

ST. BERNARD'S NEWS LETTER

Principal's News

Term 3- Week 4 - Friday 13th August 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our second newsletter for Term 3 in what has been a wet, windy and very cold week! Hopefully you have managed to stay warm and dry for most of it.

EDUCATION

Literacy Dedicated Time – Each of our classes from Year 1 to Year 6 follow the Literacy Dedicated Time model which involves the teacher leading a small group guided reading session targeted at the students' point of need, while the other students are involved in productive reading and writing activities at stations around the room. I would like to acknowledge how hard our teachers have worked to get this model up and running in the St Bernard's classrooms. This hard work was also acknowledged by our CEWA Literacy Consultant, Mrs Liz Harper, and our School Support Consultant, Mrs Jan Flemming, on a recent visit to classrooms. Both consultants praised our teachers for their organisation of the LDT block and their engagement with the principles of the approach and spoke highly of the classroom practices they observed on their visit. Well done to all our St Bernard's teachers!

Brightpath Maths – Just as the LDT model allows our students' progress in reading to be accurately and regularly tracked, the Brightpath Maths assessment also provides data to assist teachers in planning for learning at the students' point of need. While Brightpath Maths is a new initiative for all schools this year, St Bernard's is trialling this new approach to pre-test data gathering. My thanks, again, to our teachers and to Mrs Sandy Jackson for leading this learning for our staff and students.

Brightpath Writing – Our focus on Narrative Writing continues and, as I move in and out of classrooms, I am hearing lots of stories being read and discussions about characters, setting, complication, action and resolution. Having seen the students' cold task writing pieces written at the beginning of this focus, I can't wait to see their hot task pieces which will be written at the end of this term. My thanks to Mrs Venables for leading this approach and to our classroom teachers for their engagement with the teaching and learning for students.

Home Reading – Thank you for your support of your children in home reading – please keep this up as we get closer to the first of our rewards for 30 days consecutive reading!

CATHOLIC IDENTITY

Sacrament of Confirmation – We continue to support Charli and Jack in our Year 6 class who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday 21st August when they will re-affirm their Baptism vows, which were made for them when they were baptised as babies. We wish Charli, Jack and their families well as they prepare for the sacrament. Fr Tony Chiera will officiate at the sacrament, assisted by Fr Gerome.

Mr Tim Trethowan – St Bernard's School, along with St Bernard's Parish, was sorry to hear of the passing of Mr Tim Trethowan. Mr Trethowan was a long time member of the St Bernard's Parish Pastoral Council, and a regular church-goer at St Bernard's Church. He will be sadly missed, and we offer our condolences to his wife Wendy and extended family at this time.

COMMUNITY

Farewell – This week we farewell Miss Rachel Batten from our Kindy/Pre-Primary class. Miss Batten tendered her resignation two weeks ago and, while we are sad to see her leave, we wish her well in her future endeavours. We also farewell Mr Bell from the Year 5/6 class for the rest of this term, and we wish him well as he takes this time to concentrate on his health and wellbeing.

Welcome – In Miss Batten's place in the Kindy/Pre-Primary class, we welcome Mrs Melissa Matthews on Wednesdays and Thursdays, and Mrs Sue Sumner on Tuesdays and Fridays. Mrs Matthews is well known to us all and Mrs Sumner may be a familiar face as she has done some relief teaching days at St Bernard's in the past. I would like to extend my thanks to both Mrs Matthews and Mrs Sumner for taking on these roles at short notice and ensuring a smooth transition for our students in K/PP. I will be taking the K/PP class on Mondays.

Mr Bell's place in Year 5/6 will be taken by another familiar face - Mrs Sharon Venables - on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Mrs Bell continues to take the class for three days a week: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Again, my thanks to all for ensuring a smooth transition for our students.

Please take good care of yourselves and your families.

God Bless,

Mrs Marino.

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YEAR 5 / 6 CLASS

We've had a great start to Term Three in Year 5/6!

