Dear Parents and Friends,

During yesterday’s Ash Wednesday service we were all reminded of our responsibilities as Christians. Father Tom made it perfectly clear that we all have to work harder at being the face of Jesus. This can only happen by our words, actions and love for each other. By our Baptism we are called to ensure the common good and the love of and for Jesus Christ is a real existence in the world. Lent affords us the opportunity to re-examine how well we are actually fulfilling Jesus’ mission.

Unfortunately the past two P & F Meetings have had insufficient numbers and therefore we have not been able to meet formally. This is a very sad situation and if it continues there will need to be drastic measures instigated. Could I urge you to consider attending the next meeting. Unfortunately we could not hold the AGM and for the time being the previous executive will maintain their positions until the next elections. This matter will be discussed at the School Board meeting tonight and I will contact you shortly with information regarding our deliberations.

A special assembly for students from Year 2 - 6 will be held next Wednesday 20 February at 1.15 pm to present ribbons and trophies for the swimming carnival. As always you are most welcome to attend.

It has been wonderful watching our Kinder students as they started their full days this week. Although there have been some instances of tiredness the little ones have certainly embraced all that school offers. I must say one of my most enjoyable experiences this week was watching the Kinders do their gross motor program. Full of energy, enthusiasm and unbridled enjoyment – it was a sight to behold. Loved it!!!!

Last Tuesday’s parent workshop for Kinder parents was well attended and was a good opportunity for them to see first-hand the teaching and learning processes used in the classrooms. There were also some valuable tips passed on as well.

Afternoon Pickup
Unfortunately many parents are falling back into old habits. Currently many parents are parking out the front of the school and then coming to classrooms to pick up children. Whilst this is not illegal it does present some danger during the afternoon ‘rush hour’. I would do everything I could to avoid having to cross David Avenue when buses and cars are everywhere. Please, please PLEASE park at the church car park and let US bring your children to you.

Parents are also asked to not wait around walkways and classrooms during the afternoon dismissal. We need to have clear access ways with so many students needing to quickly get to buses etc. One of our major safety issues involves ensuring that only the appropriate person picks up students. With so many parents congregating it makes our job very difficult to ensure that this happens perfectly every time!

Also another dangerous activity involves parents using the staff car park. Please refrain from doing this. This area is not supervised and is only large enough for staff cars. Have a great week, blessings, David

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BOOK CLUB IS DUE BACK ON FRIDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2013.

TERM 1 SCHOOL FEES

Fees for Term 1 were sent out last Friday. Please read the information regarding school fees ie; payment methods etc. Phone 4472 4446 if you have not received your fees account.

Discounts on CEO Tuition fees will be processed on accounts once the signed form has been returned to the office. Thank you.
Dear Parents

School Counsellor

Melissa Selleck has been employed by CatholicCare as our School Counsellor for 2013. She will be working at St Bernard’s each Thursday from 9.45 am to 4.15 pm. The processes for referral to the Counsellor have changed this year. Please follow the procedures listed below if you would like your child to see Melissa:

• To refer a child to Melissa, you (parents) must make an appointment through Heidi or Therese in the Front Office. This appointment can either be to see Melissa directly, or for a time that you will be available for Melissa to telephone you.

• Melissa will see or speak to you in your appointment time. This must occur BEFORE your child receives any counselling.

• Melissa will need to prioritise by need and create a waiting list for students needing counselling.

• If you fail to come to your appointment, you will need to reschedule, and your child will be placed at the end of any waiting list.

These processes are very formal but they should ensure that students receive the best level of counselling in the little time Melissa has available.

Life Education

Just a reminder that Life Education commences next week. Please ensure that you have returned your child’s permission note and money. Thank you.

Wishing you a blessed week with your family.

Jacqueline Lee
Assistant Principal

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend for married couples

15 – 17 March 2013 at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW

Bookings: 02 4283 3435 or wsharpe@bigpond.net.au

Information: www.wwme.org.au

Batemans Bay Football Club

Batemans Bay Football (Soccer) Club will be holding registration evenings on Thursday nights 14, 21 and 28 February 2013 between 4.00 pm and 7.00 pm at the Village Centre near the play equipment at the North Street end of the mall.

And on Saturday 23 February 2013 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

New members have joined the committee but the Club is still looking for people to help run the canteen.

Please call Kim on 0412 720 228 if you are interested.
Dear Parents and Carers

It was wonderful to catch up with some of our new parents at the Kinder information night on Tuesday and be reminded that in our community there are many who are not too sure about the whole ‘faith thing’. Be assured that we are always happy to answer your questions and de-mystify the rich history and traditions of the Church.

It was only when I completed some post graduate study in religion that I realised how little I knew despite having come from a very traditional Catholic family and attending Catholic schools and university. The following information about Lent comes from the Centre for Faith and Ministry Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn and may help to understand the traditions surrounding the season of Lent.

