Dear Parents,

Last Friday we had our Opening Whole School Mass where our School Captains, Student Representative Council members and Sports Captains were presented with their leadership badges. Fr John spoke to the students about how they must try their best to THINK before they speak. How often have you said something in the heat of the moment and wished you could press REWIND! I am sure we are all guilty of that. Fr John explained the THINK acronym to us all:

- **T** - is it True
- **H** - is it Helpful
- **I** - is it Inspiring
- **N** - is it Necessary
- **K** - is it Kind

As we move through the Season of Lent, let us THINK and be considerate in our actions towards others.

**Carpark Safety**

Please drive with caution in the morning when you are dropping your child/ren off at school. The St Bernard’s school zone times are in effect from 8:00am - 9:30am and 2:30pm - 4:00pm. Please drop your child/ren in designated parking areas. Please do not park in neighbouring driveways to let your child/ren out of the car in the morning, this is very dangerous for both drivers and students. Your child/ren will learn about pedestrian safety through your modelling, so please use safe behaviour. Thank you for your cooperation.

**School Uniform**

It is expected that all students wear the regulation school uniform and wear it correctly. Bucket hats are now phasing out and will not be available to buy in the Uniform shops in town. If your child currently wears a bucket hat, that is okay but any future hats that need to be bought will need to be broad brimmed. Any new students will now be expected to wear the broad brimmed hat. I encourage you to please mark all clothing with your child/ren’s name. Lost property is kept in a container adjacent to the Canteen.

**New Shade Cloth**

Have you seen our new shade cloth over the Infants Playground Equipment? What a fabulous addition to our Infants Playground! Please pop in for a look when you get the chance. The children were very excited to see their play equipment shaded on Friday when the sun was shining bright. It made a huge difference to protecting the students from the heat. I would like to say a huge thank you to the P & F who last year allocated funds towards this shade cloth and our St Bernard’s Community who contributed through fundraising efforts. It will be enjoyed by the students for many years to come.

Next week Mrs Jo Socha will be taking leave for knee surgery and will be returning in Term 3. Mrs Rose McNoe will be teaching 4S in her absence and will spend the day with 4S tomorrow. We wish Mrs Socha a speedy recovery. I will be away next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at the Principal’s Retreat. Please refer any questions or concerns to Mrs Valentini who will be Acting Principal in my absence.

We welcomed Josiah R to 3C last week. A warm welcome to Josiah and his family.

Have an enjoyable weekend.

Johanna Wain
Principal Acting
When we see the storms that hit Fiji we can often feel connected and at the same time remote from the disaster. Unless we personally know somebody who lives there, we have visited Fiji or have some association with the islands we can feel both concerned and distant. This contradiction can disturb us because we want to help and almost feel powerless at the same time. However, each person is created for God’s mission to immerse themselves in the day to day life and not to become remote from it. We are called to search for the freedom inside ourselves which is convicted of God’s joy and life. It calls us to reach out to human beings out of respect and friendship confident that God’s love is displayed in how we become present to the normal events of daily life. Essentially what makes us human and Christian enables us to live out our vocation. This is not only as a person loved by God but as a person who is able to help transform our world and be a messenger of God’s grace. We are called to do what we can, not what we can’t.

Ultimately, it is not by self-perfection that we encounter God. Christianity is not another self-help program. It is a relationship which enables us to become transformed by God’s loving mercy. Thus it is an integration of our whole life which is expressed whenever we gather to celebrate Eucharist. God calls together not people who have made it, but people on the journey.

How does God call me to be present to others this week?
What is God revealing to me about my own life?
What is being transformed in my community by God’s grace?

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Dear Parents

In the Religious Life of our school we have some significant events this term. In Week 7 we celebrate ‘Catholic Schools Week’. This is a great opportunity to recognise what makes us unique as a Catholic Community. We will be coming together with both St Mary’s Moruya and Carroll College at Broulee on Thursday 10 March for a Combined Schools Mass. A note was sent out yesterday. It is a great opportunity to celebrate our Catholicity as part of our K-12 pathway on the South Coast. This year’s theme is ‘I belong, You belong, We belong’. This really does reflect who we are as a Catholic school. We embrace the diversity of all students and families with the special gifts they bring to our community. If you are free on Thursday 10 March you are more than welcome to join us for Mass and morning tea.

In Week 7 our Year 6 students will be joining St Mary’s as part of a prayer retreat day. This will be as preparation for students who are making their Confirmation on Sunday 13 March at 3pm. Our students have been learning about the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and how we can use these to benefit our friends, families and community. The Archbishop will be coming down to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation which will once again be held at Carroll College at the special time of 3pm. Please feel free to come along to this parish celebration with supper afterwards.