Picture Books

In Literacy we are studying how to write narrative texts. We have all come up with a short story idea and are in the process of planning and storyboarding for our own picture book, to be read to year 1/2 at the end of the term. Once we have done our draft we will complete our good copy and then add pictures. – *Moana*

Statistics and Probability

To learn more about probability we have played games like Greedy pig and Dice footy to look at strategy and chance to help us win! We've used Olympic data to construct tables and graphs by hand and also on our devices.

'I've learnt how to draw a line graph and dot plot. I've never drawn these before.'

– *Deekin*

Tree Planting

On Wednesday this week we were invited to help Adele Scarfone, a landcare officer from the Shire of Kojonup, with tree planting. Together we planted over 200 trees to help with the rehabilitation of the nature reserve near Myrtle Benn. Boys and girls were separated and went into two different areas to plant trees. We used special garden equipment called a potti putki to get the trees into the ground. It was hard work and great fun! We even dug up a few treasures! – *Kate, Kyle, Will and Matt*
'It was really enjoyable and good that it helped the environment' – *Kate*

Confirmation Retreat

This term we are supporting Charli and Jack in our Year 5/6 class who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday 21st August. As part of this preparation students are completing the Confirmation unit in Religious Education Lessons. On Friday 13th August we had our Confirmation Retreat with Mrs Marino.

Year 6 Leaders

Our Year 6 leaders have shown great leadership this term, running Dance club, Athletics practice, Footy Club and Craft club during lunch times. It's great to see the Year 6 students being great role models throughout the year.

'I really love dancing and it's great to see other kids loving it too and seeing them smile and enjoy themselves.' – *Georgie and Miki*

'It has been really fun playing football with other kids and encouraging kids that have never played before.' – *Archie*

'I like to see younger kids being creative. It's fun to see them use their imagination when they draw or colour.' – *Sophie*

We're looking forward to a busy and exciting end to Term Three!

Mrs Bell, Mr Bell, Mrs Davies and 5/6 Students



Congratulations



Congratulations to our new Sport Vice-Captains for 2021.

Alexander Mathwin & Toby Leusciatti will be supporting our Sports Captains Codi Trethowan & Will Sibley.

ST BERNARDS DAY 2021

Friday 20th August

Free Dress!

Please bring spare change
50c, \$1 & \$2 coins!

Sausage sizzle
lunch
Thank you to Elders
Kojonup!

Mystery Jars

Choc Toss

Nail Salon

St Bernard's
Day cake!



COME AND JOIN THE FUN!

Come and help us to celebrate St Bernard's Feast Day. This is a special day in our school year and an important part of our mission work.

10am Mass

Fair 1.45pm
bring lots of small change

Face Painting

Hair Colouring!

Sponge Toss

Balloon Hacky
Sacks!

Skittles

Obstacle Course

	16 th August	17 th August	18 th August	19 th Aug	20 th Aug	21/22 Aug
5	Science Week	PP - Yr 4 Tree Planting Science Week	Science Week	Science Week	St Bernard's Feast Day Mass 10am Science Week	Confirmation with Fr Tony - Saturday 21 st @ 5pm
6	23 rd Aug BOOK WEEK - OLD WORLDS, NEW WORLDS, OTHER WORLDS	24 th Aug Dress Up Day - Book Week	25 th August	26 th Aug	27 th Aug Assembly 8.50am Newsletter	28/29 Aug

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AWARD WINNERS

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MERIT AWARD WINNERS:

DARCIE CLAYTON, JACK HORNBY, GEORGIE HART & BRAX WEBB



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JOSH GARCIA, SAM CLAYTON & OLIVIA FISHER



PARISH NEWS



Please keep in your Prayers this week our

*St Bernard's Year 6 students preparing for their
Sacrament of Confirmation:*



*Charlize Guidi
&
Jack Hornby*

*Please join us on Saturday August 21st at 5pm to
celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation.*

*The Principal, Staff and Students at St Bernard's Primary School would like to
express their sincere sympathy to Chris, Wendy and family, and all members of the St
Bernard's Parish, on the passing of Tim.
Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.*