

ST. BERNARD'S NEWS LETTER

Principal's News

Term 3 - Week 8 - Friday 11th September

Dear Parents and Carers,

At St Bernard's MJR - Make Jesus Real - is a part of our everyday life and a practical way to demonstrate how we, as a Catholic school community, can live the Gospel values as taught to us by Jesus in the Bible. From how we Greet, Treat and Speak (GTS) to each other, to being a WESTie (Welcoming, Encouraging, saying Sorry and Thank You), MJR helps to make our school a better place.

Our current MJR focus is 'Be a Winner and a Grinner, not a Moaner and a Groaner', and we saw our students striving to live this motto at our Athletics Carnival last week. Not everyone can win their race, but everyone can try their best and we saw that demonstrated in every jump, every race and every team game. It's hard to give it your all when you're coming last and the rest of the field has finished, but I am so proud that St Bernard's students can dig deep and find the strength to do that - often with a smile on their face. We saw mostly Winners and Gridders on carnival day - and I especially congratulate those students who managed to live our MJR focus from the back of the field.

Congratulations and thanks, also, to our Physical Education teacher, Mrs Peta Marinoni, for her organisation of the carnival and the preparation of the students leading up to it. Sports carnivals are a huge undertaking,



with so many things to organise and Mrs Marinoni manages to make this look effortless! Thank you, also, to our parent volunteers without whom the carnival could not take place: your help is very much appreciated. Congratulations to students in both our winning faction, Mercy, and to second placed faction, McAuley. It was such a close competition - only 12 points separated the factions at the end of the day - and the spirit demonstrated on the day was exemplary.

Oral Language Week this week has seen students in all classes present their choral poems to their classmates and parents. Presenting in front of an audience is a daunting task, but it is yet another example of how our students can step up to a challenge and, with persistence and practice, succeed. Oral language is an important part of our Literacy program at St Bernard's and provides foundational skills for our younger students, as well as the opportunity to develop and extend vocabulary and comprehension skills in our older students.

At St Bernard's we have a strong focus on developing the Literacy skills of our students, as we recognise that these skills will underpin their successful engagement in all aspects of our society throughout their lives. Last Tuesday was International Literacy Day and I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank our amazing Literacy Leader and Curriculum Co-ordinator, Mrs Sharon Venables. Mrs Venables works with staff and students at our school to build, develop and extend the literacy skills of everyone, and I thank her for her commitment to this work at our school.

Take care and God Bless,

Mrs Marino

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YEAR 3/4

This term in Year 3/4 we have been super busy! We started off the term with a celebration for both Toby and John who received their First Holy Communion. It was great to see the whole class supporting both boys in receiving their special Sacrament.

In Geography this term we have been exploring different environments and where they are located around the world. Students have had some really great discussions on what natural resources are, if they are renewable and non-renewable, and how we can use these resources sustainably to protect our environments.

We have also been reading the novel "The Magic Faraway Tree" throughout the term and using it to help us in our reading and writing. It has been great to see the students so engaged in the story and enjoying exploring the 'lands' alongside the characters in the book. We created our assembly item based on the book, using our knowledge of the characters and different lands to create a funny script that included all the best parts of the book. The students were really excited to perform the assembly item in front of the whole school and show off their talent! A big thank you to everyone who came to watch, and to Mrs Wharton and the parents who assisted in making our assembly so exciting and memorable!

This week the class also performed their choral speaking item to Mrs Marino and parents for the Oral Language focus of this term. Each group practised and memorised their own poem, with lots of the groups choosing funny poems that made all who were watching laugh.

There are still lots of things we are looking forward to in the last couple of weeks of Term 3 including Circus Drama performances and Footy Colours Day.

Miss Hewitt



SPORT

Faction Carnival

Last Friday we saw a great deal of activity on the oval, with all students participating in the annual Athletics Faction Carnival. The sportsmanship, athletic skills and participation seen on the day were amazing.

