

ST. BERNARD'S NEWS LETTER

Principal's News

Term 2 - Week 8 - Friday 19th June

Dear Parents and carers,

It has been lovely to return to something like normal life at school this past couple of weeks with parents allowed on school grounds and Friday assembly and Monday Gathering once again able to take place.

Congratulations to our Year 6 student leaders who stepped back into their leadership roles with confidence – they are a credit to their parents, teachers and our school and we look forward to seeing them actively working in our school community for the rest of the school year.

A reminder that we have now returned to normal school drop off and pick up routines, so parents must accompany their children to and from the school gates or use the 'kiss and drive through' option. Please come and collect your children from the steps near the flagpoles where they will be waiting at the end of the day. Children cannot access the car park unaccompanied.

Cross Country

We are very excited that our school Cross Country Carnival is going ahead on Friday 26 June from 11.15am. The carnival will take place on school grounds with students running the course they have been training on during the term. Parents are welcome to attend, keeping in mind the need for physical distancing and increased hygiene measures – but please don't attend if you are unwell.

Our wonderful P&F is supporting the day with soup and rolls for \$3, available to both children and adults. Please place your order by Thursday 25 June on the order form sent home yesterday and on the Connected App.

My grateful thanks to our Physical Education teacher, Mrs Peta Marinoni, for all her hard work in getting ready for this carnival and for her unwavering energy and enthusiasm towards sport at our school. It has been wonderful to see the gains students have made as they have trained consistently over the term, going from struggling to complete one lap of the course to breezing through three or four!

Our usual Friday assembly will be held at the end of the cross country event, with presentations, awards, birthday announcements and the MJR prize draw. Please join us if you are able.

Teaching and Learning

Despite the disruptions of COVID-19, teaching and learning at St Bernard's has continued at its usual high level, with teachers working hard in all learning areas to provide students with engaging and varied learning opportunities. Later in this newsletter you will see some of the amazing work students have been completing in the Technologies learning area with Mrs Melissa Shepherd. This semester students have worked in the Design and Technologies subject, researching, planning and creating designs such as pirate ships in Year 1/2 and non-fuel powered cars in Year 5/6.

Exciting news yesterday as the Year 3/4 chicks started to hatch! A very special way to end Mrs Thorn's Science lessons this semester.

We are hopeful of holding a whole school Open Night early in Term 3 to showcase all the wonderful learning students have been doing. Hopefully Phase 4 restrictions will allow parents back into classrooms and we can confirm the date and arrangements soon.

Semester Reports

Teachers are currently working hard to prepare student reports, and these will be sent home in Week 10. The report is in a restricted format due to COVID-19 disruptions – the main difference being a 1-2-3 rating for students in Years 1-6, rather than A-E grading. 1 indicates that students are working above target level, 2 is at target level and 3 is working towards target level. Subject comments are also standard for all students in this report, but each student will have an individual general comment and personal and social development values entered.

Principal's News...Continued...

Parent-teacher interviews will be held early in Term 3 with all parents having the opportunity to meet with their child's teachers to discuss their progress. Details to be advised before the end of term.

We are also look forward to re-starting our sacramental program with the Sacrament of First Holy Communion due to take place early in Term 3. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be held in Term 4 and we are currently waiting for Bishop Holohan to advise dates for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Administration of Schools (AoS)

Finally, my very grateful thanks to our administration and finance staff, Mrs Nadine Bilney, Mrs Jacinta Sibley and Mrs Tracey Cant, who have been working extremely hard to get ready for the rollover to CEWA's AoS platform next Friday. Next week will be a big week leading up to the go-live day and I ask parents to hold off on coming into the office during next week unless it is urgent, as our staff will be undertaking training and final tasks. Please note that payments cannot be processed during this time. If you phone the office your call may go through to voice mail which will be checked regularly throughout the day – please ensure you have written bus instructions in your child's diary and phone in plenty of time if there is to be a change of plans.

Take care and God Bless,
Mrs Marino

Art

Check out our Yr 1/2s drawing llamas with charcoal



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Science

WE HAVE CHICKENS!!

