**Dear Parents and Friends,**

Welcome back to the start of 2013, a year that promises much for us at St Bernard’s.

A special welcome to all the new families who have joined us. We hope that your time with us is enjoyable and full of learning.

Our new Kindies settled in beautifully and all appeared to have grown a few centimetres since last year!!

A special welcome is also extended to Jeni Barbara and Vyvette Coulter. Jeni has been appointed as Year 1 teacher. Jeni’s experience and passion for teaching will be a blessing. Vyvette is relieving for Jane Hardman (Kinder) who is recovering after an accident.

Jane is hoping to return sometime around mid first term. Vyvette also brings with her a wealth of classroom teacher experience and a deep sense of commitment to Catholic Education.

As always the beginning weeks of school are frantic and much is happening. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require further information about any of these events.

**Student Leaders 2013**

**SRC**
- Faith Ralston
- Sam Ryan
- Jack Gallen
- Harry O’Keeffe
- Cosette Klarica
- Braith Porteous

**House Captains**
- Clairvaux – Cory Buchanan and Jerri Lubbe
- Lourdes – Lachlan Knight and Maddison Blewitt
- MacKillop – Regan Drew and Emily Shooks
- Tennison – Drew Daly and Charlotte Armstrong

Have a great week,

Blessings

David
Dear Parents

Welcome to the 2013 school year. I hope that you all had a blessed Christmas and a special holiday time with your children. It was wonderful to see so many happy faces commence school on Wednesday. A particular welcome to our Kinder students and those who are joining our community from other towns and schools. I am sure that you will find St. Bernard’s a wonderful school in which to share your child’s educational journey.

Each year group will be sending home a Curriculum Note next week. This note is a brief outline of what the year group will be learning about and doing this year. Please read this note and feel free to see your child’s teacher if you have any questions.

Barny Barnbrook will again be leading our Concert Band. The Concert Band is open to students in Years 5 and 6 (although exceptions for capable Year 4 students will be made). Lessons are held each Thursday in small groups. Some instruments may be hired through the school. There is also a whole band rehearsal at recess time each Thursday. Students sign up to the band for six months. This six month commitment must be maintained and includes a financial agreement for lessons and any instrument hire. The approximate cost per week (including instrument hire) is $20. If you would like further information please contact me asap.

Please mark the following important dates in your diary:

- 27-28 February: Parent teacher introductory meetings
  - held before and after school
  - aim is to get to know your child’s teacher/s and share information about your child – it will not be an interview about academic progress so far this year
  - notes will go home next week for you to complete and return so that interview times can be arranged

The Christmas holidays absolutely flew by, and with all of the exciting things planned for 2013, this year will probably do the same. Wishing you all a wonderful year!

Jacqueline Lee
Assistant Principal

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FOR THE ATTENTION OF PARENTS OF STUDENTS WITH ASTHMA

FOLLOWING ADVICE FROM THE ASTHMA FOUNDATION NSW, EVERY CHILD SUFFERING FROM ASTHMA IS REQUIRED TO HAVE THEIR OWN MEDICATION AND A SINGLE-PERSON USE SPACER. THIS IS TO AVOID INFECTION. COULD YOU PLEASE SUPPLY A LABELLED SPACER FOR YOUR CHILD (AND MEDICATION IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO) AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to our new school year. It is always exciting to see the children return looking relaxed and so grown up. A special welcome to the many new families who have joined the St Bernard's community.

Gathering for prayer as a whole school community is an important part of our week. This term we are going to gather on Friday morning in the hall at 8.50 am. On the week that there is an afternoon assembly our prayer time will take the form of praying a traditional prayer followed by hymn singing. In the week when there is no assembly a class will prepare and lead a Liturgy of the Word. The roster will be advised within the next couple of weeks.

As we begin the new school year let us pray that we will all see God’s presence in the people we meet.

God of new beginnings may this year which we dedicate to you bring us closer to you and to each other.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Wishing you and your families peace and blessings

Helene Boller

YEAR 3 STUDENTS TRAVELLING ON THE BUS

Please note, if you have a Year 3 student travelling on the bus you are required to fill out a new form for Priors. I will give these forms to all Year 3 students today. Please return the completed form to the front office as soon as possible. Thank you.
STUDENT BANKING

The Commonwealth Bank School Banking program is ready to kick off for the year. All students who wish to join the program, please see the front office to obtain a Youthsaver application form or alternatively, please visit your local Commonwealth Bank. Please note, Heidi Miners in the front office is a Justice of the Peace and can complete your identification check for you if you are not already a Commonwealth Bank customer.

