

ST. BERNARD'S NEWS LETTER

Principal's News

Term 2- Week 7- Friday 9th June 2023

Dear Parent and Carers,

It has been a wonderful two weeks at St Bernard's! I hope you enjoy catching up with the news about what has been going on in this newsletter.

EDUCATION

Reading:

In the past couple of weeks the staff's focus has been on reading at St Bernard's and, in particular, how we can support and promote home and classroom reading in order to enable all our students to achieve success in this critically important foundational learning skill. We are currently in the middle of a Teaching Sprint to enable our staff to track progress of student home and classroom reading. The sprint will involve trialling several new processes and strategies, including the home reading package for children aged 5 – 13 years which was sent to all families last week. The package included our Home Reading Charter, an agreement form to be signed by parents and students and a home reading tips sheet. A similar package is being prepared for our Kindy students which will be relevant to all children aged 0-5 years. Please return your signed Home Reading Charter Agreement slip and look out for more information about reading in the coming weeks.

GS Network STEM meeting:

St Bernard's hosted the GS Network Years 3 and 4 STEM meeting last week. Miss Hewitt attended the meeting with me and shared Power Point presentations created by the students to support the work this group is doing in moderating. The students had done an excellent job of forming an inquiry question and completing research to begin answering their question and are excited to get going on the planning and creating phase of their STEM projects for this year.

Oral Language Week: Congratulations to all our students for a fantastic effort with their prose readings for Oral Language Week. I was so impressed with how confident and proficient all our readers were. Well done, everyone!

Outdoor Classroom Day: Our first whole school Outdoor Classroom day for this year went ahead on a cold and wet Tuesday this week with everyone having a fantastic time despite the weather. We started the day with a parade as so many students had dressed up in our pioneer theme – prizes for best dressed were handed out at assembly today. The fire went all day for baking damper, and there was mud play, cubby building, stories, craft, games and slack lines. We finished in the afternoon with a scavenger hunt around the school. It was a fantastic day – my thanks to all our staff for braving the elements and to the students and parents who participated so enthusiastically in the activities and dressing up. Take a look at our Year 5/6 students' accounts of the different stations later in the newsletter and for a range of photos, check out our website and school Facebook page.

CATHOLIC IDENTITY

MJR:

We are coming to the end of our current MJR (Make Jesus Real) focus which is to remember your P's and T's – please's and thank you's! It is great to see so many students at St Bernard's using their manners and also remembering our previous MJR focus behaviours, including the five days of the week and remembering to be a go-kart (self motivated, focused and persistent) rather than a billy-kart (always needing a push to get started and to keep going). We are looking forward to finishing the term with our new focus: Build a Bridge! Congratulations to our MJR Gotcha award winners from today's assembly: Lyndi Lomas, Hannah Jiril, Chevin Noonan, Gus Thorn, Marvella Villaneuva and Neveah Hinkley.

COMMUNITY

New Families: New to St Bernard's this week are the Oakley family: Alice in Kindy and Myles in Year One. We welcome them to Kojonup and St Bernard's and hope they enjoy their time with us.

Helpers Needed: Helpers are urgently needed at our Cross Country event next Friday 16th June. Parents of children in the early races (PP – Year 3) are particularly needed to go out on the course for the older student races so that those parents can watch their children compete. Please contact Mrs Marinoni or the school office if you can help.

STEWARDSHIP

Critical Incident and Emergency Planning: I attended a CEWA Critical Incident and Emergency Planning session last month aimed at streamlining procedures across our system. St Bernard's is up to date with its Critical Incident and Emergency Planning with just a few minor changes to make to our planning and procedures. We completed our Semester 1 Emergency drills last week with an unannounced evacuation drill which went very well – congratulations to our staff and students on how well they have managed all our drill practices which are aimed at keeping everyone safe.

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

*God Bless,
Mrs Marino*

Outdoor Classroom Day

by the Year 5/6 Class

St Bernard's had an outdoor classroom day on Tuesday the 6th of June. The school was split up into 5 different groups ranging from the 3 year old's to Year 6's.



