Dear Parents and Friends,

Yesterday morning I had the pleasure of being at Carroll College with our students for the start of their Reconciliation Retreat. I joined with teaching staff from our three Catholic schools; students from St Mary’s and other students from neighbouring schools as they prepared to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Carroll College Year 9 Youth Ministry group assisted in facilitating activities. It was lovely to see the excitement of the senior students as they became involved with the younger children. The connection was energising and immediate.

The majority of students receiving this sacrament are from Year 2, however we also have older students preparing as well. The Sacrament will be celebrated on Thursday 9 June at St Bernard’s Church.

If you are seeking more information on any of the sacraments, I invite you to contact our Religious Education Coordinator, Mrs Julie Valenti or myself. If your child has not yet been baptised and it is something you have been intending to do, we can support you with this. Passing on our Catholic faith to the next generation is central to our mission as a Catholic school.

Community Reception
On Monday evening, our school leaders were invited to a community reception with the Hon. Mike Baird MP and Member for Bega, Andrew Constance MP at the Soldiers Club, Batemans Bay. Pictured right are school captains, Alana G and Sam B with Julie Valenti and myself. This was a unique opportunity for us to hear key messages and for our students to meet our Premier and local member.

Weyman Shield Gala Event
Congratulations to our senior boys rugby league team who travelled to Cobargo yesterday to compete. I’m very proud to report that they won all three of their games convincingly. They now proceed to the next level of competition in Sydney. A fabulous effort! Many thanks to Steve Adams, Billy Shooks, Di Metcalf, Megan Grant and the parents who assisted with transport and supported the event. Team members include Luke S, Myles D, Luka W, Jack A, Indhi F, Kyle Y, Zac H, Matt C, Jackson B, Kye F, Christopher U, Kye B, Jed S and Harry R. Well done boys!

P & F Fundraising Initiatives
Do you have your table organised for the Trivia Night? We’re working towards raising funds for a sun shade for the primary equipment area. All proceeds from this evening will go towards this goal. Grab some friends and join the staff for a fun night out. I’m sure there’ll be plenty of laughs! See attached flyer for details.

Thank you
Special thanks to Tori Vincent for her commitment and time in the Canteen over the past two weeks. Tori volunteered as Manager while Rebecca Lucas was on holidays. Our sincere thanks, Tori!

Jacqueline Heffernan
Principal

Thought for the week ahead...
The best way to succeed in life is to act on the advice we give to others. Anonymous
Dear Parents

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a sacrament of peace and healing. It restores us to our true selves, and enables us to make peace with those who have been affected by our bad choices. At the heart of the sacrament is the constant truth of God’s gracious and constant love for us (Horan, K. 2014).

In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus tells a story about a lost sheep and the shepherd who cared so much for it that he left all his other sheep to go looking for it. When he found it, he was filled with joy and called his friends to celebrate. The lost sheep represents each one of us when we stray, make poor choices and sin. Jesus said, ‘I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance’ (Luke 15:7).

Yesterday, I had the pleasure of being part of the Reconciliation Retreat Day at Carroll College. The day was collaboratively planned by staff from St Bernard’s, St Mary’s and Carroll College and was facilitated by a group of passionate Year 9 students, whose commitment to helping others and making a difference, is truly commendable. Approximately 90 Year 2 students from our two Catholic schools attended the day, along with a handful of students from other schools and grades. The day focused on deepening the students understanding of the Sacrament of Reconciliation through thoughtful cartoon clips, dramatised skits and reflections on parables, that reminded us of God’s everlasting love for us, even when we make mistakes! A huge thank you to Belle Barling, Erica Drewson and the Year 9 students at Carroll College for an enjoyable and enriching day.

Wishing you a blessed week.

Julie Valentini
Religious Education Coordinator

"Be mindful of Your mercy, O Lord..." (Ps 25:6)
Grandparent's & Special Friend's Day at St Bernard's

Please join us for Mass at 9.15am in the Church followed by Open Classrooms and Morning Tea in the School Hall.

Friday 3 June.

RSVP to office.stbernards@cg.catholic.edu.au by Monday 30 May.
Dear Parents

Can you believe that we are half way through the term. The weeks seem to fly by very quickly! Last week the Staff were involved in a Twilight Staff Meeting. The meeting began with representatives from Royal Far West providing the school with knowledge of how they can assist students with individual needs. Royal Far West provide specialist health services to children living in regional, rural and remote areas that have developmental, behavioural, learning and mental health disorders and don’t have access to appropriate local services. Their goal is to work closely with families and local healthcare services to provide the specialist healthcare that will support both developmental improvement and the best possible outcomes for these children. The team specifically spoke to the Staff about their Telecare Services. Royal Far West's Telecare Services provide specialised health and education services to communities with a shortage of local clinicians. Working in partnership with schools and preschools, local health services, councils, and community organisations, Royal Far West offers a range of programs across disciplines to rural and remote children, providing assessment and therapy via video-link. If you would like further information, please don’t hesitate to contact Royal Far West or Sharon Beashel, Learning Support Teacher.

