

# ST. BERNARD'S NEWS LETTER

## Principal's News

*Term 1- Week 7- Friday 18th March 2022*

Dear Parent and Carers,

Welcome to our third newsletter for the term and this year. It is my pleasure to update you on a little of what has been going on around St Bernard's.

### EDUCATION

As I have visited classrooms this week I have been reminded again of the amazing range and depth of learning that goes on at St Bernard's every day. In one quick walk around the school yesterday I saw students engaged in book study activities, spelling, a Maths investigation, learning about the life cycle of frogs with live tadpoles and exploring the history of Groote Eylandt. That is just a small snapshot of what goes on and I thank all our teachers - classroom and specialist - for their dedication to planning for and facilitating student learning at our school.

**Gymnastics:** Mrs Marinoni is driving the bus to and from the showgrounds each Friday with groups of excited students ready to practice their skills in gymnastics with instructor Serena Sandwell. This is a great opportunity for our students and Mrs Marinoni reports an amazing rise in the skill level of the students in just four weeks as they practice and challenge themselves to get better each week.

**Clean Up Australia:** Adele from Landcare joined Mrs Sumner and our PP Bush School students on a Clean Up Australia activity recently, collecting rubbish at the school and then sorting it into different categories of recycling and rubbish. Although not a huge amount of rubbish was found, the range was interesting - including socks, signs and a \$10 note - and the discussion about how we deal with what had been collected will hopefully plant the seeds for the new Waste Warriors of the future!

### CATHOLIC IDENTITY

**Prayer:** Prayer is an important pillar of our Lenten preparation and it is a focus for our School Improvement Plan this year. Staff have committed to updating the St Bernard's Prayer book this year and we look forward to involving our students and families in that process. We will keep you updated! Staff start each school week with a short meeting and a prayer and later in this newsletter I share our prayer from this week, provided by Mrs Matthews. It is a lovely prayer and very relevant to our current Lenten journey. I hope you enjoy reading it.

### STEWARDSHIP

**COVID-19 restrictions:** Two St Bernard's families are currently isolating due to positive cases, none of which have impacted our school or require close contact tracing. We thank those families for their vigilance and commitment to following the COVID-19 guidelines in the interest of all our health and safety. A reminder to all families to keep children at home if they are sick and to monitor possible symptoms and get tested if COVID-19 is suspected. Please see correspondence sent via School Stream today regarding the Self-Reporting Portal for reporting the results of student PCR/RAT tests. Thank you for continuing to wear masks and following the restrictions at school, and for supporting your children in Years 3-6 to wear masks to school. Our prayers and best wishes to those currently dealing with the illness for a quick and full recovery.

**Year 6 Ministry Leaders:** Congratulations to our Ministry Leaders who were announced at Assembly this morning and received their badges. We are so proud of our Leadership Team and look forward to bringing you updates from each of the Ministry Teams in future newsletters. Look out for photos later in this newsletter.

### COMMUNITY

**P&F:** Our P&F executive and members met in the park on Monday to discuss how they can support our school. Our thanks for the P&F's continuing work in this area and especially for supporting our class Wish List items. These donations provide those 'extras' for the classroom which make such a difference to the learning of our students. I'll provide an update soon on all items purchased. **P&F Survey:** Thank you to everyone who completed the meeting time survey on School Stream. The P&F will be in touch with feedback soon.

Finally, at St Bernard's we celebrate the diversity of our school community at all times, but especially during Harmony Week, which is this week. I am very happy to announce a new feature in our newsletter each fortnight, showcasing a St Bernard's family and giving an insight into their lives. Thank you to Evie and Archie and the Millar family for starting us off this week! I hope you enjoy reading this new feature.

Take care and God Bless,

*Mrs Marino.*

# Prayer

## A MORNING PRAYER

Dear God,  
Thank you for this beautiful day.  
Thank you for giving me the chance  
to see this day.  
Thank you for loving me despite my sins.  
Forgive me for all my sins even the ones  
committed unknowingly.  
As I start this day, I pray for your  
guidance and your protection.  
Direct my path and teach me the  
right thing to do.  
Let my words and my actions be ones  
that bring honour to your Holy Name.  
Thank you Lord, For an answered prayer.  
Through Jesus Christ I pray.  
Amen

THE GRACEFUL CHAPTER

# Ministry Leaders



**Service Ministry:**  
**Reagan Goodall**  
**Toby Leusciatti**  
**Deekin Tunui**



**MJR Ministry:**  
**Alexander Mathwin**  
**Josh Garcia**



**Sustainability Ministry:**  
**Quinn Melling**  
**John Pajares**



# Year 3 & 4



This term has been a busy and exciting term in Year 3/4, getting to know everyone and developing our class expectations and routines. Students have adjusted extremely well to the recent challenge of having to wear a mask in class and I am very proud of how they have all taken this on. So far, the term has been flying by with lots of activities and it is hard to believe we are over half-way through the term.

