

# ST. BERNARD'S NEWS LETTER

*Principal's News*

*Term 2- Week 6- Friday 3rd June 2022*

Dear Parent and Carers,

Welcome to our latest school newsletter. COVID-19 infections have brought significant disruption to our school, and to many others, over the past few weeks but we are now back on track and looking forward to the last busy four weeks of term.

## EDUCATION

**Sci-Tech:** The travelling team at Sci-Tech returned to our school this week with their 'Mix and Make' and 'Element of Surprise' shows, based on the Chemical Sciences. Students had a great time watching the shows and taking part in the workshops. Thank you to our Science teachers, Mrs Atkinson and Mrs Thorn for organising the Sci-Tech visit.

**Oral Language:** Oral Language presentations in prose reading have taken place this week across the school. Congratulations to all our students for their excellent performances and thank you to our teachers and EAs for their support of our students, and to parents for helping with home practices.

**NAPLAN:** NAPLAN testing is now complete with the original window of two weeks for testing being extended to three weeks across the state to accommodate COVID-19 disruptions. St Bernard's was able to achieve a very high participation rate across its Year 3 and 5 students and we have now moved to the reporting phase and are awaiting the return of our students' results.

**Reporting:** Teachers are in the process of preparing Semester One reports which will be sent home in Week 10. Due to the significant disruptions of COVID-19, particularly this term, the content of the reports in many learning areas has had to be re-assessed and streamlined. However, as you will see in the reports, teaching and learning has still been progressing well at St Bernard's with our teachers' usual commitment to student learning very apparent.

## CATHOLIC IDENTITY

**Sacrament of Confirmation:** Along with the Pajares and Leusciatti families, St Bernard's is preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for John and Toby in our Year 6 class. This sacrament allows the boys to re-affirm their baptismal vows made by their parents and godparents when they were babies, this time as young adults. It also strengthens the gifts of the Holy Spirit which will help guide them as grown into adults. Bishop Gerard Holohan will officiate at the sacramental Mass on Saturday 11th June at 5pm at St Bernard's Church, followed by the cutting of the cake in the school staff room afterwards. All families are welcome to attend to support John and Toby and their families.

## STEWARDSHIP

**Student RATs:** The State Government has provided Rapid Antigen Tests for students in schools across the state. St Bernard's allocation arrived last week and is now being distributed. Due to health concerns, RATs cannot be given to primary school aged children to take home, so parents are asked to come into the office to collect their family's tests. If you haven't already collected your tests, please do so as soon as possible.

**School Climate Survey:** Our NSI School Climate Survey is now open and will remain open until Monday 13th June. Students will complete their surveys at school and parents have the option of completing their survey either on paper or online. Paper copies of the parent survey were sent home with students recently – if you require a replacement copy, or extra copies, please contact our school office. If you wish to complete the survey online, log in to [www.NSIPartnerships.com.au](http://www.NSIPartnerships.com.au) and use the access code SBKPACS. Please return completed paper copies in the envelope provided by Monday 13th June. Your participation in this survey is encouraged and will be a great help in determining future planning for our school.

## COMMUNITY

**Welcome:** St Bernard's is thrilled to welcome a new family to our school community this week: the Lomas family. We welcome Eliza and Lyndi Lomas to our Kindy and Year One classes. Welcome to our new St Bernard's family – we are thrilled to have you join us and know you will enjoy your time with us.

**P&F:** The P&F continues to be an active and caring group of parents within our school this year. The next activity the group will support is our Cross Country event on Friday 17th June at the Kojonup Golf Course. The P&F will organise the coffee van to be in attendance and will provide morning tea for parents for a gold coin donation. If parents are able to provide a plate for morning tea, that would be greatly appreciated, but please support the P&F by buying a coffee and some morning tea on the day. The P&F will also supply soup and buns for students' lunch on their return to school, at no charge. This will be greatly appreciated on a cold winter's day, and we thank the P&F for the wonderful job they do at our school.

**Finally:** On a final note, we are thrilled to have our new siren and music ringtones in place for the beginning and end of the day, and recess and lunch times. It's great to see the students (and staff!) bopping away to the music! Enjoy the long weekend.

*Take care and God Bless,*

*Mrs Marino.*

# Kindy & Pre-Primary

*This term the Kindergarten and Pre-Primary students welcomed Willis the Pug and two pet fantail goldfish into the classroom. After much discussion the students came up with the names Mildred and Fishy for the names of the goldfish. The students are loving the responsibilities involved with taking care of their new classroom pets.*



*Outdoor play is a crucial element we focus on in the early years of learning in Kindy and Pre-Primary. The students have been busy and interested in using fabric to build cubby houses, tents, dog kennels, beauty parlours and many other fun spaces.*

*The students are always busily playing and 'cooking' in the mud kitchen, especially making stews and soups as we come into the colder months. It is fantastic to see this learning coming from home and then into the school play environment.*



*Kindy and Pre-Primary students have been focusing on colour in their art lessons. The students have been learning the primary and secondary colours and experimenting with these colours. We made cute ladybugs to represent how 2 primary colours mix and make a secondary colour. Over the coming weeks we will be experimenting with warm and cool colours with a touch of Wassily Kandinsky art inspiration.*

*There's always a lot going on in Kindy/Pre-Primary!*

*Miss Lock and Miss Norrish*



# Scitech Visit





# Meet our St Bernard's Families!

## Merliah Vienne P Gementiza - Year 2

Where were you born? *Devao, Philippines*

Where were you living last year? *At my Grandma & Grandpa's house in the Sugarlands Subdivision in the Philippines with my sister.*

Favourite sport? *Gymnastics*

Favourite food? *Chicken nuggets & hot dogs*

Favourite Place? *Perth Zoo, park, mall and beach*

What do you miss? *My big sister*

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

What do you love about Kojonup and St Bernard's? *I love the teachers and my friends.*

What language do you speak? *English, Filipino and Bisaya (native speaking)*



## Award Winners

### CONGRATULATIONS



#### Merit Award Winners:

Reagan Goodall, Moana Te-Aotonga,  
Archie Thorn, John Pajares,  
Toby Leusciatti, Alexander Mathwin,  
Oliver Shepherd, Xkyze Viloría,  
Nancy Bell & Fiona Rose.



#### 2023 Diary Design Winners: ( L to R )

Kaylee Goodall  
Poppy Atkinson  
Xkyze Viloría  
Evie Millar

# Sacrament of Confirmation



*Please keep in your Prayers our  
Sacramental Candidates for  
Confirmation:*

*Toby Leusciatti  
&  
John Pajares*

*We pray for these children who are  
preparing for the Sacrament of  
Confirmation on Saturday 11th June, with  
Bishop Holohan at 5pm.*

*May your Holy Spirit help them to grow in  
Faith, Hope & Love, and may they come to  
know you as the one true God who loves  
them without limit.*



# 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](http://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.