

ST. BERNARD'S NEWS LETTER

Principal's News

Term 1- Week 5- Friday 3rd March 2023

Dear Parent and Carers,

It is hard to believe, but we are at the halfway point of the term already! It has been a busy time at St Bernard's, as you will see in this newsletter.

EDUCATION

Classrooms and Learning: Classes are getting into the swing of learning and teachers are busy completing start of year testing. This week I had the pleasure of filling in for Mrs Marinoni during her Auslan lessons while she was on camp. The students were able to teach me so many things they have learnt already in signing. Please encourage your children to share at home, as teaching someone else is a powerful tool for embedding new learning.

Year 5/6 Camp: Our Year 5/6 class had a lovely time at Camp Quarunup this week with Mr Myers, Mrs Marinoni and Mrs Bellotti. As always, the students' behaviour was impeccable and they have returned with lots of good memories. Please see the camp page later in this newsletter and check out more photos in the Galleries section of our website: <https://stbernards.wa.edu.au/category/events/>

Welcome: We are very happy to welcome Ms Jenna Taplin back to our school in the capacity of upper school Education Assistant on Wednesdays and Thursdays and, from next week, Jnr. Stars EA on Tuesdays. Our Jnr. Stars 3-year-old Kindy numbers are already nearly at 20, requiring a second EA in the classroom. Welcome back, Jenna!

CATHOLIC IDENTITY

Ash Wednesday prayer service: Our Ash Wednesday prayer service was a lovely celebration for the start of the Church season of Lent. We gathered in front of the grotto on a lovely morning and the students received the ashes on their foreheads as a sign of Jesus' death and resurrection and our own ongoing life in Christ.

Holy Week Prayer Services: As we progress through Lent, all classes are learning about the Easter story and will share this learning with our

school community at the Holy Week prayer services in Week 10. Please join us if you can at 1.30pm each day in the Undercover Area:

Monday 3rd April: K/PP class, Palm Sunday

Tuesday 4th April: Year 3/4 class, Holy Thursday

Wed 5th April: Year 5/6 class, Good Friday

Thurs 6th April: Year 1/2 class, Easter Sunday

Commissioning Mass and sacramental enrolment:

At Mass on Sunday 19th March at 8.30am we have our staff Commissioning and sacramental enrolment ceremonies, followed by morning tea at the school. Please join us if you can.

COMMUNITY

P&F: The P&F will hold its first meeting on Monday 20th March from 9am in the Rainbow Room. All are welcome. The Goods & Services Auction committee has been working hard to get ready for the auction which is on Friday 17th March at 6pm at Kodja Place. There is more information later in this newsletter, including the artworks our students have been producing with Mrs Atkinson in Art, ready for the auction.

Bush Kindy: Today we welcomed back our Bush Kindy with Mrs Sumner and Mrs Matthews. The morning is open to all 3-year-olds and students enrolled in St Bernard's Kindy. Our first group of students for this year enjoyed making potions and spying things through the binoculars!

Till next newsletter, take care and don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any queries.

God Bless,

Mrs Marino



Year 5/6 - Camp Quaranup Journal

Day 1- Stu Eyres

We loaded up the bags into the trailer and picked our spots on the bus. Then we said goodbye to our parents and headed off to the Slab Hut Wind Farm. When we got there, we drove around to see where all the wind turbines are going to be built. After we got back on the highway and headed for Mount Barker. At Mount Barker we stopped at the park to eat our recess, a toilet break and a play. After our break we jumped back on the bus and drove to Camp Quaranup where we unpacked the trailer. Everyone put their bags into their dorms and got dressed into their bathers for an afternoon at the beach which was just down from our accommodation. We arrived down at the beach and went for a swim, then some of us went for a walk with Mr Myers where we had a race. It was a great afternoon and we all got involved in a big game of beach cricket. At about 4 o'clock we got back to the dorms and had our showers. After we had showered, we started playing ping pong till dinner time. We all sat outside on the tables and ate a delicious dinner together then cleaned up. Once Mr Myers was happy that everything had been put away and was clean, we went and brushed our teeth before watching some of Toy Story 2 before bed.

