“Empathy and imagination makes us human, and the powers that flow from it, creativity and intuition. Part of the task of education is to connect ourselves with ourselves and then with each other. Without this, we are left with disaffection, disengagement and emotional turmoil.”

Sir Ken Robinson

Dear Parents

The quote above spoke to me this week as I considered the conversations taking place during Parent/Teacher meetings. What is it that we really want to know about our children? As a parent of three children myself, I’m really interested in knowing that my children are confident and happy in their learning environment. The relationship they have with their teacher is the single most important element in building their capacity as a learner. We all know we thrive when we feel comfortable and secure in a situation. This is no different for children. They need to feel valued, empowered and equipped with the skills to achieve success. This happens through positive relationships. All children are different and require different attention in the way they learn. When children connect with their teacher, and their peers in a supported way, learning happens! It is the responsibility of the teacher to ensure this connection occurs.

I hope you are feeling reassured by the feedback you are receiving on your child’s development. I know the staff are working hard every day to create wonderful opportunities for learning. Our aim is not just for the students to reach their potential but to exceed expectations and go beyond what they think they can achieve. Giving them the confidence to do this is our goal.

Year 5 Assembly

Year 5 will be hosting our assembly tomorrow afternoon. I welcome family and friends to join us at 1.50pm in the Hall. Our Year 5/6 Rugby League team will be presented with the Weyman Shield after successfully winning the competition. We will also recognise our Rugby Union 10’s team who will be travelling to Canberra on Friday 1 July to play at GIO Stadium before the Brumbies match.

Little Sellers Art Prize

Christine Elwes from Moruya Library will be speaking at Assembly tomorrow to invite our budding artists to submit an artwork for the Eurobodalla Shire Council’s Little Sellers Art Prize 2016. This competition will form part of the lead in activities for our Shire’s major arts event, the Basil Sellers Art Prize. The theme this year is ‘Our Place’. There are four age categories:

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

Entries close on Friday 15 July 2016.

Stage 2 & 3 Public Speaking Competition

I congratulate our students who competed in the Regional Public Speaking Competition last Monday. Our Stage 2 students competed at St Mary’s, Moruya and our Stage 3 students travelled to Cooma to compete against representatives of our six South Coast schools. Their results were outstanding! See full details on page 6. Well done to all.

Just a reminder that Years 3-6 students will be attending the Carroll College Musical next Tuesday at the College. Please sign and return your child’s permission slip. The College is requesting a gold coin donation.

There are still tickets available for the P&F Trivia Night tomorrow evening. We would love to see you there! Tickets are $15 and can be purchased at the Office.

Enjoy the week ahead as we move into our final week of Term 2. We will conclude the term with a whole school Mass on Friday 1 July at 9.15am. You are warmly invited to attend and be part of the celebration with your children.

Jacqueline Heffernan
Principal
Refugee Week is an annual event which promotes positive images of refugees and celebrates the valuable contribution refugees make to Australian society. The theme for Refugee Week in 2016 is ‘With Courage let us all Combine’. Taken from the second verse of the national anthem, the theme celebrates the courage of refugees and of people who speak out against persecution and injustice. It serves as a call for unity and for positive action, encouraging Australians to improve our nation’s welcome for refugees and to acknowledge the skills and energy refugees bring to their new home. Classes have received an information pack which provides website links, book lists and practical activities which do not only seek to further develop students’ knowledge of refugees and their understanding of the world, but also encourage empathy and tolerance of others.

More information regarding Refugee Week can be found at [http://www.refugeeweek.org.au/](http://www.refugeeweek.org.au/)

Since 8 December 2015, Pope Francis has presented to us many examples of how to live mercifully in our everyday lives. Most recently, Pope Francis gave us a concrete lesson in how to treat refugees by bringing 12 Syrian Muslims to Italy aboard his charter plane after an emotional visit to the hard-hit Greek island of Lesbos. Pope Francis draws our attention to the treatment of refugees globally and in our local communities, challenging us by asking whether our response towards migrants and refugees is grounded in mercy. That is, the mercy that God has shown us first. *(Reference: Australian Catholic Bishops, 2016).*

Whole School Mass and Mufti-Day Friday 1 July 2016

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](http://www.svp.org.au/). 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.

Wishing you a lovely week,

*Julie Valentini*  
Religious Education Coordinator

*You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy: let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified.*

*(Taken from; Pope Francis’ Prayer for the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy, 2015)*
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.
Do we seek the common good or our own interest? We are often called to consider what is our next step in life and we have to consider this central question. What seems to be of immediate benefit to me and what is the best way of living my life. It is the difference between the urgent and the important. We know that there can be many things that press in upon us and demand our attention. These can at times seem to overwhelm us and consume our energy.

