Walawaani Parents,

This week we have celebrated NAIDOC Week. Our NAIDOC celebrations began on Monday morning with the delivery of a ‘message stick’ to KJ. Throughout the day the message stick was passed on to each class from a ‘messenger’. I began with the first delivery, then a child was selected from each class to be the messenger to carry the message stick to the next class; and so on and so forth, until the message stick had made it’s way to our 17 classes. As with tradition, the messenger did not announce their arrival. When the messenger arrived, they stood at the entrance of the classroom and waited to be invited in, as is customary in Aboriginal culture. The messenger was greeted with the traditional Dhurga greeting, “Walawaani!”. This means “I hope you had a safe journey here”, or “I hope you have a safe journey home”. Please ask your child about the activities they’ve been involved in this week. I’m sure you’ll find their comments interesting. I thank Mrs Bec Brady, Mrs Julie Valentini and the staff for coordinating such a memorable NAIDOC week.

Pictured above is Sophie C. receiving a recognition award from our Director, Mrs Moira Najdecki at the NAIDOC Mass last Friday at St Christopher’s Cathedral in Canberra. Sophie’s award was presented in recognition of her outstanding leadership and for being an exemplary role model at St Bernard’s. Congratulations Sophie! Mrs Najdecki will be visiting our three South Coast schools next week for her final formal visit as Director. Mrs Najdecki has announced that she will be resigning at the end of the year after ten years in the role.

We have welcomed a new family to St Bernard’s this week. Brodie M (KH). A warm welcome to his mum Kayla Martin. We know you will both be very happy as you settle into our beautiful school.

School Satisfaction Survey
Satisfaction surveys of parents, students and staff will be conducted on behalf of all Catholic schools in the Diocese this term. The surveys are designed to gather feedback from parents, staff and students about their school and will be used to inform school improvement. Responses are confidential and individuals can not be identified. The surveys will be launched via email on August 1 and close on August 12, 2016 using the email addresses supplied to the school. If you do not receive an email with a link to the survey on August 1, you can access and complete the survey at the following link. [https://www.research.net/r/stbernardParent2016](https://www.research.net/r/stbernardParent2016)

We welcome your feedback.

Hip Pocket Workwear have a supply of new (navy) polo shirts now in stock. All sizes are available. Stitches will also have their new supplies mid next week for your convenience.

I hope you have an enjoyable week ahead.

Jacqueline Heffernan
Principal
Dear Parents

Please accept our personal invitation to attend School Mass with us tomorrow (Friday 29 July) as we celebrate NAIDOC week in our school. This year’s NAIDOC theme is ‘Songlines: The living Narrative of our Nation’. Dreaming tracks crisscross Australia and trace the journeys of ancestral spirits as they created the land, animals and lores. These dreaming tracks are sometimes called ‘Songlines’ as they record the travels of these ancestral spirits who ‘sung’ the land into life. Songlines have been passed down for thousands of years and are central to the existence of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Our week’s activities, culminating in Mass on Friday, acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples’ strong spiritual and cultural connection to the land and sea and allow us to all grow in knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the history and culture of the Indigenous peoples of this land.

God of the Holy Dreaming

God of holy Dreaming
Great Creator Spirit
From the dawn of creation you have given your children
The good things of Mother Earth
You spoke and the gum tree grew
In the vast deserts and dense forests, in the cities,
At the water’s edge, creation sings your praise.
Your presence endures as the rock at the heart of our land.
When Jesus hung on the tree
You heard the cries of all Your people
And became one with Your wounded ones
The convicts, the hunted and the dispossessed.
The sunrise of Your Son
Coloured the earth anew
And bathed it in glorious hope.
In Jesus we have been reconciled to You,
To each other and to Your whole creation.
Lead us on Great Spirit
As we gather at this special place.

(Prepared by Wontulp Bi–Buya IndigenousTheology Working Group)

Kindest Regards,
Julie Valentini
Religious Education Coordinator

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

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Message from Fr John

I am a bit of a bibliophile. I love books. Part of the desire is to look for what makes sense of the world and to make connections. In looking for patterns and what fits I find myself in an ongoing search for what is real and lasting. However, at times I also need to remember that books are a way of engaging with the thinking of others and to have conversations with them but they are not an end in themselves. They are a way of assisting us to learn about life but they are not a replacement for engaging with what sustains life.