Holy Week is fast approaching! This year Easter is earlier and will be celebrated during the term. We will be unpacking the Easter story during Holy Week with ‘Prayer Pods’ where classes will come together and read and look at symbols of Easter. We are also looking for some school children who are here for Palm Sunday on Sunday 20 March to participate in a Gospel Play at the Sunday Mass. If you know you are available and your child would love to dress up and act out the Palm Sunday story as part of the Mass, please let Mrs Valentini or Mrs Wain know.

Carla Durnan
Religious Education Coordinator Acting
Dear Parents

It is hard to believe that we are almost half way through Term One! I hope that you have enjoyed the opportunity to meet with your child’s teacher/s over the past two weeks. Formal Interviews will be held again at the end of Term 2. If you have any questions, concerns, or positive feedback (we love hearing about your child’s successes also!), please do not hesitate to contact your child’s teacher via a phone call or an email.

On Tuesday I attended the system based Assistant Principal Network Meeting. The day outlined many system processes and priorities, with a great deal of discussion based around Inquiry Learning. In recent years, inquiry-based learning has come to shape the framework of modern learning practices. The term ‘inquiry’, lends itself to the ‘act of asking questions’ or ‘undertaking an investigation’, and in the educational context that is exactly where the heart of this learning approach lies.

With explicit applications across the curriculum, today’s classrooms are all about carefully constructed learning which probes students to independently and collaboratively learn through the process of exploration, investigation, research, pursuit and study. This process of inquiry highlights the importance of thinking in order to create meaning, increases intellectual engagement and fosters a deeper understanding. An insight which resonated with me on the day was that the model of inquiry is more about ‘Learning HOW to learn, not WHAT to learn’. It implores teachers to step outside of traditional roles and embrace those of ‘facilitator’ and ‘activator’ of learning. At St Bernard’s our iCentre is modern and refurbished 3-6 classrooms provide the perfect learning environment for inquiry learning, with flexible learning spaces for collaboration, investigation and reflection.

Cyber Safety

Children today have a growing stream of new technological resources at their fingertips, offering increased opportunities for engagement, entertainment, communication and education. There are many social networking sites which let young people share what they are doing and how they are feeling, keeping in touch with others, connecting with new people and finding new communities based on shared interests. As parents, it is important to ensure that the social networking sites your child wants to use are appropriate for his/her age. For example, to have a Facebook account you need to be 13 years or older. It’s also a good idea to get to know the sites your child is using. Below I have added the link to the Office of the Children’s eSafety Commission which promotes online safety for children and young people. The site provides a summary of the various social media platforms and how they work. It discusses the use of privacy settings and parental controls and gives parents insights into the pros and cons of each platform. The start of the school year is a good time to go through the guidelines about safe and responsible use of social networking sites and aim for open communication about online behaviours and responsible use of social networking sites.


Afternoon Pick-Up

A reminder for parents picking up their children from Walkers, please ensure that you walk through the fenced area to collect your child/ren. Last week there was a potentially harmful incident involving small children and a moving car. Student safety is paramount. Please do not park and beckon your child/ren to the car as they will not be permitted to leave the covered area without parental supervision. Thank you for your cooperation of this safety matter.

Intensive Guided Reading Intervention in Kindergarten and Year 1

2015 saw the implementation of an Intensive Guided Reading Intervention Program in Year 1. Guided Reading is a teaching approach that is designed to help individual students learn how to process a variety of increasingly challenging texts with understanding and fluency. This type of teaching and learning is most effective when instruction is delivered in small groups, led by a teacher, to address specific literacy needs of the students. Due to the success of the program, we have decided to extend this approach to Kindergarten. From Week 6, Year 1 will participate in three 30 minute sessions and Kindergarten, two 30 minute sessions per week. These sessions are facilitated primarily by the Classroom Teacher, and supported by the Learning Support Teacher and up to three Learning Support Assistants. If you would like more information about this exciting program, please do not hesitate to speak to me or your child’s teacher.

Wishing you all a very happy and ‘safe’ week with your children.

Best wishes,

Julie Valentini
Assistant Principal Acting
Stage 1 have had a busy but productive start to 2016! As a Stage, we have been exploring water and finding out about all the wondrous living things in our oceans! Our Friday Sport Rotations help us practise different skills like skipping, catching, throwing and kicking a ball. Belonging to a new class means we have to remember how to Get Along with different children.
The students had fun dancing the night away with DJ Matt Brown!
Archdiocesan Swimming

Congratulations to the students listed below on their entry into the Archdiocesan Swimming Carnival next week (Tuesday, March 1) at Queanbeyan Swimming Pool. We wish them lots of luck as they compete against students from the Southern, Northern and Western Regions of our Archdiocese. It would be appreciated if all consent forms and money is sent to the school office as soon as possible.