However what acts as the foundation of our lives can be the touchstone of who we are called to be. As Pedro Arrupe SJ reflects in Finding God in All Things: A Marquette Prayer Book published in 2009 by Marquette University Press:

“Nothing is more practical than finding God, than falling in Love in a quite absolute, final way. What you are in love with, what seizes your imagination, will affect everything. It will decide what will get you out of bed in the morning, what you do with your evenings, how you spend your weekends, what you read, whom you know, what breaks your heart, and what amazes you with joy and gratitude. Fall in Love, stay in love, and it will decide everything.”

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Call Natalie on 0448 137 753
Email: st.bernards-oosh@live.com.au

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.
Dear Parents

Last Friday Mrs Beashel, Mrs Coggan, Mrs Schiefferly, Mr Fetterplace, Mr O’Neill and myself went to Canberra to listen to Tony Attwood and Sue Larkey present understanding Autism Spectrum Disorders to 300 people. It was excellent. We were all highly engaged and came away with some valuable information and strategies on assisting students at St Bernard’s with Autism Spectrum Disorder. One key message that I would like to share with you was that we all need to **embrace difference to make a difference**. Both Sue Larkey and Tony Attwood spoke about inclusion, acceptance and understanding. We don’t always know what is going through a child’s mind who has Autism Spectrum Disorder. But we as adults can support the child with understanding and time.

**Sue Larkey has 10 essential Tips for Understanding Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD):**

1. **Students with ASD don't have to look at you all the time.**
   **Reason:** They find looking and listening at the same time hard to do.

2. **Give them time to answer any of your questions.**
   **Reason:** They have slower processing time. Sometimes it can take them up to a minute to formulate the answer in the correct sequence.

3. **If they feel pressured they will answer with stock standard answers.**
   **Reason:** They know it will get them out of trouble quickly. This may include: “I don't know”. “yes”, “maybe” and often this isn’t their true answer.

4. **They often don’t generalise information between people and places.**
   **Reason:** Homework for teacher ‘x’ is in the yellow basket but for teacher ‘y’ it’s placed in the green basket.

5. **They find organisation of their school equipment very difficult.**
   **Reason:** They’re best with one folder with everything inside. Limit the number of pencils, pen, etc.

6. **Limit their choices and be very specific with choices.**
   **Reason:** They find choices overwhelming and are often concerned with making a wrong choice due to their difficulty with problem solving.

7. **Be as clear, concise and concrete as possible.**
   **Reason:** People with ASD have difficulty with abstract thinking.

8. **Avoid verbal overload.**
   **Reason:** They are visual learners and verbal information takes them longer to recess and retain.

9. **Avoid verbal arguments by redirecting them to what they should be doing, EG. “Start your work”.**
   **Reason:** They often enjoy verbal arguments

10. **Simple changes in the environment can make a big difference to a child’s engagement and learning outcomes.**
    **Reason:** People with ASD have sensory processing difficulties and this can cause any type of behaviour. (Sue Larkey, 2016)

If you would like any further information please don’t hesitate to contact one of the Staff that attended. Also you can subscribe to Sue Larkey’s website and receive a free Newsletter each week. She has some excellent tip sheets. (www.suelarkey.com).

**School Banking**

Next term St Bernard’s will be offering students a choice to bank at either the Commonwealth or IMB Bank. Daniel Coffey will speak to parents at the next P & F Meeting in Term 3 to provide some further information. Please see the insert that is included later on in the newsletter.

**Parking in the morning and afternoon**

Please be mindful of where you park at morning drop off and afternoon pick up. All parents are encouraged to pick up their child/ren from the Church carpark. Could you please refrain from parking across driveways as this is unsafe and residents may wish to depart from their premises. Thank you for your attention.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend.

Johanna Wain

**STUDENTS RESUME TUESDAY 19 JULY FOR TERM 3.**
Public Speaking

Congratulations to a very articulate and confident group of speakers who were our finalists in the Southern Region Public Speaking Finals on Monday 20 June 2016. The standard was set very high as our finalists competed against students from St Mary’s, Moruya; St Patrick’s, Bega; St Joseph’s, Bombala and Lumen-Christi, Pambula. As an Adjudicator at Moruya on the day, I can attest to the quality of the speeches and to the exceptional ‘Poise, Pace and Pitch’ which were exercised by all competitors. Bill, Ivy, Amelia (Runner-up), Zac and Isabella (Runner-up) will now compete in the Archdiocesan Finals in September. Bravo!

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!

Julie Valentini
Religious Education Coordinator /Literacy Contact
Things you need to know about the NDIS in NSW

If your child receives support as a validated student at school - the NDIS package is available to you!

