

ST. BERNARD'S NEWS LETTER

Principal's News

Term 2- Week 3- Friday 12th May 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

St Bernard's has been a busy and happy place this week with Dancesport and lots more going on around the school.

EDUCATION

Circus and Dancesport: The circus incursion last Friday and Dancesport lessons this week have provided students with an opportunity to develop skills and competencies outside the normal range of their classroom learning. While St Bernard's is very much about hands-on learning wherever possible, the chance to get active with hands and feet is not to be missed. I have enjoyed watching students master their dance moves ready for the Dancesport concert. It's a great way for students to see the very tangible benefits of practice: starting with something they know very little about and then progressing to mastery in such a short time. Thank you to Debbie-Anne and Aiden for teaching the students their steps and to our wonderful P&F for paying for Dancesport to happen at St Bernard's and for supplying scones for our Mother's Day afternoon tea during the concert.

Teaching Sprints: Teachers met this week to refresh their understanding about teaching sprints in the classroom. Teaching sprints are designed to help teachers focus on their practice with small, targeted interventions designed to improve teaching practice and positively impact student learning outcomes. Our classroom teachers have met with our Literacy co-ordinator, Mrs Sharon Venables, to review data and set teaching and learning goals, which will be used to guide their teaching sprints this term.

Early Years Network: The St Bernard's Early Years Team of Mrs Donaldson, Mrs Venables and Mrs Bowen attended the Great Southern Network Early Years meeting in Katanning last Friday. It was great to sit alongside our team, and teams from other schools, as they discussed ways to develop their approach to inquiry learning in Mathematics.



CATHOLIC IDENTITY

First Holy Communion: We will celebrate the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Sunday 21st May at the 8.30am Mass at St Bernard's Church. Elsie Eyres is preparing for the sacrament, supported by the students in Year 3/4, and throughout the school. Please keep Elsie and her family in your prayers during this time of preparation.

Casuals for Catholic Care: Wednesday was free dress day as we did our annual Casuals for Catholic Care fundraiser. Everyone looked great in their casual clothes – including teachers! Thank you for sending in your gold coin donations. Money raised this year will go to St John of God social outreach services in the Bunbury diocese.

COMMUNITY

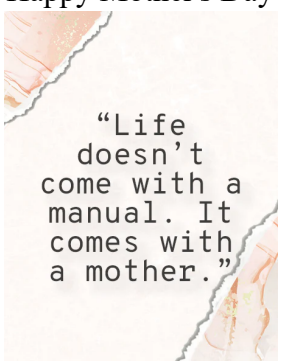
P&F: Our hard-working P&F executive met this week to plan for the year ahead. We are grateful for the P&F's ongoing support of our school and its students, especially at this time of the year when they are paying for such things as Dancesport, Athletics licences for students and classroom wish list items, as well as supporting us with practical help and assistance. The next P&F meeting will be on Thursday 8th June at 9am in the staff room. Please come along to support our P&F and your children.

STEWARDSHIP

Uniforms: Full winter uniform needs to be worn from next week – Monday 15th May. Parents, please support your children to wear the St Bernard's uniform correctly and with pride. Hats are worn throughout the year at St Bernard's and spare hats may only be worn for one day.

Till next newsletter, take care and don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any queries. Happy Mother's Day to all our wonderful mums!

God Bless,
Mrs Marino



"Life doesn't come with a manual. It comes with a mother."

Little Stars Playgroup

This week we celebrated our amazing Mums with a Mother's Day morning at Little Stars Playgroup. Cards and paper plate flowers were created together, and the children made a special gift for their mums. The playdough table and the coloured rice were popular with both the children and mums! Everyone enjoyed yummy scones with jam and cream - thanks to Mrs Smart for supplying our morning tea.

All families with children ages 0-5 years are welcome to attend Little Stars each Monday in our Early Years classroom from 9am-11am. Fruit and morning tea is provided each week and there is no cost.



Circus Challenge!

On Friday 5th May the whole school took part in the Circus Challenge incursion. After they enjoyed the hilariously funny circus show, the children got to become part of the troupe! Highlights of the day were plate spinning, scarf juggling and a human pyramid formed by the Year 1/2s.

Some of the things the Year 1/2s enjoyed about the day:

“I liked when he juggled pirate knives over Mr Myers. It was very scary but a little funny and I liked it when he blew the scarf and caught it with his bottom.” Imogen

“I liked when we did the spinning plates.” Fiona

“I liked when we were spinning plates on the sticks.” Damon

“I liked when the man rode the unicycle.” James

“I liked when he rode the unicycle when juggling knives. It was funny when he fell off.” Leo

“I liked when we stacked in a triangle and James was on top of my back. We were making a human triangle.” Mitchell

“The best part of it was when he let us use the spinning plates. The man would call out a trick for us try.” Paddy



Dancesport

This week the students have enjoyed taking part in Dancesport each day in preparation for the final show on Friday. Lots of parents came to watch the beautiful dance routines the students had learnt with Debbie-Anne and Aiden.

Mums enjoyed a special afternoon tea of scones with jam and cream, provided by our wonderful P&F, to celebrate Mother's Day this Sunday. Thank you also to the P&F for covering the cost of Dancesport week.



Award Winners, MJR Gotcha Prize Winners and Reading Rewards

*MJR Gotcha Prize Winners:
Poppy Atkinson, Riri
Karaitiana-Jervis, Mart
Rutherford and Imogen Perry*



*Waste-free Wednesday winners:
Georgie Matthews and Chevin
Noonan*



*Merit award winners:
Chevin Noonan, Alex
Shepherd, Charlie
Miotti, Patrick
Wellstead, Leo Macri,
Montana Robinson and
Daisy Wellstead.*



Reading Rewards:

Congratulations to Deeann Collins in Year 1 who was our first student to reach the 30 day reading reward (a milkshake) last term and then this week became the first student to reach the 60 day reading reward and a free dress day. Great reading each night, Dee! Students are continuing to reach the 30 day reward and this week it was Damon Mules, Elsie Eyres and Gus Thorn who got to enjoy a milkshake treat at recess time. Parents, please listen to your child's reading each night and record the reading in their diaries so that everyone can progress through the rewards and achieve success in reading.

