

# ST. BERNARD'S NEWS LETTER

*Principal's News*

*Term 4- Week 2- Friday 20th October 2023*

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 4 and what a busy, exciting start it has been at St Bernard's! This week I am straying from my usual newsletter format to bring you news about four big events in the St Bernard's community.

**CINDERELLA:** Congratulations to Mrs Jayne Thorn and all our students for their amazing efforts in putting on the Cinderella production this week. The show to our school community on Tuesday was outstanding and a great testament to what can be achieved with hard work and practice. Special mention must go to our Year 6 students who took on the major roles, ably supported by our Year 5 students, and all classes which provided the musical accompaniment.

Thank you to Mrs Thorn for the many extra hours she has put into the performance which has brought great joy and excitement to our school, but also very valuable learning experiences for our students. Thank you, also, to our staff and parents who have supported the performance over a period of many months.

The St Bernard's community never fails to step up to achieve things which bigger schools can tackle with ease, and Cinderella has been no exception. Well done, Mrs Thorn and St Bernard's school community!



**40+ YEARS SERVICE TO CATHOLIC EDUCATION:** Congratulations to Mrs Di Gardner who received recognition of her 40+ years of service to Catholic Education on Monday at the CEWA Staff Breakfast. Mrs Gardner began teaching at St Bernard's when nuns from the Mercy Order were still running the school. She has held many different roles at the school, most recently as school librarian, from which she is currently taking a break for some well-deserved Long Service Leave. Mrs Gardner has many great stories to share from the early days, including Sr Catherine taking students from her lessons to mow the school lawns or to kick a footy with her!

Mrs Gardner received a 40 year medallion and framed certificate at the CEWA Staff Breakfast at Optus Stadium on Monday which honoured staff who have served 30, 40 and even 50 years' service. Congratulations from all of the St Bernard's School community for such an amazing achievement, Mrs Gardner!



**CHESS SET:** We have a new shed erected behind the Rainbow Room to help with our ongoing need for storage of school items and resources. There was a pad already laid which saved a lot of time and money, but it was the site for our giant chess board so an alternative was needed. Thank you to Mr Myers and the Year 5/6 class which took on the task of identifying an alternative location for the chess board and for ordering new chess pieces to replace the existing set which was a little worn. The new pieces have now arrived and we will settle on the final location for the board before the end of the term. The new chess set has been purchased with funds left over from the Raise the Roof fundraiser several years ago. Our thanks go to Mrs Kate Clayton for organising the original fundraiser and all those parents who helped or attended to raise the funds. Previously funds have been used to erect new football goal posts and basketball hoops and backboards.



**BOOK FAIR:** We are very excited for our second Book Fair with books and games provided by Child Education Services in East Perth. The range of books is once again fantastic and gives children and parents the opportunity to select quality children's books across a range of genres and subjects.

The official opening of the Book Fair was performed by the Ugly Stepsisters after the Cinderella performance on Tuesday and the Book Fair will remain open until next Thursday 26th October with competitions running for students and families. Please visit the Book Fair over the next week and maybe do some early Christmas shopping! Students have visited the Book Fair in their library time and created their 'Wish Lists' which may be used to guide parents' purchases.

Families also have the opportunity to donate books to our school library through the Book Fair. Please see details in the library. Any donations would be gratefully received and will help to add to the quality children's literature that we have in our Library. Thank you to the Mules family for their donation to our library from the Book Fair. Great choice Damon and Anastasia!



God Bless,  
Mrs Marino

## Kindy & Pre Primary

### The K/PP's DIG into Term 4!

Welcome back everyone! It has been lovely to be back at school and see so many smiling faces and everyone happy to see their friends again!

This term in Kindy / Pre-Primary we are learning about dinosaurs. We will be digging, exploring, learning and making lots of things based on Dinosaurs!

So far, the children have become palaeontologists, as they broke through some very hard rocks to find some dinosaur skeletons. They showed great teamwork in doing so, and they were all very proud of their discoveries.

Then we had our Dinosaur Explorers hunting around the classroom, as a bunch of dinosaurs hid themselves in our classroom and seemed to move every night! The children are happy to search for them each new day!

Later, the children opened a Dinosaur Café! I went to purchase a hot chocolate and it turns out all they sell is Dino Nuggets! Truth be told they had a lot of customers for these delicious snacks.

We then spent some time looking at different dinosaurs and looking at their different features. We found out that Brachiosaurs have a long neck, while a T-Rex has little front claws and sharp teeth!

Next, the children chose a dinosaur that they would like to make out of clay to display at the Kojonup Show.

The children have done a DINO-MITE job and we can't wait to show them off!



# Cinderella

This semester's Drama performance of Cinderella was a fantastic opportunity for our super star St Bernard's students to shine. And what a show it was!

Our Year 5/6 students started to learn their scripts at the start of Term 2 and attended rehearsals after school for the duration of practice. The enthusiasm all our students showed towards learning their lines, creating their characters, memorising dance steps, actions, and songs was second to none. I am so impressed with the huge commitment shown by all the students. What an amazing bunch they are!

All the time and effort paid off this week when the students put on two performances of Cinderella: one for KDHS students on Monday and then the performance on Tuesday for our parents, friends and family members. Both performances were incredible.

Every student from Pre-Primary through to Year 6 played a special part in the production and everyone is to be congratulated on their individual performances: overcoming nerves, having fun, and performing on stage. The best part of the process for me was the students' confidence grow and to see them having fun. I am so proud of each and every one of them!

Mrs Thorn  
Drama Teacher