The School Banking program will still include an exciting Rewards Program designed to encourage children to get into the habit of making regular savings. Every time your child makes a deposit they receive a Dollarmites token which can be exchanged for gifts of different values. Students will have lots of fun saving their tokens for these cool gifts.

Our School Banking Day is **Wednesday**.

Thanks to the fantastic efforts of our students last year we have raised $283.78 for the school through School Banking Commissions. The school receives commission from the Commonwealth Bank for every new account opened and every deposit made.

Keep up the great work students and thank you for supporting the School Banking program.

DAVE BERRY’S GUITAR LESSONS

TERM 1, 2013

Mr Berry has 2 vacancies for a Year 5 or 6 student. If you are interested, please call Heidi in the office on 4472 4446. First in, best dressed.

Also, if your child is no longer continuing with guitar this year, please let us know so we can give another student the place.

LOST PROPERTY

If your child has lost any clothing, please send them to the lost property box which is located outside canteen.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

The shop is looked after by our lovely ladies in the Canteen. The Canteen is open from 9.00 am to 1.00 pm but they would love it if you do not visit when it is recess or lunchtime. Phone 4472 6140 with any queries.

Batemans Bay Pony Club Registration Day and Opening Rally 2013

10 February 2013 at the Pony Club Grounds, Surf Beach Ave, Surf Beach

Registration from 9.00 am, gear check at 9.30 am and riding from 10.00 am

Day membership available - come and try pony club out for a day.
Riders 4 – 24 years old and all ability levels are very welcome to join in.
Offering fun and skill development with instruction in all major disciplines.
Enquiries ph Sue Feeney 0435 765 591 or email slfeeney@bigpond.com

CANTEEN URGENTLY NEEDS HELP ON WEDNESDAY 6 AND 8 FEBRUARY. PLEASE RING JUDY OR MICHELLE ON 4472 6140 IF YOU CAN HELP.
Swimming Carnival is on Friday 8 February 2013 for students from Year 2 to Year 6. Information notes have been sent home today for all students in Year 2 to Year 6. We would love you to come along and enjoy the day with us.

Kim Dent
Sport Coordinator

Batemans Bay Basketball Association

Nominations are now open for Junior Basketball Competitions 2013
Boys and Girls all ages catered for.
All games held at Hanging Rock Sports Stadium week days.
Nominations close Saturday 9th February.
All nominations and enquiries to Kylie Ph. 4471 7789
email kyliearmstrong2@bigpond.com website www.batemansbay.basketball.net.au

ST BERNARD’S PARISH REQUEST
St Bernard’s Parish is looking at renewing its volunteer listing for the various ministries. Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Welcomers, Computer Screen Operators, Music Ministry.

There is training available for any of the roles you wish to undertake.

For most roles we are looking for people from school children through to mature.

Computer operator volunteers there will be training after Mass during February – the dates will be Sunday 10 February and Saturday 16 February 2013.

What can you do for our parish? If you wish to help please leave your name and contact number at the presbytery by phone on 4472 4153 or email st.batehaven@cg.catholic.org.au.
Library News

Welcome to Term 1 2013!!

There are lots of wonderful things happening in the Library this year.

As always the **Premier’s Reading Challenge** begins very soon and students can already be reading and keeping a record of books to be logged as soon as the challenge starts. All passwords etc. remain the same as last year and if you are a new student you will receive your login as soon as the registration opens. In the meantime you can log onto the website and have a look at the book lists for your class. [www.schools.nsw.edu/premiersreadingchallenge](http://www.schools.nsw.edu/premiersreadingchallenge)

**BOOK FAIR:** St Bernard’s School will be holding a Book Fair in Week 5 of this Term. This is during the Parent Interviews and I would love to see you all come in and have a browse. If there is anyone who is able to help with setting up, collecting money, helping children select books, packing up etc. please see me in the Library at any time. Also, if there is anyone who could spare a little time to help in the Library with reshelving and tidying at any time during the school week please call in and see me.

**BORROWING:** Just a reminder that in order for your student to borrow from the Resource Centre they need to have a cloth Library bag. All students are expected to borrow on a weekly basis and I ask for your co-operation in this matter. Discuss with your child the book they are reading and read some of it with them, especially if they are in the Upper Primary. Your encouragement makes a huge difference!

**OVERDUES:** Unfortunately we still have a number of outstanding overdue books from last year. Hopefully some will have been found during the holidays. If you are unable to locate a book or it has been lost or damaged please contact me and we can come to some arrangement so your child does not miss out on borrowing. The usual policy is that the book is paid for so a replacement can be purchased.

Happy Reading!!

Thanking You
Dianne Metcalf (Teacher Librarian)