Dear Parents

A warm welcome to Term 3! As we launch into another term full of activity there is much to report. With each week comes significant events in the life of the school. Please refer to our term Calendar for regular updates and reminders. We have now moved to using Google calendar. Further details on how to access this can be found in this newsletter.

We welcome Mrs Rebecca Brady and Mrs Rose McNoe back this term as part of the teaching staff. We are very fortunate to have such a dedicated team across Kinder to Year 6 committed to each child’s development and school improvement as a whole. We are focusing on a number of initiatives this term, namely literacy development and Storyline, which you’ll be hearing more about I’m certain!

Our Aboriginal students and SRC have been invited to attend the Canberra Goulburn Archdiocese NAIDOC Mass at St Christopher’s Cathedral in Canberra tomorrow. It will be lovely for our Aboriginal students in Years 3-6 and the SRC to be a part of this Mass celebration. Mrs Brady and I will be accompanying the students. We are travelling by bus with students and staff from St Mary’s, Moruya and St Bede’s, Braidwood.

Our school community will be celebrating NAIDOC Week next week and I invite all families to join us for a whole school Mass on Friday 29 July at 9.15am. Throughout the week, all classes will be involved in various activities associated with Aboriginal culture, and artworks will be displayed throughout the school once completed.

We have welcomed two new families to St Bernard’s this week. Sophie (3BT), and Mason (4S) and Makenzy C (KB). A warm welcome to parents Michelle Claude, and Kate Lewis and Brendon Campbell.

The Girl Campaign
We will be hosting the “The Girl Campaign” next Thursday 28 July for our Stage 3 girls. As previously communicated, the aim of the program is designed for young girls and teens. It aims to build self esteem and self love in girls. Focus areas are connected to body image, the role of the media and how to develop positive thoughts and feelings about yourself. Years 5 & 6 girls will be involved in the program which is delivered in an amazing Bell tent, catering for groups of 20 students at a time. A number of sessions will be offered throughout the day so all our senior girls can participate. This is an exciting initiative for our local area.

School Uniform
I have spoken to Years 3-6 students this morning about uniform expectations. We are currently in full winter uniform and this applies all term. I ask for your support in ensuring our high standard of presentation are maintained at all times. [http://stbernardsbb.nsw.edu.au/parents/schooluniform.html]

I hope you have an enjoyable week ahead.

Jacqueline Heffernan
Principal
Dear Parents,

Welcome to Term 3. I hope that you enjoyed a restful break from the busy-ness of school life and that your children are as excited about the term of learning ahead, as much as their teachers are!

On the last Friday of term, Year 4 led a moving School Mass focusing on the Year of Mercy theme: ‘Merciful Like The Father’. The Mass coincided with the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal where families were encouraged to send in warm blankets, jackets and non-perishable foods, for less fortunate members of our community. I am very proud and humbled to announce that our Multi-Day raised in excess of $400.00 for the St Vincent de Paul Society and that your very generous donations of food and blankets required two car trips to pick up! Marie Weatherall from the Batemans Bay chapter of the St Vincent de Paul was extremely grateful for our support and has asked me to pass on her gratitude on behalf of the Society. Knowing that as a school community we have put our faith into action and worked together to provide for those in need, is heart warming in itself.

Service allows us to practise doing what Jesus would do. It connects us to those we serve and gives us a great deal of satisfaction and sense of community. It is important for our children to see and understand that the act of giving can be far more rewarding than that of receiving. With this in mind, this term I am calling for students interested in forming a ‘Mini Vinnies’ group.

Mini Vinnies is a program designed for groups of primary school students who are interested in social justice. Mini Vinnies students get together within their school to help those in need within their school, local or international community. Mini Vinnies introduces children to social justice issues, the St Vincent de Paul Society and to living faith through action. All students in Years 4-6 interested in hearing more about the group are asked to meet me in the 1VS classroom Friday lunchtime Week 4. Please chat with your child about volunteering for the St Bernard’s ‘Mini Vinnies’ group and joining with other inspiring young members and volunteers around Australia (5-35) who are making a difference within their local community. More details will follow.

