Dear Parents and Friends,

Staff Changes Term 2

For Term 2 we welcome back Jane Hardman, Sue Dickson and Dianne Metcalf. Jane will be back in her Kindergarten class fulltime. We thank Vyvette Coulter for her time, energy, passion and commitment that she gave so freely to Jane’s class for this term.

Sue returns to us in a part time capacity and will share the class with Candice Price who has done a great job during the term. Sue will work Thursdays and Fridays.

Boys’ Hair Styles

During the holidays some of you will no doubt organise hair cuts for your sons before returning to school next term. Please be mindful of school policy and refrain from any styles that are not in keeping with the policy. In particular no rat tails, dyed hair in unnatural colours, zig zags shaved into the hair or mohawks. I thank you for your support and co-operation in this matter.

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM – LITERACY AND NUMERACY 2013

In May 2013 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in all government and non-government schools. NAPLAN has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy learning of students in all Australian schools.

The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child’s level of achievement. Each student’s level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard.

Background information (student name, gender, date of birth, language background and Aboriginality) will be collected as part of the National Assessment Program. This information is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student’s right to privacy is maintained.

The tests will be conducted across Australia for all students from 14 - 16 May 2013. The tests are compulsory for all students except those who have newly arrived in Australia (less than one year before the test) and with a language background other than English, or who have a significant intellectual disability and/or significant co-existing conditions which severely limit their capacity to participate in the tests.

All other students are expected to participate in the tests. Disability adjustments which reflect the student’s normal level of support in the classroom may be provided. Large print, Braille and black and white versions of the tests are available for students with vision impairment.

Access to disability adjustments or exemption from the tests must be discussed with Mr Casey, and a parent or carer consent form must be signed. Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents and carers in consultation with the Principal. If you wish to withdraw your child from the tests...
you must sign a parent/carer consent form. Consent forms are available from the Principal.

Please make an appointment with David Casey if you would like further information about your child’s participation in NAPLAN.

Additional information about NAPLAN can be found at http://www.nap.edu.au/NAPLAN/Parent_Carer_support/index.html.

Grantham Court parking issues again
I have received in writing another complaint from the Strata Management regarding inappropriate parking at the Grantham Apartments next to the school. It is important that all parents pay due respect to the residents (a number of which are quite elderly) and avoid parking too close or across their driveways.

In today’s newsletter you will see a summary of the main points from our recent P & F Meeting. It is the P & F’s intention to include a summary after every meeting to keep you abreast of what is happening.

Art Exhibition
Our Student Representative Council is organising an art exhibition. All students from K - 6 are invited to send in an original piece of art work (no larger than A3) which will then be put on display in our hall on Wednesday 22 May 2013. The work is to be done at home and is purely voluntary. To help raise funds for our supported charities we are asking for a one dollar fee from each artist. I think it is a great idea and I hope many of our students enter. We will provide more details closer to the date.

On behalf of the school community I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe vacation. I look forward to seeing you back on Tuesday 30 April 2013.

David

From the Sports Desk (Kim Dent - Sports Co-ordinator)

The weather was kind to us, turning on a beautiful day for our Cross Country carnival.

Congratulations to all the students who participated with such enthusiasm and demonstrated wonderful sportsmanship by encouraging competitors around the course.

The competition was a great battle to the end with Tenison, Clairvaux and MacKillop being separated by only a few points. Tenison was the triumphant team of the day with Clairvaux second, MacKillop third and Lourdes fourth. Well done everyone for your excellent efforts.

It was wonderful to see so many parents share the day with us. Thank you for your continued support.

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We have 57 students representing St Bernard’s at the Regional Cross Country in Cobargo on Wednesday 8 May 2013. We wish them the best of luck. Keep up your training over the school holidays.
Dear Parents

The first term of the year has come to an end. Our Kinder students are well and truly settled into school life and our Year 6 students are a term closer to high school! Can I encourage you to continue to read with and to your children during the holiday break. It is important that your child sees that reading is something enjoyable, rather than a mundane ‘school homework’ task. You can also use the time for incidental maths activities such as adding or multiplying the pieces of cutlery on the table. Learning should be fun and it helps if your child sees you enjoying it too!

I would like to extend an invitation to all of our students to consider representing St. Bernard’s at the ANZAC Day March. ANZAC Day will be in the holidays, but we would strongly encourage students who are here in Batemans Bay to join us, dressed in full school uniform, to remember those who fought for our country. Please meet at the Batemans Bay Soldiers Club at 10.15am. Parents can then leave their children with the staff and watch us march down Orient St to the cenotaph (across the road from 3 Fish Café). Students from St Bernard’s will sit together with staff during the ANZAC Day ceremony. Parents are asked to collect their children immediately after the ceremony from a staff member. For safety reasons, we will not allow students to be collected by anyone else, or to leave the ceremony alone and walk to meet you.

