

ST. BERNARD'S NEWS LETTER

Principal's News

Term 1 - Week 4 - Friday 26th February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the halfway point of this term, our school is settling into a lovely routine. Class routines and expectations are established, students are engaged and busy, and teachers are preparing for the year of teaching ahead.

My thanks to everyone who has helped to make this year's start so smooth: our amazing teachers, wonderful Education Assistants, fantastic Admin Team, you the parents, and especially our students who have come back to school with such a positive and happy mindset. It truly is a pleasure to see them each morning and gives me a great start to my day.

School Advisory Council and P&F AGM

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the School Advisory Council and P&F Annual General Meetings - especially school staff members and the Executive members of these important committees. We farewelled long-standing School Advisory Council members Tim Mathwin and Peter Robertson, and I would like to extend my very sincere thanks to Tim and Peter for all their work on behalf of our school and parent body. We also farewelled Liz Robertson from the P&F. Liz has served as Treasurer for the P&F, and I would also like to extend my thanks to her for all her hard work.

Both the School Advisory Council and the P&F require the services of a Treasurer. Neither role is too demanding in terms of time or skills required, and support is available from the School Admin Team for anyone who needs it. Please consider whether this is a way you can be of service to either group and get in touch with the school if you are interested.

Sundowner

The School Board Sundowner is now set for Week 6 - Wednesday 10th March from 5-7pm. Please come along to meet staff and other families in our school community for a sausage sizzle tea and refreshments. More information will be sent soon via our School Stream app.

Year 6 Ministry Leaders

Later in this newsletter you will find information about the Year 6 Ministry Leaders. My congratulations to these young people who have stepped up so willingly to be of service to our school community. I commend them for the way they have approached the discussion about these roles and the part they can play in making our school an even better place. I know Mr and Mrs Bell are so proud of them all, and looking forward to working with them to establish their roles, once the excitement of next week's camp is out of the way!

Season of Lent

Finally, as we are now in the Church season of Lent, I thought I would share with you some ideas from Pope Francis for the behaviours we can 'fast' from at this time, in order to prepare ourselves to become better people for the upcoming Easter season.

- *Give up saying hurtful things and speak kind words.*
- *Give up complaining and be grateful.*
- *Give up being angry and be patient.*
- *Give up holding a grudge and forgive.*
- *Give up worry and anxiety and trust that God knows best.*

Take care and God Bless,
Mrs Marino

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KINDY & PRE-PRIMARY

YEAR 1 & 2

Busy Bees in K/PP

We've had an amazing start to Term 1 in K/PP, doing lots of fun activities and enjoying our time together. The Kindy's were very kind and helped Miss Wright to make some playdough for the class. They became experts at mixing and kneading the dough!



Meanwhile the PP's have been having lots of adventures in Bush School. They have been exploring, climbing, creating and digging our way around the bush. Some things we have been very interested in is all the different types of rocks and soils we find as we dig, as well as all the sap that comes from the trees.



Last week the K/PP class went on a bear hunt in the nature playground! We received a letter from the Bear telling us he was quite lonely and he needed us to come find him. Off we went with our picture clue to find him and he was up in the tree house waiting to read the story "We're Going on a Bear Hunt". Later in the week we made bear puppets with brown paper bags.



We've had lots of fun so far in K/PP, and much more is coming!

Miss Batten and Miss Wright
K/PP



Term 1 has been lots of fun so far in Year 1/2. We have already done lots of learning and have enjoyed other events happening at school.

We started off the term by learning all about Investigations and how they help our brains to think creatively. In Year 1/2 we start every morning with 40 minutes of Investigation time. During this time, we get to do lots of cool and interesting things. Some of this includes building and creating in the construction zone, pretending to be doctors and patients in the dramatic play area, making objects and role playing with playdough in the sensory area and heaps more!

In Mathematics, we have been learning how to tell the time with Mrs Marinoni. We have learnt o'clock, half past, quarter to and quarter past! We have also been learning about place value and counting with Sensei.

In English, we have been learning all about recount writing. We have been writing recounts about special celebrations that we have attended. Some of the celebrations that we have written about include Christmas, New Year, birthdays and many more!

We can't believe how fast this term is already going. We have already made lots of memories and are excited for our year ahead!

Miss P. and Miss Sugg
Year 1/2



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Ministry Roles - Leadership



Congratulations to our Year 6 Student Ministry Leaders, announced at Assembly last Friday.

Sophie Greenup is leading in the Sustainability Ministry. Charlize Guidi, Thomas Robertson, Georgie Hart and Matthew Cant are leaders in the Service Ministry. Make Jesus Real (MJR) Ministry leaders are Katherine McGuire and Jack Hornby.

These leaders are excited to begin their roles and will get to work in earnest after the Year 5/6 camp in Week 5. We look forward to hearing from them in the newsletter and at assembly over the course of this year.



Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday

The Church season of Lent is now underway and we prepared for this on Shrove Tuesday with our traditional whole school pancakes for recess. Many thanks to Mrs Davies and Mrs Smart for providing these delicious pancakes and toppings.



On Ash Wednesday we took part in a liturgy with Fr Gerome for the distribution of the ashes. This was a lovely service and Father especially commended our students for their wonderful behaviour. Many thanks to parents who were able to join us.



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SCHOOL NEWS

Pupil Free Days

Please note a change to our advertised Pupil Free Days in Term 3.

Instead of Monday 19th July and Friday 24th September, we will have **Monday 6th September** in Term 3 and **Monday 8th November** in Term 4 as Pupil Free Days. All other dates remain unchanged.

TECHNOLOGY



We have a new school App! Please ask Admin to help you download the School Stream App and sort out any problems you may have.

School notes, forms and calendar information will be sent via the App.

Download it now to stay up to date!

ST. BERNARD'S P & F INFORMATION



P & F are looking for a Treasurer!

Can you spare 1 hour per month to report income & expenditure?

No prior experience required; the P&F team will help you out.

Please phone Leonie Smith 0488 195 314 if you can join our wonderful P&F team

ST BERNARDS PRIMARY SCHOOL GOODS AND SERVICE AUCTION PLEDGE 2021

I will be donating the following Good/ Service

DESCRIPTION	DONATED BY	APPROX. VALUE	VALID UNTIL
Eg. Dinner for two	M. Bernard	\$150	31st March 2021

Contact Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____



Donation Examples from our 2019 Auction Night

St Bernards P&F will again be holding their biennial Auction Night on the 26th of March 2021 at the Kojonup Sporting Complex. Tables can be booked by contacting the St Bernards office closer to the date.

The Parents and Friends of St Bernard's organise this event every two years to raise funds. These funds are used to purchase equipment, finance school events and more for the school children.

Over the last two years, we have put the money raised from our last Auction Night into interactive boards for each classroom, a sports marquee, playground equipment, school camps and numerous other commitments.

We ask that you please consider supporting our event by donating either a good or service that can be auctioned on the night.

If you can kindly donate to our event, please complete the Auction pledge below and return it to St Bernard's School, 11 Katanning Road, Kojonup WA 6395.

Alternatively, you could take a photo and SMS it to myself, Leonie Smith at 0488195314.

We hope you can support us in 2021 and thank you very much for your contribution.

- Nightingale Nest and Nursery voucher for \$50 and 2 dwarf citrus tree
- 1 x Certified Limited Edition Print valued at \$300 1 of only 5 prints in the "Rural Life" Series
- 1 x Yalumba Limited Edition Port
- 1 x 1 hour Reflexology Massage
- 1 x Frozen Party Pack
- 1 x Wool Bale Stand Frame valued at \$250
- 1 x Wage or Salary Earner Tax Return valued at \$198
- 1 x Money Tree & 2 Bottles of Wine
- 4 x Laying Pullets
- 1 x 1hr Private Tennis Coaching Lesson
- 1 x Horse Steel Wall Hanging valued at \$185
- 12 x Cheesecakes, 1 per month for a year
- 1 x FD 20 Fire Fighting Blackout Nozzle with Fitting/Tohl Nozzle
- Kojonup Tyre Service voucher for \$100 — to be used when purchasing 2 or more tyres with free fit & balance
- 1 x \$159 Sanitair Voucher
- 1 x STIHL Trimmer valued at \$230
- 1 x Pub Band "Jackknife" Gig valued at \$1000
- 1 x Cougars Hat, Jacket, Polo Shirt & Bag + Personalized Embroidery
- 1 x \$300 Carpentry Pack (Includes a \$200 voucher for Makit Hardware & Tools, and \$100 worth of tradie goods—incl. bag and tools and beers)

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Merit Award Winners



MERIT AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to:

Lexi Greenup, Darci Clayton, Logan Miotti,
 Alec Treeby, Kaylee Goodall,
 Toby Leusciatti, Josh Garcia, Eli Meyer,
 Arizxa Libres & Spencer Grace.

Term Planner - Week 4 and 5

	March 1	March 2	March 3	March 4	March 5	March 6/7
5	Labour Day – PUBLIC HOLIDAY				NO MERIT ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK	
		Jnr. Stars (3yo Kindy)	5/6 Camp - Pemberton	5/6 Camp - Pemberton	5/6 Camp - Pemberton	
	March 8	March 9	March 10	March 11	March 12	March 13/14
6	Jnr. Tennis Comp - Tambellup Little Stars 9.00am-11.00am	Jnr. Stars (3yo Kindy)			Newsletter Merit Assembly 8.50am	Bishop Visit – St Bernard's Parish Commissioning Mass – morning tea to follow