Dear Parents

Congratulations to the following students who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation last Thursday evening:


Fr John and Fr Dominic led a moving celebration, made very special by the beautiful piano accompaniment by Emma Davies. I hope that this was a memorable occasion for these children embarking on their sacramental journey. I thank their parents and teachers for helping to prepare them for this soul-redeeming sacrament and to Bec Lucas for the lovely ‘Holy’ cupcakes.

Whole School Mass

A Whole School Mass is planned for the last day of term (Friday 1 July) at 9.15am. The Mass will be led by Year 4 and will focus on this year’s Holy Year of Mercy motto “Merciful like the Father.” The Mass coincides with a ‘Mufti-Day’ where students are encouraged to come dressed in plain clothes and offer a gold coin donation. All proceeds will go to the St Vincent DePaul Winter Appeal. Donations of blankets, warm clothes and canned soup are welcomed and can be left at the front office. Marie Weatherell from the St Vincent DePaul Society will be in attendance at the Mass to receive our donations. All families are invited to join us as we prayerfully reflect on our responsibility as a faith-filled community to respond to those in need.

Misericordiae Vultus, the letter of Pope Francis officially proclaiming the Year of Mercy, sets forth his vision for the Jubilee Year and reminds us about the call of Jesus to live mercifully. ‘Mercy is who we are, mercy is what we offer as disciples of Jesus. All of us are called to be people of mercy. Truly, “mercy is the very foundation of the Church’s life”’ (10).

Wishing you a lovely week with your family.

Julie Valentini
Religious Education Coordinator
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.

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.

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.

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.
We do not enter into a relationship with Jesus as a theoretical concept or as an idealised person. The encounter with Jesus draws out what is best in us. It calls us to ask questions of who we believe him to be. He encounters each person as they are, not as they think we should be for him. This encounter can be life changing because it starts to recognise that we do not have to measure up to an arbitrary standard of behaviour before he will love us. He loves us so that we can discover what will bring hope and life to our hearts so that we can share it with others. This often means allowing him to struggle with us against believing the world revolves around me to discovering that our lives are called to be centred on God. This loving surrender to his guidance can often feel like losing the things we hold on too tightly to a discovery of what we can truly value. Our way of life is one of constant surrender to a life which is held lightly and not grasped as our own possession. In discovering this freedom we enter into a deeper communion with God and with each other. This is not done by comparison with each other but a willingness to companion each other on the road.

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Public Speaking
A clear, confident speaking voice is an essential life skill that fosters self-esteem and personal confidence. We need to give children lots of opportunities to prepare and present speeches as well as to listen to and watch others speak. If you are a parent of a child in Years 3 - 6 you would be aware that classes have been busily preparing and presenting speeches. Teachers have commented on the high standards that have been set and I congratulate all students on their efforts. Congratulations to the following eight finalists who will be competing at the ‘Southern Region Public Speaking Competition’ on 20 June;

Year 6
Samuel B
Isabella F

Year 5
Tyne P
Zac H

Year 4
Beaux C
Amelia B

Year 3
Ivy P
Bill E

The winning students will have the opportunity to participate in the ‘Archdiocesan Public Speaking Championship’ which this year, will be held here at St Bernard’s on Monday 12 September. Please join me in congratulating these students and wishing them the very best on Monday.

Mayor’s Writing Competition
The Mayor’s Writing Competition for 2016 recently concluded and I am pleased to announce Kate P (1H) and Lily P (2C) are finalists. Kate and Lily are invited to attend morning tea at the Council Chambers, Moruya on Thursday 30 June 2016 for the presentation of prizes and certificates by Mayor Lindsay Brown. Congratulations to these budding young authors. Hopefully one day we will see their books on the shelves in our library!
Dear Parents

Overnight Excursions
Each year, a number of grades organise excursions to various locations. The purpose of these excursions is to support the learning that is occurring for that particular year group and provide the students with an experience beyond the classroom. The cost of excursions is quite significant and we are conscious of this in our planning. To this end, we encourage families to consider a payment plan to ease the financial stress. This plan can start anytime!

These figures are approximate costs for 2016 and may vary slightly:
- Year 6 - Narrabeen/Sydney Term 3 Week 6 $380 p/student
- Year 5 - Birragai Term 4 Week 1 $300 p/student
- Year 4 - Canberra Term 4 Week 4 $150 p/student

Payment can commence at any time. Please speak to Therese or Heidi in the office and they will be happy to assist.

Absentee Notes
Just a reminder that when your child misses a day of school, you MUST send in a note to the teacher explaining their absence eg, sick or for family reasons etc. This is a government requirement and it is attached to the class roll. Emailed notes are now also acceptable and don’t forget you can use our Skoolbag App to send in a note as well! Thank you for your attention to this.

