

ST. BERNARD'S NEWS LETTER

Principal's News

Term 2- Week 2- Friday 6th May 2022

Dear Parent and Carers,

Welcome to our first newsletter for Term Two. The term has started well and it's lovely to once again see the children playing and sitting together with the easing of COVID-19 restrictions.

EDUCATION

NAPLAN: NAPLAN testing will take place for Year 3 and 5 students next week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, with catch-up tests scheduled for Friday. NAPLAN tests are one aspect of our school's assessment and reporting process and these tests do not replace the extensive, ongoing assessments made by our teachers about each student's performance. My thanks to Miss Hewitt and Mr Myers for their work in preparing our students for NAPLAN. Parents wishing to familiarise themselves with NAPLAN online can visit the public demonstration site on the NAP website.

Oral Language: Terms 2 and 3 are Oral Language terms with students working to prepare prose reading presentations this term and poetry performances next term. The prose reading focus for this term fits in well with our Narrative writing focus for the term. Week 6 is Oral Language Week and class performance times will be listed on the School Stream calendar.

Early Years Team: Our Early Years team of Miss Lock, Mrs Matthews, Mrs Sumner, Mrs Venables and Mrs Bell are meeting regularly this year to discuss how to make our approach to teaching and learning in this area even better. The group has settled on a focus of materials in the environment to extend play and learning opportunities, and our interest in loose parts play has been reignited! Watch this space for more information, and for information about our planned whole school Outdoor Classroom Day on Tuesday 24th May.

Enrichment and STEM: Miss Hewitt is busy running our Enrichment program – see later in this newsletter for an update – and running the STEM project again in our Year 3/4 class. With the STEM Showcase happening in Week 3, Term 3, the project is well underway with students adopting a sustainability focus this year. We are excited to see the finished projects early next term.

CATHOLIC IDENTITY

Easter: Congratulations to our Year 5/6 class who presented the Stations of the Cross at the end of last term with such grace and reverence. We were so proud of them all! Our Church continues in the season of Easter with prayer tablecloths changed to white to represent the liturgical time.

Project Compassion Raffle: Thank you for supporting our Project Compassion boxes and raffle and congratulations to our raffle winners Evie Millar and Moana Te-Aotonga. Well done to our MJR Ministry leaders, Alexander Mathwin and Josh Garcia, who ran the

raffle and have been promoting MJR in our school community. We are currently focusing on the five days of the week: Good Morning Monday, Thank You Tuesday, Winking Wednesday, Thumbs Up Thursday and High Five Friday.

STEWARDSHIP

COVID-19: With restrictions easing it is great to see life at school returning to normal, but a reminder to please use the Self-Reporting Portal via the School Stream app to record any RAT results for children and to follow hygiene and social distancing protocols at school. Positive test results must also be reported to the WA Health Department.

Acting Principal: I will be taking Long Service Leave in Term Three and I am pleased to announce that Mrs Susan Scanlon will be Short Term Principal in my absence. Prior to this Susan was Principal at Holy Rosary School, Derby (2017-2019), and Principal at Warlawurru Catholic School, Red Hill (2015-2016). Previously Susan was a teacher at St Joseph's College, Albany from 2000-2014. We congratulate Susan on her appointment and look forward to welcoming her to our school and community. Susan and her husband will need accommodation while they are in Kojonup from approximately July 16th through until October 8th, so if you know of any properties that may be available please let the school office know.

COMMUNITY

Mother's Day Afternoon Tea: Our whole school Mother's Day Afternoon Tea and pamper stations have been a lovely way to celebrate once again being able to join together as a school community. Thank you to our amazing P&F members for supporting this event with donations of scones, jam and cream and also our very own baker extraordinaire, Mrs Tracey Cant! Please see photos later in this newsletter.

Welcome Willis: Finally, a big welcome to our newest community member, Willis the pug dog. Willis belongs to Miss Lock in K/PP and is coming to school each day to support students and staff as needed. He is well trained and has passed all his vet checks. Willis is already earning his keep by supporting students to be more calm, focused and happy. Welcome to St Bernard's, Willis!

Take care and God Bless,

Mrs Marino.



Year 5 / 6 Class



The Year 5/6 class finished off Term 1 strong with our Stations of the Cross Assembly where we presented each station to the school on the last day. We also completed our Lenten promise chain, where we wrote down things we were going to try to commit to doing better in our lives on each paper link.

This term has started off with a bang once again! We have been preparing our Mother's Day gifts and beginning our new topics for Term 2.

In History we have been looking at Colonial Australia and what settlements in the 1800's looked like. In Math we are exploring fractions and looking at where we can use them in our everyday lives like cooking, measuring and making sure we don't run out of fuel in our cars!

