

# ST. BERNARD'S NEWS LETTER

*Principal's News*

*Term 2 - Week 6 - Friday 28th May 2021*

Dear Parents and Carers,

I begin this newsletter with an important message to all parents regarding communication with your child's teacher. I remind all our families that any issues or concerns that you may have must be raised firstly with the class teacher in a timely and respectful manner.

Other forums are not an appropriate way to address issues relating to your child and they are unlikely to present a resolution. Similarly, speaking with me as the Principal is not an appropriate first step. In order to open a dialogue, gather information from both sides, and seek to resolve any issues, the conversation must first be had with your class teacher.

I know you will find that all our teachers at St Bernard's are very open to having discussions with parents and would welcome the opportunity to discuss issues or concerns relating to students as soon as possible, in order to work with you to reach a satisfactory outcome for your child.

For this reason, I will always refer parents seeking to discuss issues with me to the classroom teacher in the first instance. If the discussions are unproductive or unsatisfactory for whatever reason, it is then appropriate for me to become involved.

Just as we teach our children and students that the best way to resolve issues is to talk about them, openly and respectfully, so I encourage all parents to adopt this approach with their class teacher.

We resolve problems and build relationships when we engage in dialogue: sharing information, asking questions, seeking clarification, listening and seeking to understand. Please don't leave issues over a long period of time: seek a meeting with the teacher as soon as you have concerns so that a resolution can be reached for the benefit of your child as soon as possible.

## **Sacrament of First Holy Communion**

This week marks an important milestone in their faith journey for two students in our Year 4 class, Adrianna Kahn and David De Guzman, as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion at Mass on Saturday evening.

Adrianna and David have been supported by their families, their teacher and classmates, and parishioners as they have prepared for this sacrament.

This week their family members attended a Family Workshop and the Year 3/4 class took part in a retreat on Wednesday morning.

The retreat focused on how receiving the Eucharist is one way of remembering Jesus's message of love and strengthening us to go out to live this message through our own lives. Other things we can do include gathering as a community - school, family, church - listening to God's message in the Bible readings, and taking this message to other people.

Students thought about how friendships are grown and made their own flower garden to remind them of all the things they can do to grow friends and keep the bugs out of their friendships.

St Bernard's sends its best wishes to Adrianna and David and their families as they receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion this weekend.

*God Bless,*

*Mrs Marino.*



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## Year 1 & 2

The Year 1/2 class has had such a fun start to Term 2! So far this term we have learnt lots of new and exciting things, and we have had some special days at school. A few weeks ago, we invited our mums to school to celebrate Mother's Day. We enjoyed the morning, and we were able to create some amazing fairy gardens with our mums.

This week we had the World of Maths incursion which was fun, but also challenging! In English, we have been learning how to write Information Reports. We were able to choose whatever topic we wanted to research which is pretty cool. In Maths, we have been learning all about bundling and doubling numbers. We have also been learning about shapes with Mrs Marinoni. In HASS we have been learning about history and how the past is so different to the present. We can't believe how much televisions have changed over time! In Health we have been learning about communication and how important it is to be able to communicate well with all different people. Lastly, in Religion we have been learning about the Eucharist and we have been finding out what happens at the First Holy Communion ceremony. We are excited and send our best wishes to Adrianna and David in Year 4 as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion this weekend.

We have been working extremely hard in Year 1/2 and are looking forward to continuing our learning throughout the rest of the term!



## National Simultaneous Storytime

On Wednesday 19th May, the whole school attended the National Simultaneous Storytime in the library. This year it was very exciting as the story, called **"Give Me Some Space!"** written and illustrated by Philip Bunting, was read by an astronaut from the International Space Station. There was a funny twist at the end, as the astronaut pushed off and floated out of sight, leaving the book suspended in space!



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## KINDY & PRE-PRIMARY

In K/PP we have been looking at and discussing ourselves. We have looked at our families and our homes and how they are different and the same. Last week we talked about ourselves and how we have changed over time. We then used pictures of ourselves at different ages to make into hanging mobiles. We loved making these and looking at ourselves as babies - we were all very cute!

In Bush School the Pre-Primary's have been very busy investigating ants. After our excursion to Myrtle Benn Reserve where we found giant ant homes, we were interested to find out what they would look like on the inside. We watched some videos online and were inspired by their tunnels. We started to make our own ant homes in the sand, making tunnels that go everywhere. We then collected some ants to go into an ant farm so we could watch the magic happen. Unfortunately, they all ate each other so Miss Batten is going to order some online that will hopefully do the job properly! We have now started looking at different insect homes like butterflies and grasshoppers.