I wish all those travelling these holidays a safe journey. Wishing you all a happy and blessed holiday time with your family.

Jacqueline Lee
Assistant Principal

“CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME”
Fr Tom would like to invite Catholics separated from the Church to a six week series of discussions entitled “Catholics Returning Home”. This will commence on Wednesday 8 May 2013 at 7.00 pm at the St Bernard’s Presbytery, David Street, Batehaven. For further information please contact the program co-ordinator at the Church on 4472 4153.

SCHOOL FEES
There seems to be a little confusion regarding payment of school fees. Each term fees are generated in the first or second week of term. This is a 28 day account with the due date clearly stated on the account. It would be appreciated if this account is paid by the due date as is the case with St Bernard’s having to meet their payments on time. However you can elect to pay them weekly fortnightly or monthly ensuring that the balance is paid off by the end of term. If this is the case payment should commence immediately so that the account is cleared and standing at a nil balance before receiving your next term’s fees. If you are experiencing difficulty with meeting your payments please phone the office on 4472 4446. Thank you.

TERM 2 CANTEEN ROSTER - HELPERS DESPERATELY NEEDED
The Canteen Roster for Term 2 has been sent out today to the parents (via their child) who are already on the roster. There are many spots that are still not filled. Could you please consider helping in the Canteen: 7, 8, 14, 21, 22 and 29 May 2013 and 4, 11, 12, 18, 19, 21, 25, 26 and 28 June 2013. Please ring Judy or Michelle in the Canteen on 4472 6140 if you can volunteer. We want to continue to provide this service to your children.
Dear Parents and Carers

Last week I was able to attend the three day R E Symposium at the Australian Catholic University. Presentations such as this provide us with the opportunity to listen to a diverse group of speakers presenting papers on a variety of subjects. It was also an opportunity to reflect on how far the Catholic Church has come in some areas, in a comparatively short time. When I first attended Signadou which is now the Australian Catholic University, I could never have imagined that I would one day attend workshops presented by an Anglican minister brought over from England.

Spiritual growth is closely linked by many to our emotional well-being. Prayer, meditation and reflection can all contribute to this well-being. One element of prayer is allowing time for stillness. In our busy modern lives there seems to be a continual need to be surrounded by noise. It is vital that we make that time to be still, turn off the phone, iPod, television etc and just relax in the silence. As a sense of peace surrounds us our breathing slows and we can relieve some of the stresses that send our pulse racing. Providing children with regular periods of quiet is also important. Teaching children the skill to just stop and settle for a few minutes each day can result in significant changes in behaviours. In the words of the psalm: He says, “Be still, and know that I am God”; Psalm 46:10

Thank you to the families who were able to support the work of Caritas through donations to Project Compassion. Boxes can be returned to the school at any time and monies will be forwarded to the Canberra office.

I hope that you enjoy some time out together as a family over the next two weeks.

Helene Boller

Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers

Yes, it’s back! We received some wonderful resources for the school last year simply by collecting those stickers. Can you please start collecting stickers again and Mrs Barbara will send home the cards next term. Thank you.
CONGRATULATIONS

Harrison Betteridge in 2A won the Batehaven Newsagency Easter Colouring In Competition! His prize was a Staedtler pen and pencil pack.

Encouragement awards went to Tilly Pollard (2F), Amber Drew (2F) and Jade Coleman (3B). They each received an easter bunny stuffed toy. Well done. These children will now go on to compete in the State Awards representing NSW.

On another note, congratulations must go to Anjelica Ward in 2F who is the first student in the school to receive a School Banking Bronze Award this term. Anjelica has developed a good savings record.

CANTEEN—WEEK 1, TERM 2

Mon 29 Apr  SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
Tue             Chio MacLachlan
Wed            Bernadette Gaffey
Thu            Wendy Wakelam
Fri            Michelle Galambos
EASTER ARTWORK BY 3B

P & F MEETING 02-04-2013 MINUTES

1. Fundraising:
* Jeni Barbara organising disco, Mothers' Day stall for May. Need helpers for stall. The Easter raffle raised $1000!
* Commemorative brick wall: need more numbers (at least 100) to start building. $30 per brick with family name on it. Past and present school community all welcome to purchase one. To be erected near the flag pole.

2. Future P & F meetings:
* Continue on Tuesdays 7.00 pm Weeks 3 & 9 of the school term. A reminder email to be sent out by Heidi. Discussed the possibility of a creche in the library for those who need to bring their children.

*Next meeting: Tuesday 14 May 7.00 pm, then June 18th (week 8 next term).
Board meeting: Wednesday 15 May 5.30 pm.

