ST. BERNARD'S NEWSLETTER

Principal's News

Term 4- Week 4 - Friday 5th November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy two weeks at St Bernard's! I hope you enjoy hearing about some of the things that have been going on.

EDUCATION

Year 3/4 Camp: A very happy and excited class of Year 3/4 students headed off on their camp to Busselton last week. They had a fantastic time as you will see later in this newsletter, with lots of activities and adventures packed into their two days away from home. Huge thanks to Miss Hewitt for all the hard work and effort she put into making this camp possible for our students, and to Mrs Marinoni who attended the camp with Miss Hewitt and drove the bus. Many thanks, also, to our parent helpers – Alec Smith and Graham Clayton – and to all parents for their help with the car wash fundraiser and for providing food and other supplies for the camp. Our camp would not be possible without your support, and also the support of our wonderful P&F which subsidised the cost of the camp for all students.

Outdoor Classroom Day: We were blessed with perfect weather yesterday as all our classes took part in International Outdoor Classroom day. The school was buzzing in the cooler parts of the morning with students and teachers doing a range of activities outside in our wonderful grounds. Check out the pictures later in this newsletter.

CATHOLIC IDENTITY

Sacrament of Reconciliation – We are very excited for our Year Three students, Marlie Matthews and Grace Perry, and their families, as they prepare to undertake the Sacrament of Reconciliation next week. The sacrament will take place on Thursday 11th November at 4pm in St Bernard's Church and all families are invited to attend. The Year 3/4 class took part in the sacramental retreat today, learning about the importance of recognising when we have done something wrong and asking for, and receiving, forgiveness from God. Best wishes, Marlie and Grace, from all of us at St Bernard's.

STEWARDSHIP

Low Fee Initiative – St Bernard's has recently opted to take part in Phase 2 of Catholic Education WA's Low Fee Initiative or Affordable Schools Project. We will provide more information on this initiative as soon as we hear from CEWA, but there will be some good news regarding lower, capped fees for all families from 2022 onwards.

COMMUNITY

STEM Showcase: Next Wednesday our Year 3/4 students will be travelling to St Patrick's School in Katanning to take part in the Great Southern STEM Showcase, along with students from St Patrick's, St Matthew's in Narrogin and St Joseph's in Albany. The students have been working hard on their STEM projects for most of this year and they are looking forward to the opportunity to showcase their work to their fellow students and teachers from other schools.

Unfortunately, due to having around 90 students showcasing their work, St Patrick's is unable to accommodate parents at the showcase, but we will take lots of photos and keep you informed!

Special mention and congratulations to students
James Smith, Xkyzes Viloria, Olivia Fisher and
Kaylee Goodall who are one of three finalists
already selected from the showcase, and who go on
to present their project, via video, to the National
STEM MAD (Making a Difference) Showcase, with
a chance for finals selection. You can watch the
video on our website at
https://stbernards.wa.edu.au/

Farewells: Once again I sadly have to announce another farewell from our St Bernard's family: our Admin Officer, Mrs Jacinta Sibley, will be leaving St Bernard's at the end of the year to relocate with her family to Chittering. We will miss Jacinta, Rob, Will, Charlize and Jack, but wish them well. Also, not a farewell, but I can announce that Mr Bell will be taking leave from his position as a teacher at St Bernard's for 2022. We wish Mr Bell well and hope to see him back in 2023.

Take care, everyone, and God Bless. Mrs Marino



Year 3 & 4 Busselton Camp







Last week the Year 3/4 students had an AMAZING time on our overnight camp to Busselton. The two days were filled with lots of exciting and fun activities, creating great memories together.

On the first day we stopped in Donnybrook for morning tea and a play at the newly updated playground, before travelling on to the Busselton Jetty. We were lucky enough to get the train ride to the underwater observatory, and then Miss Hewitt and some keen students decided to race the train back (and they ended up winning!). After the observatory tour we had a sandcastle competition, where Brax took out the prize for the best sandcastle, according to our judges Alec and Graham. Then we headed to Mackillop Catholic College where we were staying overnight and we set up our beds in their Multipurpose room. That night the students put on a great talent show filled with lots of acrobatics, joke telling, dancing and game shows, with Charlize and Poppy taking out first place with their acrobatic dance.

