

ST. BERNARD'S NEWS LETTER

Principal's News

Term 1 - Week 5 - Friday 1st March

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the first edition of our school newsletter for 2024. This year we are trialling two assemblies and newsletters per term. as always, your feedback is welcome on how this goes. It has been a busy, but productive, start to the year and we are already halfway through our first term!

EDUCATION

Swimming Fun Day: We went ahead with our Swimming Fun Day in Week 2 despite the extremely hot weather. We managed the heat by leaving our PP-Year 2 students back at school to have their own water fun day, allowing us to get through the Year 3-6 program much quicker. It was a great day, both at the pool and at school, and the students had lots of fun. Many thanks to Mrs Marinoni and all staff for their organisation and work on the day, and thank you to our parent helpers. Congratulations to all our students who behaved so well and competed with great sportsmanship.

Reading: Reading remains a focus at St Bernard's this year and all students received a home reading book and diary by the end of Week 2. We also sent home Reading Charters and a poster explaining our reading rewards so that students can start working towards these. Thank you for supporting your child to read at home to you each night and signing their diary so they can progress on their reading journey. Parents are the first educators of their children and what happens at home can have as much impact as what happens at school.

URStrong: We have begun our whole school URStrong friendship journey with staff joining a live professional learning session on Monday afternoon. St Bernard's students will join the one million students around the world who are taking part in URStrong, learning how to put out Friendship Fires and become Friendship Ninjas. We believe it is important for parents to join us on this journey and there will be a parent session on Wednesday 25th March from 6 – 7.15pm. Parents can complete the session at home or come together for a community session at school. We will provide a sausage sizzle tea and a creche for those wishing to join us here at school, so please save the date!

CATHOLIC IDENTITY

Commissioning Mass: Our new and existing staff members were commissioned into their roles in Catholic Education on Sunday 18th February at Mass at St Bernard's Church. Afterwards we enjoyed a lovely morning tea with the parishioners.

Sacraments: We have seven students receiving sacraments this year and they also made their enrolment commitment at Mass on the 18th. The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be celebrated on Sunday 16th June; the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday 4th August; and the Sacrament of Penance on Thursday 7th November.

STEWARDSHIP

Staff: Welcome to Mrs Liz Worthington who has joined us as an Education Assistant in the Year 5/6 classroom, and to Mrs Connie Brown who is our new grounds person, replacing Ms Karin Praetz who left due to health issues. We hope you both enjoy time with our St Bernard's family.

School Closures: Thank you for your support and patience with our school closures in Week 4. As you know, the first day was due to the weather conditions and the extreme risk of bushfire, and the second was due to a burst water pipe. We appreciate your understanding and thank you for keeping your School Stream notifications on so that you can be informed of important events and happenings in a timely manner.

COMMUNITY:

Multicultural Evening: We have many different cultures in our St Bernard's community and we are looking forward to our multicultural celebration on Wednesday 12th March. A 'Save the Date' announcement has been sent on School Stream and more information will follow soon, but please start thinking about what food you can bring to share from your culture and whether you can wear an item of national dress, sing a song, perform a dance or teach us a game. In the past our evenings have been wonderful events and I invite everyone to come along to have a great night.

Welcome: St Bernard's school community extends a very warm welcome to our new students and their families, as well as those returning for the 2024 school year. We are looking forward to working with you and your children to have a great year.

God Bless,
Mrs Marino

Swimming Carnival and Water Fun day

Swimming Fun Day 2024

Our Swimming Fun Day this year was held in extremely hot weather, but a limited program and enthusiastic students meant it was still a great day.

While the students from Years 3-6 made their way to the pool for their races and fun events, the Pre-Primary, Year 1 and 2 students stayed at school for a morning of water fun.

The students at the pool swam in 25m and 50m races and joined in some games including dressing up, crocodiles and shopping. There were some very close races, and enthusiastic cheering and support from the students. Everyone enjoyed the parent/teacher/student race which finished the day.

Back at school the younger students enjoyed keeping cool with a range of water activities. The day started with egg and spoon and balancing a wet sponge on the head races. The obstacle course in our nature playground ended with a slippery ride down a soapy tarp. A soccer game with a wet ball and another game which involved keeping the beach ball off the ground while running through the sprinkler, provided lots of laughs. The biggest hit of the day was definitely the water slide, which even Miss Norrish had to try!

