Dear Parents and Friends,

We are in the midst of another busy week. I really enjoyed our Mother’s Day breakfast last Friday morning. It was lovely being able to reconnect with many of our St Bernard’s mums and grandmothers. I thank the staff for their early morning start in preparing for breakfast and making the morning such a special occasion. A beautiful prayer assembly followed from Year 6 which highlighted the uniqueness of Mothers. A mother’s bond is undeniably eternal and unconditional. I thank Mrs Durnan, Mr O’Neill and Year 6 for their preparation.

Pictured right is our wonderful group of mothers who coordinated the Mother’s Day Stall. Each year the stall provides a beautiful focus for the children so they can personally select something special for their mum. I thank these ladies for their time and enthusiasm in sourcing and creating a wonderful assortment of gifts and treats. Please know how appreciated you are!

**NAPLAN**

Our Years 3 & 5 students have undertaken the NAPLAN assessments over the past three days. I have been very impressed with the way the students have approached this testing. They have been very well supported by their teachers and the Learning Support team.

**Kindergarten 2017 Open Day**

Open Day is tomorrow! Attached to this newsletter is our Open Day flyer. Please remind family and friends to come along and experience the morning if they have a child commencing Kindergarten next year. It really is a wonderful way to immerse the children into school life at St Bernard’s. The culture is all embracing and the activities planned are interactive and engaging—a morning of fun is guaranteed! The official enrolment period began last week. To be assured of a position for your child in 2017, please return enrolment forms by next Friday, 20 May. Kindergarten interviews will be scheduled shortly.

**Transport for NSW - School Student Transport Scheme**

We have been advised of recent changes to free school travel services in rural and regional areas. Transport NSW will provide information brochures direct to schools in the coming weeks and we will distribute these to families. As of today, 12 May, an updated online form is available for families to apply for free travel between home and school in rural and regional areas. I encourage parents to go to transportnsw.info/school-students for new applications or to update personal details.

**Qkr - coming soon to St Bernard’s!**

Qkr (pronounced ‘quicker’) is an easy-to-use phone app that will be introduced later this term. It gives you the flexibility to make hassle-free canteen orders and make school payments at a time and place that suits you. Keep an eye out for more information!

Enjoy a relaxing weekend. Please join us for Mass on Saturday evening if you’re able to. Some of our students will be participating in the celebration of Pentecost. Everyone is welcome.

Jacqueline Heffernan
Principal
Message from Fr John

We are called and gifted to understand how God entrusts us with charisms for the good of the whole community. At Pentecost we recognise both the affective and effective ways of being a disciple. The gifts of the Holy Spirit entrusted to us at Pentecost allow us the opportunity to grow in a personal relationship with God through wisdom, understanding, counsel, internal resilience, knowledge, piety and reverence. This would be seen as the personal desire of God to know us from the inside out. However, as disciples of Jesus we are also entrusted with gifts for the good of the whole community which are not solely for our own good but which help to build people up in faith. They help us to acknowledge that each of us is part of a community for its good and never just our own. The signs of a charism are that it has a timeless quality which feels like prayer when we are living it out. It has an ability to respond to the deep seated need of another and it produces grace filled fruits which are never just the result of hard work. By allowing God to work through us we experience a prayer which draws us into action and an action which becomes our prayer.

Fr. John Armstrong
Parish Priest of Batemans Bay
Administrator of Moruya
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Batehaven NSW 2536
02 4472 4153
jarmstrong@cg.org.au

Pentecost Sunday

“As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” Jn 20:21

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost. Next to Christmas and Easter, the celebration of Pentecost is a highlight in the Church year when we commemorate the recognition of the Holy Spirit on the apostles and in our world.

We invite students to form an Entrance Procession at the beginning of Mass this Saturday night 14 May at 6.00pm. We ask that students wear brightly coloured clothes which reflect the colours of Pentecost (Red, Orange, Yellow). Headbands made at school this week can also be worn. I warmly encourage our 2016 Confirmation candidates to join us for this special occasion.

