

ST. BERNARD'S NEWS LETTER

Principal's News

Term 2- Week 8- Friday 17th June 2022

Dear Parent and Carers,

Welcome to our Week 8 newsletter, on a cold and wet Cross Country day, although we were luckily blessed with mostly fine weather in the morning. Well done to all our students who competed and a big thank you to all our staff, and especially Mrs Marinoni, for making the day such a success. Thank you, also, to our wonderful P&F members for supplying morning tea at the golf course and hot soup and buns for lunch back at school. It was very much appreciated!

EDUCATION

Assessments: Students have been busily completing end of term testing to allow teachers to gather data for their reports. Teachers met to moderate students' Brightpath 'hot task' writing this week and it was great to see how so many students had progressed since writing their 'cold task' narratives earlier in the term.

Reporting: I have had the pleasure of reading teachers' report comments, as we come close to finalising reports. As always, I am so impressed with how well our teachers know the students in their class, and how involved they are, not only in their academic progress, but in their social and emotional wellbeing as well. 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, teaching and learning has still been progressing well at St Bernard's with our teachers' usual commitment to student learning very apparent. Reports will be sent home during Week 10.

CATHOLIC IDENTITY

Sacrament of Confirmation: The Sacrament of Confirmation was held last Saturday and was a lovely celebration for our candidates Toby Leusciatti and John Pajares, and their families. Bishop Holohan reminded us all of the full value of nurturing the gifts of the Holy Spirit in his homily, and we wish Toby and John well on their faith journey. Thank you to all our staff who worked in many different ways to make the sacrament so special for Toby and John, and their families.

Bishop's visit: We welcomed Bishop Holohan to our school on Monday for a visit and lunch with the staff. Bishop stopped in at each of our classrooms to chat with the students before continuing on his way to Perth.

STEWARDSHIP

Short Term Principal: Also visiting the school this week was Mrs Susan Scanlon, who will be the Short Term Principal in Term Three while I am on Long Service Leave. Mrs Scanlon had a tour of the school and also met the students in their classrooms. She was very impressed with all she saw at St Bernard's and is looking forward to starting her time here in Term Three.

School Climate Survey: Thank you to all who took part in our School Climate Survey. The survey has now closed and the results are being correlated by the independent working team. I look forward to receiving the report soon and hearing about everyone's experience of St Bernard's and how we can make our school even better. A reminder that only collated data is presented in the report - no individual respondents are identified.

COMMUNITY

Welcome: St Bernard's is thrilled to welcome new students Ariaiah (Kindy), Kuini (Pre-Primary), Tapihana (Year 2), Calais (Year 4) and Tama (Year 5), and their parents Shayna and Dave, to our school. We are so glad to have you join us and hope you all enjoy your time at St Bernard's.

Jnr. Stars Enrolments: We have a steady increase in Jnr. Stars turning 3 years old and joining the class. We started the year with five Jnr. Stars and will finish Term Two with an enrolment of 14 children, and more to come in the second half of the year. We are so happy to have our Jnr. Stars with us – my thanks to Mrs Matthews and Miss Norrish for the wonderful job they do.

Where Do You Come From Feature: This segment continues to be a feature of our newsletter and this week you will meet Mart Rutherford from our Kindy class. Mart was born in Australia and has an interesting story to tell, including where his mum and dad come from, his favourite food and his favourite thing to do. It is our plan to include all our students in this feature of our newsletter over time. Many thanks to Mrs Atkinson for putting this segment together each newsletter.

Enjoy your weekend and stay warm everyone!

Take care and God Bless,

Mrs Marino.



Year 3 & 4 Class

It has been another busy term in the Year 3/4 classroom. COVID was a disruption in the middle of this term, taking a couple of weeks for the class to get back to normal numbers. It was very impressive how well the students adjusted to normal school routines and expectations. In Science students have been learning about life cycles with Mrs Thorn, and we currently have 12 eggs in an incubator in the classroom that we are hoping will hatch in the coming week. Students have candled them, and we could possibly have a few chicks hatching soon, which the students are very excited about.

In writing we have been learning how to write descriptive and engaging narratives, with the assistance of our class novel "The World's Worst Pets" by David Walliams, to demonstrate how to engage readers through funny and interesting characters and storylines. Students have gone on to write their own narrative about a World's Worst Pet. Some of the students World's Worst Pets include Rubble the Rhino, Mark the Fighting Fish, Felly Smelly the Dog, Minnie the Very Naughty Monkey, Bicken the Bunny Chicken, and many more.

We have been learning a lot about how to better look after the planet, focusing on sustainability in our integrated HASS and Technologies unit this term. Students have been investigating the range of natural resources that come from different environments, how they are used today, and identifying ways these resources can be used more sustainably. This integrated unit has been the focus of this year's STEM project for the Year 3/4 class, where students are required to work collaboratively to develop a prototype that aims to make the world more sustainable in some way.

The Year 3/4 class is once again taking part in a STEM showcase along with three other schools from the Great Southern, which will be held in Term Three. This term students have been planning, designing and are currently in the stages of creating a STEM project for the question "What makes an environment sustainable?" The STEM project follows a structured design-thinking model where students learn to use critical and creative thinking skills, and work together as a team. The project ideas are developed completely by the students, and these include a bamboo playground, a musical bin with censored lids, a foldable bed and shelter for homeless people, as well as two underwater vacuums – one group has designed their vacuum so it is led by a drone flying above the water, the other group has designed their vacuum to look like a whale. Both vacuums aim to collect the rubbish in our oceans. Each prototype is developing amazingly well and will be presented at the showcase in Katanning in Term Three. We also plan to have a showcase at school for parents and students to see the great projects and presentations the students have created.