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is the new way of providing individualised support for people with disability, their families and carers. The NDIS is the insurance that gives us all peace of mind. Disability could affect anyone and having the right support makes a big difference.

The NDIS provides eligible people a flexible, whole-of-life approach to the support needed to pursue their goals and aspirations and participate in daily life.

The NDIS will be rolled out in Southern NSW, which includes the Eurobodalla from July 1 2016 – June 30 2017.

What can you do to prepare?
Before your district transitions, if you currently access services you will be contacted to discuss the process of entering the NDIS. If you are not currently receiving support, check the information and resources available at www.ndis.gov.au/nsw

www.ndis.gov.au/nsw Call on 1800 800 110

If I can be of any assistance in this process, please give me a call or drop in and see me at school.

Sharon Beashel
Learning Support Teacher/Coordinator
As part of our Literacy program, Year 5 have been using elements of the 'Storyline' framework during our writing block. The approach allows students to create and develop their own narrative story and take ownership of the characters they have created through a series of 'episodes'. The framework enables students to be creative and develop their writing, research and cooperative group working skills.

Year 5 created the 'Retro Beach Cafe' where each student developed a character description of a person who comes to the cafe.

Students agreed on a logo for the cafe, have designed floor plans, uniforms and worked in groups researching job descriptions for staff. Next, students will need to solve a problem that occurs at the cafe and will work in groups to find resolutions, reflecting their role or job in the cafe.

We have also created a large mural of the cafe and enjoyed creating and making art works depicting the retro and beach theme.
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

**NSW CPS Cross Country**

Congratulations to Emma P and Claudia H on their fantastic run at the NSW CPS Cross Country event held in Sydney last Friday. Emma placed 44th in the race (4th fastest in the Canberra Goulburn Archdiocese contingent) and Claudia placed 31st. Well done girls. Both Emma and Claudia had a fantastic day and everyone here at St Bernard’s are very proud of you!

**Rugby Union Trials Yass**

Last Thursday, six of our students travelled to Yass to compete for a position in the Archdiocese Rugby Union Team. Congratulations to Indhi F, Jackson B, Ben F, Zac H, Patrick H and Dillon C for being fantastic ambassadors for our school and playing with great sportsmanship. A special mention to Ben F and Jackson B on their selection in the Archdiocese team to play at Forbes this coming Monday. We look forward to hearing of your achievements on your return.

**Rugby Union 11’s Finals GIO Stadium**

Next Friday afternoon, the Year 6 winning Team (from the Rugby Union Gala Day earlier this year) will be travelling to Canberra to play in the 10’s Union finals. These finals will be prematch games and entertainment to an ACT Brumbies game at GIO Stadium. Teams from Canberra Grammar, Burgmann, St Patrick’s, Mater Dei, Batemans Bay, St Peter and Paul and St Mary’s Young will be competing on the night. An information note for the relevant students was sent home this week, outlining game times and ticketing information. We wish the best of luck to the following students for their games and we look forward to hearing of the event next term. Jed S, Ben F, Jayden P, George C, Dillon C, Kobi B, Chris U, Lachlan C, Kye B, Jake B, Harry R and Ethan B.

**Sapphire Coast Netball Gala Day**

On Tuesday, I had the pleasure of travelling to Bega to watch our St Bernard’s ‘Peppers’ Netball team play at the Sapphire Coast Netball Gala Day. Our students were exceptional. They displayed excellent sportsmanship and fairness in some difficult games – their first experience of playing against some very strong boys. The girl’s team played 12 minute halves against Sapphire Coast Anglican and Eden Public Schools. The girls won 2 games out of 5 and were very tired at the end of the day. A special thank you to Fiona Crow for her thorough organisation and management of the team, to Tahia Cowan for being our Umpire and Alison Kobold for being team Coach. Also, thank you to the Mums for travelling to watch and support the girls at their first school netball carnival. Well done to Amber D, Chenoa C, Evie W, Ella C, Jazelle R, Sophie Mc, Tiarna Mc, Brooke W, Hannah K and Ruby H and I commend you on your fantastic display of fair play.

**Athletics Carnival**

Please come along and join us at the St Bernard’s Athletics Carnival next Thursday 30 June (weather permitting).

We are hopeful the oval will be dry enough for the Carnival to take place. An information note was sent home this week with further details of the day. Please note: there will be changes to the infants running events on the day so please read the information note carefully. Any parents, who are able to assist with timekeeping and other various jobs, please see me on the day as I will have lots of jobs up for grabs! We look forward to seeing you there.

Wishing you a happy (and dry) week ahead,

Megan Grant
PE Teacher/Sport Coordinator
We are in week 9 already, how fast has that come.