Students are asked to meet Mrs Valentini and Mrs Wain outside the Church at 5.45 pm.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Julie Valentini
Religious Education Coordinator
Dear Parents

What a beautiful morning we had last Friday at the Mother’s Day Breakfast. It was wonderful to see so many mothers, mother figures and grandmothers, join us for a morning of pampering. The children were very excited to share such a deserving occasion with their mums. Mums, I hope that you will treasure the gifts made so lovingly by your children and that Mother’s Day 2016 created many special memories for you.

Grandparents Day

On Friday 3 June we will be celebrating Grandparents Day at St Bernard’s. Grandparents Day is a chance for children and the community to thank grandparents for their love and support. This special day recognises the significant contribution that grandparents make to their families and communities. **We invite all grandparents to attend Mass with us at 9.15am. This will be followed by an Open Classroom morning where students can share their learning with their Grandparents.**

Pentecost Sunday

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The season of Easter concludes with this weekend’s celebration, the feast of **Pentecost.** Next to Christmas and Easter, the celebration of Pentecost is a highlight in the Church year. We commemorate the recognition of the Holy Spirit on the apostles and in our world. Jesus greeted his disciples with the gift of peace. He then commissioned them to continue the work that he had begun. As he breathed the Holy Spirit upon them, Jesus sent his disciples to continue his work of reconciliation through the forgiveness of sins.

In essence, Pentecost is ultimately the celebration of the Holy Spirit Himself because of who He is, what He does for us as individuals, and what He does for the Church as a whole. In the context of our lives today, the Holy Spirit helps us to become conduits of Grace and Mercy; the Holy Spirit works through us to better our personal lives, to proclaim and live the Gospel of Christ, and to help and inspire others with our teaching and example.

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**Religious Education Term 2 Dates for your Diary**

- **Wednesday 11 May** – Registration for Sacrament of Reconciliation 7.00pm – 7.30pm
- **Saturday 14 May** – Pentecost Sunday. St Bernard’s students are invited to form the Entrance Procession at 6.00pm Mass. 2016 Confirmation candidates are also invited to attend.
- **Wednesday 25 May** – Reconciliation Retreat Day (Year 2) at Carroll College.
- **Friday 27 May** – Anointing Mass - Year 5Y to attend.
- **Friday 3 June** – Grandparents Day Mass at 9.15am
- **Thursday 9 June** – Sacrament of Reconciliation at 5.30pm
- **Friday 1 July** – End of Term Mass at 9.15am. St Vincent DePaul Winter Appeal Mufti Day.

Wishing you a lovely week with your family.

Julie Valentini
Religious Education Coordinator
"Be mindful of Your mercy, O Lord..." (Ps 25:6)
Dear Parents

What a wonderful morning we had last Friday for Mother’s Day. Year 6 hosted a meaningful Assembly, showing us how special our mothers are to us. A special thank you to all our parent helpers for assisting with the Mother’s Day Stall. The students bought some thoughtful gifts and your time was most appreciated.

Food Allergy Week 15 - 21 May

At St Bernard’s Primary School, we have some children who have allergies to nuts. While allergic reactions are common and most are not serious, for these children the reaction can be life-threatening. This reaction is called anaphylaxis and can occur in minutes when a child is exposed to a trigger, in these children’s case, it is nuts and products containing nuts.

We see prevention as a major part of providing a safe environment for these children. Therefore we kindly ask that parents avoid preparing snacks for recess or lunch that include Nutella spread, any peanut butter, nut spreads, snack bars and biscuits that contain nuts. Products having the statement may contain ‘traces of nuts’ are suitable to bring to school.

We also ask that you please do not include foods that contain nuts when providing food for special events such as cake days or morning teas. Thank you for your consideration.

