

ST. BERNARD'S NEWS LETTER

Principal's News

Term 4 - Week 6 - Friday 20th November 20th

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's hard to believe we have already passed the mid-way point of term and are on the homeward stretch to the end of the year! Teachers are in the midst of preparing reports, with learning continuing in classrooms and next week we begin swimming lessons. Please take care in these busy times and support your children to be rested, well nourished and prepared with all they need for their busy days at school.

Oral Language Week

I love Oral Language Week at St Bernard's and I'm always amazed at the capacity of our students to prepare and perform their items in front of an audience. This term our focus is on speeches, with students in Years 1-6 preparing and delivering a persuasive text. We have heard from our Year 1/2 students about someone they would like to be; and our Year 3/4 students have written about what they think the best superpower would be to possess. The super speed superpower sounds wonderful for those days when I'm running late, and I think John Pajares is onto something with his superpower of putting people to sleep - especially for parents of new babies!

We are looking forward to hearing our Year 5 students convince us about why they would make a good school leader next year when they are in Year 6 in their leadership speeches on Monday. I have met with all students this week in the lead up to their speech presentation, and I am so impressed with their mature and considered approach to leadership at our school. We will be in good hands next year, I think! Our Year 6 students will present persuasive arguments in their debates scheduled for next Tuesday.

Our Kindy/Pre-Primary students wowed us with their Noongar language skills when they presented 'Heads and Shoulders, Knees and Toes' in Noongar and English today. Our thanks to Katina Cox from Kodja Place who has been coming to teach the students (and teachers!) each week this term. We are very grateful and love having Katina with us for this time.

Year 3/4 Camp

Our Year 3/4 camp to Albany was a great success, as you will see later in this newsletter. Congratulations to our students whose behaviour was fantastic - and was especially commented on by staff at St Joseph's College where students spent the night. My thanks to Miss Hewitt, Mrs Wharton and Mrs Marinoni for making the camp possible, along with our special dads, Mr Smith and Mr Thorn.

Bush School and 3-yr Information Session

We were lucky to have CEWA's Early Years consultant, Michelle Verjans, present an information session on the value of running Bush School and 3 year old Pre-Kindy programs - both of which are initiatives planned for St Bernard's from 2021. The importance of children being given the opportunities to learn from nature and to craft their own learning, guided by their curiosity and creativity was highlighted. We are so excited to be offering both these programs next year and seeing the benefits of these 21st Century learning skills for all students.

World Nursery Rhyme Week

Finally, we have really enjoyed sharing nursery rhymes over our PA this week, led by our Little Stars on Monday, all the way through to our Year 5/6 class on Friday. Nursery rhymes offer so much to children's learning as you will see below - and they're just great fun to share! Thank you to Mrs Matthews for organising this week and providing the great graphic below.

Take care and God Bless,
Mrs Marino

Nursery Rhymes are like rocket fuel for a child's development.



- language and communication
- creative expression
- physical development
- numeracy skills
- confidence & independence
- knowledge & understanding

WORLD
Nursery Rhyme Week

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YEAR 3/4 CAMP

This term has been super busy in Year 3/4 with lots of fun and exciting things going on.

In Maths we have been making 3D shapes and doing chance and data experiments; learning about Australia's states and territories in HASS; and about the Sacrament of Baptism in Religion.

This term we have also been learning about persuasive writing and how to develop convincing arguments. The students had to write their own persuasive text that followed the theme of "If I could have any superpower, I would have...". We had lots of different superpowers including super speed, shapeshifting, absorbing powers, turning people to sleep, talking to animals, breathing under water and many, many more.

On Monday this week, the students shared their persuasive texts in our Oral Language presentations to Mrs Marino and parents, who by the end seemed very convinced of our class superpowers!

A major event for this term was our overnight camp to Albany which everyone thoroughly enjoyed. The students were very excited in the weeks leading up to camp and, when the day came, they couldn't get away from their parents and onto the bus quick enough!