Archdiocesan Swimming Team 2016

| Riley B | Sophie E | Sarah M | Emma P | Luke G |
| Keira L | Jackson B | Luka B | Kyle Y | Makadde E |
| Timothy M | George C | Luke Sh | Maxine L | Jakob B |

Southern Region Swimming Carnival Age Champions

St Bernard’s has some amazing swimmers! We have 4 students who were named Southern Region Age Champions at Narooma last week. Congratulations to:

Sam B – Junior Boy Age Champion, Jackson B – 11 Years Boys Age Champion, Keira L – 11 Years Girls Age Champion Timothy M – Senior Boy Age Champion

Summer Trials Sport Representatives 2016

Congratulations to the following students who have successfully made it into the Archdiocesan Summer Sports events for 2016. They are:

| Jack Mc – Boys Cricket | Tyne P – Girls Tennis (No: 1 Seed!) | Alana G – Girls Basketball & Girls Cricket |

Competition for entry into these events is incredibly tough and our students have worked very hard at their chosen sports to gain selection for the Archdiocesan teams. Well done to you all.

Winter Trials Sports Nominations

Last week, nomination forms for Archdiocesan Winter trials were handed out to students who were interested. These events include: NETBALL, SOCCER (girls and boys), RUGBY LEAGUE and HOCKEY. If your child is in Grade 5 or 6 (and currently plays one of these sports at a competitive level) and is interested in trialling, please contact me at school by Friday 26 February. All notes and money payable MUST be returned by Friday 26 February. Please note: there has been a change of venue and team managers from the letter that went out last week.

CANBERRA-GOULBURN WINTER TRIALS VENUES AND TEAM MANAGERS

| 11’s League | Campese oval Yass Rd Queanbeyan | Mark Hughes |
| Opens League | Campese oval Yass Rd Queanbeyan | TBA |
| Boys Football | High Street Queanbeyan | Brendan Maynard |
| Girls Football | High Street Queanbeyan | Lisa Sintonen |
| Netball | Steve Maugher Courts Thornton Road Queanbeyan | Sheree Bush |
| Boys Hockey | TBA dependent on numbers | Terrie Sparrow |
| Girls Hockey | TBA dependent on numbers | Michelle Picker |

Catholic Schools Soccer Carnival

St Benedict’s Primary School at Narrabundah in Canberra are hosting a Catholic Schools Soccer Carnival on SUNDAY 3 April at the University of Canberra Ovals. We have been invited to send teams to play for our school. Each team requires a team manager and a coach. At this stage I am simply gauging an interest level from our school community. If you are interested in being a part of this event and/or your child is keen to play at the carnival, please email me at megan.grant@cg.catholic.edu.au. If there is sufficient numbers I will be able to send through a St Bernard’s team. It is open to students in Years 3 /4 and 5/6 only.

Wishing you a happy and safe week ahead,

Megan Grant
PE Teacher/Sport Coordinator
(Kinder)
Harry B, Laila C, Erica S, Lachlan W, Lily D, Mishell F, Griffin H,
Charlie R, Noah A, Callum K, Will L, Darley W

(Year 1)
Ava J, River O, Kira V, Elizabeth B, Sonny B, Maya B, Storm B, Emma I, Logan M, Neve S,

(Year 2)

(Year 3)

(Year 4)
Riley B, Sophie E, Luke G, Macy F, Asher H, Taylah H, Cooper Mc,

(Year 5)
Sienna K, Sophie Mc, William N, Mark T, Finian B, Tiarna Mc, Chloe M, Caleb S

(Year 6)
Kobi B, George C, Jaycob G, Kaitlyn S, Janaki C, Benjamin E, Alicia G, Jack H, Benjamin T

Congratulations
**P & F News**

How awesome was the disco. It looked like everyone had a fantastic time, my children didn't want to leave. Thank you to everyone that helped out and a big thank you to all our teachers. The money we made from the disco is going into the P & F account which we are looking into getting a shade cloth over the senior playground. Have you had a chance to look at the one over the Infants Playground, it looks amazing. It’s a huge bonus for all our children, keeping them safe from the summer heat. We wouldn't be able to achieve this without each and every parent that helped donate time and money into the fundraising. So a BIG thank you to all of you and your children. The disco raised around $300 so that is one step closer to our goal. Our next fundraiser is the Easter raffle. If anyone has any baskets ribbons or cello paper they would like to donate that would be greatly appreciated. If you can drop them off to the office or myself that would be wonderful.