The term has flown by, and I am sure everyone is looking forward to a well-earned break in a couple of weeks. We can't wait to see what the second half of the year will hold.

Miss Hewitt



Cross Country

On Friday 17th June we had our annual cross country event at the Kojonup Golf Course. We were lucky with the weather because the rain held off until we had finished. Congratulations to everyone for being such good sports people and participating so well.

Congratulations to our winners:

Preprimary Girls: winner – Imogen Perry, second - Kuini Whanarere

Preprimary Boys: winner – Finley Robertson, second - James Matthews

Yr 1/2 Girls: winner – Nancy Bell, second - Evie Millar

Yr 1/2 Boys: winner – Mitchell Treeby, second - Paddy Eyres

Intermediate Girls: winner – Elsie Eyres (breaking a record), second - Essie Bell

Intermediate Boys: winner – Chevin Noonan, second - Archie Thorn

Senior Girls: winner – Quinn Taplin, second - Poppy Atkinson

Senior Boys: winner – Charlie Thorn, second - Kyle Pollard

Thank you to all the parents and staff who helped on the course and thanks to the P&F for the yummy morning tea. Special thanks to Mr Warren Porter who helped set up the course and Kojonup Golf Club for allowing us to run on their course.

Good luck to everyone who is going to the Interschools at Frankland Primary School on Tuesday 28th June.

Written by Moana TeAotonga, McAuley Captain

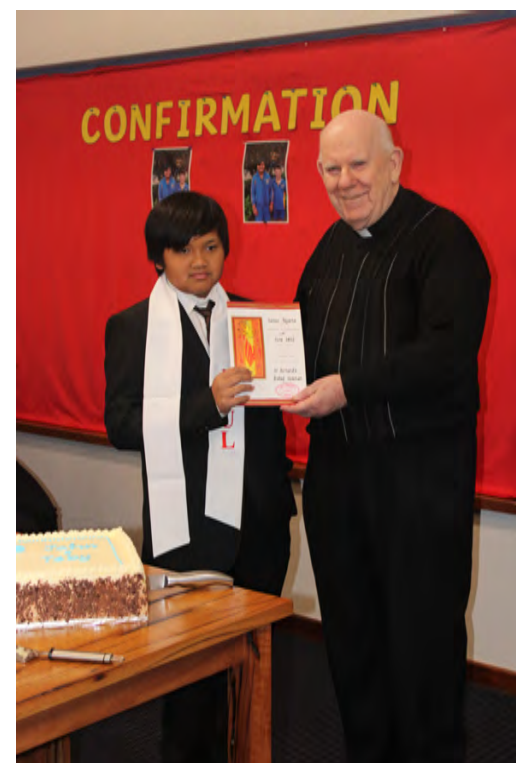


Sacrament of Confirmation



*Congratulations to our
Sacramental Candidates for
Confirmation:*

*Toby Leusciatti
&
John Pajares*



Meet our St Bernard's Families!

Mart Rutherford - Kindy

How old are you? 4

Where do you live? On a farm at Beaufort River.

Do you have a brother or sister? I have a brother George who is 1.

Favourite sport? Netball

Favourite food? Spaghetti Bolognese and Egg Butter

What do you love at school? I love building blocks.

Where do your Mum and Dad come from? Mum is from Estonia and Dad is from Australia

What language do you speak? Australian & Estonian

Have you been to Estonia? When I was little but I don't remember it.



**BLUE LIGHT
ROLLER DISCO**

Prizes to be won

Entry Fee \$4.50

Katanning Police & Katanning Leisure Centre invite you for a fun filled night of Rollerblading & Dancing Away with DJ Kim

FRIDAY 1 JULY 2022

Katanning Leisure Centre
5:30PM-8:00PM

Katanning Leisure Centre's School Holiday program is for kids aged 6-13

JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS



MONDAY 4 Rollerblading Kick off the start of school holidays with a fun filled morning of rollerblading. 9am-11am \$ 7.00	TUESDAY 5 Apple Cooking COME ALONG AND LEARN TO COOK WITH APPLES FOR APPLE TURNOVER DAY 9am-11am \$10.00	WEDNESDAY 6 Music Morning Bring along your creativity and make a musical instrument to create at KLC Show 9am-11am \$7.00	THURSDAY 7 Craft & Science Get your racing shoes on and come along and build some cars or create a iron bead frame masterpiece. 9am-11am \$ 10.00	FRIDAY 8 Rollerblading A fun filled morning of skating away with your friends. 9am-11am \$ 7.00
MONDAY 11 Rollerblading Come along to the last Rollerblading session of the school holidays 9am-11am \$ 7.00	TUESDAY 12 Indoor Multi Sports Come along for a fun filled morning have a go at our indoor multi sports morning. 9am-11am \$ 5.00	WEDNESDAY 13 Lego Building Come Along a build masterpiece to be displayed at the KLC. 9am-11am \$ 7.00	THURSDAY 14 Savoury Cooking Come Along and cook all things Mac & Cheese based 9am-11am \$ 7.00	FRIDAY 15 Laserscapes Join Katanning Police for a fun filled morning of Laserscapes Children 8 and above. GOLD COIN DONATION Children 6-8 will have craft activities & Lego in the Creche 9am-11am

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL! FORMS AVAILABLE AT THE KATANNING LEISURE CENTRE EMAIL STEPH FOR ONLINE FORMS.



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