## Catholic Community News



ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE ALBANY

St Joseph's College is a growing Three-Year-Old to Year Twelve co-educational school providing a quality Catholic education in Albany and the Great Southern Region. Applications and expressions of interest are invited from families wishing their child to attend the College in 2022 for the following:

### Middle and Senior Schools

- Year Seven.
- Limited vacancies exist in other grades from Year Eight to Year Twelve.
- St Joseph's College also has access to the Albany Residential College for students in Year Seven to Year Twelve residing in the wider Great Southern.

### Would your son or daughter benefit from the 'St Joseph experience'?

- St Joseph's College is a low fee school with generous reductions for family enrolments, Health Card Holders, or any family regardless of income wishing their child to attend our College. You may be surprised at how affordable our fees are!
- There are only a set number of places per year group. Once these places have been allocated, further enrolments will be placed on a waiting list.
- Families are to be supportive of the Catholic ethos; it is not essential to be Catholic.
- A tour of the College campus can be arranged during the week or on a weekend.

For further information and an enrolment form, contact the College Office on 9844 0222.

Website: <http://web.sjc-albany.edu.au>  
Email: [admin@sjc-albany.wa.edu.au](mailto:admin@sjc-albany.wa.edu.au)



*Please keep in your Prayers  
this week our  
St Bernard's Year 4 students  
preparing for their First Holy  
Communion :*

*David De Guzman &  
Adrianna Kahn*

*Please join us on Saturday May  
29th at 5pm to celebrate the  
Sacrament of the First Holy  
Communion.*

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## SCHOOL PHOTOS



MSP Photography, WA  
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 PO Box 2188 Warwick, WA 6024  
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### ONLINE ORDERING SYSTEM

We recommend you add this to your Newsletter before photo day, to advise Parents/Guardians of ordering procedures

St Bernard's Catholic Primary School

Our School Photos will be taken on: Tuesday 8th June 2021

#### Class Photos/Portraits:

- Every Student will have their photo taken, whether they are purchasing photos or not.
- The school has chosen to use the online ordering system. Your child will be given an online ordering instruction slip and a unique student shootkey.
- Log onto [www.msp.com.au](http://www.msp.com.au) and follow the prompts to place your order.
- If you lose your shootkey the school reception will have a copy to quote back to you.
- The expiry date for online ordering is the **14/06/2021**. Any orders received after this date will incur a \$30.00 archive fee.
- Spare envelopes (green) are available at school reception should you wish to pay via cash.

#### Family Photos:

- Envelopes can be obtained from Administration.
- Family photos are taken each morning before school.
- Please ensure that your family envelope and payment are handed to the Photographers on photo day.
- If you do not have the correct money, we will provide any change needed when photos are delivered to school.
- Family photos cannot be ordered online.
- Once school has received photos, family photos will remain at reception for parents to collect.

#### Please Note:

Individuals and Family Images are not available to view online for Students' Security  
 If for any reason you need to contact MSP regarding your child's photos you will be asked to provide your child's shootkey.



SAY CHEESE



St Bernard's Catholic Primary School  
 Photo Date: Tuesday 8th June 2021

School photo day is fast approaching, make sure you place your order.

1. Visit [www.msp.com.au](http://www.msp.com.au)
2. Select the "Download Portrait or Order Online" portal
3. Use your child's unique shootkey

A Late/processing fee will apply for orders received after **14.06.2021**

LIFE IS EASIER WITH MSP

*Photo day is a Tuesday and Kindy students are welcome to join us either just for the photos or for the whole school day! PP students and Kindy students staying for the day will need to bring their Bush School clothes and shoes to school so they can get changed.*

## Award and Prize Winners



Congratulations to our Merit Award winners:  
 Sam Clayton, Codi Trethowan, Miki Gardner,  
 Kate McGuire, Grace Perry & Paddy Eyres.



Star Board Awards:  
 Stewart Eyres, Nancy Bell & James Smith

## Term Planner - Week 7 & 8

May 31	JUNE 1	JUNE 2	JUNE 3	JUNE 4
			Cross Country	Catholic Day – PUPIL FREE
JUNE 7	JUNE 8	JUNE 9	JUNE 10	JUNE 11
WA DAY – PUBLIC HOLIDAY	School Photos MSP – Full winter uniform (Jumpers/Ties etc)			Squash Clinic Newsletter Merit Assembly 8.50am