Please find Mass dates below for your convenience. This semester, grades will also be attending a ‘Parish Mass’ as members of the parish community. You are very welcome to attend all Parish and Whole School Masses. Any enquiries, please don’t hesitate to ask.

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Term 3 Masses

Wishing you a lovely weekend with your family,

Julie Valentini

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

The church affirms that parents are the first educators of their children in the faith. You are handing on your faith to your children all the time. First Eucharist is a special occasion and you have the wonderful responsibility of preparing your child to receive this sacrament for the first time. The word 'communion' means to be united with; Catholics believe that in the sacrament of Holy Communion we are united in a special way with Jesus Christ.

Parent Information and Enrolment Evening

Who: Parents of children in Year 3 or above. Children must be Catholic.
When: Wednesday 27 July 2016
Time: 6.00 pm – 6.45 pm
What: An informal gathering for parents providing information and enrolment to the Sacrament of First Eucharist. Refreshments (wine and cheese) will be served. Father John, Year 3 teachers and members of the school executive will be available to answer any questions you may have regarding the sacrament.
Where: The iCentre
RSVP (for catering purposes): Friday 22 July 2016 by contacting the school office.

Key Dates:
• Eucharist Retreat Day at Carroll College (Date to be confirmed).
• First Eucharist Mass at St Bernard’s Church on Sunday 28 August 2016 at 9.00am.

This is an adult information evening. Arrangements can be made for supervision of children if required. Please let Heidi or Therese know at the time of RSVP if you require child supervision.

Should you have any questions regarding the Sacrament of First Eucharist, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Warm regards

Julie Valentini
Religious Education Coordinator
"Be mindful of Your mercy, O Lord..." (Ps 25:6)
The most challenging of prayers is the one that we say each day. The Our Father calls us to come together with a common desire to discover a relationship which lies at the heart of all relationships. It seeks to draw us into a life which gives meaning to our own. It is a way of being present to the world as God recreates it and not as we would have it. The desire is not to possess others but to be open to the creative spirit which always seeks life, not death.

In our own hearts, we can become so fearful of what may happen in the future that we are no longer present to this moment and this day. It calls us also to remember how our lives can be drawn into past hurts which we can carry with us. The heart of this prayer is not that we force ourselves to forgive but that we experience the love of God in the places where we most struggle to forgive. This allows us to be open to a graced life which is not of our own making or achieved through our own efforts. When we experience those hurtful memories or feelings it is good to ask God to transform us with life-giving words. We are called to live life differently from a place where God meets us at our deepest need so that we can reach out to others with compassion and grace.

Fr John Armstrong
Parish Priest of Batemans Bay
Administrator of Moruya
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Batehaven NSW 2536
02 4472 4153
jarmstrong@cg.org.au

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The Girl Campaign

The Girl Campaign will be coming to St Bernard’s School next Thursday 28 July. Host for the day will be Kimberli Eke creator of the program. Year 5 and 6 girls will be attending sessions during the day which will be delivered in an amazing Bell tent in the school grounds.

The Girl Campaign aims to build self-esteem and self-love in girls. Focus areas are connected to body image, the role of the media and how to develop positive thoughts and feelings about yourself.

This is an exciting initiative to be available in our local area and we thank Kimberli for sharing her gifts and talents with the senior girls.

A note will go home with the girls tomorrow Friday 22 July.

If you would like more details about this campaign you can go to:

http://www.thegirlcampaign.com/#/about/c1rlk

Sharon Beashel
Learning Support/Coordinator
Dear Parents

Welcome back to Term 3. I hope you have had an enjoyable and relaxing holiday. As communicated in our newsletter in the last week of Term 2, we have set up a google calendar that can be accessed online in many different ways. The Calendar has been set up for the rest of the year and will be regularly updated. The St Bernard’s Calendar is available via a website link or you can add it to your Google Calendar (if you have one).