3. General Business:
* No parking allowed inside the school grounds for extra curricular activities. Parents & organisers to park in the street or church car park. Only special permission for certain equipment to be delivered inside grounds.
* Discussed raising basketball hoop up higher in hall when assembly is on for better viewing.

Karena Durden (Secretary).
Catalina Country Club
Warwick Hazel PGA Professional

JUNIOR CLINICS

WEDNESDAY 17 APRIL 2013 & WEDNESDAY 24 APRIL 2013 AT 2:00 PM BOTH DAYS

A “Try Golf” Program for kids

Each clinic will run for 1 &1/2 hours with all equipment supplied. Cost is $5 per person. Professional tuition with a clinic size of only 12, so bookings are essential. Learn the basic fundamentals of the game of golf in a fun & safe environment. All clinics are open from 8 year olds & up, boys and girls.

Call Warwick in the Pro Shop on 4472 4386 for more info. BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL.

BABY & TODDLER EXPO

SATURDAY 27 APRIL 2013 10.00 AM TO 2.00 PM

RIVERSIDE PARK (BEHIND ART CENTRAL), MORUYA

FREE ENTERTAINMENT
DJ Matt Brown, The Great Zamboni magician, music with Rhythmic Fundango, Batemans Bay Face Painting, Beachside Dance and lots more!!

Get a chance to watch and/or join in some activities.

DISPLAYS & INFORMATION FOR PARENTS
Local services will have stalls and lots of information for parents. Plenty of give aways.

CLOTHING SWAP MEET
Bring along your pre-loved baby clothes to swap with other parents.

TEDDY BEAR HEALTH CHECK
BYO Teddy to have a health check with our community nurse.

Come along and bring the kids to this FREE event!

For further information, please contact: Anita Macartney Mobile: 0407 959 602

Longridge Equestrian Centre
School Holidays Half Day Camps

Dates: 16, 17, 22 and 23 April 2013
Camp Details: 4 hour sessions from 9.00 am to 1.00 pm @ $70 per person
Limit of 6 riders per group. Welcome to bring your own horse.
Our program will include a minimum of one riding lesson along with natural horsemanship & various horseback games. We will also cover feeding, grooming, saddling, horse anatomy, behaviour and other horse related topics. Our instructors are fully qualified and registered with Horse Safety Australia. To book a fun day for your child call Libby on 0449 877 454 or 4471 5943 or email us on long.ridge@bigpond.com.

Natural Horsemanship Clinics

Our next proposed Clinic will be held on the 20 & 21 April with a full day on the Saturday and the opportunity for individual sessions on the Sunday, which all attendees can then watch.

Libby Earlam will be running the Clinics with 40 years of horse experience and nearly 20 years of Natural Horsemanship training behind her.
CareSouth supports and cares for people in your community who are doing it tough. Whether it’s children having a hard time at home, people living with a disability, or families struggling to get by – we’re here to help, every day.

You could volunteer to become a CareSouth Aunty or Uncle and give hope to a child (aged 3-12 years) – simply by including them in your everyday family activities one weekend a month.

Our 2013 Aunties & Uncles Colouring-in Competition is on! Get your kids involved in this fun school holiday activity and they could win some great family prizes.

Simply download the Form from our website at www.everydaycaresouth.org.au/kids--youth/ and get creative!

Entries close on Friday 3 May 2013. There will be one winner for each age group and a Disability category. Full details are on our website.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY KIDS BASKETBALL CLINIC

WHEN – Wednesday 17 April 2013
9.30 am to 12.30 pm

WHERE – Hanging Rock Sports Complex

WHO – Boys and Girls aged 5 to 11 years

WHAT- Fun, fitness, skills, games, giveaways

COST - $20 (or $30 for new players without current BNSW insurance)

Accredited Coach. Assisted by Bay Breakers Representative Players.

To register for camp please pay at stadium office or contact

Kylie Armstrong kyliearmstrong2@bigpond.com or phone 4471 7789

BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT....LIMITED PLACES
School holidays!!!

It’s that time of the year again! It’s time to laze around for TWO whole weeks! Only one more day! Make sure you get all your friends’ phone numbers for play dates. For video game lovers I’d recommend the cool maths games. For bookworms read Red Dirt dairy, which is really funny, and North Wood, a chilling, all age adventure book! Remember the town library is always open. BUT DON’T FORGET to practise for the Regional Cross Country.

“There is a house inside my mummy’s tummy”.

This book is great for children who are expecting a little brother or sister soon. But even if you’re not expecting one it is still an amazing book. It has cute illustrations and text. I love this book. I have loved this book since my mother read this book to me. It is recommended for ages 3 to 7, and rated 8 ½ out of ten. Author Giles Anoreae and illustrator Vanessa Cabban.

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