

ST. BERNARD'S NEWS LETTER

Principal's News

Term 1 - Week 8 - Friday 26th March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to return to school today after being away for a week, completing different work requirements. I have missed the MJR greetings from students in the mornings and it was great to be back on duty this morning to get so many wonderful hellos!

While away, I was fortunate to be on a Principal review panel for St Mary's School in Northampton and to get to see how another school in a similar context to our school operates.

There were lots of similarities, including an active and supportive parent body; committed teachers and staff; and lots of similar programs for students. Of particular note, was the fact that the school has started MiniLit intervention in the past year and parents, staff and students were all very supportive and excited to see the difference this program was making to student outcomes. This is a great reinforcement for our own MiniLit and MacqLit programs which are run by Mrs Smart and Mrs Davies and mean we can meet our students where they are at with their learning needs.

I was struck, once again, by how lucky we are at St Bernard's with our amazing grounds. Although St Mary's had some great playground spaces, their room is limited and it was so good to return to our wide open spaces and the different areas we are able to offer our students.

My thanks to all the staff who kept things running in my absence, and covered my duties and responsibilities.

Goods and Services Auction

As I write this, members of our school's Parents and Friends Association are busy getting ready for tonight's Goods and Services Auction. It is going to be a great night, with lots of amazing art work by our students up for grabs.

Thank you to our Art teacher, Mrs Sophie Atkinson, for her hard work in getting so many pieces ready for auction. I'm sure there will be many happy, successful bidders at the auction tonight.

All our students have work at the auction, either individually or as a group - even our youngest cohort, our 3-year-old Jnr. Stars. As you can see below, their piece is very appropriate, given their name! My thanks to Mrs Matthews and Mrs Wilson (formerly Miss Wright) for their preparation of this piece.

A big thank you to our wonderful P&F for their organisation of tonight - our major fundraiser and a fantastic support for our students and school. We are extremely grateful to the P&F for all they do to support St Bernard's, making this such a great school for everyone involved. I hope everyone has a great, fun night!

Holy Week Liturgies

Finally, please join us in our final week of term next week for our Holy Week liturgies, starting with our K/PP class and the celebration of Palm Sunday. As we move through this most special week in our Church calendar, we journey with Jesus and remember the sacrifices He made for us; and we look forward to Easter and the joy and hope of the Resurrection.

Take care and God Bless,
Mrs Marino



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YEAR 3 - 4

Year 3/4 Newsletter

This term in Year 3/4 we have been super busy getting to know one another, getting back into classroom routines, and doing exciting things in our learning.

We started the term off identifying our classroom expectations and setting individual learning goals. The students have been working hard to achieve their goals and are reminded of these when they see our hot air balloon goals display on the wall.

This term the students have been learning about how to write procedures, with a focus on how to write science experiment procedures. We have been able to do experiments in class such as creating 'walking water' with water, food colouring and paper towels, and also lava lamps using oil, water, Alka Seltzer tablets and food colouring. Everyone really enjoyed seeing the way the tablet created bubbles in the coloured water which then rose into the oil. We even put a torch underneath to create the lava lamp effect.

In Maths we have been getting our brains back into thinking mathematically after the long break with lots of fun Maths games. Students have really enjoyed playing Speed, the Place Value game and addition, subtraction and multiplication flip games. Students have also been learning about measurement, in particular length. We started the unit off with measuring each student's height so we can see how much everyone has grown when we measure heights again at the end of the year. Students have measured objects around the school using different types of measuring tools and completed a paper plane investigation, measuring the longest distance their plane could travel.

In Week 8 the class had their Oral Language choral speaking presentations. It was amazing to see the way that each group worked together during their practice sessions and seeing all their hard work pay off in their performances.

There is only one week left until school holidays and we have been practising our dramatisations for our Holy Week Liturgy on Tuesday of Week 9. We look forward to seeing you there!

Miss Hewitt & Mrs Wharton



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SUNSMART SCHOOLS TENNIS CLASSIC

2021 SunSmart Schools Tennis Classic Country Academy Plate Final

On Friday 19th March Will Sibley, Jack Hornby, Charli Guidi, Codi Trethowan, Sophie Greenup and their support teams travelled to Perth to compete in the Academy Plate at Alexander Park Tennis Club.

It was a very hot day so Tennis West rearranged the timetable so games weren't played in the heat of the day. The St Bernard's team represented our school with great sportsmanship, and played awesome tennis. We are very proud of the team's achievements and would like to congratulate the students for their day in Perth.

Overall, there were over 30 teams who competed in their regions for this event, with 11 teams playing off in the finals in Perth. Overall, St Bernard's ended up fourth, which is a fantastic effort.

Well team team St Bernard's!

Mrs Marinoni
Physical Education Teacher



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.



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



Still time to buy tickets:
50c each
or 3 for \$1

P & F Easter Egg Raffle Draw
Next Thursday April 1st.

Happy Easter



Term Planner - Week 9

	March 29	March 30	March 31	April 1	April 2	April 3/4
9	K/PP Palm Sunday Liturgy 2.30pm	Yr 3/4 Holy Thurs. Liturgy 2.30pm	Yr 5/6 Good Friday - Liturgy 2.30pm	Yr 1/2- Easter Sunday - Liturgy 2.30pm P & F Easter Raffle 8.50am	Good Friday	
	Parent - Teacher Interviews 3.00-5.30pm	Parent - Teacher Interviews 3.00-5.30pm		Who's Who 2.30 Students Finish Term 1		