

# ST. BERNARD'S NEWS LETTER

*Principal's News*

*Term 3- Week 8 - Friday 9th September 2022*

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

Welcome to our second last newsletter of Term 3. The past two weeks have been action packed for teachers and students alike, and I am aware that the busyness of school life has a ripple effect that impacts parents and carers. Thank you for all that you do, in so many ways, to support our young people on their learning journeys.

## **EDUCATION/STEWARDSHIP**

**Oral Language Week:** It was an absolute privilege to sit in on some of the Oral Presentations that took place this week. It is not an easy task to stand and deliver a memorised poem or piece of prose to a group of peers, parents and teachers and yet that is exactly what our students from Kindy to Year 6 did. Congratulations to all of our students who did such an excellent job. Thank you to the parents who were able to attend and to our teachers and teacher assistants for supporting and encouraging the students.

**Quality Catholic Education Awards:** We are very excited to announce that St Bernard's is a finalist in the prestigious 2022 QCE Awards. These Awards recognise programs and initiatives in Catholic schools across Western Australia that support the vision of providing Christ-centred, child-focused, engaged learning environments. Earlier this year St Bernard's School submitted a nomination in the Stewardship category for the school's Jnr. Stars and Bush School Initiatives. It is wonderful to know that the judging panel at CEWA have recognised the excellence of the work that is happening here at St Bernard's. A film crew from will be attending our school on Tuesday the 20th of September to see these initiatives in action. Congratulations to our dedicated, passionate, and informed Early Years' Team.

**Faction Athletics Carnival:** Well done to all our students who took part in the Faction Athletics Carnival last Friday. It was a wonderful day, filled with sportsmanship and teamwork. Many thanks to Mrs Marinoni and all our parent helpers who made the day run so smoothly and a special mention to the parents who provided morning tea. Thank you also to the staff who were there early in the morning to help with set-up and the parents who helped pack away at the end of the day. Please see the write-up and photos later in the newsletter. Best of luck to our Interschool Athletics team next Friday when we host the carnival here at St Bernard's.

**Enrichment Team:** Congratulations to our St Bernard's Enrichment Team - Poppy Atkinson, Stewart Eyres, Alexis Greenup, Adrianna Kahn, Alexander Mathwin, Kyle Pollard, James Smith and Moana Te-Aotonga, on their performance in the Creative Edge Thinking Challenge at Curtin University in Perth last week. The team did a great job of presenting both their prepared piece and the impromptu five minute challenge as well as fielding questions from the panel of judges. Well done to the students for being excellent ambassadors for our school. Thank you to the families who travelled to Perth and a very big thank you to Miss Hewitt for giving the students the opportunity to take part in the competition.

**STEM MAD National Awards 2022:** Congratulations to the following STEM teams who were placed among the Top 3 in this year's STEM MAD Student Showcase. Thank you again to Miss Hewitt and Mrs Davies for their work with the students throughout the year.

- Curators Award and Artful Ingenuity Design Award: - The Sensored Musical Bin (Spencer Grace, Ryan Mackean, and Alex Shepherd).
- Inspired by Nature Award: Rubbish Chomping Whale (Essie Bell, Elsie Eyres, Sasha Te-Aotonga, Xkyze Viloria.)

**STEM Showcase:** Students in Year 3/4 are preparing for the Great Southern STEM showcase to be held on Thursday at St Patrick's Primary School in Katanning. The students have been working hard on their STEM project and are looking forward to presenting their creations at the showcase together with students from St Patrick's, Katanning, St Matthew's Narrogin and St Joseph's in Albany. We wish them well.

**St Bernard's Got Talent:** Students from across the school are busy practising for St Bernard's Got Talent which will be held on Thursday 15th September at 1.30pm. All are welcome to attend. Thank you to Mrs Thorn for organising this event.

## **CATHOLIC IDENTITY/COMMUNITY**

**Year Three/Four Retreat:** Our Year Three/Four students had the opportunity to step back from the usual rigours of learning on Tuesday, as they took part in their annual Retreat. As I explained to the children, the purpose of a retreat is to take time to 'step back' from the usual routine and spend time connecting with their spiritual selves. As a Catholic school, we place Christ at our centre and it was wonderful to witness the deep awareness that our students have of the importance of living out the Gospel message of love, forgiveness, peace and understanding. Thank you to Miss Hewitt and Mrs Davies for assisting me on the day.

**First Holy Communion:** Best wishes to Grace Perry and Marlie Matthews who will receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Sunday at the 8.30am mass. Grace and Marlie, together with their families have been preparing for this important occasion since their baptism and we wish them well as they take a further step along the road of their spiritual journey.

**Father's Day Games:** Thank you to the many dads, grandads, uncles and other relatives who came to celebrate Father's Day last week. It was a great evening of games, races and fun with the highlight being the shaving of the dads by their children. Thank you to all our dads who entered wholeheartedly into the spirit of things, even when the shaving cream was being applied very enthusiastically by their off-spring! The evening finished with a sausage sizzle and the giving of gifts which had been made in the classroom. Many thanks to our teachers and teacher assistants for making the night such a wonderful event.

Best wishes for an enjoyable weekend with your loved ones.

*Susan Scanlon*

# Year 1 & 2 Class



We've had a fantastic Term Three in Year 1/2!