Following the presentation from Royal Far West, the staff engaged in a session on Google Apps. Did you know that Google Apps has many features and most are free? Here are a list of some of the advantages in using Google Apps:

- Prepares students for life in today’s digital world!
- Great administrative tool. Versions of Word (Google Docs), Powerpoint (Slides) and Excel (Sheets).
- Large variety of Apps are free
- Google is cloud based with automatic saving
- Collaborative features

Staff have begun using Google Docs for Staff Meetings and are starting to introduce Google Classroom to the students. Year 6 have already been set tasks through Google classroom that can be accessed from home. Last week at the P&F meeting, it was suggested that we begin using Google Docs for our Agenda. All you need is to set up a Gmail account and then send through your email address to me. Some members have already done so. We will have a lesson at our next P&F held on Tuesday 14 June. If you would like any further information, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

St Bernard’s Athletics Carnival

On Friday 10 June our annual Athletics Carnival will take place at St Bernard’s on the Top Oval. All families are welcome to join us for the day. The children will be allowed to wear a t-shirt to represent their house team colour. It is important that all children remain with their house colour during the day and not sit with their parents. This allows the children to participate in the Team spirit, as well as supporting teachers who are supervising children and gathering them for events. The children always enjoy seeing their parents cheering them on as they compete in various events. If you are available to assist on the day, your help would be greatly appreciated. The expectation is that students should remain at school after this event although if you wish to collect your child/ren early it is necessary to see your child/ren’s classroom teacher and sign them out at the front office. Further details will be sent home in the coming weeks.

Wishing you an enjoyable weekend.

Johanna Wain
Assistant Principal
Ellen, Vanessa and Michael from Royal Far West ran an information session last week for staff and parents. During this session they explained which services were available to parents and families of rural and isolated areas of NSW.

**Paediatric Development Program**

The Paediatric Development Program is based in Manly, Sydney and it offers a unique integrated health and education service. The Program is able to assess, diagnose and provide therapy for those who can’t access local services. Health professionals can work with parents and children to improve:

- Attention and concentration
- Behaviour
- Emotional regulation
- Fine motor, gross motor and handwriting skills
- Speech, language and communication
- Parenting
- Nutrition
- Learning
- Self-care
- Sensory processing
- Social skills
- Transitioning to school

**Is my child eligible to access the Paediatric Development Program?**

1. He/She needs to be referred before 13 years of age
2. Live in country NSW (north of Taree, south of Nowra and west of the Great Divide)
3. Be unable to access current local health services

**What do I need to do to access the Paediatric Development Program?**

1. Get a referral from your local Pediatrician or GP
2. Fill in a Parent Questionnaire
3. Ask the school to fill in a Referral Form

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Sharon Beashel  
Learning Support Coordinator
On Wednesday the 25 May, many classrooms throughout our school participated in National Simultaneous Storytime. NSS is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association. Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country. This year the chosen book was *I Got This Hat* by Jol & Kate Temple.

**PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE**

The NSW Premier’s reading challenge is well under way and we have seen plenty of enthusiastic students taking up the challenge. Congratulations to the following students who have already completed the challenge:

William N    Madeleine T    Ella C    Kaitlyn S
Mark T      Hannah K       Cooper T

All students who return their completed Reading Log to the iCentre this term, will go in the draw to win one of **3 special prize packs**!

The Premier’s Reading Challenge is open until the **19 August 2015**.

For further details and booklists please visit:
http://www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au
The children are very excited about the new books provided by CE. Our daily Literacy Block within the school allows the children to self select books at their interest level. The children are exposed to quality literature and we are very grateful to our CE for providing us with these valuable resources.

Reminder

Monday 30 May - Parent Workshop

Spelling and Writing

Professor Kaye Lowe

This will be a valuable opportunity for you to gain some strategies to assist your child in the areas of spelling and writing.

Child care and pizza for the children will be provided.

Please RSVP.
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.
On average, Catholic school parents pay 29% of the cost of their child’s schooling.

Governments pay the rest.

DON’T take government funding for granted.

SchoolFundingFacts.com

Sport News

Expression of interest!
Sacred Heart Pearce is holding the Catholic Schools Netball Carnival on Sunday 30 October in Canberra. All students are eligible to enter as a team. Each team needs to have a coach/manager, umpire etc. Cost is $25 per competitor.