On Day 2 some students woke up super early ready for the day ahead! We packed up, had breakfast and a play and then we were off to the Cape Naturalist Lighthouse for a morning stroll. Along the way we came across a snake, but once we scared it off, we made it to the whale watching pier and saw some whales before rushing back in the heat to get on the bus. We then headed off to Monkey Business ropes course in Dunsborough, where everyone had the best time challenging themselves, climbing the different levelled ropes courses for two hours. With everyone tired out it was time to make the journey home, stopping once again in Donnybrook to finish off the yummy slice and fruit our parents had supplied, before arriving back at school.

Thank you to all the students for their amazing behaviour on camp, to Alec and Graham, our parent helpers, and to Mrs Marinoni for driving the bus!







Outdoor Classroom Day









St Bernard's students joined school students around the world to celebrate Outdoor Classroom Day on Thursday. A global initiative designed to promote outdoor activity among children, this is something we do at St Bernard's every day on our wonderful grounds! All classes took some of their learning outside during the day, with activities including Maths, Spelling, Reading, Art, Drama and Religious Education. Thank you to our teachers for embracing outdoor learning at St Bernard's and to our students for being such enthusiastic participants!





Kindy Library Visit

Our Kindy students headed out on another community adventure on Thursday, this time to visit Mrs Greeuw at the Kojonup Public Library. It was the first time the students got to wear their new pink hi—vis vests, letting everyone know where they were from. They looked fantastic and had a great time exploring the library. Thanks, Mrs Greeuw!

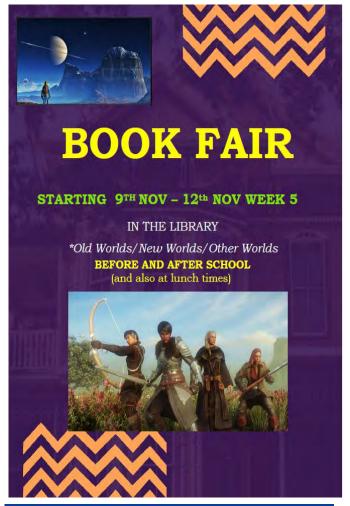








School Events



Wear your pjs and join us for Storytime night in the classrooms on Wednesday 10th November from 5pm. The Book Fair will be open!



Please join our students

Marlie Matthews & Grace Perry

& their families as we celebrate their Sacrament of Reconciliation. Thursday 11th November 4pm

AWARD WINNERS

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MERIT AWARD WINNERS:

CHARLIZE SIBLEY, JOSH GARCIA, JAKE PERRY, ELSIE EYRES & YEAR 3 / 4 CLASS.







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JACK HORNBY, DEEKIN TUNUI,
PADDY EYRES & REEVE NOONAN

Save The Date

Graduation
Tuesday 7th December 2021

Mass at St Bernard's Church at 4:45pm followed by

Graduation Ceremony at Memorial Hall at 6pm

All families please bring a plate for supper.



VACSWIM

Enrolments are now open for VacSwim swimming lessons during the summer school holidays. VacSwim offers fun lessons at beach or pool locations. They are a great school holiday activity and they teach valuable safety skills to help keep your child safe in the water.

Enrol at education.wa.edu.au/vacswim

Term Planner - Term 4

	8 th Nov	9th Nov	10th Nov	11 th Nov	12 th Nov	13/14
5	PUPIL FREE DAY	Book Fair TBC		Sacrament of Reconciliation		
		Reconciliation Family Workshop	Storytime Evening 5pm TBC			
6	15 th Nov	16 th Nov	17 th Nov	18 th Nov	19 th Nov	20/21
				Year 5 –Leadership Speeches 9am	Inflatable Day	
					Merit Assembly - Newsletter	