Via a website link:
To access the calendar on a web browser, click on the following link:
https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=6h9f2klu1hpjrarr0p1lmr112g%40group.calendar.google.com&ctz=Australia/Sydney

Embed into your Google Calendar:
If you have a Google account, then you can add the St Bernard’s Google Calendar to your own Google Calendar. You will need to open a web browser and go to https://www.google.com.au and sign in with your Gmail account. Then click the “9” dots and choose “Calendar”. Once signed in you will need to add the St Bernard’s Google Calendar to your own calendar choose “Add a friend’s calendar”. Now, copy and paste this address into the field:
6h9f2klu1hpjrarr0p1lmr112g@group.calendar.google.com and click ‘Add’.

St Bernard’s Skoolbag App Calendar
Our St Bernard’s Google Calendar has also been synched with the St Bernard’s Skoolbag App. Through Events and the Calendar in Skoolbag, you can now see upcoming events that are occurring at St Bernard’s. Dates have been inserted for Term 3 and Term 4. We use the Skoolbag App to communicate directly with parents. You can receive excursion updates, newsletters, emergency notifications and event information straight to your phone.

STAFF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING
Last Monday St Bernard’s, St Mary’s, St Patrick’s Bega and Lumen Christi came together in the St Mary’s School Hall to unpack the new NSW Syllabus for Science and Technology. Dr Anne Forbes from the Australian Catholic University facilitated the day. Participation in this Professional Learning Course assisted Staff to develop their knowledge, understanding and confidence around implementing the NSW K-6 Science and Technology (K-6 S&T) syllabus in their classroom. We participated in hands-on investigations to engage with the Physical and Material World. It was a very productive day and extremely beneficial to collaborate with our colleagues from our coastal schools.

SPORT & LIBRARY DAYS FOR KINDER - YEAR 6

SPORT DAYS:
- **Kinder**: Tuesday and Friday
- **1VS and 1H**: Wednesday and Friday
- **51S, 2C & 2F**: Thursday and Friday
- **3BT, 3C & 3H**: Wednesday and Friday
- **4M & 4S**: Wednesday and Friday
- **5M & 5Y**: Tuesday and Friday
- **6D & 6O**: Tuesday and Friday

LIBRARY DAYS:
- **1VS, 1H, S1S, 2C & 2F**: Tuesday
- **Kinder**: Wednesday
- **4S, 4M, 3BT, 3C & 3H**: Thursday
- **5M, 5Y, 6D, 6O**: Friday

Kind regards

Johanna Wain
Assistant Principal
Dear Parents and Carers

RE: 2016 NATIONALLY CONSISTENT COLLECTION OF DATA ON SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY

Catholic schools along with government and Independent schools across Australia will again be participating in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). Our involvement in this process is crucial as it will provide valuable information about supports required for a broad group of students in our schools. The NCCD will enable National and State governments to better target support and resources in schools, this in turn will help Catholic Schools access the support for all students with additional needs.

The NCCD is not limited to students with diagnosed disabilities. It uses a very broad definition of disability, taken from the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and the Disability Standards for Education 2005, which includes a range of health issues and learning difficulties where schools implement strategies to support students in participating effectively in their learning.

The Data Collection will take place in August. No personal or identifying information about any student will be included, however, if you decide you do not wish information about your child to be included in the NCCD, you are asked to contact your child's principal to discuss your concerns. If you are still concerned you should request and complete an opt-out form and return to the principal.

More information about the NCCD is available at: http://www.schooldisabilitydataapl.edu.au/

Yours sincerely

Patrick Kelly
Senior Officer Wellbeing & Diversity

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LIBRARY NEWS

PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE

It is not too late to complete the challenge! Keep reading and remember to record all the books you read. These can be added to your total of 20.

The Premier’s Reading Challenge is open until the 19 August 2016.

For further details and booklists please visit:
http://www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au

Theresa Hopman
Library Assistant

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Qkr (pronounced ‘quicker’) is an easy-to-use phone app that has been introduced to all families this term. It gives you the flexibility to make hassle-free canteen orders and make school fee payments at a time and place that suits you. An Information Flyer was sent home this week. Please don’t hesitate to contact the office with enquiries.
Welcome to Term 3! We have another busy term ahead with lots of sporting activities planned!

