

ST. BERNARD'S NEWS LETTER

Principal's News

Term 1- Week 9- Friday 1st April 2022

Dear Parent and Carers,

Welcome to our last newsletter for Term One, as we get ready for the last week of term and the start of school holidays. Our school remains a busy and productive place, as you will read below.

EDUCATION

Writing: This term's writing focus has been on recounts for PP students and procedures for Years 1-6, and students have been completing activities which allow them to practice both types of writing. Students have been talking and writing about making stews, potions and sandwiches, using texts such as George's Marvellous Medicine, Wombat Stew, Possum Magic and The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch to provide inspiration. Next term we will focus on Narrative writing and we will link writing with oral language as students work to prepare a prose reading for their oral language presentations.

Library: Students look forward to their weekly Library lesson with Mrs Gardner and the opportunity to change their books each week. Mrs Gardner has been offering the added incentive of a raffle ticket for students who remember to bring their books and a library bag each week and the raffle will be drawn on the last day of term next Thursday, along with the P&F Easter Raffle draw.

Art: Whenever I visit the Rainbow Room during Art, it is a hive of activity with lots of different activities going on. This week the Year 3/4 class were working on creating clay crabs, sea-themed lino printing and under the sea drawing scenes - check out the pictures on our school Facebook page. I am always amazed at the creative capacity of our students, supported by our talented Art teacher, Mrs Atkinson.

CATHOLIC IDENTITY

Stations of the Cross: The Year 5/6 class is currently preparing for the Stations of the Cross, which will be presented to the whole school next Thursday afternoon. The Stations follow Jesus' journey from the time he was sentenced to death by Pontius Pilate to the time he was laid to rest in the tomb. As we are not at school for the Easter celebration, we add the final Station of Jesus' resurrection to complete the journey. Each of the Stations is linked to our current lives as we reflect on how we might live the example of Jesus in our actions and behaviours. For example, when Jesus falls while carrying the cross, but manages to get back up to his feet and continue, we are reminded to develop a resilient, positive mindset and try to never give up no matter how hard the situation may be.

Project Compassion boxes: Thank you for supporting Caritas by putting spare loose coins in your Project Compassion boxes. Caritas uses the money raised through Project Compassion to support vulnerable communities around the world and in Australia. The boxes are due back at school by the end of Week 1, Term 2 and we will hold a raffle in classrooms during the first week back to add to our fundraising efforts - more details later in this newsletter from our MJR Ministry leaders, Alexander and Josh.

STEWARDSHIP

COVID-19: Ongoing thanks to all our families, students and staff for their vigilance in observing COVID-19 restrictions and staying home when unwell or needing to isolate. We have been fortunate that there has been minimal disruption to teaching and learning at St Bernard's and, with your help and support, we hope it can remain that way. Please continue to use the Self-Reporting Portal via your School Stream App - this is greatly helping us to keep track of what is going on in relation to COVID-19 in our school community.

NAPLAN: Students in Years 3-6 are preparing for NAPLAN in Week 3, Term 2. Once again, the tests will be online, except for the Year 3 writing task. Designed to provide a big picture view of student capabilities in Literacy and Numeracy across Australia, the tests provide an important snapshot of student understanding at a point in time. NAPLAN forms only one small part of our overall data collection and, in conjunction with all our testing, helps to inform our school improvement goals in teaching and learning.

COMMUNITY

Parent Advisory Groups: Our two parent advisory groups, the P&F and Catholic School Advisory Council, are now in full swing for the year. A reminder that the P&F will meet in the park again on Monday 4th April at 11.15am and anyone interested is most welcome to attend. After the meeting, members will prepare the hampers for our Easter Raffle draw on Thursday, and for our community donations. Many thanks to the P&F executive and members for their hard work on behalf of our community so far this year.

Meet our Families: Once again, we are thrilled to introduce and welcome another St Bernard's family to our school community through this newsletter. Pelden Wangchuk has joined our Year 2 class, all the way from Bhutan and I hope you enjoy meeting Pelden and his family later in the newsletter.

Enjoy the upcoming holidays - stay safe, take care and have a blessed Easter.

Mrs Marino.



HAVE A BLESSED EASTER.

Year 1 & 2

What a fantastic first term we've had in Year 1/2! The students wanted to share their favourite things from the term.