For registration and information, please contact Megan Grant at megan.grant@cg.catholic.edu.au

Megan Grant
Sport Coordinator

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5c Challenge

Does your class want to win an ice cream party?

During Term 2 the class that collects the most 5c pieces, will be having an ice cream party in Week 10.

All you need to do is bring in as many 5c pieces over the term as you can and put them in your class collection bottle.

Money raised will go towards the P&F purchasing a sun shade for the Primary equipment area.
CONGRATULATIONS!

(Kinder)
Shaun F, Sasha M-d, Tyler G, Remi C, Annaleise G,
        Abbey L, Macey F, Noah A, Tyson C, Isabelle J, Jack R.

(Year 1)
Benjamin E, Logan M B, Neve S, Mitchell L, Leyla S, Ellen H,

(Year 2)
Ariel A, Lillian G, Peter T, Neve L, Annelise McI, Alexander M,
       Ryder P.

(Year 3)
Lachlan Bu, Callum C, Lori K, Matthew J, Faigyn S, Rhys B,
      Lachlan Br, Jordan L, Genevieve P-C.

(Year 4)
Emma P, Ella S, Sarah T, Jammie-Lee G, Josie G, Benjamin M,
         Joshua S, Lara W.

(Year 5)
Amelia W, Joshua B, Jack A, Eve W, Jackson B, Chenoa C, Kye F,
       Isabella McG, Jayden M-S.

(Year 6)
Ethan R, Anna T, Sophie C, Benjamin F, Amelia R, Kye B,
       Emma M, Tamara D, Jack McA, Alana G.

(French)
Amy C, Charlee B, Jonothan B, Peri C.

(Principal’s)
Grace R.
SCHOOL BANKING NEWS $$$

Congratulations to these School Banking savers!

Hunter B (2C) and Reis G-N (3C) earned a flying snake tail. Kira-lee K (2C) and Elyssa W (KB) - a mud splat handball.
Wonderful saving!

Also congratulations go to the following students who received a Bronze Certificate:
Kadyn M (2F), Keely B (2C), Hunter B (2C) and Lily P (2F).

Don’t forget our Deposit Blitz starts next week! The prize is awesome.

Canteen Roster - Week 6

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

Canteen Week 6

Chicken drumsticks with rice.
$3.50 or $5.00 meal deal

Community News

Little Sellers Art Prize

SPONSORED BY EUROBODALLA SHIRE COUNCIL

Budding artists between the ages of 5 and 18 are invited to submit an artwork for the Eurobodalla Shire Council’s Little Sellers Art Prize 2016. The theme for the prize is ‘Our Place’.

There are four age categories:

- Ages 5 - 8
- Ages 9 - 12
- Ages 13 - 15
- Ages 16 - 18

There are great prizes to be won and six finalists from each category will have their work framed and exhibited in the Eurobodalla libraries.

Entries open Monday 16 May 2016 and close on Friday 15 July 2016.

For conditions of entry and entry forms visit www.esc.nsw.gov.au.
Southern NSW Partners in Recovery is hosting a FREE 2-day Mental Health First Aid course in Moruya on 7 and 8 June 2016 (participants are required to attend both days).

The 2 day training course will provide you with information about mental illness, how to recognise signs and symptoms and how to better support and manage situations that you may encounter in your day to day work. We aim to better support workers that deal with people who have mental illness to reduce stigma in the community and to reduce the challenges that people with mental illness face on their recovery journey.

To register please follow this link to Eventbrite. Places are limited so please get in quick.

**Mental Health First Aid training**

7 & 8 June 2016

Venue: Luhana Motel, Moruya

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**Art Club at the Library**

Get your art started and join the new Art Club at Narooma Library. Art therapist and local artist Aileen Maloney brings design skills and introduces printmaking in two series of workshops for young artists aged 9 - 12 and 12 - 15. Bring an object from home, like a skate board, a surf board, some fabric, or even a piece of wood.

Let your imagination run wild as you create expressive design with a group of friends.

Art Club runs every second Thursday for each age group from 26 May - 30 June.

**Age group: 9 - 12**
- Thursday 26 May 3:30pm - 5.00pm
- 9 June 3:30pm - 5.00pm
- 23 June 3:30pm - 5.00pm
- Age group: 13 - 15
- Thursday 2 June 3:30pm - 5.00pm
- 16 June 3:30pm - 5.00pm
- 30 June 3:30pm - 5.00pm

**Free Events.**

**Bookings – contact the library.**
St Bernard’s Parent Workshop
Monday 30 May
How to help your child at home with spelling and writing facilitated by
Professor Kaye Lowe

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 below 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.

PLEASE RETURN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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: ________________________________