Station 1 was with Billy where he read us a story called "Big Rain Coming" which was in theme with the weather of the day! While he was reading the story we huddled around the fire which was awesome. After the story with Billy we had a great time trying to balance and walk across the slack lines, with Mr Myers' help of course. They were a lot harder than they looked and even though it was freezing, we all had a great time.

Adrianna Kahn



Station 2 was with Mrs Venables and Miss Norrish in the Bush Playground with lots of different activities like knuckle bones, pin the tail on the donkey and noughts and crosses. There was lots of muddy goodness that people used to make dams, paint faces on one another and squelch in. It was a messy station but we all had a blast.

Darcie Clayton



At **Station 3** we found Mrs Marino where she gave us materials and helped us build cubby down in Area 3 – the Nature Playground. We used sheets, curtains, pegs, ropes, tarps and of course, our imaginations! I think my group made the best cubby because we put so much detail and effort into it using anything we could find. It was a great day!

Olivia Fisher



Station 4 was with making damper with Mrs Sumner. It was so much fun crumbling and kneading the dough out on the table. Mrs Sumner helped us scoop out the flour and showed us how to knead because lots of us had never done that before. After lunchtime once all the damper had been cooked on the fire by Mrs Davies we enjoyed it with butter, jam and honey. It was the best damper I have ever had!

Ryan Mackean



Outdoor Classroom Day Continued

Station 5 was with Mrs Donaldson where we played elastics, marbles and made some leaf craft which we could take home. I enjoyed playing marbles games with my friends and had a shot at elastics. We had to find leaves to make a person out of them and could add eyes and other decorations. We also put a leaf under a piece of paper and coloured the paper with a pencil so the outline of a leaf came through which was really cool.

Logan Miotti



After lunch we had a scavenger hunt held over the whole school. Our teams were all mixed up and made up of students from all different year groups. Mr Myers gave us a sheet with 12 riddles which lead us to different places around the school where coloured textas had been hidden to mark our sheets. Some of the riddles weren't too hard but some were really tricky! There was only one team that found all 12 riddles in the 30 minutes we had and they won a chocolate.

Marlie Matthews



So many people got dressed up in the Pioneer theme it made things really hard for the teachers to judge! Congratulations to our prize winners and thank you to everyone who took part:

K/PP: Mart Rutherford

Year 1/2: Fiona Rose and Deeann Collins

Year 3/4: Daisy Wellstead, Leeam Vilorio and Scott Bilney

Year 5/6: Darcie Clayton, Katana Webb and Kaylee Goodall



Merit and Reading Award Winners



Congratulations to Merit Award Winners: Katana Webb, Lincoln Bellotti, Olivia Fisher, Alec Treeby, Georgie Matthews, Cru'Shaarn Penaha-Patea and Scott Bilney.



Congratulations to Make Jesus Real winners: Gus Thorn, Chevin Noonan, Hannah Jiril and Lyndi Lomas. (Kindy: Marvella Villaneuva and Neveah Hinkley.



Well done to Adrianna & Aurora Kahn for their contribution to the ANZAC Day Service - you were very much appreciated, as this picture from the Kojonup RSL shows! Congratulations to Darcie Clayton and Daisy Wellstead - Waste-Wise Wednesday draw winners (Jarvis Noonan and Peter Ivey were also winners from our Kindy class) and to Georgie & James Matthews who enjoyed a day of free dress as a reward for completing 60 nights of home reading.

School Photo Day - Tuesday 13th June Reminder:

As this is Bush School day for Pre-Primary students they will need to come dressed in their school uniform for the photos and bring their Bush School clothes and shoes to get changed into.

Kindy students do not normally attend school on Tuesday, but we are extending an invitation to come for photos and to stay for the day at Bush School if they would like to.

Kindy students will need to wear their normal school clothes for the photo and bring their Bush School clothes and shoes to get changed into.

Alternatively, parents can bring Kindy students in for the photos, which will happen at the start of the day, and then take them home.

If you would like a family photo please arrive at 8.30am.



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St Bernard's Catholic Primary School

Photo Date: Tuesday 13th of June 2023

School photo day is fast approaching, make sure you place your order.

- 1 Visit www.msp.com.au
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A Late/processing fee will apply for orders received after Tuesday 20th of June 2023

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