

# NEWS LETTER

Principal's News

Term 3- Week 10 - Friday 23rd September 2022

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to the final newsletter of Term 3 and my last newsletter at St Bernard's School. I would like to start by saying thank you very much for making me feel so welcome over the past ten weeks. St Bernard's is a very special place and I have really enjoyed my time here. A special thank you to Mrs Marino for entrusting the school to me during her well-deserved long service leave. Mrs Marino will take back the helm at the beginning of Term 4.

School finished for students, Wednesday, 21st September, a day earlier than planned, due to the public holiday on Thursday, to mark the passing of Queen Elizabeth II. School will re-open again on Monday, 10th October with Dance/Sport Week and the Book Fair taking place during the first week back.

## Education/Community

**Back to the Olden Days:** On Tuesday, our Year 1/2 class welcomed their Year 1 friends from KDHS to St Bernard's to celebrate what life was like in Kojonup in the olden days. It was lovely to see children and teachers all dressed up in their old-fashioned clothes and playing games that would have been played here in Kojonup a hundred years ago. Children from both schools spent Term 3 learning about Kojonup's history and this was a great way to finish up their work. Thank you to Mrs Bell, Mrs Venables and Miss Sugg and also the Year 1 teachers at KDHS – Jeanie Kelly and Taryn Sexton for organising the event.

**St Bernard's Got Talent** and that's an understatement! What an amazing showcase of singing, dancing, joke-telling, magic tricks and last, but not least, the incredible memory skills of Pelden Wangchuk in Year 2, who was able to name the capital cities of 42 countries in various parts of the world to a packed audience. Congratulations to everyone who took part, you are all winners! A very special thank you to Mrs Thorn for organising the event and for bringing out the best in the children during their weekly drama class.

**Interschool Athletics Carnival** : Well done to all our students who took part in the Interschool Athletics Carnival last Friday. It was a wonderful day, filled with sportsmanship and teamwork. Many thanks to Mrs Marinoni who worked tirelessly for weeks in advance to ensure the day was a success and Karin Praetz for her wonderful work on the grounds. Thank you also to our parents who helped on the day and a very special mention to the P&F who took on the monumental task of organising lunches for the visiting schools as well as providing morning tea for everyone. Finally, a sincere thank you to the St Bernard's staff who were there early in the morning to help with the set-up and the parents who helped pack away at the end of the day.

**STEM Showcase:** Last Wednesday, students in Year 3/4 travelled to Katanning to participate at the second STEM Showcase. This was a very big event with 46 projects on show from St Joseph's College, Albany; St Patrick's, Katanning and St Matthew's Narrogin. St Bernard's excelled again this year, with each of our three teams winning awards on the day. Also on the day, St Bernard's two STEM Mad Teams who were previous award winners, were invited to share their creations in front of a packed audience. Thank you to Miss Hewitt and Mrs Davies for working with the children in the lead up to the event and to Mrs Marinoni for driving the bus. A very big congratulations to all of our Year 3/4 students – you were amazing!

## Catholic Identity/Stewardship:

**First Holy Communion:** St Bernard's Church was packed on Sunday 11 September as family and friends celebrated Marlie Matthews and Grace Perry receiving their First Holy Communion. It was a very special day for the girls and their families and it was lovely to see so many people staying around after Mass to share morning tea in the staffroom. Thank you to Miss Hewitt for preparing the students throughout the year and a very special thank you to Fr Marlon for celebrating Mass and making it special for the children.

**P&F Busy Bee:** On Sunday 11 September, a small but dedicated and experienced team worked very long hours to erect a Stilla Shed near the Year 1/2 classroom. A huge thank you to Michael Rose and his team who worked tirelessly over the weekend to ensure the footings were in place, the boulders were cleared and the shed was in place before the sun went down on Sunday. A special thank you to Miss Lock and Mrs Sumner who spent all of their Sunday hard at work.

**Jnr.Stars and Bush School film stars:** The K/PP/Bush School was a hive of activity on Tuesday when a film crew from Catholic Education Western Australia arrived at St Bernard's to film teachers, children and parents as they went about their daily business! The purpose of the visit was to record this section of the school in action as part of the Quality Catholic Education Awards process. The winning school will be announced at the CEWA Breakfast held in October in Perth. Congratulations to Mrs Marino on her vision and determination in ensuring that strong, evidence backed, play-based learning is very much part of the learning experiences at St Bernard's, and a sincere thank you to Mrs Sumner, Mrs Matthews and Miss Lock for supporting the vision whole-heartedly.

Finally, as we all prepare for a well-deserved rest, I would like to extend a very sincere thank you to all the staff at St Bernard's, who have worked incredibly hard over the past ten weeks. This includes teachers, teacher assistants, admin and finance assistants, grounds and cleaning staff. All of you have made a difference and I hope the coming holidays will be a time of rest and relaxation for you. Thank you also to the P&F and the members of the Catholic School Advisory Council who have worked hard behind the scenes to ensure that St Bernard's School continues to provide quality catholic education for every child enrolled here. Travel safe over the next couple of weeks and look after yourselves and each other.

God bless.

Mrs Susan Scanlon



# St Bernard's Got Talent



## St Bernard's Got Talent

On Thursday 15th September the students, teachers, families and friends of St Bernard's were treated to an amazing afternoon of talent and entertainment.

This term in Drama students from Pre Primary to Year 6 have been planning and rehearsing an act to perform at the St Bernard's Got Talent Show.

We had all sorts of talents on the day, including singing, dancing, hula hoops, burping the ABC, saber light routine, magic tricks, joke telling, basketball skills and even a group of old Grannies dancing!

We were lucky enough to have two local legends Mr Forrester, and Mrs McGuire, come along to be the judges for the day. We thank them both for sharing their time and expertise in the performing area with us.

The judges awarded 1st place to Pelden Wangchuck for his incredible skill of naming capital cities when given countries from all over the world, 2nd place to Lexi Greenup for beautifully playing Fur Elise on the keyboard and 3rd place to Scott Bilney, George Garcia and Alec Treeby for their amazing joke telling.

The judges also awarded Highly commended to Aurora Kahn for singing, the Pre Primary class for the rhythm flags routine, Chevin Noonan and Archie Thorn for their talent of knowing every player on their football team by number and Reagan Goodall, Olivia Fisher and Quinn Melling for their dog tricks performance.

What a wonderful afternoon we all had together, celebrating the diverse talents we have in our school. Every single child performed on stage which is truly amazing!!

Jayne Thorn  
St Bernard's Drama Teacher



# Interschool Athletic's

Well Done  
St Bernard's



2022

This year saw St Bernard's host an amazing Interschool Athletics Carnival.

We were blessed with wonderful weather, great teamwork, from both Students and helpers alike, and a spirited group of Schools to compete against.

2022 saw us come away with a *WIN* in the Overall Points Shield, and a *second* in the Handicap Shield.

The following students did themselves and St Bernard's proud with their Championship placings.

- 7 yr old Champion Boy – Gus Thorn*
- 8 yr old Champion Girl – Elsie Eyres*
- 8 yr old Champion Boy – Chevin Noonan*
- 9 yr old Champion Boy – Brax Webb*
- 9 yr old Runner –up – Archie Thorn*
- 10 yr old Champion Boy – Sam Clayton*
- 10 yr old Runner–up – Logan Miotti*

Again a huge congratulations to all our students who tried their best and supported their team mates.

Of course these days couldn't run without the amazing effort of everyone who assisted before, during and after the event. So a huge thank you to you all.

*Mrs Marinoni*

