

ST. BERNARD'S NEWS LETTER

Principal's News

Term 4- Week 6 - Friday 19th November 2021

Dear Parent and Carers,

It is hard to believe there are just three weeks of the school year left – our school remains as busy as ever, and we are looking forward to the end of year celebrations that are to come, as well as reflecting on some of the events that have already taken place.

EDUCATION

STEM Showcase: The Year 3/4 STEM Showcase held at St Patrick's in Katanning last week was a great success. Over 120 students from four schools attended and took the opportunity to present their STEM projects to each other, as well as the teachers and CEWA officials who were present. We heard about the projects, where the ideas had come from, how the projects were going to make a difference and what the students would do differently next time. Congratulations to Miss Hewitt and the Year 3/4 students who took part and did a fantastic job presenting their projects to the visiting audience. Yesterday the students held their own mini-Showcase in the classroom when they presented to other students and parents. Special mention to the Star Playground team comprising James Smith, Kaylee Goodall, Xkyzes Vioria and Olivia Fisher who were nominated for the National STEM MAD competition, and to the motocross team of Logan Miotti, Katana Webb, Marcus Gregory and Sam Clayton who won the Community section of the showcase day in Katanning. We are looking forward to next year's STEM Challenge and the showcase, which I'm sure will go from strength to strength.

CATHOLIC IDENTITY

Sacrament of Reconciliation – This was a lovely celebration for our Year Three students, Marlie Matthews and Grace Perry, and their families. Thank you to Fr Gerome who reminded us all of the healing power of forgiveness – both to receive and to give. Thank you to Miss Hewitt and the Year 3/4 students who supported Marlie and Grace throughout their preparations, and congratulations to Marlie and Grace for the mature way they approached their preparations and receiving the sacrament on the day.

Graduation & End of Year Mass

Our Year 6 Graduation Mass will be held on Tuesday 7th December at 4.45pm at St Bernard's Church. All families are invited to attend this Mass and also our End of Year Celebration Mass on Thursday 9th December at 10am. It will be lovely to return to our church to celebrate these special masses following the COVID-19 restrictions which have prevented us from all gathering in the church.

STEWARDSHIP

Reports and School Plans – Teachers are busy preparing their reports at the moment, ready for sending home to parents in Week 9. The school is also looking towards next year and planning for the focus on teaching and learning will take place in Week 10 when the staff will examine data from this year to plan the way forward.

Year 5 Leadership Speeches – Congratulations to our Year 5 students who presented their 2022 Leadership Speeches to the school community yesterday. We are so proud of them all and know they will all make great leaders next year, no matter what position they hold. Voting will now take place for School Captain and Sports Captain positions which will be announced at our Graduation and Awards Ceremony in Week 9. Ministry Leaders positions will be organised at the start of next year and will be announced at an assembly.

COMMUNITY

Graduation and Awards Ceremony - Please remember our Graduation and Awards Ceremony on Tuesday 7th December from 6pm at the Kojonup Memorial Hall. Doors will open at 5.45pm and entry will be through the main front doors of the hall. We will start at 6pm promptly, finishing at approximately 8pm with supper to follow in the Lesser Hall. Students need to wear their summer school uniform and sit with their class teachers at the front of the hall. Families are asked to bring a plate of food for supper.

Christmas Concert – Please also remember our Christmas Nativity and Concert which will take place on Thursday 9th December from 5pm in the undercover area. Families are welcome to bring a picnic supper to share on the lawns before we start the concert at 5.30pm.

Take care, everyone, and God Bless. Mrs Marino

SWIMMING LESSONS UPDATE

Please take note (only 5 days of lessons – due to instructor shortage)

WEEK 7 (22nd Nov-26th Nov) – YEAR 4 to 6

WEEK 8 (29th Nov-3rd Dec) PP to YR 3

Year 1 & 2

The Year 1/2 class have had a very busy term so far!

We started off with our favourite week of Term 4, Dance Sport and the Kojonup Show. We learnt some groovy new moves with Debbie-Anne and Jennefer - our favourite dance was the Barnyard dance. We also got to select some of our best work to have at the Koji Show. Most of us got to go and see our work on display which was very special.

In Week 3, we received an exciting letter from Santa's workshop inviting us to write a letter back to Santa. This made us so excited and we all wrote a special letter addressed to Santa and his elves. Then we had a very special excursion to the Post Office where we got to deliver our letters. We are hoping to hear back from Santa soon!

In class we have been focusing on learning how to read with expression. We thought that it would be a great idea to showcase our knowledge on reading with expression in our assembly. We demonstrated how to change your voice from reading like a robot to reading with expression. We even taught the audience a catchy song called Don't Read Like a Robot.

After that, we had a very special Christmas gift arrive - our Elf Tinsel. She has been causing all kinds of mischief in Year 1/2. Every morning we are very excited to find out what Tinsel has been up to while we aren't there. We can't wait to see what she has instore for the rest of the term.

Miss P and Miss Sugg



Book Fair

The theme, Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds, made for another successful Book Fair in 2021, raising \$2187.70.

A huge thank you to all the families who helped support the fair allowing us to purchase \$572.50 worth of new books from Scholastic Books. The “Name the Professor” winner was Codi Trethowan with the name “Professor Who-man”.

It was a great week. topped off with the fun Story Telling Night on Wednesday. Thank you to all our teachers for making the time to tell a story in their classroom.

Mrs Gardner



Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament of First Reconciliation held on Thursday night was a lovely celebration for our school and parish, and for our candidates, Marlie Matthews and Grace Perry, and their families. Thank you to Fr Gerome for the lovely service.



AWARD WINNERS

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MERIT AWARD WINNERS:



Adrianna Kahn, Kate McGuire, Lexi Greenup, Grace Perry, Alec Treeby,
Aurora Kahn & Chevin Noonan

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SPORTS UNIFORM FOR 2 WEEKS

Save The Date

Graduation

Tuesday 7th December 2021

Mass at St Bernard's Church at 4:45pm

followed by

Graduation Ceremony at Memorial Hall at 6pm

All families please bring a plate for supper.

VACSWIM

Enrolments are now open for VacSwim swimming lessons during the summer school holidays. VacSwim offers fun lessons at beach or pool locations. They are a great school holiday activity and they teach valuable safety skills to help keep your child safe in the water.

Enrol at education.wa.edu.au/vacswim


Shaping the future

VacSwim enrolments now open

Help keep your child safe in the water. Enrol now for the October 2021 and summer 2022 school holidays.

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Term Planner - Term 4

22 nd Nov	23 rd Nov	24 th Nov	25 th Nov	26 th Nov
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29 th Nov	30 th Nov	1 st December	2 nd Dec	3 rd Dec
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Oral Language Week – Times To Be Confirmed	Last Day – Jnr. Stars	KS – 5/6 SWIMMING LESSONS FOR PP'S, 1, 2 & 3		Merit Assembly - Newsletter Year 5/6 Item @ assembly