Carroll College Musical
Carroll College are hosting their biannual Musical in Week 10 on Tuesday 28 June, Wednesday 29 June and Thursday 30 June. This is an amazing opportunity for our students to see the wonderful talent and opportunities offered at Carroll College. St Bernard’s students in Years 3 - 6 have been invited to attend on Tuesday 28 June. A permission note will be sent home next week. All families are invited to attend the musical with information about tickets found further on in the newsletter.

Parent/ Teacher Interviews
A reminder that Parent Teacher Interviews will be taking place next week and Week 10. To arrange the dates and times of the interviews using our online booking system, please go to: www.schoolinterviews.com.au. The event code is tza9y. The online booking program for scheduling appointments is open until Monday 20 June.

Are you available to help cover books?
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 from 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 would be most appreciated.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend.

Johanna Wain
Assistant Principal

BOOKCLUB ORDERS DUE TOMORROW FRIDAY 17 JUNE.
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
- Illia M
- Madeleine T
- Ella C
- Kaitlyn S
- Mark T
- Taylah K
- 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 19 August 2015.

STUDENT BOOK REVIEW

The Brotherband Series is based in the Viking era, where to become a warrior, you need to be selected in a Brother band at the age of 16. You have to go through three months of gruelling training in seamanship, weapons training, and battle tactics. There can only be one winner.

The main character, Hal Mikkelson, is not as strongly built as the average Skandian, but he has a very creative mind. One of his greatest designs was the Heron, a fast, agile, but small ship.

Overall we recommend this book to students aged between 11-14.

Another amazing series by John Flanagan! We rate it 4 1/2 stars.
Kindergarten have been learning about our school and using technology to draw.

Laila

Shaun

Annelise

Tait

Savannah

Charli

Jonah

Sasha
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

Welcome to Week 8! This term has gone so fast!

**CPS Cross Country**
We wish Emma P and Claudia H all the very best at Friday’s CPS Cross Country in Sydney. I am sure the girls will have a fantastic time at this competition. We can’t wait to hear your results on your return to school.

**Netball Gala Day**
Next Tuesday, 10 girls from Years 5 and 6 are travelling to Bega to compete at the Sapphire Coast Netball Gala day. A big thank you to Fiona Crow who has managed to put the team together and to Alison Kobold and Nikki-Leigh Francis for offering their Coaching and Umpiring services. Good luck to Ella C, Evie W, Amber D, Sophie Mc, Hannah K, Brooke W, Chenoa C, Ruby H, Tiarna Mc and Jazelle R. I’m sure they will have an amazing day.

**Rugby Union Trials**
Following last week’s postponement, we wish the following boys travelling to Yass today the best of luck as they trial for the Archdiocesan Rugby Union Team: Zac H, Dillon C, Jackson B, Patrick H, Indhi F and Ben F and we look forward to hearing all about the event when you return to school.

**Rugby League**
Last week, Kye F was competing at the PSSA Rugby League Championships in Tamworth. Kye was very excited about being a part of the MacKillop team and played outstandingly well throughout the tournament. ‘I went to Tamworth for the Under 11’s MacKillop football team. We played lots of teams from all around NSW. It was really hard. Our team made it all the way to the Grand Final. Our team was undefeated in all 5 games from the previous days. When we were playing the Grand Final, it was bucketing down rain. At the end of the first half we were losing 4-12 and at full time the score was only 4-16. It was a tough battle. My favourite thing was getting a medal at the end of the tournament that said ‘PSSA U11’s Runners Up’.

What an outstanding achievement for the MacKillop team and for Kye on a personal level. Congratulations to you Kye and we look forward to seeing your name in the future NRL line up!

**Hockey skills**
This week, Years 5 and 6 began participating in Hockey skills sessions with Cheryl Sutherland from the Eurobodalla Hockey Association. The students have been very keen to join in and are looking forward to participating in a Hockey Gala day next term. Further details will be sent home after the holidays.

Have a happy week ahead,

Megan Grant
PE Teacher/Sport Coordinator
Have you got your Trivia Night Tickets?

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

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.

Canteen Week 9

Chow Mein and rice

$3.50 or $5.00 meal deal

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

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

Canteen Roster - Week 8

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What is the name of Yogi Bear’s Friend?

What is a group of unicorns called?
A CARROLL COLLEGE
Production of

Disney

CAMP ROCK
THE MUSICAL

By arrangement with Hal Leonard Australia Pty Ltd,
Exclusive agent for Music Theatre International (NY)

CARROLL COLLEGE HALL
June 28th, 29th & 30th 2016
11am (Tuesday matinee) & 7pm

Tickets: Family $40, Adult $15,
Student/Children/Pensioner $5
PHONE: 44715600
Community News

**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](mailto:st.bernards-oosh@live.com.au)

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**SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLASSES 4 - 16 JULY 2016**

Most classes cost **$5.00 per child per class**

**TIE DYE workshop $15**

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**

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**ART CENTRAL**

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Have you enrolled your child for Kindergarten or Year 7 next year?
Places are filling up. Please pick up an enrolment package from the Office.