Year 3/4 along with Mrs Thorn are the very proud parents of some very cute yellow furry friends. Please visit our school website galleries and checkout more pictures in the Science section



Technologies

Students at St Bernard's love a challenge and Mrs Melissa Shepherd has made sure there are plenty of challenges in the Technologies learning area each week. This semester students in all year levels have been exploring the design process and have been looking in particular at the physical properties of materials. Using their problem-solving abilities, creative thinking skills, and collaborative working processes, students have worked together to create designs for pirate ships, non-fuel powered cars, bubble blowers and new playgrounds.

The Year 1/2 class designed and created pirate ships using everyday materials, then tested whether the ships made from these materials would float for an extended period of time. There were some amazing designs – some of which took to the water better than others! In Year 5/6, students took on the challenge of designing environmentally friendly non-fuel powered cars. The students rose to the challenge of finding alternative energy sources including helium balloons, air, gravity, non-fuel motors, Coke and Mentos! Again, some of these innovative alternative fuel sources worked better than others!

Students across the school will continue to conduct further testing and modifications of their designs in Technologies lessons over the last few weeks of this term.



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Year 1/2 Class Party

Towards the end of Term 1, the Year 1/2 class started to lose many lovely faces due to Covid-19.

Once students were allowed back on school grounds for the start of Term 2 a special promise was made. Miss P and Miss Sugg told the class that when every student from Year 1/2 was back at school, we would have a party to celebrate. By Week 6 everyone was back and on Friday of Week 7, the party was held.

Everyone had a great time - there was music, dancing, games, snacks and of course, a cake! We all had a ball and would like to thank Mrs Marino for allowing us to celebrate being altogether again. Check out our party pictures here and on the school website!



Merit Awards



Congratulations to our award winners: (l-r)
Reagan Goodall, Marlie Matthews, Chevin Noonan, Noah Sanders, Arizxa Libres, Kate McGuire, Sophie Greenup, Jack De Guzman

Birthday messages



TOM ROBERTSON JUNE 25TH
SCOTT BILNEY JUNE 26TH
TOM CLAYTON JUNE 30TH

LET'S CELEBRATE
- HIP HIP HOORAY! -

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P & F



Next P& F meeting - **Wednesday 24th June 9.00am**
School Staffroom

Tea towels will be for sale in the front office soon -
Artwork by Lisa Hart

A new style of hat will be available to try on in front
office soon - watch this space!

Canteen



Spag Bog is back!! and please remember small flavoured
milk is \$3!!

Health

HEADLICE - have been reported in some of our
classrooms. Please stay ahead of the game by checking
your children's hair and treating immediately, if
necessary. Please click this link for more info.

[https://www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/Articles/S_T/
Treating-head-lice](https://www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/Articles/S_T/Treating-head-lice)

Cough, Cold, Fever - Please keep children home as you
normally would if they are unwell.

Caritas - Donation Boxes



Caritas Charity Boxes are due back to school, if you
could all please kindly bring your boxes back to school
and/or donations if you have them.

Drop off & Pick up

**Please remember you are welcome on the school
grounds once again!** Students must be picked up
from the front of classrooms, at the school gates or
front steps near flag pole. *Students cannot walk
through the car park on their own to your cars.*

TECHNOLOGY UPDATE - New Administration Software

Next week will be a big week leading up to the go-live day of our new administration software and all **parents are asked not to come into the office during next week unless it is urgent, as our staff will be undertaking training and final tasks.** *The office will be locked on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday between 9am and 4pm.* Please note that payments cannot be processed at all next week. If you phone the office your call may go through to voice mail which will be checked regularly throughout the day – please ensure you have written bus instructions in your child's diary and phone in plenty of time if there is to be a change of plans.

*School Facebook Pages *

A revamp of our school Facebook pages is underway and our current pages will be closed down in the last week of this term, with new school and P&F pages re-opening in time for Term Three. Watch out for these new pages which will keep parents and the wider community informed of the great things happening at St Bernard's!