Dear Parents and Friends,

Today we held a special ceremony to induct our new student leaders. It was a nice feeling to see these enthusiastic and committed students stand proud as they received their badges. As always, the leadership shown by our senior students sets the overall tone and spirit for our student body and once again I am confident that they will lead by example.

A special welcome back to Mrs Lynda McCarten who joins us as learning support teacher for this year. Lynda will be working three days per week.

Our prayers and sympathy are extended to the Knight family on the passing of Lachlan’s great grandfather this week.

Tomorrow’s swimming carnival should be a great event. If the weather holds out (and it’s predicted to be 31 deg) we will all need to ensure our sun safe policy is adhered to. It is critical that we Slip, Slop and Slap!!!

Our Kinders begin their full days at school starting next Monday. This is the next step along their journey as they embrace all that ‘Big’ school offers.

Pleased to say that our school electronic sign is back up and running. The recent heavy rains caused a power failure.

Next Tuesday evening we will be holding a Kinder parent workshop. As in previous years our Kinder teachers run a session to assist new Kindergarten parents in their understanding of the key areas of learning that their children will experience on a daily basis. We will be having a light supper at the conclusion of the evening. The session runs from 6.00 pm – 7.30 pm.

Our technology focus is moving along rapidly. So far this year we have installed 30 new all in one computers in our main lab and all teachers have received an iPad. All the new LED TVs have been installed and together with Apple TVs will enable the iPads to be connected to them. Staff have been involved in training and are really enthusiastic about this new technology and can hardly wait until the class sets of iPads arrive shortly. We expect to have at least 6 iPads per classroom set up and running by mid-term. This is indeed an exciting time. As you can appreciate there is much planning and preparation required before the introduction of class sets can happen.

Lent is nigh upon us and we start by having an Ash Wednesday Mass next week at 9.00 am. Our infants students will have a prayer service in Bandur’s Barn at 9.15 am. As mass begins now at 9.00 am it is imperative that Primary students arrive at school punctually. Late comers will have to remain with the Infants until after mass.

Have a great week, blessings,

David

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**Calendar**

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**Notes sent out 1 - 6 Feb**

- Term 1 Canteen Roster
- Welcome to Kinder Swimming Carnival
- Welcome to Year 3 Special note

**Mon 4**

- New Learning Support teacher

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**TERM 1 SCHOOL FEES**

Fees for Term 1 have been generated and will be sent home tomorrow. Please read the information regarding school fees ie; payment methods etc. Please phone 4472 4446 if you have any questions regarding your fees.

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

Welcome to Week 2.

Next week is an important week in the lives of Christians as we begin our Lenten journey.

Wednesday 13 February is Ash Wednesday, and is also the Fifth Anniversary of the Apology to the indigenous people of our nation. The Apology was an important step in reconciliation and moving forward of this beautiful country. We will celebrate the healing effects that it had, given the significance of the word ‘Sorry’ in Aboriginal culture. In 2013 we will also be looking at what has been achieved in the past five years for the Stolen Generations. Forgiveness and reconciliation are important aspects of all of our lives, and I encourage you all to pray for all people and continued reconciliation.

Today you would have received letters to parents regarding the upcoming parent/teacher interviews. Please ensure that these are returned as soon as possible so that meeting times can be finalised. Your child’s teacher will inform you of your meeting time soon after you have returned your preference sheet.

Please also ensure that your child’s Life Education note and money has been returned to the office. Thank you.

Wishing you a blessed week with your family.

Jacqueline Lee
Assistant Principal

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FOR THE SWIMMING CARNIVAL TOMORROW
IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please ensure your child has a **hat** for the swimming carnival tomorrow.

Please bring plenty of **sunscreen** and **water** as it will be a very hot day.

**NO ZINC CREAM PLEASE.**

If any parent has a sun shelter that they could bring to the pool, we would be grateful as there is not much shade available.

Those swimmers who are swimming in the Junior Boys and Girls 200m Individual Medleys (8, 9, 10 years), Senior Boys and Girls 200m Individual Medleys (11, 12, 13 yrs) and Open Boys and Girls 100m Freestyle events are to be at the pool at 8.00 am please.

All other students will be transported by the bus from the school at 9.00 am.

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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](http://www.wwme.org.au)
Dear Parents and Carers

The Church year is divided into seasons which reflect the significant feasts or events that we celebrate.

The prayers, readings and the vestments worn by the priest all relate to the liturgical season.

