Dear Parents and Friends,

Please mark down in your diaries the Year 6 Graduation Ceremony is on next Friday 14 December beginning at 9.15 am. This is a very special time as we bid farewell and celebrate these students’ journey through primary school.

Father Tom is due back at the end of next week. We hope that he has had a wonderful time.

There are many in our community who currently need our prayers. In particular the Deng, Casey and Young families would appreciate your thoughts at this time.

Peace and Blessings

David
Dear Parents

This Sunday marks the Second Sunday of Advent. I have included the following prayer that you may like to use with your family in this time of waiting:

Stir up our hearts, O Lord,
to prepare the way for your only Son,
so that by His coming
we may be enabled to serve you
with pure minds;
through your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Lyneham High School Junior Concert Band visited St. Bernard’s on Monday. They yet again shared their amazing talent. The St. Bernard’s Concert Band will be open to new enrolments at the beginning of 2013. If seeing the Lyneham Band has inspired your child, look out in the newsletters early next year. Students from Year 4 to Year 6 are able to join our Concert Band and are only required to make a six month commitment.

Head Lice – can we plead with families to PLEASE correctly treat your child if they have head lice. There seems to be an epidemic in several classes at the moment. It is really important that their bedding etc are treated as well as your child's hair. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

I look forward to seeing lots of students at next week’s disco. Thank you to Jeni Barbara, Deanna Scicluna and the organising team. I’m sure that students will enjoy a night of fun.

Many blessings for the week ahead.

Jacqueline Lee
Assistant Principal

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) FOR THE BEGINNING OF TERM 1, 2013 IE. 30 JANUARY 2013.
Dear Parents and Carers

Last Sunday the first Sunday of Advent marked the beginning of a new year in the liturgical cycle; the season of Advent.

The Advent wreath is an old German tradition. Essentially the wreath is a circle of evergreens with four candles representing the four weeks of Advent. Three of the candles are purple, reminding us of the penitential nature of the season. A rose or pink candle is lit for the Third Sunday of Advent, also known as Gaudete (rejoice) Sunday. The wreath should be in a circle, a symbol of eternity, and a reminder that God has neither beginning nor end. Evergreen leaves are a symbol of eternal life and a reminder that God is immutable or unchangeable.

A reminder that our Giving Service will be held in Bandur’s Barn at 9.15 am on Friday. If you are able, please send in a contribution to assist the St Vincent de Paul Society to prepare hampers.

An Advent Reflection

Four candles burned on the Advent wreath. In the quiet, the candles began to speak.

The first candle sighed and said, “My name is PEACE. My light shines, but there is no peace.” Her light became smaller and smaller, until it faded away completely.

The second candle flickered and said, “My name is FAITH, but I am useless. People don’t want to know anything of God. There is no reason for me to burn.” A breeze blew through the room and the second candle went out.

Quiet and sad, the third candle began to speak, “My name is LOVE. I no longer have the strength to burn. People put me aside. They look only to themselves and not to the others they should have loved.” With a final flicker, this light also went out.

Then a little child entered the room. It looked at the candles and said, “You should be burning; you should not be dark!” And the child started to cry.

At that moment, the fourth candle began to speak and said, “Do not fear! As long as I burn, we are able to relight the other candles. My name is HOPE.

With that, the child, using the flame of HOPE, rekindled PEACE, FAITH and LOVE.

Source: Diocese of Brisbane

The blessings of the Advent season

Helene Boller
When: Tuesday 11 December 2012

Time: 5.00 pm – 7.00 pm

Entry: $3.50

Glow sticks: 50¢

Canteen will be selling

Pizza Slices: $1.00
Mini Hotdogs: $1.00
Poppers: $1.00
Chips: 50¢
Water: $1.50
Ice Blocks: $1.00

Raffle: $1.00 a ticket or 3 for $2.00

1st Prize: Kidz Biz party voucher (value $160)
2nd Prize: $100 Furniture One Voucher
3rd Prize: Hamper Value $100

Plus 15 more great prizes.

14 Helpers Needed: Please return slip below to school by Monday 10 December if you are available to help or ring/text Jeni on 0405 682 573

I _____________________________ can help at the disco on Tuesday 11th December.