Internet Safety

Technology is continuing to play a significant part in our world today. It is used widely in work places, schools and as a way to socially interact with peers. However, no matter how confident and sensible we think our students are, it is necessary to monitor and guide all online activities. As parents, we must have open conversations with our child/ren about what they should and should not do online. What happens if they see something they shouldn’t? It is important to be continually checking what your child/ren are doing on their device, what website they are accessing and with whom they are in contact. Encourage your child/ren to talk to you if they come across something inappropriate or if there is something they don’t understand. Monitor who they are talking to and the content of the conversations. For parents wishing to find out more about Cybersafety and how to protect your child/ren online, please visit the following website. [http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/](http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/)

Student Safety in the Afternoon

Could all parents please take care when collecting their children in the afternoon. Parents are asked to pick up from the church car park at the top of the hill. Students are walked up the hill each afternoon and supervised until collected by a parent or carer. Parents are reminded that they must park and walk over to the top of the hill and onto the path, to collect their child/ren from the supervising teachers. In the event of rain students are supervised in the Lean To until a parent/carer arrives. Thank you for your cooperation.

Professor Kaye Lowe

St Bernard’s is hosting a Parent Workshop facilitated by Professor Kaye Lowe. The focus will be on ‘How to help your child at home with spelling and writing’.

**Date:** Monday 30 May  
**Time:** 5.30pm - 7.00pm  
**Where:** St Bernard’s iCentre

Childcare will be available in the Hall. We will also provide the children with pizza and some light refreshments for parents. Please fill in the slip on the flyer attached to the newsletter if you are able to attend. This will assist us with catering for the night. This workshop is designed to eliminate the stress and anxiety that parents can experience when assisting their children at home with reading and writing. The emphasis will be on supporting your child at home with spelling and writing.

Wishing you a safe and enjoyable weekend.

Johanna Wain  
Assistant Principal
CONGRATULATIONS!

(Kinder)
Blair W, Emerson S, Tobey R, Quinlan C, Ethan K
Noah O’S, Floyd P, Charli C, Max L, Rhiana T.

(Year 1)
Maxwell E, Beau T, Rosa B, Lucas H, Zoe R,
Jada S, Lara D, Levi L.

(Year 2)
Hayden C, Ellie-Rose D, Dylan G, Lincoln D,
Kira-lee K, Harry C, Bronte E, Sienna H, Kadyn M.

(Year 3)
Brooklyn B, Matthew J, Heidi R, Richard A, Samuel B,
Aliza V, Riley B, Liam H, Illia MacL, Amelia M.

(Year 4)
Harry B, William H, Ashley J, Charlotte L
Amelia B, Meika D, Maxine L, Chloe H.

(Year 5)
Braiden W, Kyle Y, Kai K, Keira L, Kayley McC,

(Year 6)
Taylor-Rose D, Tristan H, Crystal K, Joshua S,
Samuel B, Kody J, Madison J.

(French)
Alexander McD, Chase Q, Beaux C, Austin E.

Great job!
Congratulations
St Bernard’s
Primary School

KINDERGARTEN
OPEN DAY

Open Day Program...
Parents and children are invited
to attend St Bernard’s Open Day
on Friday 13 May 2016.
The morning will commence at
9:30am in St Bernard’s Hall. This
will be followed by
Principal’s welcome, school
tours and activities!

Please join us for a morning of fun!
The children will rotate through a
range of exciting learning
experiences, capturing life at ‘Big
School’. Parents are invited to join
in the rotational activities with their
children. Our Open Day will
conclude with a sausage sizzle at
12:00 noon.
The St Bernard’s community looks
forward to welcoming you.

Address: 2-10 David Street Batemans Bay
Phone: 4472 4446
Email: office.stbernards@cg.catholic.edu.au
Website: www.stbernardsbb.nsw.edu.au
Representatives from Royal Far West will be running an information session in the iCentre next Wednesday 18 May at 3.30pm. Anyone who is interested is welcome to attend. The information session will run for about an hour.

Sharon Beashel
Learning Support Teacher/Coordinator
Welcome to Week 3!

There is lots to celebrate this week in the world of sport and I’m sure you all join with me in congratulating the following students.

Southern Region Cross Country Results

The results from Wolumla have been sent through and I am pleased to announce the St Bernard's students who will be travelling to Stromlo in Canberra to represent the Southern Region Catholic Schools at the Archdiocesan Cross Country.