- **Shrove Tuesday/Pancake Tuesday**
  In earlier times, on the day before Lent began, the "Shriving Bell" rang, summoning everyone to church to be "shriven," or to confess their sins before beginning the serious preparation for Easter. Earlier too, Lent involved considerable fasting, so this day was the time to eat up foods that spoiled, such as eggs, meat, milk and butter. It was also called Fat Tuesday (Mardi gras).

- **Ash Wednesday**
  In nature, plants have to wither and die, decay and in a sense turn to ash before new life can emerge. In Lent, it is hoped that a person's faults and bad habits will die away, be turned to ash and that at Easter time, s/he will experience new life. On Ash Wednesday, an ashen cross is placed on each person's forehead. The ash is a reminder of bodily death and the need to review our priorities.

- **Forms of Repentance**
  Lent is a kind of spiritual spring cleaning, inviting a review and "clean-up" of values, attitudes and actions. A more attentive listening to God's Word, a greater focus on prayer, sacraments and liturgy, undertaking acts of kindness (doing something positive, not necessarily giving up anything), and a fasting in order to share with others (the emphasis is on compassion, not mortification) are the ways to make the process real.
  * Undertake acts of kindness. * Voluntarily and unobtrusively do an extra chore several times one week. * Be a peacemaker with someone in your family. * Give a message of hope to someone. * Bake a cake and share it with someone who is house-bound or older. * Check your cupboards and pass on the clothes (in good condition) that you could do without. * Pray for world justice and peace. * Let someone else have the last piece of pudding. * Baby-sit for a single parent and give her/him some free time.

Tomorrow, Friday we will have our first whole school prayer assembly in the Hall at 8.50 am. You are warmly invited to join us.

*God of hope, we pray for a just world where people are able to live with dignity, and where the resources of the earth are cared for and used for the good of all people. We pray that we will be people of compassion during this time of Lent, and that we will see Jesus in the needs of others, especially the poor. We make this prayer in Jesus' name. Amen*

Blessings on your week
Helene Boller

**WEEKEND Masses**
6.00 PM SATURDAYS
9.00 AM SUNDAYS
STUDENT BANKING

Congratulations to Kobi Briggs in 3B who handed in 10 tokens to receive a USB reward. Saving regularly is an important habit to get into, whether you’re saving a little or a lot. Keep up the great work and remember to bring in your deposits each Wednesday.

BOOK FAIR

Don’t forget our Book Fair is on the following dates during our Parent Teacher Interviews starting at 3.00 pm in the Library:

Tuesday 26 February 2013 AND Wednesday 27 February 2013

We gladly accept Mastercard, VISA, cash or cheque. If paying by cheque, please make it payable to the school.

Di Metcalf - Librarian

DAVE BERRY’S GUITAR LESSONS

Mr Berry has no further vacancies at the moment. To put your name on the waiting list, please ring 4472 9094.

MELANIE GINGER’S PIANO LESSONS

Mrs Ginger has 3 vacancies for piano students on a Tuesday. If you are interested, please call Melanie on 0434 766 156. First in, best dressed.

EASTER EGG RAFFLE

We are asking all families to donate an easter egg for our Term 1 fundraiser. Please send in an easter egg to your child’s class. Raffle tickets will be sent home next week. They will be 50 cents each and the raffle will be drawn on Thursday 28 March 2013.

CLAIM THE DATE…..

The Combined Catholic Schools Ball is on again, the theme this year is “WINTER WONDERLAND”. The Ball will be held on Saturday 15 June 2013 at the Bay Soldiers Club and will feature band “Phat Boyz” who are fabulous.

A night of dancing is guaranteed. Mark this on your calendar now! More information soon….

CANTEEN—WEEK 4

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HEARTKIDS

In February many people think of Valentines Day and their special someone. The entire month of February is important for the wonderful charity of HeartKids as they increase the awareness of Congential Heart Defects.

Michels Patisserie and Donut King are proudly supporting this event again this year in an effort to raise funds. Each outlet has special promotions during this month - great Valentines treats!!

Six children are born every day in Australia with Congential Heart Defects. Douglas D'Amico in 5Y is a HeartKid - one of the lucky ones. These children and families often spend long periods in hospital, away from home and many don't make it to primary school.

If any parent or carer wants additional information regarding HeartKids please contact Rhonda D'Amico on 4472 7827.

PEPPERS NETBALL CLUB

Registrations are:
- Saturday 16 February 2013  9.30 am – 12.30 pm Batemans Bay Soldiers Club,
- Friday 22 February 2013  3.30 pm – 5.30 pm Batemans Bay Soldiers Club.

For more information please contact:
- Juniors  Fiona Crow on 44726508
- Intermediates / Seniors  Mary Beveridge 44727747, 0414589075.

THERE IS NO GRADING DAY FOR INTERMEDIATE AND SENIORS THIS YEAR.

Competition for all teams STARTS Saturday 23 March 2013.

Please note, Peppers is keen to have their uniforms back and will pay $10.00 for them.