Day 2- Sam Clayton

On the morning of Day 2 the people that woke up early went for a beach walk with Mr Myers to let the other people that were still in bed keep sleeping. When we got back the people that were sleeping had woken up, so we had our breakfast and got ready for Geo Caching with our instructor Sparkles. Sparkles gave us GPS's and we set off to find clues that were hidden around Camp Quaranup. We had a recess break afterwards and then went down to the water to make rafts and see whose would float. Only one group's raft stayed together but they had Mr Myers help so it didn't really count. After rafting we went back to our dorms and had our lunch before getting ready for ten pin bowling. When we arrived the man who runs it called Tom had brought his two dogs and pet bull called Bruce which we could pat with a golden broom. After our games of bowling, we played some of Tom's arcade games and had a go on his race car simulators which was heaps of fun. We all said goodbye and thanked Tom and Bruce before heading back to our dorms where we played some ping pong and cricket before dinner. In the evening Mrs Marinoni had some games for us to play which was awesome. After the games we were pretty tired, so we went and brushed our teeth before heading to bed.

Day 3- Ryan Mackean

On the morning of Day 3 the people that woke up early went for a walk with Mr Myers again, but not as many people went as the first day. We all had our last breakfast together outside and we all packed our bags and cleaned our dorms. Once everything had been loaded up and all the dorms were clean, we finished off Toy Story 2 and got on the Bus to leave Camp Quaranup. We went to The Gap where we went to the lookout, the Natural Bridge and the Amphitheatre. The Natural Bridge was cool, but it had big fractures all down the middle which means it's going to fall down sometime, which is sad. My favourite thing was the secret trail Mr Myers showed us to the Amphitheatre where the spring water was coming out of the ground through the limestone rock. We left The Gap and stopped down at a jetty near Due South for a quick recess break then back onto the bus to head home. We stopped at Mount Barker again for lunch and a play before driving back to school. When we got back we unloaded the trailer and got in our cars to go home and sleep.



More photos on the St Bernard's School website Galleries:
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On Ash Wednesday we congregated at the school grotto for our liturgy and distribution of the ashes. Students, staff and parents received the ashes on their forehead as we marked the beginning of the Church season of Lent. Students sang beautifully the song they have been practising: Out of Ashes by Michael Mangan.

*“For in the ashes new seeds are sown.
From the ashes new life will grow.
Leave the past in ashes
Let the old things give away
Start a fresh new life right here today,
In the ashes, from the ashes, out of ashes.”*



Goods & Services Auction - Student artwork



The students have been working hard to create some amazing artworks in preparation for the Goods & Services Auction on Friday 17th March at Kodja Place. On the night the artworks created by all the students from Jnr. Stars to Year 6 will be auctioned, so get your bidding hands warmed up!

Each class is also donating a hamper to be auctioned on the night. The themes are listed below - please send in your hamper donations and see your class teacher if you need further information.

- K/PP: Pantry Hamper
- Year 1/2: Gardening Hamper
- Year 3/4: Men's and Women's Pamper Hamper
- Year 5/6: Hamper for the Blokes

Don't forget to purchase your tickets from the front office. All pledges to be emailed to melissa.matthews@cewa.edu by Friday 3rd March so that the auction booklet can be finalised and sent to families.

Award Winners & Ministry Leaders

Congratulations to our Year 6 Ministry Leaders, who received their badges today. MJR leaders: Olivia Fisher and Tama Henderson; Environmental leaders: Lincoln Bellotti, Stewart Eyres and Darcie Clayton; Service leaders: Poppy Atkinson, Logan Miotti and Katana Webb.

MJR Gotcha prize draw winners: Charlie Thorn, Tama Henderson, Charlie Miotti, Eli Meyer and Aurora Kahn.



Merit award winners: Tama Henderson, Elsie Eyres, Paddy Eyres, Logan Miotti, Marvella Villaneuva and James Mattheews.



Calling all Grandparents!

St Bernard's is seeking a 'Help Brigade'. If you know a grandparent with time on their hands, who could help our students with reading and online learning, please ask them to get in touch.

We are also missing Willis and if grandparents have a dog that could come with them to school, that would be awesome!

Please call into the school to see Mrs Marino if you are interested or email sharon.marino@cewa.edu.au.

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AT THE DOOR \$10

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