The running course at Wolumla was extremely difficult! I am hopeful the Canberra course is more forgiving. We wish all our students the very best of luck. All permission notes and money must be paid as soon as possible to the front office.

MacKillop Trials Rugby League

Last Friday, 6 May St Bernard's boys travelled to Canberra to play in the Canberra Goulburn Archdiocesan Rugby League team. Congratulations to Jed S, Eli C, Luka W, Kye F, Luke Sh and Matt C. The boys played games against teams of students from other Catholic Diocese within NSW. In my brief talks with them over the last few days, the call was the Sydney Diocese had the strongest team and Parramatta Diocese was really tough too. Congratulations to Kye F on his selection for the MacKillop Rugby League Team. Kye will be playing at the PSSA Rugby League 11 Years State Carnival in Tamworth on Tuesday 7 June. We wish Kye the very best of luck with the event. Congratulations from us all here at St Bernard's on such an AMAZING achievement!

Weyman Shield Rugby League Gala Day

Notes will go home this week to the Year 5 Rugby League team invited to play in the Weyman Shield Rugby League Gala Day at Cobargo on Wednesday 25 May. All notes will need to be returned to the office as soon as possible. We wish the team lots of luck for the day.

ACT Rugby Union Representative Team Selection

We congratulate Ben F on his selection for the ACT Rugby Union Representative team. He will play on the June long weekend. Ben played in Young over the weekend and showed fantastic skills and determination. Again, well done Ben on a fantastic achievement and we look forward to hearing of the event in coming weeks.

Rugby Union Selection Trials

Nominations for the upcoming Rugby Union selection trials in Yass are due ASAP! Please return any nomination forms to me by the end of this week.

As you can see, there is a lot to celebrate at St Bernard's! We have such a wide diversity of sports and sports stars within our community and it is great to be able to share the achievements of our students with everyone.

Have a happy week ahead.

Megan Grant
PE Teacher/Sport Coordinator
St Bernard’s P&F invites you to attend a night of great company and laughs... with a little bit of trivia!

When:  Friday 24 June 2016
Where:  Catalina Golf Club
Time:    7.00pm for 7:30pm start
Cost:    $15 per head

Tickets are available for purchase from the Front Office.

Lucky door prizes
100 club
Games and Trivia.

Loads of prizes kindly donated by local businesses.
**SCHOOL BANKING NEWS $$$**

**Congratulations to these School Banking savers!**

Genevieve P-C (3H) earned an ET DVD. Emma M (6D) and Jade C-H earned an Outback Pet Bag Tag. Janaki C (60) received a Mud Splat Ball. Wonderful saving!

Also congratulations go to the following students who received a Bronze Certificate:

Anjelica W (5Y), Matilda K (4M), Jade C-H (3C), Janaki C (60), Jada S (1VS), Ava J (1H), Kira V (1H), Rhys S (3C), Logan M-B (S1S) and Elyssa W (KB).

**2C won the Term 1 Classroom Award for having the most deposits (64 in total). KH and S1S were next with 42 deposits. How about a challenge in Term 2?**

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**PIANO LESSONS WITH PAM LARKIN**

Mrs Larkin still has vacancies for piano and recorder lessons on Mondays. If you would like your child to have lessons, please ring Pam on 4471 1924.

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**P & F News**

I hope everyone had a lovely Mother's Day.

A big thank you to everyone for helping at the Mother’s Day stall. This is a very exciting term. We have started the 5c challenge. It's a very simple fundraising challenge. Our children just need to bring in 5c pieces and place them in the bottles in their classrooms. In Week 10, we will count each class’ bottle and whichever class has the most funds will get to have an ice cream party. The money from the challenge and all fundraising we are doing is going towards the sun shade for the seniors playground.

We also have a social event coming up on 24 June. We are holding a Trivia Night at the Catalina Club. Please drop into the school office and book your table or seats. Tickets are $15 each and there are lots of prizes and games to be played. We are looking forward to a great night out. If you have any questions feel free to contact me on 0433 988 254 or email: tori_vincent@hotmail.com Enjoy your week!

