

ST. BERNARD'S NEWS LETTER

Principal's News

Term 3- Week 2 - Friday 30th July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our first newsletter for Term Three. It is hard to believe it is only Week 2, as so much has already been happening around the school.

EDUCATION

100 Days of School - Our Kindy to Year Two students celebrated 100 Days of School yesterday with lots of exciting activities all relating to the magic number 100. They even got to spend the day with some very special, very old teachers and EAs! Please see our story and photos later in the newsletter for all the details.

Choir - The St Bernard's Choir resumed practice this week ready for its end of year performances. Thank you to the students who are giving up their lunchtime on Thursdays to practice, and to Mrs Thorn, Mrs Mathwin and Mrs Clayton for running the choir. We look forward to hearing them perform.

Narrative Writing - All classes are focusing on Narrative writing this term and have completed their Brightpath 'cold task' writing piece. There is lots of talk around the school about the elements of Narrative Writing and some great story ideas are emerging. I can't wait to read some of the stories being written over the course of this term.

Home Reading - As flagged in our last newsletter, home reading is a focus this term. Students can work towards rewards for consecutive nights reading as follows:

- 30 nights: a milkshake
- 60 nights: free dress day
- 90 nights: lunch with Mrs Marino

Please support your child to read each night and record the reading in their reading diary (PP-3) or school diary (Years 4-6). Above all, make home reading a happy affair where you can celebrate the amazing gains your children have made in this very complex activity. Please see your School Stream app for the home reading letter which was sent home at the start of this term.

CATHOLIC IDENTITY

Sacrament of Confirmation - This term we are supporting Charli and Jack in our Year 6 class who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday 21st August. In this sacrament the children re-affirm their Baptism vows, which were made for them when they were baptised as babies. All classes are completing the related unit in their Religious Education lessons, and the whole school community wishes Charli, Jack and their families well as they prepare for the sacrament. Fr Tony Chiera will officiate at the sacrament, along with Fr Gerome who has returned from extended leave.

MJR Focus - Our MJR focus for the start of this term is 'Good, Better, Best' and focuses on students striving to be the best they can be. Striving for 'Good, Better, Best' relates to developing a growth mindset, as students challenge themselves to do better, even though it might be tough or mean that they make mistakes. In a fixed mindset, we might settle for just being 'Good' when, with a bit more effort, we could be 'Best'. We Make Jesus Real at St Bernard's when we Reach for the Stars and try to be our 'Best'. This also ties in with our Mercy value of Excellence when we strive to be the best we can be.

STEWARDSHIP

Census - The second census, or count of student numbers, will be held on Friday 6th August. Please see your School Stream app for a letter from the Government relating to the census.

COMMUNITY

Welcome - Welcome to the Gregory family, and Marcus, who has joined us in Year 3 with Miss Hewitt. We also welcomed two new Jnr. Stars to our Pre-Kindy class - Marvella and Brody. This now brings our numbers in Jnr. Stars to 10.

Busy Bee - Thank you in advance to those who helped with the Busy Bee on Saturday 31st July to erect new footy goal posts and replace the basketball backboards. This work will be much-appreciated by our students!

*Take care and God Bless,
Mrs Marino*

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Junior Stars & Little Stars

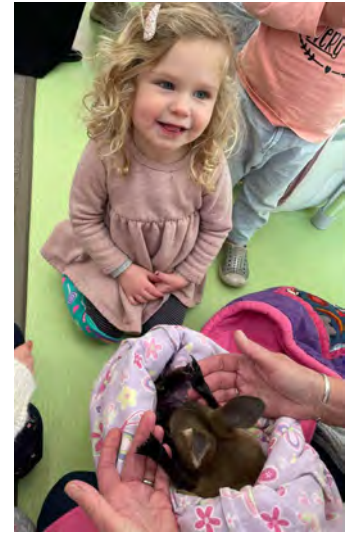
Little Stars

On Monday the 26th of July Mrs Matthews and Mrs Sawyer went with the Little Stars children and their mums on a mini excursion.

We went to the Kojonup Child Care Centre to see wildlife that had been rescued by the carers at Dreamers Dream Wildlife Sanctuary. There were joeys, a kookaburra and a pygmy possum, and the children were lucky enough to be able to have a hold of the animals.

We learnt about the rescued animals and important information about being a wildlife carer. The families were also given an Animal First Aid Kit to take home to care for any injured animals that they might find.

Thank you to Dreamers Dream Wildlife Sanctuary and Kojonup Child Care Centre for a great morning!



Jnr. Stars

Jnr. Stars is currently involved in an inquiry about mushrooms! This came about when the children noticed strange looking, orange mushrooms growing in our garden. They ran around with excitement each time they found more mushrooms, which staff kept pulling out of the garden in case they were poisonous! When the school gardener came back with the good news that they weren't poisonous we began to extend the children's interest and curiosity, beginning with a discussion about their existing knowledge of mushrooms. As well as discussing the safety aspect – some mushrooms are poisonous – we also discussed the need to take care of living things by not touching the mushrooms. We used our observational skills to draw the mushrooms in our garden. We discussed the textures of a variety of mushrooms, and the children used mushrooms to create prints with paint. Many one on one conversations and group discussions have taken place during this inquiry. The learning was extended beyond school as families became involved by discussing mushrooms at home and going on mushroom hunts, sharing photos and stories of their findings with the class.



Jnr. Stars children would like to say a big thank you to the St Bernard's School P&F for their contribution towards our new mud table. As you can see, we have already begun using our table to make creations with natural materials. This table provides us with the ability to engage in sensory play and develop skills such as cooperation, problem solving and creativity.

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AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to our Merit award winners:



Amelia Te-Aotonga,
Reagan Goodall,
Quinn Melling,
Kaylee Goodall,
Katana Webb,
Arizxa Libres,
Xkyze Vloria,
Nancy Bell,
Jack Sibley
& Gus Thorn.

100 DAYS OF SCHOOL

St Bernard's students in the K/PP and Year 1/2 classes celebrated 100 Days of School on Thursday 29th July.

The students got a surprise in the morning when they went into their classrooms to find their teachers had aged overnight and become 100 years old!

The Kindy/Pre-Primary students set about counting collections of 100 and comparing the size of their collections with each other. Depending on the items chosen, some collections were very large and others were very small.



The students also created 100-day necklaces with one hundred beads, made a tower with 100 cups, baked 100s and 1000s biscuits and they each made a crown to show that they are 100 days smarter! A dance party in the classroom finished off the celebrations.

Students in Year 1/2 were set a challenge to build something using 100 objects. Some of the creations included a tower and a slithery snake.



In Writing, students were given the topic "100 Days" as a prompt to write a short story.

They came up with all kinds of wonderful storylines and imaginative ideas. In Mathematics, the students completed the 100s Puzzle Race. They had to put puzzle pieces together from numbers 1-100 in a short amount of time and it's safe to say there was some friendly competition within the classroom!

Overall, it was a lovely day and all the students had a fabulous time celebrating 100 Days of School!



School Advisory Council

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Invite you to join us:

Busy Bee

Saturday July 31st

12:30pm



We are going to be working together to put up for our students:

**New Basketball Backboards
&
New AFL Football Goal Posts.**

Sausage Sizzle Lunch provided

R S V P to Admin by

Wednesday July 28th.



Term 3 - Week 3 & 4

	2 nd August	3 rd August	4 th August	5 th August	6 th August	7/8 Aug
3					Spare Parts Performance – KDHS PP - 6	
	9 th August	10 th August	11 th August	12 th August	13 th August	14/15 Aug
4					Assembly 8.50am Newsletter	