**Athletics Carnival**

On the last Thursday of term, we held our St Bernard’s Athletics carnival. The weather WAS NOT ideal! Cold and blustery conditions made it very difficult but I am very pleased to say that despite the wintry conditions, the students were fantastic and everyone had a great day! The changed format of the carnival, where the infants classes ran their races first before moving down to a mini carnival worked well and it meant that parents and students alike could watch their child/ren running in their races. Looking through the results over the holidays, there were a few new records set this year, were announced today at the Ribbons Presentations.

**2016 St Bernard’s Athletics Carnival Age Champions**

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The winning House on the day was: Tenison. Congratulations to all!

A big thank you to our staff who helped in many ways leading up to and during the carnival. And a special mention to our parents and Carroll College helpers who were fantastic throughout the day.

Check out the great photos from the day on page 9!

The Southern Region Athletics Carnival will be held on **Thursday 4 August at Bega Sports Grounds**. More details of this event will be sent home this week. Please note, there is a change to the transportation arrangements this year. All notes and money must be returned as soon as possible to the front office.

**Rugby Union Finals**

On the last Friday of term, several of our students travelled to Canberra to play in the 10’s Rugby Union Finals at GIO Stadium. They then were treated to staying on and watching the ACT Brumbies play against the Western Reds. From all accounts, it was a great experience (and COLD) and the boys enjoyed being able to play at such a big stadium. A special thanks goes to Jeni McCarthy for supervising the boys during their games and to Angus Balmaks (Brumbies Development Officer) and Ronnie Collier for training the team. Below is a recount of the event from Dillon C in Year 6.

‘On Friday 1 July, 12 boys represented St Bernard’s in the ACT Brumbies Rugby Tens finals at GIO stadium. It was a fast and tough first game against the eventual winners- the team from Wagga Wagga.

In the second game the St Bernard’s team found their rhythm, with better defence. St Bernard’s did not have much ball, but when they did they threatened the St Peter’s and Paul offensive line.

All the boys played well and represented St Bernard’s proudly. A special thanks to Ms McCarthy and all the parents for taking time to take the boys to the game’.

-Dillon C 6D
Permission Notes

As we begin another busy term, can I please ask that all permission notes and money for Sporting events or excursions PLEASE be returned to school by the due date as indicated on the note. (This also applies to informing myself if students are no longer participating in an event). If there is a delay for various reasons, please feel free to contact either myself or the office staff and a note will be made available for you. As I’m sure you can understand, it is quite difficult following up on permission notes at the last minute. Thank you for your assistance with this.

Wishing you a happy week ahead.

Megan Grant
PE Teacher/Sport Coordinator
We are not cold!

Thursday 30 June 2016
Next week Marina Bell’s piano lessons will start again on the Friday 29 July 2016. There will be no lessons in Week 1 (tomorrow).

**SCHOOL BANKING NEWS $$$**

Congratulations to these School Banking savers!
Hannah K (5M) earned a galaxy glider. Charlotte W (2C) - a wildlife writer set. Nicholas W (S1S) and Ivy P (3C) received an Outback Pet Bag Tag each. Benjamin F (6O) - a backtrack eraser pen. Wonderful saving!

Also congratulations go to the following students who received a Silver Certificate: Anjelica W (5Y), Aliza V (3C), Georgia W (2C) and Erica S (KB). Well done.

Please note, the mud splat handball and the flying snake tail have been removed from the rewards on offer as stock has been exhausted. In Term 3, we have two new reward items: the backtrack eraser pen and the jump and skip rope.

Please see the next page for this term’s competition.

Tokens will no longer be handed out with deposits. The Commonwealth Bank automatically updates its Student Database with each deposit. Rewards will be issued once a student reaches the required number of deposits. Please return all unused tokens.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS WHO HAD THEIR BIRTHDAYS DURING THE HOLIDAYS:**

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Remember to check the Skoolbag App under “Canteen” for what is happening in the Canteen. The Term 3 Menu is on the App!

