

# ST. BERNARD'S NEWS LETTER

*Principal's News*

*Term 1- Week 3- Friday 18th February 2022*

Dear Parent and Carers,

Welcome to the 2022 school year. We have had a great start to the year and we are looking forward to another fun-filled learning year ahead.

## EDUCATION

**Routines:** Our classroom and specialist teachers have been working hard to establish routines and expectations, and students are settling in well to their new year levels and specialist subject areas.

**Testing:** Beginning of year testing is well underway in Literacy and Numeracy, allowing teachers to determine students' levels and begin to plan their teaching programs.

**Welcome:** A warm welcome to our new classroom staff: Miss Cristie Lock (K/PP teacher), Mr Ben Myers (Year 5/6 teacher) and Ms Nikki Reinke (Year 3-6 EA, Term 1). Welcome, also, to our new Admin staff: Mrs Lisa Cavanagh in the front office Monday to Wednesday, and Finance Officer, Mrs Kendra Grace.

**Swimming Carnival:** Congratulations to all our students on their participation in our Swimming Carnival last week. Well done to the championship winners and runners-up, and many thanks to our parent helpers and supporters. Big thanks to Mrs Marinoni for organising and running another very successful carnival.

## CATHOLIC IDENTITY

**Farewell:** We are very sad to farewell Fr Gerome from St Bernard's school and parish, but wish him well in his new posting to Lake Grace. Fr Gerome was farewelled in a special Mass and concert last Friday at St Patrick's Church, Katanning, and said his final Mass in Kojonup last Sunday. We look forward to welcoming Fr Marlon to our school and parish soon.

**MJR:** We continue to strive to Make Jesus Real (MJR) at St Bernard's and have begun the year with our focus on GTS: how we Greet, Treat and Speak to each other.

## STEWARDSHIP

**COVID-19 restrictions:** Our thanks to all parents and visitors to the school for following the COVID-19 restrictions which schools have been required to put in place. While often contradictory and confusing, these restrictions are aimed at keeping schools safe and open as we move into the next stage of the pandemic in Western Australia.

**Community meetings:** Special thanks to everyone who attended our Catholic School Advisory Council and P&F annual meetings last Thursday. Special thanks to our incoming CSAC members: Courtney Robinson, Joel Treeby, Jayden Webb and Raymond Noonan; and to our new P&F executive members: Kelly Perry, Marju Rutherford and Libby Rose. The first P&F meeting for 2022 will be held at Apex Park on Monday 21st February from 11.15am. Bring along a coffee, chair and/or a picnic blanket!

## COMMUNITY

**New Families:** St Bernard's welcomes a number of new students and their families this year. We hope you enjoy your time in our school and find a warm welcome whenever you are here. **Jnr. Stars:** welcome to Sofia Scolari, Spencer Williams and Peter Ivey; in **K/PP:** Brody Ryan, Eliza (Sam) Robinson, Marvella Villaneuva, Noah Garcia, Tess Mason and Walter Bell; in **Year 1/2:** Evie Millar and Hannah Jiril; and in **Year 3/4:** Archie Millar.

Till next newsletter, please take care and don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any queries.

*God Bless,*

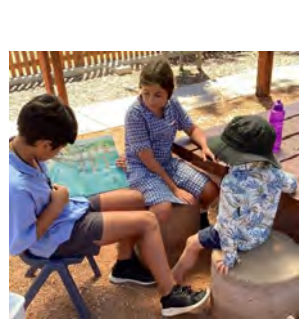
*Mrs Marino*



# Kindy & Pre-Primary

**We have had a great start to 2022.**

**Class visitors** – In Week 1, the Year 5/6 class came to read and enjoy some time with our Kindy/Pre-Primary students. This was fantastic for building relationships and making the students feel comfortable within their school environment. Fun was had by all students out in the playground and the K/PP students were super stoked showing the “big” kids all the things that they had been getting up to in the playground.



**The Very Hungry Caterpillar** – This book was chosen off the shelf to read to the students as pure enjoyment. This then encouraged students to learn to retell the story and explore how many days of the week and what fruits the caterpillar ate on what days. It also gave opportunity for the students to be exposed to the life cycle of a butterfly and they created so many crafty creations to build their own life cycle flow charts. They painted watercolour leaves and stuck on a little egg, made their own caterpillars, a cocoon and explored painting symmetry butterflies. We used watercolour paints to create this big, beautiful butterfly for display in our classroom. The students got to experience mixing colours and seeing that two colours put together makes another colour.



**Bush School** – The Pre-Primary students have had a fun start to the term at Bush School. They have explored sap on the trees, searching for different mini beasts and getting dirty making mud. Some of the students found bricks, wood and tree branches and have made many different things in the Bush School. James created a brick bed which heats up in the sun to keep you warm. Imogen, Deeann and Fiona made a hut out of tree branches to hide out in and Finley and Damon have created a table out of wood planks. We are excited to see what else they can investigate in this wonderful learning area of the school.



**Better Beginnings** – On Monday February 7th, Lorreen from the Town Library came to visit the kindergarten students. Lorreen gave each Kindy student a Better Beginnings pack and told them all about it. These packs given to the students encourage all families to read, talk, sing, write and play with their child every day, which we all know is so important!

Miss Lock, Mrs Sumner & Miss Norrish





# 2022 Swimming Carnival



On Friday 11th February, we all headed to the pool for our annual Fun Swimming Carnival. It was at least a hot day and everyone was keen to jump in the pool. To start the day with the Intermediate and Senior students displayed their skills with the 25m and 50m races. Then it was the younger children's turn to have some fun in the pool with various games. From all reports from the children, their favourite part of the carnival came next when they had some fun by dressing up to swim across the pool and swimming on top of a crocodile. We ended the day with the race against parents and of course the favourite event of the day, the Minty Scramble. Thank you to all the staff, Kojonup Swimming Pool and parents who helped the day run smoothly.



Huge congratulations to the students for their participation and great sportsmanship.

The champions for the day were:

Intermediate Girl Champion: Sasha TeAotonga

Runner up: Marlie Matthews

Intermediate Boy Champions : Archie Thorn and Braxton Webb

Runner up: Alexander Sheperd

Senior Girl Champion: Moana TeAotonga

Runner up: Poppy Atkinson

Senior Boy Champion: Charlie Thorn

Runner up: Deekin Tunui





# Award Winners

Congratulations to our merit award winners:



Deeann Collins, Evie Millar, Hannah Jiril, Charlie Miotti & The Year 3/4 Class.  
Well done!



Socially Distanced Assembly today with Covid-19 restrictions in place!