I hope you all have a great and safe weekend.

Victoria Vincent
P & F President

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**Easter Egg Raffle**

It’s on again the St Bernard’s Egg-cellent Easter Egg Raffle. **We are asking for all families to donate an Easter egg** to help us make up lots of egg-cellent prizes.

Please bring your Easter egg donations into school and leave with your class teacher. All contributions are greatly appreciated.

Raffle tickets will be sent home on Friday 26 February - 50c each.
Raffle drawn Thursday 24 March.

Thanks for your support
P&F Committee 2016

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**Canteen Roster - Week 6**

| Mon | 29 February | CAIENEN CLOSED |
| Mon | 1 March | CAIENEN CLOSED |
| Wed | 2 March | HELPER NEEDED |
| Thurs | 3 March | HELPER NEEDED |
| Fri | 4 March | HELPER NEEDED |

 Remember to check the Skoolbag App under “Canteen” for what is happening in the Canteen. The Term 1 Menu will be on the App soon!

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**Canteen Special: Week 6**

Chicken & Vegetable Pulao (made the traditional Indian way!)

$4.00

or $5.00 meal deal (includes icy pole & popper drink - Thursday and Friday only)
MONSTER BOOK FAIR

OPEN

8am-8:45am before school
2:45pm-3:30pm after school
Lunch time on Friday
Until Friday 26 February.

Congratulations to our winning library borrowers:

Joshua M 1VS
Emma I 1VS
Brooklyn C 5M

Each of these students won a $20 voucher to spend at the Book Fair

SCHOOL BANKING NEWS $$$

Congratulations to the following students who have earned a Bronze Certificate for making 10 deposits!

Community News

RUGBY—BROULEE DOLPHINS

Broulee Dolphins Rugby is looking for more players to join us this season.
Under 11’s to 18’s. There are six home and six away matches on Saturdays over terms 2 and 3.
(no matches in school holidays)
All teams are graded and training is at Broulee on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
Help with transport is available for training and away games.
You do not have to be experienced to sign up. We are looking for players who are willing to learn the
game, respect their team mates, officials and opponents and do themselves, their families and their
club proud.

For more information, please call Karyn Starmer 0427 522 227. Or check website
www.dolphinsrugby.com

Peppers Netball Club Registrations

Peppers registrations are being held at the Soldiers Club on the following days:

Saturday 5 March 10:00am – 12:00pm
Saturday 12 March 10:00am – 12:00pm

This year all players are required to register online through the My Netball portal, with
printed form and payment receipt being handed in on either of the above dates (or
register online and bring cash payment on the day).

A newsletter containing online registration details will be emailed to last year’s
members. Newsletter/rego information for new members can be obtained by emailing
Fiona Crow (fionacrow@hotmail.com) or Annette Kobold (nettykob@hotmail.com).
Season commences Saturday 30 April.

NetSetGo Comp – 8 and 9 years
Juniors – 10, 11 and 12 years
Intermediate – 13, 14 and 15 years
Senior – 16 years and over

NetSetGo Skills is also available for children 5 – 7 years at the Broulee netball courts on
Saturday mornings.

For more information please contact Fiona Crow 0417 490359/4472 6508 (NetSetGo and
juniors) or Meaghan Francis 0408 436883/4478 1173 (Intermediates and seniors).
ST BERNARD'S OOSH offers quality after School Care until 6.00pm Monday – Friday in term time and a holiday program from 8.00am to 6.00pm Monday – Friday during school holidays.

Call Natalie on 0448 137 753
Email: st.bernards-oosh@live.com.au

DIVE IN - HELP OUT

Bring your whole family along for a fun filled day of activities for all ages and abilities during the YMCA Swimathon.

February 28 2016, 10am-2pm
- Sausage sizzle
- Jumping castle / Inflatable
- Various activities including:
  - 3 legged race
  - Pool Noodle races
  - Variety of games

Centre details

Narooma Swimming Pool
- Bluewater Drive, Narooma
- (02) 4476 2398
- Admin.narooma@ymcansw.org.au

Batemans Bay Swimming Complex
- Vesper Street, Batemans Bay
- (02) 4472 4124
- Admin.Batemansbay@ymcansw.org.au

Moruya War Memorial Swimming Pool
- Shore Drive, Moruya
- (02) 4474 2343
- Admin.Moruya@ymcansw.org.au

Registrations now open: YMCAswimathon.org.au