Dear Parents

The following information is provided to assist you in understanding some of the key facts about Catholic schools in Australia and the key issues facing Catholic education in the lead up to the Federal election.

**Key facts about Catholic schools in Australia**

- More than 765,000 students attend 1,731 Catholic schools across Australia.
- With 91,000 staff in those schools, Catholic education is a significant Australian employer.
- Catholic schools receive government funding, which covers 65 per cent of the cost of schooling in the ACT. Fees and private income cover the rest.
- Catholic schools are welcoming and inclusive communities, with the number of students with disability and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students doubling over the past decade. Almost one-third of students in Catholic schools are non-Catholic.

**Key issues for Catholic schools**

**Respect for religious freedom in Catholic schools.**

Catholic schools, respecting the rights and freedoms of parents and carers to choose schooling for their children in the Catholic tradition, should continue to be free to form and instruct students in the Catholic faith and celebrate the faith as an integral and in separable activity of the Catholic school.

**Government funding that keeps pace with school costs.**

Government policy to increase school funding at the rate of CPI from 2018 could see funding increases fail to keep pace with school costs. That could lead to even large fee increases, affect school quality or lead to school closures.

**Government funding that is needs-based.**

School funding should reflect students’ learning needs, with greater educational need attracting additional funding. Catholic schools’ commitment to meeting the learning needs of all students requires appropriate government funding.

**Government funding to support the construction of new Catholic schools.**

More than 70 new Catholic schools are planned in the next five years to meet growing demand for school places. Without additional capital funding, these school may not be built. Government funding is also needed to maintain and upgrade existing Catholic schools.

**Respect for the autonomy of Catholic schools.**

The ability of Catholic schools and systems to meet the local needs of a school community is one of their strengths. Government funding arrangements should respect the identity, integrity and autonomy of Catholic school and education systems.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

I congratulate all students receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation this afternoon. The staff and I look forward to celebrating with families for this special occasion.

Jacqueline Heffernan
Principal

Enjoy a safe and happy long weekend. Please travel with care if you are going away. A great opportunity to enjoy an extended weekend!
Dear Parents

Welcome to Week 7! This week is traditionally known at St Bernard’s as ‘Fallow Week’. The Cambridge Dictionary defines the Fallow period as ‘...one in which very little happens’. At St Bernard’s, it is considered a week of rest and family time for both students and staff. Staff meetings are called to a halt, homework is put on hold and free time is promoted as a chance to reconnect with the family. Good, old-fashioned board games, reading stories, going on walks and eating meals together are great ways to enjoy the ‘fallow’.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation.

This evening at 5.30pm, 22 students will be making their First Reconciliation. This is a beautiful sacrament, instituted by Christ as a way to offer us His Mercy and Grace. It is a very special time for these children and I thank their parents and teachers for helping to prepare them for this soul-redeeming Sacrament. All members of the school and parish community are invited to attend this very special celebration. Please keep in your prayers;


If you would ever like more information about the Sacramental Program at St Bernard’s, or are considering becoming a Catholic (you and/or your child), please don’t hesitate to come and speak to me.

Grandparents’ Day

What a wonderful morning we had last Friday for Grandparents’ Day. The Church was full and the singing almost lifted the roof as Archbishop Christopher Prowse and Father John led a beautiful Mass celebrating ‘The Feast of The Sacred Heart’. Mass was followed by ‘Open Classrooms’ where grandparents got to see all the wonderful learning taking place in our classrooms. Morning Tea completed the visit and the feedback from grandparents and visitors was extremely positive.

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. This 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 compile and send off entries if given to me no later than Monday 15 August. Please see the attached flyer for entry details.

Wishing you a fabulous ‘long’ weekend,

Julie Valentini
Religious Education Coordinator

"Be mindful of Your mercy, O Lord..." (Ps 25:6)
Religious Education News

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To enter, please include:

- an original prayer (200 words max) and a painting or drawing (optional) no larger than A4 size.
- Entries must include the student's first name, grade and school name so we can attribute entries.