Congratulations to all students for their efforts on the day. It was an extremely close competition and an exciting final result. Mercy and McAuley factions were tied at the start of the team games, with Mercy Faction coming through in the end to win by only 12 points. This is the closest finish we have seen in many years. Well done to both factions, but especially to the winners in blue, Mercy Faction!

Congratulations to our champions on the day:

- 6-year-old champion girl – Elsie Eyres
- 6 year old champion boy – Oliver Shepherd, runner-up - Ollie Hornby
- 7 year old champion girl – Arizxa Libres, runner-up - Essie Bell
- 7 year old champion boy – Hudson Bellotti, runner-up - Braxton Webb
- 8 year old champion girl- Charlize Sibley, runner-up - Olivia Fisher
- 8 year old champion boy- Logan Miotti, runner-up - Samuel Clayton
- 9 year old champion girl – Poppy Atkinson, runner-up - Quinn Taplin
- 9 year old champion boy- Charlie Thorn, runner-up - Deekin Tunui
- 10 year old champion girl- Sophie Greenup, runner-up – Codi Trethowan
- 10 year old champion boy- Will Sibley, runner-up- Toby Leusciatti
- 11+ year old champion girl- Chaaya Jury, runner-up - Charlize Guidi
- 11+ year old champion boy – Ruben Stansbury, runner-up - Jack Leusciatti

Records that were broken this year were:

- 11+ years Turbo Jav – Jack Leusciatti 23.54m
- 8 years boys 400m – Logan Miotti 1.37.89min
- 8 years girls 400m – Charlize Sibley 1.36.94min
- 6 years old Long Jump – Ollie Hornby 2.56m
- 8 years boys 75m – Sam Clayton 12.88sec
- 8 years boys Long Jump – Logan Miotti 3.16m
- 6 years boy Flag Race – Oliver Sheperd 31.97sec

A big thank you to Rob Brown and Warren Porter for preparing our oval so well, all the staff and parents for the numerous jobs they did all day, the captains Ruben, Oscar, Kate, Archie and Jack for all their preparation leading up to the carnival and their help on the day, and to all the students for their efforts and cheering throughout the day.

Preparation is now underway for the Interschool Athletics Carnival to be held in Frankland River on **Tuesday 20th October**. Look out for the note coming home early next week for the students who have been selected in the team.

Mrs Marinoni



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FATHER'S DAY

Our Father's Day whole school celebration was great fun - thank you to all the dads who came along with their children to take part in the activities. Don't forget to check out our school Facebook page or the school website photo gallery for more pictures.



Merit Awards

Congratulations to our award winners: (l-r)

Moana Te-Aotonga, Sasha Te-Aotonga, Charli Guidi, Marlie Matthews, Charlie Miotti, Tom Robertson, Toby Leusciatti, Sam Clayton & Ryan Mackean.



MJR Winners

'Be a Winner and a Grinner, not a Moaner and a Groaner!'

Congratulations to our MJR prize winners: (l-r)

Matt Cant, Charlize Sibley, Mitchell Treeby (absent) & Gus Thorn (absent).



Term Planner - Weeks 9 & 10

	SEPTEMBER 14	SEPTEMBER 15	SEPTEMBER 16	SEPTEMBER 17	SEPTEMBER 18	SEPTEMBER 19/20
9	Little Stars – 9-11am	Teddy Bears picnic K-2 (12.00 - 2.30) Parents welcome		Drama -Circus Performance 1.30pm Year 1-2 Sleepover 5pm	Footy Friday – wear your footy colours!	
10	SEPTEMBER 21 Little Stars – 9-11am Gathering 8.50am	SEPTEMBER 22	SEPTEMBER 23	SEPTEMBER 24 STUDENTS FINISH TERM 3 Merit Assembly Newsletter Whole School Socktober	SEPTEMBER 25	SEPTEMBER 26/27