Child’s name:______________________________ Class:____________________

Thanks

Jeni Barbara
COMMUNITY CAROLS EVENT
COMBINED CHURCHES OF BATEMANS BAY

At Mackay Park on Sunday 16 December 2012.
5:30 pm for pre-show entertainment and stalls.
7:30 pm is the start time of carols.
9.00 pm fireworks.
All welcome.

BATEMANS BAY TIGERS JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB
2012 CHRISTMAS BBQ

Where: Mackay Park
Time: 5.30 pm - 7.30 pm
Date: Thursday 13 December 2012
Games, BBQ, Santa...see you there.

STUDENT BANKING

Congratulations to Jordan Bandur in 4B who earned a USB for trading in 10 tokens to receive his reward. Well done! Congratulations to Jordan Bandur in 4B and Molly Stocks in 1B who received a Gold Certificate for 30 deposits and Jakob Barbara in 2F who received a Silver Certificate for 20 deposits.

BAY THEATRE PLAYERS
YOUTH THEATRE PRESENTS
YOUTH-A-PALOOZA

Some of our students have been completing workshops all year to be a part of this production.

Venue: The Playhouse, Gregory St, Batemans Bay
Dates: 7 December 7.00 pm
8 December 1.00 pm & 7.00 pm
Tickets: $5.00 adult, child under 16 $2.00 from Bargain Box Fabrics

VEGEMITE SURF GROMS PROGRAM
for 5-12 year olds this January 2013

$175 for 5 day structured program with all equipment & logbook, including free Quicksilver backpack, towel, rash shirt & hat.

Starting on 7 January and 21 January 2013.

Limited places, all abilities welcome including past participants!

We also have Christmas gift vouchers available for purchase. Call Broulee Surf School on 4471 7370 or email: info@brouleesurfschool.com.au

CANTINE—WEEK 10

Mon 10 Dec Ray Sheiles
Tue Tracy Spence
Wed Belinda Pitkin
Thu Kathie Blankley
Fri HELPER NEEDED

CANTEEN URGENTLY NEEDS EXTRA HELP ON FRIDAY 14 AND WEDNESDAY 19 DECEMBER. PLEASE RING JUDY ON 4472 6140 IF YOU CAN HELP.
(Kinder)  
Michael Aitken, Emily King, Logan Pyke, Evan Walker, Finnley Love, Kaelan Moore, Lilly Wakelam, Alex Young, Blayze Roche, Nikola Radosavljevic, Jonathan Antoniak, Akira Boller, Shelby Henderson, Mia Hewson

(Year 1)  
Harrison Betteridge, Decklyn Brennan-Deeble, Luka Brogan, Myles Duncombe, Indhi Filmer, Caden Guldi, Aditya Haas, Lily Hare, Kate Kavanagh, Isaiah Magnus, Isabella McGee, Chenoa Cultrera, Hannah Kobold, Jayden Moran-Schuylt, Leo Ta Huynh

(Year 2)  
Lily Berkrey, Callum Moore, Benjamin Theodore, Anna Tran, Timothy Mifsud, Keely Bruce, Peri Cooke, Marko Radosavljevic (x 2)

(Year 3)  
Ryan Hall, Pippin Turner, Raquel Carrasco, Bella Coetzee, Brock Rushton, Violetta Diacomihalis, Dylan Golden, Kiara Spence

(Year 4)  
Lillyarna Castagna, Lincoln Davis, Nathaniel Jones, Ethan Kelland, Hector Brewer, Oliver Brissett, Jacob Collins, Jack Francis, Isabella Topp

(Year 5)  
Yi Ying Li, Jerri Lubbe, Caitlin Shalders, Brittany Greiner, Sophie Cullip, Jack Gallen, Cosette Klarica, Grace Maguire, Jake Spence

(Year 6)  
Dale Deacon, Matthew Grayson, Joe Martin, Bryony Pedersen, Dominik Famularo, Emily Feeney, Liam Macpherson, Melissa Mitchell

(French)  
Shanrui Deng, Amber Drew, Sophie Chapman, Maeve Hatton, Brock Rushton, Alicia Ryan, Conor Schmidt, Yue Lin