Mrs Marino.*



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## Philippines Independence Day

What a wonderful evening we had with our Filipino community last night to celebrate Philippines Independence Day with colour, food, festivities, music & even a group dance!

Not even the odd drizzle of rain dampened the wonderful event.

A huge thank you to our wonderful Filipino community and Mrs Sophie Atkinson and Mrs Marilou Vioria for their hard work in making this evening possible.



## Congratulations



**Congratulations to Year 6 student Charli Guidi on her selection into the WA State AFLW U/12's team.**

**Charli had been training and attending various selection days to get through to the final squad.**

**Due to Covid-19, the team will be unable to travel to play in SA but will continue to training together as a squad.**

**Fantastic achievement, Charli!**

Please head to our school website gallery for more photos - <https://stbernards.wa.edu.au/category/events/>



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## CROSS COUNTRY

St Bernard's Primary school had their school cross-country event, at the Kojonup Golf Course, on Thursday 3rd June. It was a beautiful day with the sun shining and the course was looking good.

Everyone tried their best and the races were very competitive. Well done to everyone for all the training and effort they put in throughout the term.

The winners on the day were:

**K/PP Boys - Gus Thorn, runner-up - Mitchell Treeby**

**K/PP Girls - Nancy Bell, runner-up - Imogen Perry**

**Yr 1/2 Girls - Elsie Eyres, runner-up - Georgie Matthews**

**Yr 1/2 Boys - Chevin Noonan, runner-up - Jack Sibley and Ollie Hornby**

**Intermediate Girls - Charlize Sibley, runner-up - Sasha TeAotonga**

**Intermediate Boys - Stewart Eyres, runner-up - Archie Thorn**

**Senior Girls - Charli Guidi, runner-up - Kate McGuire**

**Senior Boys - Will Sibley, runner-up - Charlie Thorn**



There were lots of parent and staff helpers who stood on the course and helped with the food. We thank each and every one of them for helping with these jobs. Special thanks to the P&F Association for providing us with lovely soup and buns for lunch when we returned to school.

We would also like to thank the Kojonup Golf Club for allowing us to use their course and Mr Warren Porter who helped Mrs Marinoni set up the track.

Thanks to Mrs Marinoni for helping us train and all her work organising the day. Thanks, also, to those parents and teachers who made the Friday Running Club possible at the Golf Club so that we could train.

We all had lots of fun at the Cross Country!

**Codi Trethowan and Will Sibley – Mercy and McAuley Faction Captains.**



## Catholic Community News

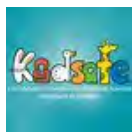


*Congratulations to Adrianna Kahn and David De Guzman  
on receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on  
Saturday May 29th 2021.*

### Other news

Please be advised of an upcoming Kidsafe WA webinar called Keeping Kids Safe on Farms, **scheduled for Thursday 24th June, 2021** that may be of interest for your school community. For further information regarding the webinar content, target audience and registration process, please refer to the Kidsafe WA website.

Kind regards,  
Melissa Carpenter  
Coordinator (Southwest – Albany)  
Road Safety and Drug Education branch



Childhood and adolescence can be a difficult and challenging time for some students resulting in emotional and/or behavioural problems, and sometimes disorders. MindTime can provide you with some alternatives to help your child or family member.

MindTime is a Psychological and Counselling Service available at Unit 1/103 Albany Hwy Kojonup.

### Award and Prize Winners



**Congratulations to our Merit Award winners:**

Amelia Te-Aotonga, Kate McGuire,  
Alexander Mathwin, Brax Webb, Charlie Thorn,  
Georgie Hart, Miki Gardner, Moana Te-Aotonga,  
Chevin Noonan, Reeve Noonan & Enrichment class.

**MJR:**

Kaylee Goodall, Lanz Vilorio, Chevin Noonan  
& Jack De Guzman

### Term Planner - Week 9 & 10

	JUNE 14	JUNE 15	JUNE 16	JUNE 17	JUNE 18	JUNE 19/20
9	<del>Oral Language this week - Times to be confirmed</del>	<b>Please note: Oral Language Week has been postponed to Week 10</b>				
	JUNE 21	JUNE 22	JUNE 23	JUNE 24	JUNE 25	JUNE 26/27
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					Merit Assembly 8.50am	