Dear Parents and Friends,

This week we celebrate National Reconciliation Week. This is a time when we build on respectful relationships. Our Director, Moira Najdecki writes, “As Australians, we are all here, woven into this country. As part of our reconciliation journey, there are truths to tell, stories to celebrate, and relationships to grow. Reconciliation is at the heart of our nations’ future”.

**Literacy Development**

We have been inspired by the input from Professor Kaye Lowe this week as she has mentored and guided the staff in the teaching of literacy. Thank you to the parents who attended her workshop on Monday evening. We were pleased to see such a large number of interested parents. Your children will benefit greatly from the insights you have gained from Kaye’s expertise.

**Working With Children Check**

We are currently updating our records to ensure all our Volunteers/Parent Helpers are verified with a current WWCC. If you assist in your child’s classroom or in the Canteen, please ensure you have passed on your details to the Front Office.

**How do I apply for a Check?**

The first step is to submit your Working with Children Check application online by going to [www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/check](http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/check)

Once your application form has been completed online, you will be given an application (APP) number. Then, to complete the application, you must take your application number along with proof of identity to a NSW Motor Registry, RMS Agency, or Service NSW office (not your local Council). Find a location at [www.service.nsw.gov.au/service-centre](http://www.service.nsw.gov.au/service-centre)

Paid workers will be required to provide the fee of $80. For Volunteers, the Check is free.

If you need assistance in completing this form or do not have access to the internet or a computer, please call (02) 9286 7219 for assistance. For more details, go to [www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/check](http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/check)

**Final step:**

Provide WWCC number to St Bernard’s and your date of birth (Front Office) to enable me to verify your WWCC number online. It is essential that we have this information up-to-date for you to be volunteering in the school. Thank you for your understanding.

Jacqueline Heffernan
Principal

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Grandparents and friends are warmly invited to Mass at 9.15am tomorrow morning with Archbishop Christopher Prowse, followed by classroom visits and morning tea.
Dear Parents

Sunday’s Gospel (Luke 9:11-17) gave an account of Jesus Feeding the Five Thousand with five loaves and two fishes. It may be the best-known of Jesus’ miracles. The disciples come at the end of a long day and ask Jesus to send away the crowds (who had gathered to listen to Jesus), as they did not have enough food to feed them. Jesus replies to the disciples;

‘Give them something to eat yourselves.’

After feeding the 5000 with the loaves and fishes blessed by Jesus, the disciples gathered twelve baskets of leftovers. More than enough to go around!

We are reminded, through this Gospel, that Jesus doesn't want us to ‘hoard’ our gifts but instead to share them with others — Jesus calls each of us to go out and generously share our abundance of gifts with the poor and hungry of the world. (Reference: St Pauls Publications 2016)

St Vincent DePaul Winter Appeal

As the chilly weather creeps in, please consider donating blankets, warm clothes and/or cans of soup to Vinnies. I will place a tub in the front office for donations. Your donation could make a difference to one of the thousands of families that Vinnies provide assistance to, particularly through the colder months. We will be having a ‘Mufti day’ on the last day of term to raise money for the Winter Appeal. If you would like more information, or would like to make a donation, please visit:


Vinnies Little Book of Prayers

Young people across the Canberra Goulburn Archdiocese are invited to get creative and be a part of the Vinnies Little Book of Prayers. This resource will be used for prayer and reflection in school conferences as well as in the classroom. Prayers should be social justice themed based on topics that students feel passionate about. Themes can include but are not limited to: poverty, homelessness, refugees and migrants, giving thanks and the environment. The due date for entries is Friday 19 August. I would be happy to send off entries given to me no later than Monday 15 August.

Grandparents’ Day

Tomorrow 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. Stage 1 classes will be assisting with parts of the Mass. We warmly invite all Parents, Grandparents and special ‘seniors’ in our lives to attend Mass with us at 9.15am. This will be followed by Open Classrooms where students can share their learning with their Grandparents. This will then be followed by Morning Tea in the Hall.

First Reconciliation

Please pray for our students who will make their First Reconciliation next Thursday 9 June at 5.30pm.