It is the same with many things which can become a security for us, whether it is money, possessions, the work we engage with, relationships or our favourite hobby. These are all important ways of seeking to find meaning in life but they do not substitute for what lies at the heart of life. We are called to seek a relationship which lies at the heart of all relationships. We are called to be people of prayer who prayerfully engage with our world. This is a call to be attentive and present. To listen for what is important for this day and this moment. It calls us to be real and in tune with the heart of God who seeks us out. In discovering what is real we find what is the treasure which sustains us.

Fr John Armstrong
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LEARNING SUPPORT NEWS

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
Dear Parents,

We have now reached the end of Term 3 Week 2 and are heading into our final month of Winter. Curriculum notes will be sent home to all families next week with key information about the term ahead. Please read through them carefully as they will be a great discussion point with your child/ren about what is happening in class. This term we don’t have formal Parent/Teacher Meetings. If you have any concerns or questions that arise please don’t hesitate to email your child’s teacher or make a time to see them. Effective communication and a strong partnership between the school and home is an important aspect of every child’s learning journey.

**ICAS Tests**

There are two tests remaining in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools for 2016. Students will sit the English paper next Tuesday 2 August and the Mathematics paper on Tuesday 16 August. The results and certificates for the previously sat papers will start arriving and will be presented at school assemblies as they arrive. The Science and Digital Technologies Tests will be presented at our next assembly on Friday 5 August.

**Classroom Learning Time**

At St Bernard’s we strive to focus directly on the learning of our students. As a school we are committed to identifying student needs and guiding students to reach their full potential. This week the staff have been involved in professional conversations with Christine Wanjura from Catholic Education. Our focus has been on setting individual goals for all students to target learning outcomes. Assessment and individual conferences are part of our everyday school practices to plan and cater for all students. We are supporting our students to have a growth mindset through providing individual feedback that will challenge and inspire all to learn.

As part of this focus, we have developed a number of guidelines to ensure that interruptions are kept to a minimum, to allow the students to focus on their learning and teachers to focus on the students. The morning block is prime time learning for students in Literacy and Numeracy. Parents can assist in this matter too. Students need to arrive at school by the morning bell at 8:40am to ensure that they do not miss any element of their first lesson of the day. If you would like to know more, please don’t hesitate to contact your child’s teacher.

**KEY DATES FOR TERM 3:**

- **Year 4 Assembly** - Friday 5 August
- **Year 6 Assembly** - Friday 19 August
- **BOOK WEEK - Monday 22 August** - Friday 26 August
- **Year 6 Camp to Narrabeen** - Tuesday 23 August - Friday 26 August
- **BOOK PARADE** - Friday 26 August
- **DC Green visiting** - Friday 26 August
- **First Eucharist** - 28 August
- **Father’s Day Breakfast/Stage One Prayer Assembly & Presentation of Literacy & Numeracy Awards** - 2 September
- **Andrew Chin Concert** - 9 September
- **Learning Journey Display K-6** - 22 September
- **Last Day of Term 3** - 23 September

Wishing you an enjoyable weekend.

Johanna Wain
Assistant Principal

**PYJAMA DAY - WEDNESDAY 3 AUGUST (GOLD COIN DONATION)**
Mayor Lindsay Brown announced the winners of the annual Mayor’s Writing Competition at a ceremony in Council Chambers on Thursday 30 June 2016. The entries from schools all across the Eurobodalla were of an extremely high standard in age groups ranging from 5-18 Years. I commend all of our students (10) who entered the competition. I am very pleased to announce that two of our talented writers in Stage One were recognised for their achievements with Kate P (1H) receiving First place in the 5-6 Years category for her chapter book titled ‘Moon Ice-cream for Puppies’ and Lily P (2F) presented Runner-up in the 7-9 Years category for her mystery under the sea titled ‘The Mystery of the White Coral Reef’. I have placed a snap-shot of the girls stories on the following page. If you are hooked and would like to read more, there is a copy of the Mayor’s Writing Competition book in the Front Office and one in the Library. Alternatively, you can visit http://www.esc.nsw.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0019/57124/2016-Mayors-Writing-Competition-Anthology-reduced-size-for-web.pdf and view the book online. Congratulations Kate and Lily and I hope to one day see your books on the library shelf!

Kind regards
Julie Valentini
Literacy Contact
Chapter one

The Farm

There were once nine little puppies that lived at Tom’s house. Tom lived on a farm. The farm had a lake, a hill, a rainbow and a tractor. The puppies are three months old and very funny!

