

# ST. BERNARD'S NEWS LETTER

*Principal's News*

*Term 1- Week 3- Friday 17th February 2023*

Dear Parent and Carers,

Welcome to the 2023 school year. We have had a great start to the year and we are looking forward to another fun-filled learning year ahead.

## EDUCATION

***Classrooms and Learning:*** Our classroom and specialist teachers have been working hard to establish routines and expectations, and students are settling in well to their new year levels and specialist subject areas. Thank you to everyone who came to have a look at their childrens' classrooms and meet the teacher last night at the Parent Information Evening. If you were not able to make it, please look out for your copy of the class information booklet.

***Welcome:*** A warm welcome to our new staff: Mrs Teresa Donaldson (K/PP teacher) and Mrs Sophie Macri in the front office Wednesday to Friday. Mrs Denise Bowen will join the Year 1/2 classroom from Term 2 - in the meantime, Mrs Sharon Venables is taking the class fulltime.

***Swimming Carnival:*** We had a lovely day at the pool for our Swimming Carnival last Friday. We were so proud of how well our students took part in the races and novelty events, and for their great behaviour all day. Well done to the championship winners and runners-up, and many thanks to our parent helpers and supporters. A big thank you to Mrs Marinoni for organising and running another successful carnival.

## CATHOLIC IDENTITY

***Mass:*** We began our school year with a whole school Mass on Thursday 2nd February - the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Thank you to Fr Marlon for welcoming us all to the new school year and for blessing our staff and students. Next Wednesday 22nd April is Ash Wednesday and parents and family members are welcome to join us for our liturgy and distribution of the ashes from 9am at the school grotto.

***Make Jesus Real:*** We continue to strive to Make Jesus Real (MJR) at St Bernard's and have begun the year with our focus on GTS: how we Greet, Treat and Speak to each other. Our focus for the next couple of weeks is being a Go Kart, rather than a Billy Kart. Go Karts are self-motivated people who get on with things, whereas Billy Karts need a push to get started and to keep going - from parents, teachers and coaches. Our Gotchas will be handed out to students who demonstrate Go Kart behaviours over the next few weeks.

## STEWARDSHIP

***Community meetings:*** Thank you to everyone who attended our Catholic School Advisory Council and P&F annual meetings last Wednesday. Special thanks to James Eyres who has served the maximum six year term on the CSAC and is now stepping down. Thank you to our new CSAC chairperson, Joel Treeby.

## COMMUNITY

***New Families:*** St Bernard's welcomes a number of new students and their families this year. We hope you enjoy your time in our school and find a warm welcome whenever you are here.

***K/PP:*** Neveah Hinkley, Peter Ivey, Spencer Williams, Sophie Parker and Corde Pencha-Patea are new families in Kindy and Honey Pencha-Patea in PP

***Year 1/2:*** Carter Cox

***Year 3/4:*** Riri and Ranui Karaitiana

***Year 5/6:*** Welcome back to Lincoln Bellotti

Till next newsletter, take care and don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any queries.

*God Bless,*

*Mrs Marino*



# Loose Parts Play Incursion

Last Thursday St Bernard's students and staff enjoyed a fun incursion with loose parts presented by Jonny from Pause, Rewind, Play.

The day was all about play and the students used their imaginations to make creations with the various 'bits and pieces' that Jonny provided for us in our Bush School area. There were amazing conversations being had between the students, with lots of problem solving happening throughout the day.

Even the teachers got involved after school as Jonny set them loose parts challenges to complete during their PD session.

This incursion complements the work the Early Childhood Education team at St Bernard's began last year, as we prepare to create our own school collection of loose parts.

Soon we will be asking for donations of loose parts that families may have lying around at home, as we build our loose parts collection for children to engage with during their recess and lunch play.

*Mrs Matthews*

*Little Stars and Jnr. Stars Teacher*



For more photos go to our school website:  
<https://stbernards.wa.edu.au/loose-parts-play-incursion/>



# 2023 Swimming Carnival

St Bernard's students made a big splash in the pool last Friday at the annual Fun Swimming Carnival. The intermediate and senior students demonstrated their great swimming skills in the breaststroke, backstroke and freestyle races. When the junior students arrived they had fun in the little pool playing lots of games.

The wind came in at lunchtime, but that didn't deter anyone jumping into the pool for the novelty events. We were so impressed that even those who were a little hesitant to go in the big pool ended up joining in and having great fun. The funniest game to watch was the tunnel beach ball, which provided lots of laughter for the spectators.

A big thank you to all the staff and parent volunteers who helped with various jobs to make the day possible. Congratulations to our sports captains, Charlie Thorn and Sam Clayton, who were fantastic leaders on the day, and all the Yr 6 students who helped the younger children in the pool. Finally, congratulations to our Champion swimmers on the day:

Intermediate champion girl - Vita Macri, runner-up- Elsie Eyres

Intermediate champion boy - Archie Thorn, runner-up – Charlie Miotti

Senior champion girl – Poppy Atkinson, runner-up – Darcie Clayton

Senior champion boy – Charlie Thorn, runner-up – Katana Webb

Well done everyone!

*Mrs Marinoni*

*Physical Education Teacher*



For more photos go to our school website: <https://stbernards.wa.edu.au/2023-swimming-carnival/>



# Award Winners

Congratulations to our merit award and MJR Gotcha winners:



Merit awards: Brody Ryan, Lyndi Lomas, Adrianna Kahn, James Smith and the Year 3/4 class.  
MJR Gotchas: Damon Mules, Paddy Eyres and Adrianna Kahn, (Scott Bilney and Darcie Clayton absent)



## *Calling all Grandparents!*

St Bernard's is seeking a 'Help Brigade'. If you know a grandparent with time on their hands, who could help our students with reading and online learning, please ask them to get in touch.

We are also missing Willis and if grandparents have a dog that could come with them to school, that would be awesome!

Please call into the school to see Mrs Marino if you are interested or email [sharon.marino@cewa.edu.au](mailto:sharon.marino@cewa.edu.au).