We are very excited to see many of you joining us at the Trivia Night this Friday. It’s going to be lots of fun. We still have some tickets left so make sure you pop into the office to get your tickets before they are sold out. We have had lots of businesses that have kindly donated prizes and we are very grateful to you all. Thank you so much.

Don’t forget this is the last week of the 5c challenge. What class is going to win the ice cream party?? Some classes have their bottles nearly full.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Tori Vincent
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St Bernards P&F President
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**SCHOOL BANKING NEWS $$$**

**Congratulations to these School Banking savers!**

Brianna G (2C) earned a galaxy glider. Lachlan W (KB), Jada S (1VS), Georgie W (2C), Mishell F (KH), Maxine L (4M), Lily P (2F), Siahra W (1H) and Ethan K (KH) - a mud splat handball. Lucy R-F (2C) - a flying snake tail. Kadyn M (2F), Olivia M (KH), Isabelle J (KJ) - wildlife writer set. Taylor-Rose D (6D) - ET DVD. Taite B (KJ) - Outer Space Savers Money box.

Wonderful saving!

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

Taylah K (4M), Maxine L (4M), Olivia M (KH), Ethan K (KH), Alexis L (2F), Lucy R-F (2C), Stephanie B (3C), Isabelle J (KJ), Oscar W (4M), Taylor-Rose D (6D), Floyd P (KH), Liam H (3H), Taylah H (4S), Kira-lee K (2C), Neve S (S1S), Jack W (KJ) and Taite B (KJ).

Please note, the mud splat handball and the flying snake tail have been removed from the rewards on offer as stock has been exhausted.

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**CANTEEN ROSTER - WEEK 10**

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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!

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**Canteen Week 10**

Baked Potato with Coleslaw

$3.50 or $5.00 meal deal

The canteen clothing pool is in desperate need of uniform donations, especially girls!
A CARROLL COLLEGE
Production of

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
Art Fun for Kids
For kids age 8 and over.
(workshops for younger children available.....please enquire)

A whole morning of art, fun and friendship in the school holidays.
You will be led through a series of arty exercises which will promote fun, learning & relaxation.
Exercises based on basic art concepts and the art principles of line, shape and colour.
The course is run by qualified teacher, and art therapist, Jen Phillips.
Materials include colour pencils, crayon, collage and acrylic paint.
Parents/carers are welcome to enrol and enjoy this course with your child OR relax and enjoy a free cup of tea or coffee.

$30 per person.
All materials provided. Free art canvas included. Fruit platter provided for morning tea.
Bring your own morning tea if you like.

RSVP to Jen Phillips to reserve your place. 0411 166 210
Payment by direct deposit or cash.

Wednesday 29 June 2016, 9.00am to 12.00 midday.
Wednesday 6 July 2016, 9.00am to 12.00 midday.
The Olive Tree Café. 10 Beach Rd, Batemans Bay.

The Fairy Tale Princess and the Absent Minded Story Teller
Presented by the Eaton Gorge Theatre Company.
An interactive fun-filled play using costumes and props from magic boxes. The audience becomes the characters in the tales and becomes part of the telling of the stories.

Batemans Bay Library Wednesday 13 July 10.30am - 11.30am.
Free Event.
Bookings – contact the library. Batemans Bay Library 02 4472 5850

River Story
Come along and hear a story about a river and how we can help look after it by thinking about what we do on the land.
River Story is an interactive tale about the impact we have on our rivers and waterways.
Suitable for 6-9 year olds.
Presented by Gillian Kearney Eurobodalla Shire Council’s Sustainability Education Officer.

Batemans Bay Library Tuesday 5 July 10:30am - 11:15am
Moruya Library Tuesday 5 July 2.00pm - 2:45pm
Free Event.
Bookings – contact the library. Batemans Bay Library 02 4472 5850 Moruya Library 02 4474 1333.
Occupational Therapy

Free Consultations!!

Does your child have difficulty with fine motor or self care tasks?

This school holidays asOne Therapy will be offering a limited number of free consultations with our Occupational Therapist.

Issues discussed during the consultation may include:

- Eating
- Sensory Processing
- Handwriting
- Cutting
- Dressing

THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Level 4 Woden Centre

Please contact us to secure your place.

Bookings are essential.

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1800 7 ASONE (27663)

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Speech Pathology

Free Consultations
for primary school aged children

Issues discussed during the 20 minute consultation may include:

✓ Speech sounds
✓ Stuttering
✓ Following directions
✓ Vocabulary
✓ Spelling / reading
✓ Comprehension
✓ Forming sentences
✓ Grammar

THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
Level 4 Woden Centre, 20 Bradley Street Woden

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