Thank you to all the staff and parents who helped on the day either at the pool or at school. Congratulations to the champions and runner-up champions at the pool:

Intermediate Champion Girl: Evie Millar, runner-up: Georgie Matthews.

Intermediate Champion Boy: Charlie Miotti, runner-up: Gus Thorn.

Senior Champion Girl: Elsie Eyres, runner-up: Grace Perry.

Senior Champion Boys (tied): Archie Thorn and Brax Webb.



Merit Award Winners and Ministry Leaders announced

Congratulations to this weeks merit certificate winners, Daisy Wellstead, Braxton Webb, Charlie Miotti, Patrick Eyres, Spencer Grace, Gus Thorn, Myles Oakley, Hattie Eyres, Sophie Parker and Peter Ivey, Well done on your achievements so far this term.



Congratulations to the service ministry Leader Kaylee Goodall and her team, Scott Bilney, Daisy Wellstead and Ryan Mackean (absent)



Congratulations to the Make Jesus Real Service ministry leader Marlie Matthews, supported by her team of Jayden Musokeri, Archie Thorn, Elsie Eyres and Xkyze Villoria.



Well done to Alex Shepherd on receiving the community ministry leader title for 2024, and his team Spencer Grace, Brax Webb and Archie Millar



Congratulations to Jazmyn Hinds on receiving the Environmental Ministry leader title, with her team Grace Perry, Chevin Noonan, Alec Treeby and Gypsee Maunder (absent)



Term Dates 2024, Pupil free days and Important dates Term 1

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Term 1: 31st January – 28th March
Term 2: 15th April – 28th June
Term 3: 15th July – 20th September
Term 4: 7th October – 6th December

Pupil Free days:

Term 2: 26th April, 31st May
Term 3: 23rd August (Catholic Day), 26th August (Pupil Free)
Term 4: 30th October

Important dates Term 1:

Wednesday 13th March: Multicultural Evening, 5-7pm
Wednesday 20th March: The Language of Friendship URStrong Parent Workshop, 6-7.15pm
Monday 25th March – Thursday 28th March: Year 5/6 Camp
Thursday 28th March: Stations of the Cross 9am; Easter raffle draw 2.30pm.

Easter and the end of Term 1 are fast approaching and we are gearing up once again for our annual St Bernard's P&F Easter raffle on the last day of term.

We kindly request that everyone donates one Easter chocolate per school family. Please drop them to the office by Monday 11th March.

Raffle tickets will be sold to students at school starting next week. Tickets are 50cents each and a maximum of \$5 worth of tickets can be purchased by each student. Make sure your child/ren bring in some coins next week so they can be in the draw!

Thank you, families, for your continued support!

St Bernard's P&F



St Bernard's Street Library

St Bernard's School now has its very own Street Library thanks to Mrs Sumner and her husband. Mrs Sumner had the idea and Mr Sumner did the work, crafting the library from an old student desk, some wood and corrugated iron. We love it and it is already getting good use from students who arrive at school before 8.30am. Please feel free to drop books you no longer need in the Street Library and take books you would like to read at home. Thank you, Mr and Mrs Sumner!



SAVE THE DATE WEDNESDAY 13TH MARCH 5-7 PM

We will be celebrating the many diverse multi-cultural groups that make up St Bernard's with our own Harmony Festival at school.

Families are invited to bring a plate of food from their culture to share.

We encourage national dress to be worn and would welcome sharing of a dance, song, musical instrument, game etc.

Further details to follow.

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THE LANGUAGE OF

FRIENDSHIP!

YOU ARE INVITED!

WEDNESDAY 20 MARCH

6.00pm to 7.15pm

in the

URSTRONG CLASSROOM ONLINE - OR JOIN US IN PERSON AT THE SCHOOL LIBRARY.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE TEA AND OPEN CLASSROOMS FROM 5PM. CRECHE PROVIDED.

This workshop gives kids, parents, and teachers a common "language" for talking about friendships. Through interactive parent-child activities, parents will learn strategies to support their child in fostering healthy, feel-good friendships.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!](https://urstrong.com/events)

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