IMPORTANT NEWS FROM PRIORS BUSLINES

If your child catches a bus which is not to their home, for example to the Village Centre or to Mum’s work, a separate bus application form must be completed and an interim pass must be applied for. Please see the office if you require a bus application form.

I hope everyone in Year 3 has applied for a new bus pass as this is a requirement for students in Yr 3, Yr 7 and Yr 11. Thank you.

REGISTRATION FOR CLYDE UNITED SOCCER

SATURDAY 9 FEBRUARY, SATURDAY 16 FEBRUARY and SATURDAY 23 FEBRUARY outside HOGS BREATH CAFÉ
10.00 AM - 1.00 PM.
Enquiries: Shane Chappell 0403 101 090 or Megan Usher 0429 829 517. Under 6’s through to All Age. New players to bring Birth Certificate with them please.
Woolworths Earn and Learn

Last year many of our families supported St Bernard’s by collecting stickers from Woolworths as part of their Earn and Learn campaign. In total our families collected 52,000 points for our school. These points were split amongst each classroom and the classroom teachers decided what resources they most needed for their year group.

On Thursday when the delivery arrived the students were so excited to see the enormous boxes filled with new equipment for their classrooms.

Through the generosity of Woolworths and our local community we received:

- Musical Instruments in class sets.
- Maths equipment: Calculators, thermometers and dice in class sets; amazing shape kits and construction equipment.
- Art supplies: Classroom kits of paint, glue, paint brushes, oil pastel crayons and metallic crayons, cardboard and mosaic construction.
- Science equipment: Sets of classroom gears and pulleys, equipment for constructing bridges and structures.

The list goes on and on……

Thank you so much to Jeni Barbara who coordinated all the stickers and to all the wonderful people who took the time to collect the stickers and bring them in to school.

The learning of the students at St Bernard’s is going to be greatly improved by all these fantastic resources.

Angela Holmes
Year 3 Teacher
From the Sports Desk

St Bernard's Swimming Carnival

What a great day we had for the swimming carnival last Friday.

It was so good to see so many parents join us on the day. A very big thank you to all the parents who helped out in so many areas and gave their time with the starting, place judging, timekeeping, marshalling and supervising house teams.

Your help is very much appreciated. It all helps to make the day run smoothly and be such a successful event.

A SPORTS ASSEMBLY will be held next Wednesday 20 February commencing at 1.15 pm to present the ribbons and awards. You are very welcome to join us at the Assembly. We look forward to seeing you there.

We have a team of 34 students representing St Bernard's at the Southern Region Swimming Carnival in Narooma on Thursday 21 February 2013.

Congratulations to the following students on their selection. We wish them the best of luck for Thursday.

Jackson Blake   Christie Fryer   Samuel O'Keefe   Lachlan Blake
Alana Gallen    Braith Porteous  Samuel Blankley  Jack Gallen
Alicia Ryan    Maggie Blythe    Eddie Howard    Sam Ryan
Luka Brogan    Ethan Kelland   Luke Shooks    Christina Bruce
Lachlan King   Emily Shooks    Emily Byrne    Lachlan Knight
Sarah Shooks   Sophie Chapman  Kellen Lenehan  Sarah Smith
George Cockram Keira Lenehan  Jake Spence    Amber Drew
Timothy Mitsud Kiara Spence    Ezekiel Durden  Emma Moses
Isabella Topp  Christopher Usher

A big thank you to the Porteous family for their ongoing support with the shade shelters. The shelters were a fantastic help at the swimming carnival on such a hot day.

We would also like to thank the following students who assisted with hospitality on the day by serving food and drinks:

Conor Schmidt    Hannah Carthew  Caitlin Shalders  Yi Ying Li
Grace Maguire

The following students were assisting as runners of the marshalls sheets and we would like to acknowledge their help too:

Flynn Kousal    Jaryn Doran    Ryder Brown    Luke Barnicott

We also have students travelling to Young for the Archdiocesan Summer Trials this Friday. We would also like to wish these students good luck and a safe journey.

Maddison Blewitt Caleb Reisima    Harrison O'Keefe  Emily Byrne
Jack Gallen     Regan Drew     Cory Buchanan   Eddie Howard

We look forward to hearing how they went on their return.

Kim Dent
Sports Coordinator

IF ANYONE HAS PHOTOS FROM THE SWIMMING CARNIVAL, CAN THEY PLEASE EMAIL THEM TO michelle.burrows@cg.catholic.edu.au
14 February 2013

TO PARENTS AND CARERS
ASSEMBLIES FOR TERM 1, 2013

We wish to advise that the year levels which were listed in the Term Calendar as hosting the Assemblies included in the Newsletter in Week 1 dated 31 January 2013 were incorrect.

The correct information is as follows:

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For those new to our school, all parents and carers are warmly invited. The Assemblies are held in the school hall and start at 1.50 pm.

NOTES AND MONEY FOR THE OFFICE

Could I please request that all notes and money for the office is given to the student for inclusion in the “black bag” which is taken down to the office every morning from each classroom. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

David Casey
Principal