Health has seen us refresh our memories on what a balanced diet looks like and how we can make swaps with some of our snacks and meals to ensure our growing bodies are getting all the nutrients they need to help us grow.

We have begun our training for cross country which will be held later this term, and are blowing out the cobwebs from our Easter Holiday chocolate binges! The Year 5's are getting some practice for their NAPLAN test next week and making sure we are familiar with the test structures whilst the Year 6's have been looking at the impacts of European settlement from an Indigenous perspective.

Finally, we have had some exciting news with the easing of COVID restrictions and have confirmed bookings for Monday, 31st October to Thursday, 3rd November for our Rottneest Camp in Term 4.

Mr Myers



Enrichment

Last term the Enrichment group members were set their first challenge by Miss Hewitt. The challenge was to create their own 'Escape Room' for the Year 5/6 class.

The Enrichment students, Alexander, Moana, Kyle, Lexi, Adrianna, Poppy, Stewart and James, worked collaboratively to create a murder mystery-themed escape room.

This involved the design and creation of a murder storyline and a sequence of clues that were to be solved by the Year 5/6 players to reveal who the murderer was. Some of the clues were hidden in bath bombs and at the bottom of a guacamole dip, there were riddles to be solved, the use of the dewey system, some Japanese knowledge and lastly some very interesting acting and costumes.

The Year 5/6 class managed to solve the mystery, identifying the correct murderer in the given time, with no help from the Enrichment team, Miss Hewitt, or Mr Myers (who was found eating all the Doritos that were for the dip).

The Enrichment students had lots of fun creating the escape room together in preparation for the upcoming Creative Edge Challenges.



Meet our St Bernard's Families!

Hannah Jiril, Year 2

Where were you born? *India*

Where were you living last year? *Bunbury*

What language do you speak? *English & Malayalam*

Favourite sport? *Gymnastics*

What team do you go for? *Eagles*

Favourite food? *Rice*

What do you miss? *I miss my friends from my old school.*

What is the difference between where you were living and Kojonup? *It was really busy and noisy in Bunbury compared to Kojonup.*

What do you love about Kojonup and St Bernard's? *I get to play with my friends. We have everything we need.*



Award Winners

CONGRATULATIONS



Logan Miotti, Grace Perry, Lexi Greenup, Elsie Eyres, Essie Bell,
Mitchell Treeby, Finley Robinson & Georgie Matthews.

P & F News

School Uniform Hair Accessories

The P&F are excited to announce our affiliation with [@PonytailsAndFairytails](#) and School Ponytails. We now have school uniform hair accessories available!

Shop through their website at <https://www.schoolponytails.com.au/> > Shop by School > Find our logo, and our school earns 20% from your purchase.

Shop for bows and sports products online, and pay by PayPal, AfterPay, cards, or bank deposit.

Please be sure to shop through our school's page, so that the funds are allocated to St Bernard's.



To shop online,

www.SchoolPonytails.com.au
> Shop by School > Find our logo



Mother's Day Afternoon Tea

What a lovely celebration this afternoon with our Mums and Grandmas and other special guests. Thank you to our wonderful P&F members and Mrs Cant for providing the scones and to our teachers and students for creating wonderful gifts and cards, and setting up the fun pamper stations. Happy Mother's Day to all our wonderful Mums!



School News



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ONLINE ORDERING SYSTEM

We recommend you add this to your Newsletter before photo day, to advise Parents/Guardians of ordering procedures

St Bernard's Catholic Primary School

Your School Photos will be taken on:

Tuesday 14 June 2022

□ Class Photos/Portraits:

- Every Student will have their photo taken, whether they are purchasing photos or not.
- The school has chosen to use the online ordering system. Your child will be given an online ordering instruction slip and a unique student shootkey.
- Log onto www.msp.com.au and follow the prompts to place your order.
- If you lose your shootkey the school reception will have a copy to quote back to you.
- The expiry date for online ordering is the **Monday 20th of June 2022**. Any orders received after this date will incur a \$30.00 archive fee.
- Spare envelopes (green) are available at school reception should you wish to pay via cash.

□ Family Photos:

- Envelopes can be obtained from Administration.
- Family photos are taken each morning before school.
- Please ensure that your family envelope and payment are handed to the Photographers on photo day.
- If you do not have the correct money, we will provide any change needed when photos are delivered to school.
- Family photos cannot be ordered online.
- Once school has received photos, family photos will remain at reception for parents to collect.

Please Note:

Individuals and Family Images are not available to view online for Students' Security

If for any reason you need to contact MSP regarding your child's photos you will be asked to provide your child's shootkey.