

# ST. BERNARD'S NEWS LETTER

*Principal's News*

*Term 2 - Week 10 - Friday 25th June 2021*

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our last newsletter for Term Two. It has been a long and busy term and I'm sure everyone is looking forward to a well-earned holiday.

## **EDUCATION**

**Reports** - Reports for our Pre-Primary to Year Six students will be sent home early next week. Please take some time to go through your child's report with them, celebrating their achievements and discussing possible learning goals for Semester Two. It is obvious from reading the reports how well our teachers know their students and I thank them for the effort they have put into the report preparation. If you would like to discuss anything in your child's report please make an appointment to see your class teacher before the holidays start or early in Term Three. Kindy parents will get to see their child's portfolio of work completed so far this year. Please take the time over the holidays to have a good look through the portfolio and then return it to school in Term Three so that work from the rest of the year can be added to it.

**Oral Language Week** - Students have been presenting their prose text readings this week as part of Oral Language Week. It has been lovely to see the students' engagement with the texts they have chosen and to hear everyone striving for fluent, well-paced and expressive reading.

**Information Reports** - Students have also been working hard in this term's text focus - writing information reports about a range of different topics. This text genre involved conducting research to gather information, taking notes to record the information, and then transferring the information into a completed text, striving to meet the required conventions. Teachers have used the Brightpath writing assessment program to plot students' work on the graduated ladders to track students' progress from writing the first 'cold' task, to the final 'hot' task assessment piece.

**Home Reading** - Home reading will be a focus next semester with students who are reading independently completing reading and quizzes in the Accelerated Reader program, and others continuing to work on leveled reading texts. We appreciate parents' help and support with home reading which has a real and visible impact on students' progress in all learning areas.

## **CATHOLIC IDENTITY**

**Praying the Rosary** - All classes have been joining me in praying a decade of the Rosary. We have discussed how the Rosary beads are a tool and a counting device to help us keep up with the correct prayers to say and keeping count of the number we have prayed. We have also discussed the relaxing, meditative and mindful qualities of saying the Rosary, as well the opportunity to ask for the intervention of Mary in our needs and petitions. I have been so impressed with the students' engagement with the prayers and the respect and interest they have shown. A special mention of our Year 5/6 class who surprised themselves this week on how well they remembered the Apostles Creed, which is prayed at the start of the Rosary, and learnt when the students were in Year 3/4!

**MJR Focus** - Our MJR focus for the rest of term continues to be NGU, or Never Give Up. This focus ties in well with the work many classes have been doing on resilience and growth mindset in Health lessons. The MJR prize draw will be held at our first assembly in Week Two of Term Three.

## **STEWARDSHIP**

**Mid-year Budget Review** - My thanks to our Finance Officer, Mrs Nadine Bilney, who has been completing the mid-year budget review. St Bernard's continues to track well and I thank our families for their support in fee payment, either in full or via payment plans.

**NCCD** - Also required at this time of the year is verification of our Nationally Consistent Collection of Data, which lists all students who require additional support in differentiated teaching. My thanks to our classroom teachers who prepare Individual Education Plans for their students requiring extra support, and to Mrs Smart and Mrs Davies who work in our MultiLit intervention classes to support these students.

## **COMMUNITY**

**Busy Bee** - The School Advisory Council will host a busy bee at school on Saturday 31st July. Further details will be provided next term but this will be to erect football goal posts and will include a sausage sizzle.

Finally, I wish you all a happy and safe holiday and look forward to seeing everyone in Term Three.

*Take care and God Bless,*

*Mrs Marino*

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## YEAR 3 & 4



This term has been a busy and exciting time in Year 3/4. There have been lots of events, special occasions and learning taking place, making the term fly by. We started off the term preparing for Mother's Day and had a great time pampering and celebrating the amazing women who look after us at our Mother's Day morning. Another big celebration has been Adrianna and David's First Holy Communion. It was great to see the class supporting both these students in receiving their special Sacrament.