Wishing you a fabulous 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
today.
Dear Parents

We are looking forward to welcoming grandparents and Archbishop Christopher Prowse to our school tomorrow.

**Student Reports**

All teachers are currently writing student Reports for Semester One. Student reports will be sent home to all families on Friday 17 June. The following is some information about our A-E Reports:

- A to E grades are allocated to describe achievement in all Curriculum Areas
- The reports provide information on achievement in areas of learning within a subject
- A comment is provided for Religious Education, English, Mathematics and a General Comment
- Information is provided on further school involvement
- Information is provided on social development and work habits
- Student attendance for the Semester is recorded
- Students in Kindergarten won’t receive grades, they will be assessed using the words: Competent, Developing and Experiencing Difficulty.

Student reports will provide parents with information on student achievement across all Curriculum Areas using the A-E Grade Scale. Grades will be allocated based on evidence of student learning and level of attainment. The common Grade Scale is as follows:

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<td>The student has a thorough knowledge and understanding of the content and a high level of competence in the processes and skills. In addition, the student is able to apply this knowledge and these skills to most situations.</td>
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<td>C</td>
<td>The student has a sound knowledge and understanding of the main areas of content and has achieved an adequate level of competence in the processes and skills.</td>
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<td>D</td>
<td>The student has a basic knowledge and understanding of the content and has achieved a limited level of competence in the processes and skills.</td>
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<td>E</td>
<td>The student has an elementary knowledge and understanding in few areas of the content and has achieved very limited competence in some of the processes and skills.</td>
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Classroom teachers will be reporting on the student’s level of understanding, knowledge and skills based on learning outcomes that have been taught in Semester One. If you have any questions or queries please don’t hesitate to contact us or bring them along to Parent Teacher Interviews being held in Week 9 and Week 10.

**Sports Uniform Shirt Update**

Have you seen the new Sports Shirt? It has been ordered and will be ready to purchase from both uniform shop suppliers, Hip Pocket Workwear and Stitches in mid July. My understanding is that you can pre-order the t-shirt prior to July.

**School Fees**

A reminder went out last week in regards to payment of outstanding School Fees. If you have not been in contact with Therese O’Neill regarding the payment of overdue fees, appointments to meet with Jacqui Heffernan will be scheduled in the coming weeks. If you are having difficulty paying your account, we can discuss some payment options. A payment plan can be put into place, where payments can be made regularly. Thank you for your attention to this.

Wishing you an enjoyable weekend.

Johanna Wain
Assistant Principal
Last Monday night, parents had the opportunity to listen to Professor Kaye Lowe on how to assist their child/ren with spelling and writing. If you have spoken to anyone who attended, I am sure they would have commented on how Professor Kaye Lowe’s presentation was engaging and informative. I have spoken with a number of parents who are already asking if she will be back! If you were unable to attend, I encourage you to go onto Kaye’s website and click on the link, ‘Advice for Parents’. Have you tried any of her suggested strategies for Reading? Shared reading and echo reading are great strategies to implement at home.

READ 4 SUCCESS:  http://www.read4success.com.au
Walawaani, this week is Reconciliation Week. We celebrate ‘Our History, Our Story, Our Future’ and recognise Australian’s History.

This week marks the anniversary of Australia’s most successful referendum and a defining event in our nation’s history. The 1967 referendum saw over 90 per cent of Australians vote to give the Commonwealth the power to make laws for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and recognise them in the national census.

It also commemorates the High Court of Australia’s landmark Mabo decision in 1992, which legally recognised that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have a special relationship to the land—a relationship that existed prior to colonisation and still exists today. This recognition paved the way for land rights or Native Title.

Classes have been investigating through stories such as ‘Stolen Girl’, the difficulties that some families had as Indigenous Australians, and how we today are trying to reconcile and provide support for Indigenous Australians.

Next week, on Thursday 9 June we have a forum for our Indigenous families to discuss support avenues to Close the Gap on educational needs and provide support. Please see the invitation sent home.

**Community Forum - Thursday 9 June at 9.00am**

to discuss and offer guidance in the development of the Archdiocesan Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Strategy

**2016 - 2018**

**Who:**

Parents/Carers of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, parents and interested Community Elders/Members.