During our Investigations each morning we've had lots of fun playing hairdressers, building box creations, making musical instruments, teaching in an olden days classroom and creating obstacle courses to use for morning fitness.

Our Integrated focus this term has been the past in the present and we started our learning with some amazing excursions to historical sites around Kojonup including The Barracks, Elverd Cottage, The Old Post Office and The Playgroup. It was great to see first hand how these sites were used in the past and explore the items inside with our guide Ms Bilney from the Historical Society. Together with their knowledge and research, students are in the process of writing information reports and constructing a model of a chosen site. We can't wait to show these off at the end of the term!

We are looking forward to having an Olden Days Day in Week ten. We are very excited to have the Year 1 class from KDHS joining us and taking part in lots of fun activities from the past including butter making, calligraphy, games from the past and much more!

In Mathematics we have learnt how to tell the time using analogue and digital methods and investigated how to turn a clock into a number line. We've had fun learning about chance through games like heads and tails and Greedy Pig and discussed different terms that can describe the chance terms like impossible, certain and unlikely. In Number and Algebra we've learnt about fractions including halves, quarters and eighths. We used an inquiry process to look at different strategies to solve addition and subtraction problems and discovered which strategies worked best for each person. We've also learnt about patterns including repeated, growing and number patterns and have had lots of fun making and continuing patterns.

We have had a busy and exciting term and we look forward to Term 4!

*Mrs Bell and Mrs Venables*





# Faction Carnival



What a fantastic day we had last Friday, at our Faction Carnival, with lots of cheering, great sportsmanship and the athletic abilities on display. I am sure all parents and grandparents were as proud as I was of all the children last week. Well done everyone for all the effort you gave!

The shield was won by **McAulay(Red)** with 863.5 points closely behind was **Mercy(Blue)** with 736.5 points.

Congratulations to the Champions and Runner-up Champions who were:

6 Year old Champion Girl- *Imogen Perry*, runner-up- *Lyndi Lomaz*  
 6 Year old Champion Boy- *Reeve Noonan*, runner-up- *Finley Robinson*  
 7 Year old Champion Girl- *Nancy Bell*, runner-up- *Evelyn Millar*  
 7 Year old Champion Boy- *Gus Thorn*, runner-up- *Patrick Eyres*  
 8 Year old Champion Girl- *Elsie Eyres*  
 8 Year old Champion Boy- *Chevin Noonan*, runner-up- *Spencer Grace*  
 9 Year old Champion Girl- *Essie Bell*, runner-up- *Kristy Falls*  
 9 Year old Champion Boy- *Brax Webb*, runner-up- *Archie Thorn*  
 10 Year old Champion Girl- *Olivia Fisher*, runner-up- *Xkyze Vilorio and Darcie Clayton*  
 10 Year old Champion Boy- *Sam Clayton*, runner-up- *Logan Miotti*  
 11 Year old and over Champion Girl- *Moana TeAotonga*, runner-up- *Quinn Taplin*  
 11 Year old and over Champion Boy- *Kyle Pollard*, runner-up- *Charlie Thorn*

Records were also broken by Sam Clayton (100m 10 yr old and 10 yr Long Jump), Elsie Eyres ( 75m 8yr old, 400m 8 yr old and 8 yr Long Jump), Darcie Clayton ( 100m 10 yr), Chevin Noonan ( 75m 8yr old and 400m 8 yr old), Kyle Pollard ( 100m 11yr old and over) and Xkyze Vilorio (10 yr old flag race). A great achievement by you all.

Lastly, a huge thank you to all the staff for help with the preparation to make the day a success, especially Karin, for her work to make the oval and school look so good. Thanks to all the parent and Grandparent helpers, the P&F for yummy morning tea and to Warren Porter for all the marking he does on the oval.

Good luck to all the students at the Interschools next Friday and thank you to all the parents who have volunteers to help on the day.

*Peta Marinoni*





# STEM MAD NATIONAL AWARDS



*Curators Award and Artful Ingenuity Design Award:  
The Sensored Musical Bin  
Spencer Grace, Alex Shepherd & Ryan Mackean.*

*Inspired by Nature Award:  
Rubbish Chomping Whale  
Essie Bell, Elsie Eyres, Xkyze Vilorio & Sasha Te-Aotonga.*





# Merit Awards



***Congratulations:***

Grace Perry, Katana Webb, Kyle Pollard, Hannah Jiril,  
Kuini Whanarere & Eli Meyer

## Congratulations



**Enrichment Class :  
The Creative Edge Thinking Challenge  
Honours Award**

*Alexander Mathwin, Moana Te-Aotonga,  
Poppy Atkinson, Adrianna Kahn, Alexis  
Greenup & Kyle Pollard.  
Absent : Stewart Eyres & James Smith*



**Faction Carnival:  
Records Broken 2022**

*Sam Clayton, Kyle Pollard, Chevin Noonan,  
Xkyze Vilorio, Elsie Eyres & Darci Clayton.*



# ST BERNARD'S GOT TALENT

**THURSDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER 2022**  
**1:30PM**

Students will amaze you with their hidden talents!  
Think singing, dancing, instrument playing, acting, joke telling,  
poetry, acrobatics...

Everyone encouraged to come along and  
enjoy the show !