Tori Vincent
0433988254
St Bernard’s P&F President

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**CANTEEN ROSTER - WEEK**

| Mon 16 May | CANTEEN CLOSED |
| Tue | CANTEEN CLOSED |
| Wed | HELPER NEEDED |
| Thurs | HELPER NEEDED |
| Fri | HELPER NEEDED |

Remember to check the Skoolbag App under “Canteen” for what is happening in the Canteen. The Term 2 Menu is on the App!

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**Canteen Week 4**

Curried sausages and rice.

$3.50 or $5.00 meal deal

The canteen clothing pool is in desperate need of uniform donations, especially girls!
BATEMANS BAY BOARS WANT YOU!

With the season starting on 7 May, Batemans Bay Junior Boars Rugby Union Club is still looking for players in our Under 10’s team for the 2016 competition. Teams will be playing in the ACT Junior competition on a Saturday, playing both home and away games.

Training is held at Hanging Rock on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4.30pm during school terms.

Registration cost is $90. Program is fully supported by ACT Brumbies.

For further information, https://www.facebook.com/bayboarsjuniors or contact Ronnie: 0408247644 or Kylie 0428743471 or email: juniorboars@gmail.com

GIFTED FAMILIES SUPPORT GROUP INC.

Games for Enquiring Minds (GEM)

Gifted Families Support Group Inc invites gifted kids in Years K-8 to join in the fun at GEM – board games and creative challenges await. Sundays 1.00pm - 3.00pm, Nowra and Batemans Bay.

Email southcoast@gfg.org.au.

SOUTH COAST JUNIOR RUGBY UNION - TWILIGHT MINI RUGBY

When: Friday nights 5.30pm to 6.30pm
Where: Captain Oldrey Park, Broulee
Ages: 5 years to 10 years
Dates: Friday 29 April to Friday 1 July 2016
Cost: $45 per child

Mini Rugby – is modified games for younger players, are safe to play yet still challenging. They incorporate altered aspects of adult Rugby laws, such as the size of the ball, the playing area, the length of games, and the number of players on the field, U7 is non-tackle.

Registration – is online - look on our Facebook page ‘South Coast Junior Rugby’ or alternatively, come along on the first night and we will assist you with registration.

All parents are encouraged to assist and the weekly barbecues provide a great way to meet new friends and feed the family!

Enquiries to: Secretary - Karyn Starmer 0427 522 227 or Registrar– Kylie Filmer 0414 727 372.
FREE KIDS CONCERT
BATTLEBIRD PERFORMING LIVE!
SUNDAY MAY 22. 2PM-3PM
CLUB NAROOMA
GIVEAWAYS! ROBOT DANCE COMPETITION! LASERS! GOOD TIMES!
BATTLEBIRD ALBUM ‘LIFE IS GOOD’ OUT NOW THROUGH ABC MUSIC
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Where: St Bernard’s iCentre

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PLEASE RETURN BY WEDNESDAY 26 MAY
I will be attending the Parent Workshop on Monday 30 May at 5.30pm

My children will be coming for pizza:
________________________________________ (Please add names)

Name of Parent: ____________________________________
Family Open Day

Sunday 22 May 2016 from 2pm – 6 pm

Hanging Rock Basketball Stadium

Batemans Bay Chamber of Commerce, River of Art and South East Arts are hosting a Family Open Day on **Sunday 22 May from 2pm – 6pm**

Get along to the **Hanging Rock Basketball Stadium** in Batemans Bay for a swag of activities and entertainment for all the family to enjoy – and some good food as well.

Musicians and performers include: Bundoo Dance Group; Light Show; Ghost Noises (Liam White); Batemans Bay Soldiers Club Pipe Band; Christophers Road (Chris Blewitt); Stepz Dance Academy; St Peters Anglican College Jazz and Blues Band; Andrei’s Gymnastics; Coastal Boot Scooters; The Zoodles a 5 piece band; Jarrod & Kevin from Bay High School and Southcoast Djs.

*The 2016 Eurobodalla River of Art Festival is proudly supported by the NSW Government as part of its Regional Flagship Events Program.*