My favourite thing is when you get to go outside and have morning fitness and I like to go and play. [Nancy Bell](#)

My favourite thing about Year 1/2 is Science because I like when our celery turned into flowers. Also Investigations because I get to go on Google Earth. I also liked playing with the Orbeez. [Jake Perry](#)

My favourite thing in Year 1/2 is Art because we got to make a bowl out of clay. We also painted it and it was so much fun to paint it. [Hannah Jiril](#)



My favourite thing to do in Year 1/2 is Art because I get to paint. We also made a bowl out of clay and painted it. Everyone gets to colour in when they're finished their work. [Evie Millar](#)

My favourite thing about Year 1/2 is reading books at the library. [Merliah Gementiza](#)

My favourite thing about Year 1/2 is Religion because we learn about Jesus and countries. I really love writing about Jesus. I like to learn about religion. [Pelden Wangchuk](#)



I like going to the vet in Investigations because I love being a vet. I love going to the vet. [Aurora Kahn](#)

My favourite thing about Year 1/2 is Spelling because I get to practice writing words. I really like writing sentences. [Eli Meyer](#)

My favourite thing about Year 1/2 is Investigations because we get to have free play. [Paddy Eyres](#)

My favourite thing about Year 1/2 is reading the books and playing with my friends. [Leeam Vilorio](#)

My favourite things about Year 1/2 is morning fitness and I like playing Big A Little A. [Mitchell Treeby](#)

My favourite thing about Year 1/2 is Integrated because we are making a project. We are making a special place in Australia. It is very fun. [Georgie Matthews](#)



My favourite thing about Year 1/2 is Maths. I like playing the game Biggest Number and I made the number 91. [Gus Thorn](#)

My favourite thing about Year 1/2 is Investigations because I get to go to the mud kitchen and go mining for gold, diamonds and larva in the dirt. [Reeve Noonan](#)



My favourite thing about Year 1/2 is Investigations because I liked the tuff tray and creating the tracks and barriers and the mud kitchen. [Charlie Miotti](#)



Meet our St Bernard's Families!

Pelden Wangchuk, Year 2

Where were you born? *Bhutan, Thimphu*

Where were you living last year? *Bhutan, Gasa*

What language do you speak? *English & Dzongka*

Favourite sport? *Ping Pong*

What team do you go for? *The Red Ping Pong Team*

Favourite food? *Sausages and egg*

What do you miss? *I miss my family. I am an only child, but I have lots of cousins in Bhutan.*

What is the difference between where you were living and Kojonup? *There are no monasteries, monks, national dress, or rainforests in Kojonup.*

What do you love about Kojonup and St Bernard's? *I like the kind teachers, working in stations and Religion.*



Award Winners

CONGRATULATIONS



Damon Mules



Chevin Noonan



Sam Clayton

Community News

Palms needed for Palm Sunday Mass

St Bernard's Parish is in need of palm leaves to make the palm-leaf crosses for the Palm Sunday Mass on Sunday 10th April. If you have palm fronds you can send to school by Tuesday 5th April, they would be gratefully accepted.



MJR Ministry Update

Hi St Bernard's students and families, This is Josh and Alexander and we're really happy and grateful that we get to be the MJR Ministry Leaders. This week we're excited to bring you an MJR News update. Our first activity will be a raffle to raise money for Project Compassion. As well as putting some spare loose coins in your Project Compassion boxes, you can also buy a ticket in our Project Compassion raffle during the first week of next term. There will be first, second and third prizes and all the money goes to help poor people around the world. Tickets will be \$1 each with a maximum of 10 tickets per student. Remember, it's for a great cause and great prizes!

Look out for our first MJR prize draw next Thursday on the last day of term. We have been focusing on GTS this term – how we greet, treat and speak to each other – and we will have our draw just before the P&F Easter Raffle. There will be different prizes this year, including some where you get to choose your prize. Watch out next week!

Next term, our MJR focus will be the days of the week: Good Morning Monday, Thank You Tuesday, Winking Wednesday, Thumbs up Thursday and High Five Friday.

We'll remind everyone again but start practising now!

*Josh and Alexander
MJR Ministry Leaders*

**P&F Meeting
Monday 4th April
at ANZAC Park.**

***Bring a coffee and a picnic
blanket to sit on.***

All Welcome!