The puppies had heard that there was special ice-cream on the moon, so they decided to build a rocket to go and taste some. They looked all over the farm for scrap things that they could use to build the rocket.

They found an old water tank near the lake to use for the rockets body. Behind the hill they found the roof of a dog kennel to pop on the top. Then they borrowed some springs from the tractor so that they could bounce the rocket into space.

The next thing they needed was some colour “But where can we get that from?” said the little puppies. Then they saw the rainbow and they got the colours from it. The rocket looked awesome!!!

Lily P - Runner Up 7-9 Years

On the Great Barrier Reef lives a parrot fish named Scarlet. Scarlet lives next to her best friend Swirl the seahorse. Scarlet and Swirl love playing together and their favourite games are bouncing on the soft bouncy sea sponges and playing hide-and-seek in amongst the colourful corals.

One day Scarlet and Swirl woke up and went to play in the colourful coral reef playground. They discovered all the colours of the reef had turned white. They thought it was very strange and wanted to ask some of their friends if they knew why.

First they asked their friend Jelly the Jellyfish who was swimming past. “Jelly”, they sang out, “do you know what happened to the colours in our coral playground?” Jelly just shook her legs back and forth as if to say she didn’t know and then she floated away.
Southern Region Athletics

Just a reminder for all notes and money to be returned by Friday for the Southern Region Athletics Carnival taking place in Bega next Thursday 4 August. We need to make sure we have enough places on the bus so your cooperation with this would be greatly appreciated. Below is a list of Canteen items which will be available on the day if you would like to send some money with your child/ren.

Canteen items
- Sausage sandwich $2.00
- Rissole Burger $4.00 + 50c with coleslaw
- Hot dog $3.00 + 50c with cheese

DRINKS
- Cans (assorted) $2.00
- Water $2.00
- Energy drink $3.50
- Coffee/Tea/Milo $2.00

TREATS
- Assorted cakes 50c
- Chomps $1.00
- KitKats/Flakes etc $2.00
- Mixed lollies 50c
- Red Rock chips $1.00

Hockey Gala Day

Year 5 and 6 students will be participating in a Hockey Gala Day at Gundary Ovals, Moruya on Thursday 11 August. A note detailing the event will be sent home in coming days. The Gala day will be organised by the Eurobodalla Hockey Association and Cheryl Sutherland has been teaching the students the 'ins and outs' of the game over recent weeks during PE sessions. I am sure the students will have lots of fun.

Legends Shield Rugby League Finals

A note detailing the Legends Shield Rugby League Finals Series will be sent home in coming days. This is the culmination of the Rugby League carnivals that students from St Bernard’s have been participating in throughout this year. This event will be open to the 11 players from Year 5 who have been part of the team since the beginning of the year. So mark Wednesday 24 August in your diaries and keep a look out for further information being sent home shortly.

Tim Del Guzzo, the NRL development Officer will be coming to train the boys team on Tuesday 2 August at lunchtime. It would be a good idea for the boys to bring their football boots, mouthguards and shoulder pads on the day.

Have a happy week ahead,

Megan Grant
Sports Coordinator

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 last week. Please don’t hesitate to contact the office with enquiries.
Kindergarten Loves Gross Motor
Next week David Berry will start again on the Friday 5 August 2016. All guitar students will be given their timetable tomorrow.

SCHOOL BANKING NEWS $$$

Congratulations to these School Banking savers!
Kadyn M (2F), Benjamin E (S1S) and Olivia M (KH) - a wildlife writer set. Benjamin F (6O), - a backtrack eraser pen. Aliza V (3C), Erica S (KB) and Jack W (KJ) - a jump and skip rope. Wonderful saving!

Also congratulations go to the following students who received a Silver Certificate: Charlotte W (2C) and Benjamin E (S1S). Macey F (KH) received a Bronze Certificate. Well done.

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

P&F NEWS

Welcome back to Term 3! I hope everyone has settled back into the school routine! How did everyone go downloading the QKR app? I found that I couldn’t locate the school from my house in Tomakin. I ended up putting in Batehaven and then it popped up. It is easier to download the app when you are located near the school. It is a great tool to order lunch orders in advance or pay your school fees. If you need any help please contact the front office or myself.

Tori Vincent
P & F President

CANTEEN ROSTER - WEEK 3

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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 3

Chicken schnitzel with mash potato and gravy.
$3.50 or $5.00 meal deal

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