Ensure that there is an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander voice in the development of this important Archdiocese Education Strategy by coming along

All enquires please contact: Carla Durnan

St Bernard’s Primary School Ph: 4472 4446
In Year 6 this term, we have been extremely busy. We are learning about Marvellous Micro-organisms in Science and we are growing our own Kombucha, mushrooms and mould. We can tell the difference between helpful and harmful micro-organisms. We have each been building our own websites with our findings and soon we hope to make these live for people to see our research.

In Visual Arts, we have been looking at warm and cool colours creating a variety of artworks using different mediums including water colour paints and oil pastels.

We have enjoyed delving deeper into word origins, similes and metaphors as part of our poetry investigations looking at how poetry and language has changed from the early 1900’s to today.
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.**

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Dear Parents

**Weyman Shield**

Congratulations to the 14 boys who represented St Bernard’s at the Weyman Shield Rugby League Gala Day last Wednesday at Cobargo. From all accounts, the boys displayed excellent sportsmanship and played the game with excellent skills. As you will read below from the event organisers, the day was a big success!

> ‘Just a quick email to say “Thank You” for your involvement in yesterday’s Weyman Shield Finals day at Cobargo. The feedback has been very positive and it certainly seems that all involved had an enjoyable day. Congratulations to St Bernard’s Batehaven and Narooma P.S. on their win of the Tackle and Tag Divisions. The standard of play and sportsmanship was high on the day and a credit to all involved’.  

*(Tim Del Guzzo and Damien Kennedy, Development Officers)*

Below are some comments from the students about the League event. Details of the next round in this series of games will be communicated to you as it comes through.

> ‘On the 25 May, Year 5 Rugby League team represented St Bernard’s at Cobargo. Here’s what the team thought of it. The first game we played was against Eden. The game started off close but thanks to St Bernard’s defence, the other team started to get red. We won 28-6. The next game was very similar to Eden’s match except this time St Patrick’s school was a bit better at spreading the ball. We won 30-8.

> The Grand Final was against Narooma. They had 2 MASSIVE players who would just palm the person tackling away. Our Coach told us to tackle them around the legs because the bigger they are, the harder they fall! The big players went off early and we started to score back. We won the grand final 20-8!’

By: Luke Sh and Zac H

**Rugby Union Trials**

Next Monday, 7 boys will be travelling to Yass to take part in the selection trials for the Archdiocesan Rugby Union team. We wish the very best of luck to: Zac H, Patrick H, Jackson B, Dillon C, Indhi F, Ben F and Myles D. These boys currently play competitive Rugby Union for both the Broulee Dolphins and Bay Boars Rugby Union clubs and are excited about the upcoming trials. Trialling students please note: trials are taking place at Walker Park, Merriman Drive, Yass on Monday 6 June 10am-2pm (approx). Players will need to take their own protective gear on the day. Boys can wear their club uniforms for identification purposes. We look forward to hearing about the event on your return.

**PSSA Rugby League 11 Years State Carnival**

We wish Kye F the best of luck. He is travelling to Tamworth next week to compete at the PSSA Rugby League State Carnival from Tuesday 7 – Thursday 9 June. It is such a fantastic opportunity for Kye to be able to take part in this event and we are sure he will thoroughly enjoy the experience of playing against other skilled players and teams from across the state. We again look forward to hearing of the results on your return to school.

**St Bernard’s Athletics Carnival**

Our school Athletics Carnival is planned for next Friday (weather permitting). At this stage the carnival will aim to begin at approximately 9.15am on the top oval. A more detailed program of events will be communicated to you later in the week. It would be great to have as many parent helpers and supporters here to cheer on the students throughout the day. It is important that all students stay in their house area. Students are not permitted to sit on the hill with parents. If you are able to assist on the day with various jobs (timekeeping, marshalling etc) please feel free to contact me via email at megan.grant@cg.catholic.edu.au

Wishing you a happy week ahead (fingers crossed for the sun to return!)

Megan Grant  
PE Teacher/Sport Coordinator