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Entries close

Send through your entry no later than Friday 19 August 2016 electronically by emailing youth@svdp-cg.org.au or by mailing it to PO Box 51 Deakin West ACT 2600. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact us by emailing us at youth@svdp-cg.org.au or by phoning us on (02) 6234 7396.
Dear Parents

We have certainly hit Winter this week! The days and the mornings are now getting colder as we move into the Winter months. Just a reminder that all students should now be wearing full winter uniform. Boys are to wear long grey pants and girls have the choice between navy pants or a tunic. Winter uniform is to be worn until the October long weekend.

‘Next Wednesday 15 June School Photos are taking place at St Bernard’s. The Photo package was sent home a couple of weeks ago. Please ensure your child/ren have their envelope to present to the MSP Photographer next Wednesday. Students are to come to school dressed in full school Winter Uniform.

Girls wear:
- The checked tunic or long navy pants with the St Bernard's blue peter pan collared shirt
- Navy blue jumper with school crest
- Navy ribbed tights
- Short white socks – ankle length socks (no anklet socks) if the weather is warm
- Black polished leather shoes

Boys wear:
- Grey long trousers or grey Midford polyester/gabardine school pants
- St Bernard’s blue shirt (For school photos we are asking all boys to wear their short sleeved blue shirt)
- Grey socks
- Black polished leather shoes
- Navy blue jumper with school crest

Family photo packs are available from the office. A discount applies for families of 3 or more children. Family photos will only be taken if the students present their Family Photo order on the day.

Parent/Teacher Meetings
Teachers are looking forward to meeting with you and discussing your child’s progress at Parent/Teacher Interviews over the coming weeks. Parent/Teacher Interviews will be held on Tuesday 21 and Wednesday 22 June (Week 9) and Tuesday 28 June (Week 10). Yesterday a letter went home to all families to arrange the dates and times of the interviews using our online booking system. To book an interview time with your child's teacher please go to: www.schoolinterviews.com.au. The event code is tz999.

The online booking programme for scheduling appointments is open until Monday 20 June. If you need assistance making an appointment time, please phone the front office and Heidi or Therese can make arrangements for you. This is our formal meeting period for parents and teachers to discuss Semester One reports. If you are concerned by any aspect of your child’s report, please don’t hesitate to come and see us.

Help Needed!
A couple of weeks ago we received an amazing amount of books donated by Catholic Education. They are going to be placed in classrooms for the children to have some rich literature to choose for independent reading. We would like them to be placed in classrooms as soon as possible but we need some volunteers to cover the books. If you have some spare time and would like to help out, could you please email me on jo.wain@cg.catholic.edu.au. Your help will be most appreciated.

Could parents please remind their children to bring their Library bags each week for borrowing. We have an amazing Library with a wide variety of books. If your child is interested in a particular author, please let us know. Reading for 10 minutes each night can make such a difference. Professor Kaye Lowe suggests that for 10 minutes each night, everyone in the house reads, becoming a community of readers!

Wishing you a wonderful weekend.

Johanna Wain
Assistant Principal
GRANDPARENTS DAY
We have all written and delivered 2 minute speeches on the topic: ‘If I had a Superpower it would be…’. This week we have the impossible task of choosing two finalists from an exceptional field to represent our year level in the Southern Region Public Speaking Competition.

We have challenged each other with new card games in Maths, experiencing first hand the complexities of chance and probability.

We are preparing for the Athletics Carnival and have enjoyed learning how to High Jump.

The teachers are very much looking forward to meeting with parents during interview week.

**Year 3 are Reaching for the Stars** by setting ourselves individual learning goals. We have been empowered by the discussion of open and closed mindsets and the impact a positive growth mindset will have on our learning.

In Religion we have read many Old Testament stories. Our favourites have been the story of Creation, Abraham and Noah which was timely given the weather over the weekend.