The different colours of the vestments are drawn from creation to remind those participating in a liturgy, of the different blessings of God.

**PURPLE**

Purple (or violet) symbolises repentance and penance. Vestments of purple or violet are used during the seasons of Advent and Lent.

The colour reminds us of the violet flower that bows its head and is a symbol of humility. Lent is the season of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. It is a quiet season of reflection. Purple or violet dye was very expensive. An early Christian, Lydia from Thyatira, made her living from the purple dye trade and was able to support St Paul in his missionary work (Acts 16: 14-15).

Next Wednesday, Ash Wednesday we begin the season of Lent. Traditionally Lent was a time of repentance and going without especially those items which might be regarded as treats.

Lent is now seen as a time to give – not give up. In giving we are carrying out Jesus’ mission to treat all people with justice and love. One way we can do this is to support the work of Caritas through Project Compassion

‘Caritas Australia is part of an international network known as Caritas Internationalis. One of the largest aid and development agencies in the world, the Caritas Internationalis network is working to build a better world, especially for the poor and oppressed, in over 200 countries and territories.’

http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion/resources

**On Ash Wednesday students in Years 3-6 will attend Mass at 9.00 am in the church. Students in Kinder to Year 2 will have a prayer service in Bandur’s Barn commencing at 9.15 am.** We warmly invite you to join us.

*I believe in the absolute oneness of God and therefore also of humanity. What though we have many bodies? We have but one soul.*    Mahatma Gandhi

Peace and blessings on your family

Helene Boller
WHO WILL YOU RELAY FOR THIS YEAR?

St Bernard’s Parents & Friends have registered a team for this year’s Relay for Life. Come along and enjoy a great weekend for a great cause. Register online at the address below.

**When:** 16 March 2013 at the Hanging Rock Sports Complex

Who can register for the team?: mums, dads, kids, grandparents and friends. All welcome. It’s a great weekend with lots of fun and entertainment.


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**DAVE BERRY’S GUITAR LESSONS**  
**TERM 1, 2013**

Mr Berry has 1 vacancy for a Year 5 or 6 student. If you are interested, please call Heidi in the office on 4472 4446. First in, best dressed.

Guitar starts in Week 3 on Friday 15 February. Timetables will be handed out tomorrow.

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**IMPORTANT NOTE FROM THE CANTEEN REGARDING NEXT WEDNESDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2013 WHICH IS ASH WEDNESDAY.**

The lunch choices will be pasta bake for $3.00 OR wedges with sour cream and sweet chilli sauce for $3.00.

All salads, sandwiches etc will be available without meat.

Thank you.

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**CANTEEN—WEEK 3**

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**MELANIE GINGER’S PIANO LESSONS**

Mrs Ginger has 1 vacancy for a piano student on a Wednesday. If you are interested, please call Heidi in the office on 4472 4446. First in, best dressed.
BROULEE SURF SCHOOL

RIP CURL GIRLS GO SURFING DAY IS BACK!
Go surfing with just the girls and ladies for $50 including professional lesson, equipment, Rip Curl T-shirt and prize pack.
Choose from two weekends 9 and 10 February or 9 and 10 March 2013.

VEGEMITE SURF GROMS PROGRAM for 5-12 year olds:
After School Surfing:
$165 for 8 week structured program with logbook, including free Quicksilver backpack, towel, rash shirt & hat. Beginning 18 February 2013 from 3.45 pm to 5.15 pm on Mondays OR Tuesdays at North Broulee beach.

Regular After School Surfing for 8-16 year olds:
$100 for 7 weeks and includes board and wetsuit & Surfing Australia Safe Surfing Certificate. Beginning 18 February 2013 from 3.45 pm to 5.15 pm on Monday/Tuesday or Wednesday depending on demand
Limited places, all abilities welcome including past participants!
Call Broulee Surf School on 4471 7370 or email: info@brouleesurfschool.com.au

MY TIME IS A SUPPORT GROUP FOR PARENTS/CARERS OF A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY AGED 0-16?
Enjoy morning tea and a chat while the play helper plays with the kids.

**Free neck and shoulder massages too!!**

“My Time” get together on
Friday 8 February 2013
At the WorkAbility Office
35 Old Princes Highway, Batemans Bay
10.00 am – Noon

Please phone Sam at WorkAbility on 4472 3707 with any enquiries.

All welcome, feel free to bring a friend along.

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.