In HASS we have been going on our own little holidays to different places around the world, exploring different climate zones, and investigating the continents of Africa and Europe. Students chose an animal native to one of these continents to research and have been creating amazing dioramas of their animal's natural habitat. Some of the chosen animals include gorillas, cheetahs, vultures, otters, rabbits, scorpions, lemurs and buffaloes. Students have also used their research to write their own detailed information report, combining their learning in HASS and Writing this term. It has been fantastic to see how engaged students have been in finding out about their animal and writing the reports to go with their dioramas.

The Year 3/4 class is taking part in the Great Southern Network STEM Project, with teachers and students from St Patrick's in Katanning, St Matthew's in Narrogin and St Joseph's in Albany. In Term Four the students will be taking part in a STEM showcase at St Patrick's in Katanning, which will also involve the three other schools. This term students have been planning, designing and are currently in the stages of creating a STEM project prototype based on the question "What makes a Great Community?" Originally students explored the concept of what they thought would make Kojonup an even better community. Students were then grouped with others who had similar ideas to start working on their project prototypes. The ideas include creating a bigger sports complex, a motocross and mountain bike track, an eco-friendly shopping mall, a motorbike shop, a large eco-friendly playground, and a house/nesting box to save the endangered red-tailed phascogales in Kojonup. Each prototype is developing well and will be presented in our own St Bernard's STEM showcase before the Katanning Showcase in Term Four.



Most recently the Year 3/4 students presented their prose readings for Oral Language Week. It was fantastic to hear everyone use amazing expression when they were reading to engage the audience. With so much happening this term, we are all looking forward to having a relaxing and much needed two-week break to recharge and come back fresh in Term Three.

Miss Hewitt & Mrs Wharton



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## AWARD WINNERS

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MERIT AWARD

#### WINNERS:

**JAMES SMITH, ARCHIE THORN,  
RYAN MACKEAN, KYLE POLLARD,  
GEORGIE MATTHEWS, ESSIE BELL  
& ALEXANDER SHEPHERD**



**MINILIT:  
GEORGIE MATTHEWS**

## WELCOME MISS NORRISH

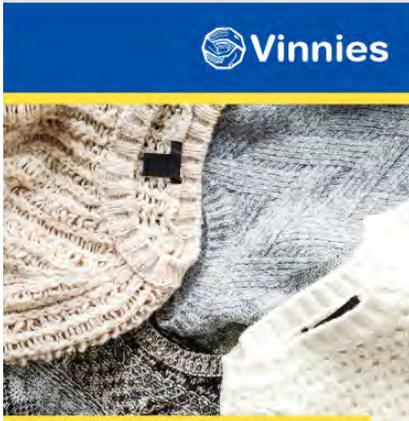
**A lovely warm St Bernard's welcome to Miss Lara Norrish, who commenced 2 weeks ago as our new Kindy/Pre-Primary Education Assistant.**

**Lara is a Kojonup girl, and has now settled back home after being to Boarding School in Bunbury and then living and working in Perth. Our Kindy and Pre-Primary children, staff & our St Bernard's school community are delighted to have Lara on board.  
Welcome Lara.**



# COMMUNITY & OTHER NEWS

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LIBRARY BOOKS!  
Due back Tuesday please....  
or earlier if you are going to  
inter-schools.

## Term 2 - Week 11 & Week 1 - Term 3!!!

	JUNE 28	JUNE 29	JUNE 30	JULY 1	JULY 2	JULY 3/4
11		INTERSCHOOL – CROSS COUNTRY (Cranbrook)			Staff PD Day – PUPIL FREE	

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday / Sunday
1	19 <sup>th</sup> July STUDENTS COMMENCE	20 <sup>th</sup> July	21 <sup>st</sup> July	22 <sup>nd</sup> July	23 <sup>rd</sup> July	24/25 July