A highlight of the camp was staying the night in the gym at St Joseph's College, where we slept in our sleeping bags on gym mats. Everyone was asleep by 9pm after a fantastic talent show performed by the students (and adults). There were lots of different acts in the show including magic tricks, acrobatics, drama plays, speed drawing and funny clowns.

During the two days at camp we visited Middleton Beach and had sandcastle competitions and did a rubbish pick-up walk that involved dodging the blue bottles! We also learnt how to do archery at Camp Quaranup, learnt about sustainable Indigenous practices at the Albany Museum, and had lunch at the wind farm before the music-filled bus trip home.

A big thank you to the parents for donating food, the students for their wonderful behaviour, Mrs Marinoni for driving the bus, and to Mr Thorn, Mr Smith and Mrs Wharton for all their help on camp. We are looking forward to the events that are still to come this term, and our final weeks together as a class.

Miss Hewitt & Mrs Wharton

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INFLATABLE FUN DAY

It was a beautiful day today for our Inflatible Fun Day. Students were treated to Inflatible Soccer, Basketball, Climbing Wall and Twister!! Laughter, cheering and excitement echoed around our school.

Students were put into 4 teams, of various age groups, with the focus being on team building exercises and strategies.

Teams could even be seen at recess talking tactics and planning their next moves.

A big Thank you to Mr Mike Cornish, for bringing along his selection of Inflatible gear, and also to the Sporting Schools for a grant we received.



SCHOOL NEWS

P & F Fundraiser

Please don't forget to order your 2021 school fundraiser calendar.

Please contact Liz Robertson & Leonie Smith to order.

Liz 0428 841 450 Leonie 0488 195 314



DENTAL THERAPY NEWS



We are now at Kojonup DHS. Our Mobile Telephone reception is very weak and we are not receiving calls. Please do not leave a message, instead send an SMS or email us at KatanningDTC@dental.health.wa.gov.au.

Katanning Mobile DTC Dental Health Services
Katanning Primary School
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Katanning WA 6317
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SWIMMING LESSONS

BEGIN MONDAY!!



SPORTS UNIFORM FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS - sports shoes and socks need to be worn at school, please. Things only for to and from the pool!

Please remember to call admin with your PP# or bring your \$20 cash to admin for pool entry

YEAR 1/2 AND PP - Please come to school in your bathers as lesson times are:

10.05 - 10.45 - 1/2 CLASS
10.50 - 11.30 - PP CLASS

The 3/4 and 5/6 class will be able to get changed into their bathers before their lessons, as lesson times are:

12.00 - 12.40 - 5/6 CLASS
12.45 - 1.25 - 3/4 CLASS

What to pack in your swimming bag;

- Towel
- Rashie/swimming shirt
- Spare underwear
- Goggles
- Thongs or sandals (for to and from the pool)
- Plastic bag (for very wet items)
- School hat
- Water bottle
- Sunscreen, if not using class sunscreen
- School clothes (to change into if you are PP - 2 and coming to school in your bathers)
- Please remember socks and runners are needed for school; thongs or sandals only for to and from the pool

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Merit Award Winners



Congratulations to: Sophie Greenup, Amelia Te-Aotonga, Josh Garcia, Darcie Clayton, Kaylee Goodall, Scott Bilney, Oliver Shepherd, Jake Perry, Georgie Matthews and the whole Year 3/4 Class



Term Planner - (Week 7 & 8)

November 23 Gathering and Little Stars – 9-11am Year 6 2021 Leadership Speeches & Voting 8.50am (Year 5 Oral Language)	November 24	November 25	November 26	November 27 Merit Assembly Science Fair @ St Pat's for Enrichment students
SWIMMING LESSONS – Week 7 & 8				
November 30 Little Stars – 9-11am	December 1	December 2	December 3	December 4 Newsletter
SWIMMING LESSONS – Week 7 & 8				