**Canteen Week 2**

**Beef chow mein.**
$3.50 or $5.00 meal deal

The canteen clothing pool is in desperate need of uniform donations, especially girls!
Rewarding regular savers with spectacular prizes.

We're bringing the exciting news that Prize Lights have appeared in the Outback sky, and the Dollarmites are giving students who demonstrate regular savings behaviour the chance to win spectacular prizes.

How to enter

Students must simply make three or more School Banking deposits during Term 3 for a chance to win one of the Star Saver prizes, including camping kits, instant cameras and magazine packs.

What’s more, students who complete the fun Stargazing online activity, along with making three or more School Banking deposits during Term 3, will also go in the separate draw to win one of the Supernova prizes – a PlayStation 4 pack. Students can complete the Stargazing activity online at any time during Term 3 by visiting commbank.com.au/prizelights

Win a bag of sports equipment for your school

We’re also giving schools participating in the School Banking program a chance to win one of 75 bags full of sports equipment, valued at $200, when students make three School Banking deposits during Term 3.

To complete the Stargazing activity, or to find out more, visit commbank.com.au/prizelights

- **90 Instant Cameras**
- **200 Magazine Packs**
- **50 Camping Kits**
- **50 PlayStation 4 Packs**
11 July 2016

We are planning our annual fundraiser aptly named “DRY SWIM” in the absence of access to the Batemans Bay Pool which is closed during the winter months. It will be held at Hanging Rock Rugby Union Oval on Sunday 28 August from 10 am to 3 pm, gold coin donation to enter a race.

The aim of the gathering is to bring together all groups who would use an aquatic centre, and to raise public awareness of the many benefits this facility would provide to the surrounding community and visiting tourists. We anticipate newspaper, TV and radio coverage of the event.

We are inviting different sporting groups, social clubs, schools and disability groups to participate in this fun day. It is envisaged that the various sporting codes will wear their individual colours to identify their groups while engaging in some friendly competition. Likewise schools and other groups can show their prowess in land based aquatic adventures.

You are invited to dress up in wetsuits, wear snorkels, goggles or floaties or other creative props in the flavour of a Dry Swim. Anything related to aquatic activities is encouraged – your imagination knows no bounds!

It is intended to have “swimming” lanes drawn on the oval in which novelty races – wheelchairs, passing footballs, aqua fit demonstrations and race relays will be played out. Fitness groups, Tai Chi, Bootscooters will contribute to the success of the day. Lions will provide a sausage sizzle and it is hoped the Police and Fire Brigade will also participate.

You are invited to put up a stand/gazebo/table to promote your group. There will be a charge of $25.00 if your stall is to sell merchandise. For promotional purposes only, there will be no fee.

All net proceeds raised will go towards the much awaited Batemans Bay Indoor Aquatic Centre. This dream is a step closer to reality following Council’s purchase of the Bowling Club site, as proposed development of this precinct will include a new aquatic facility. We are not pursuing just a pool, we are aiming for an indoor aquatic centre, open all year round, which will include a 50m lap pool, hydrotherapy pool and leisure pool.

We very much hope your group or organization will join us in our DRY SWIM. For further information, Carolyn Harding, President of the Committee, is willing to talk to your group and can be contacted on 0423 214 333. If you are interested, we would appreciate your making contact by 30 July 2016 to give us an idea of numbers. We are approaching approximately 50 groups to participate.

Yours Sincerely

Carolyn Harding, President

Email: njharding@bigpond.com
1st Batemans Bay Scout Group has recently achieved 25 years of having Joey Scouts. They would like to invite you to an information afternoon at 4.15pm - 5.15pm on Wednesday 27 July, 2016 at the Scout Hall at the end of Pacific Street, Batemans Bay.

Come and see what we do at Joey Scouts. Boys and girls age 6 and 7 years most welcome.

If you want more information you can telephone Ruth on 44729205 or Anne on 0429659862 and they can tell them more.