In Literacy we have read Storm Boy by Colin Thiele. We loved learning about the Coorong and have created some outstanding artworks in response to the emotions evoked by this wonderful Australian classic.

We are fascinated by the study of the Earth, looking at its place in our solar system and our closest satellite the moon. In inquiry learning time we have researched two planets and have sent Postcards from Space.
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.
Dear Parents

Due to the torrential rain last weekend, the following events have been postponed. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

**Athletics Carnival Postponed**
The top oval will not be dry enough to hold our Athletics carnival this Friday. The new date for the Carnival will be **THURSDAY 30 JUNE (Week 10)**. Hopefully this will allow the area to dry out somewhat over the next few weeks. Details of the carnival will be sent home this week for your information.

**Rugby Union Trials Yass**
Unfortunately, the Union trials in Yass were also postponed on Monday. The new date for these trials is **THURSDAY 16 JUNE (Week 8)** in Yass. All other details for the event remain the same.

**Hockey Gala Day**
A hockey gala day was planned for Years 5 and 6 for next Thursday at Gundary Oval in Moruya. The ovals have been closed by the Council. Our planned skills sessions have been postponed as we wait for the grass to dry out. The Gala day will now be held early next term on a date to be confirmed. This will be communicated to you as soon as it comes through.

**Year 6 boys Rugby Union game at GIO Stadium**
Currently, the date for the Primary Boys Rugby Union Finals to be played at GIO stadium (prior to a Brumbies game) is planned for Friday afternoon/evening, 1 July. As soon as more details come through I will be in contact with the students from Year 6 who are involved in this event. As it is an out of school hours event, parents will need to transport their child to Canberra.

Have a happy week ahead,

Megan Grant
PE Teacher/Sport Coordinator

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**MONDAY 13 JUNE**
**QUEEN’S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY**
Have you got your Trivia Night Tickets?

Friday 24 June  Catalina Club @ 7pm
$15 per ticket.

Nibbles and snacks provided. Dinner can be purchased from the club restaurant.

5c Challenge

Classes have 2 weeks left to collect 5c pieces.

Who will win the ice cream party?
There has been some strong interest in finding out how many 5c pieces a 2lt bottle can hold.

Make sure you give your guess to Ms McCarthy before Friday Week 9.

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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 8

Chicken Schnitzel, mashed potato & gravy

$3.50 or $5.00 meal deal

The canteen clothing pool is in desperate need of uniform donations, especially girls!
JULY HOLIDAY CLINICS

PLAYERS BORN 2004 - 2009

WHAT ARE THE HOLIDAY CLINICS?
The July Holiday Clinics are held each year during the school holidays across Canberra and Southern NSW. The clinics run from approximately 9:00am to 3:00pm and both morning tea and lunch is provided to all participants.

CLINIC DATES AND VENUES:
- July 4th: Canberra U7-U8 only (University of Canberra, Bruce, ACT)
- July 5th: Canberra U9-U10 only (University of Canberra, Bruce, ACT)
- July 6th: Canberra U11-U12 only (University of Canberra, Bruce, ACT)
- July 12th: Jindabyne - (John Connors Oval, Jindabyne, NSW)
- July 13th: Yass - (Victoria Park, Yass, NSW)
- July 14th: Goulburn - (Poidevin Oval, Goulburn, NSW)
- July 15th: Batemans Bay - (Hanging Rock, Batemans Bay, NSW).

COST: $66.00

CLINIC PARTICIPATION PACK:
In addition to expert coaching and having lots of fun, participants receive a rugby ball, drink bottle, Brumbies bucket hat and poster similar to those items shown below.

REGISTRATION FORM
To register your interest please complete and return this form to Brumbies HQ at the email address provided below.

Player’s Name: ___________________________ Date of Birth: __________
Contact Number: _________________________ School/Club: ___________________________
Email Address: ___________________________
Next of Kin/Emergency Contact – Name: ___________________________

For further information please contact our Development Staff
email: development@brumbies.com.au or phone: (02) 6283 8588
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