

ST. BERNARD'S NEWS LETTER

Principal's Report

Term 2 - Week 2 - 8th May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

This second week of Term Two has seen steadily increasing numbers as more parents have made the decision to send their children back to school. It has been lovely to see our students again: both those attending in the classroom and those continuing to work from home. Teachers have been in contact with most families this week and they have really enjoyed seeing everyone's smiling face!

At this stage, I remind everyone that parents continue to have the choice to keep their children at home or to send them to school and we continue to deliver one mode of learning to all students: online. Obviously, students learning at home are supported by their parents in this learning, and students attending school are supported by the teacher and EA in the classroom, but both groups are continuing to follow the same program.

The hard work of our teachers has ensured the online learning provided to all our students has been of the highest quality. We are also fortunate that St Bernard's has been able to support online learning, with the help of Catholic Education WA, by purchasing a range of subscriptions to online learning support programs. Although unplanned and unbudgeted for, we felt we had a responsibility to provide access to the best online learning tools available and appropriate for our students.

CEWA will conduct a review of the current situation on Monday and I expect to be able to inform parents of the outcome later next week. In the meantime, our online learning program for all students will continue for at least Week Three. Please also note that our current precautions remain in place for the safety and health of our students and staff, and these are:

- No whole school gatherings; staggered recess and lunch breaks for classes
- No parents or visitors onsite without prior arrangement with the front office staff
- Car park pick-up and drop-off to continue
- Cleaning and hygiene arrangements in place throughout the school day and an extended cleaning schedule completed at night

In relation to cleaning arrangements I would like to extend a huge thank you to our regular cleaner Mrs Annette Sawyer and also to all our staff who have been rostered on to help meet cleaning requirements during the day, as no extra money was provided for this purpose to Catholic schools by the State Government. I am grateful to everyone for being so willing to pitch in and help out.

In closing, my prayer is that you and your families continue to remain healthy and happy, and I look forward to the day when our newsletter can once again be a reflection of a normal, busy school life.

God Bless,
Mrs Marino

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Online Learning Week 2

Lots of our students were very pleased to see their friends at school this week, and of course their teachers!

A few happy snaps below of the online learning happening in our classrooms this week.

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K/PP - It's easy to socially distance, when there are only two of you!



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Little Stars



Little Stars - At Home!

At St Bernard's we have missed seeing our Little Stars children at playgroup each Monday morning. But Little Stars teacher, Mrs Melissa Matthews, came up with a great way to connect with our Little Stars and their families, by creating and delivering Little Stars take home packs.

The packs contain a range of craft materials and activities, which are fun to do but also help to develop fine motor skills such as cutting, tracing and holding a pencil. This week's pack had a star theme and included glitter, stickers, card and glue. A total of 15 packs have been distributed this week to our Little Stars families and we've had great feedback so far, with some parents saying it makes the Little Stars feel like they are doing learning at home just like their older brothers and sisters.

As you can see, Little Star Dee was happy to get her pack and got straight onto making a beautifully decorated star wand! Little Star Albie was excited to see everything that was included in the pack, and he got started on some craftwork straightaway.



Farewell Mr. H

St Bernard's is sad to have to say farewell to our groundskeeper and handy person, Mr Rob Hanekamp – fondly known as Mr H.

Rob has been battling ill health since January and although treatment initially resulted in a partial recovery, he has suffered a major setback in the last week. I ask for your prayers and thoughts to be with Rob as he undergoes an operation this week.

We are very grateful to Rob for all he has done at St Bernard's and we'll miss him and his dog, Keko, around the grounds. We wish Rob a full and speedy recovery and we will give him a proper farewell when we are able. Meanwhile Mr Rob Brown (Brownie) continues to look after our grounds in a volunteer capacity and we are very grateful to him for the wonderful job he is doing.

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Puppy visit

A special miniature surprise visit came this week in the form of 4 little legs and a tail. A small Jack Russel puppy called 'Daisy' came for a visit from the Sibley family. Everyone was very excited to see a little furry friend at school.



Canteen

No KDHS canteen is available still, another update will be given before Monday 18th May.

Technology update

DID YOU KNOW!

When you receive an absentee text from school, you can reply via text! Just make sure you put your name, so we know who is sending us the text!



Announcements

WEDDING BELLS for Miss Wright

A big congratulations Miss Wright, who got engaged in the holidays. We wish her and Cody all the best with their wedding plans for March of 2021!



Birthday messages

LET'S CELEBRATE
- HIP HIP HOORAY! -

- SAMUEL CLAYTON - MAY 1ST
- DARCIE CLAYTON - MAY 1ST
- CHARLIZE SIBLEY - MAY 10TH
- WILL SIBLEY - MAY 11TH
- GEORGIE MATTHEWS - MAY 12TH
- DAVID DE GUZMAN - MAY 22ND



LAST BUT NOT LEAST.....
HAPPY MOTHERS DAY

During a break from their online learning, our PP students made some lovely creations for their mums

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