In HASS we have been learning about some of the different types of governments there are around the world including Anarchy, Monarchy, Dictatorship and Democracy. Students have enjoyed learning how each is different and, through great discussions and role plays, they have explored what it would be like to live in each type of government. We have been learning about the positives of living in a democracy, as well as times when it is ok not to be involved in the decision-making process.

In English we have been reading George's Marvellous Medicine, and the class has been loving it! We have been learning how to write specific and detailed procedures, creating Ooblec and instructing a robot (Miss Hewitt) on how to make a jam sandwich, which ended in a bit of a mess! Students will be taking inspiration from this funny Roald Dahl novel to write their own creative potion procedure in the coming weeks. We have also been developing our reading stations routines where students work in groups on different stations each day. This includes practising and consolidating their literacy skills, in activities such as creating a procedure movie in dress-up on the iPad station, writing procedures in the STEM building station and practising using expression in the drama station.

In Maths we have been getting back into thinking mathematically with lots of mental maths games, creating odd and even monsters, and learning about length by measuring various objects and singing a really catchy measurement song.

It has been a great start to the year, and we can't wait to see what the rest of the year holds for Year 3/4.

*Miss Hewitt*





# Meet our St Bernard's Families!



**Evie: Year 2**



**Archie: Year 3**

**Where were you born?**

New Zealand

**Where were you living last year?**

Browns

**Favourite sport?**

Soccer

**What team do you go for?**

All Black Ferns, Rugby Team

**Favourite food?**

Chocolate cake

**Favourite Place?**

The Trampoline Park in New Zealand

**What do you miss?**

Gran and Pappa

**What is the difference between where you were living and Kojonup?**

So many more people live in Kojonup compared to Browns.

**What do you love about Kojonup and St Bernard's?**

I love the Kojonup pool and that we have longer play times at St Bernard's.

**Where were you born?**

New Zealand in Timaru.

**Where were you living last year?**

Browns on the South Island, New Zealand

**Favourite sport?**

Rugby

**What team do you go for?**

Hillside Rugby Team

**Favourite food?**

Mum's pasta

**Favourite Place?**

Hanmer Springs because of the hot springs and I see my friends there.

**What do you miss?**

My Gran and Papa because they took me to school, made my lunches and looked after me while Mum & Dad were working in Kojonup.

**What is the difference between where you were living and Kojonup?**

New Zealand is greener, it has more hills and it sometimes snows.

**What do you love about Kojonup and St Bernard's?**  
I love Kojonup because it is bigger than Browns and has more space. St Bernard's has better playgrounds compared to my old school.

## Sun Smart Schools Tennis Classic

### Academy Plate Competition



On Monday 14th of March, Charlie Thorn, Alexander Mathwin, Sam Clayton, Moana TeAotonga, Poppy Atkinson and Lexi Greenup all headed to Tambellup for the Academy Plate Tennis competition. The students represented St Bernard's Primary School with pride, with impeccable behaviour and great determination and good sportsmanship. I was very proud of the way the students represented our school.

The team played against teams from Broomehill Primary School, Kojonup District High School, Gnowangerup District High School and Tambellup Primary School.

There was some tough competition, and our students accepted every challenge. The team came very close to winning some rounds but fell just short in a couple of the rounds. As the day went on, all our players were showing a great improvement in their games.

Congratulations to the team from Kojonup District High School which won the day and we wish them all the best

when they travel to Perth to compete in the finals.

*Mrs Marinoni*



# Snap Shots



# AWARD WINNERS

## CONGRATULATIONS



Spencer Grace & Marlie Matthews



Poppy Atkinson



Gus Thorn



James Matthews

MultiLit:  
Leeam Vioria  
Georgie Matthews

