Visible Learning

When teachers see learning through the eyes of their students, and students see themselves as their own teachers

Professor John Hattie

Dear Parents,

Last Friday I was thrilled to have the opportunity to attend a professional development day in Canberra with world-renowned professor John Hattie. The focus was on Visible Learning. So what is Visible Learning you ask? “Visible Learning is a deliberate mindset that shifts the focus from what teachers are teaching to what students are learning”. Hattie’s Visible Learning research began with a simple question: what impacts student learning most? He began his quest to find the answer more than 20 years ago and today the research is now the world’s largest evidence base on what actually works best in schools to improve learning.

Hattie’s input on Friday was completely inspiring. It reinforced the positive direction we are taking at St Bernard’s to bring about change; to better prepare our students to be thinkers, and to know what really matters as a learner. I am currently preparing a summary for staff to pass on my learning. I share the following points with you as way of encouragement. Parenting is so much harder than any of us anticipated. We all want our children to succeed and be happy doing so.

Hattie’s research suggests that...

• “It’s not just what you know, it’s what you know about what you know - and it’s what you know about how you know” that is crucial for new learning to occur.

• Students should understand the power of learning through a ‘Model of Learning’. Hattie’s Model moves students from Surface learning to Deep to Transfer. Transfer is the stage of learning when a child can transfer what they know to new situations.

• Students need to know what success looks like. For example; imagine asking kids to high jump and not putting the bar up. Would they engage?

• Students need to have a language for learning. That is, strategies that help them to achieve success.

• When children move from Surface to Deep learning - they generally don’t know. This is where real learning occurs. He refers to this as the learning pit! When children are in the pit - this is a great place to be! But they need Surface learning (input) first to be well supported in the Deep.

• Capable students become more capable because they have good strategies for learning and know when to use them. All strategies can be taught.

• Making errors is fundamental for learning.

• It’s not what are you doing in class today? But rather, what are you learning? And when your child says I can’t… your reply, You just haven’t learnt it yet.

• Feed your children’s passion to go deeper. Message to kids - effort matters!

May love and peace fill your homes this week. There are a number of families who need our prayers.

Jacqueline Heffernan
Principal
Dear Parents

On August 20, we celebrate the Feast day of Saint Bernard of Clairvaux (1090-1153), the patron saint of our school and parish. Doctor of the Church, Marian devotee, and Last Father of the Church, Saint Bernard has been referred to as the “man of the twelfth century,” responsible for healing the Church schism of that time, preaching the Second Crusade, writing prayers, poems, and hymns, and “re-founding” the Cistercian Order. The founding abbot of Clairvaux Abbey in Burgundy, Saint Bernard is recognised as one of the most commanding Church leaders, as well as one of the greatest spiritual masters of all times. St Bernard’s life was characterised by a deep devotion to the Blessed Mother (http://www.sbcwickford.org/history/bernard.html).

Words of St Bernard;

“In dangers, in doubts, in difficulties, think of Mary, call upon Mary. Let not her name depart from your lips, never suffer it to leave your heart. And that you may more surely obtain the assistance of her prayer, neglect not to walk in her footsteps. With her for guide, you shall never go astray; “

By his life, St Bernard showed how deeply he cared about God and God’s people. We are very fortunate here at St Bernard’s Primary to be under his wing.

**Sacraments**

Congratulations to Jeremy S (3C) who was Baptised last Sunday and to Lachlan B (3H), Harrison S (3C), Harry R (60) and Alexander R (3BT) who made their First Reconciliation (Confession) this week. All students will now continue on their sacramental journey by receiving the Eucharist for the first time at Mass on Sunday 28 August, along with the following students;


**Feast of the Assumption 15 August**

Wishing you a lovely week,

*Julie Valentini*

Religious Education Coordinator

**Prayers**

Please continue to keep Fr Dominic in your prayers as he mourns the recent loss of his Mum. We also pray for Mrs Deborah O’Brien and her family as they farewell Deb’s mother Rosemary next Tuesday.
How do we open our hearts to Jesus? One of the questions that I often wrestle with is how do I help Jesus to know me? There can be a tendency to work hard at doing the things that Jesus did but without a personal relationship with the person who is at the heart of the work. It is why our faith is sacramental, it engages both our bodies and our spirits. There is an importance in recognising that our work as Christians flows from this living relationship with Jesus. Too often we think that it is by working harder that we draw closer to Jesus. The truth is that it is when that we draw closer to Jesus that our work has purpose and thinking.

This relationship is called to be intentional where we set aside regular times to be present to Jesus in prayer. This calls us to establish a routine where we join with each other at Mass but also discover where we can be present with Jesus in our own prayer time. There is also a call to act in a way which lives out prayer in the way we are present to others and how our actions cooperate with the charism entrusted to us for the whole of the community. By discovering how God is present to us in our prayer and in our reflective action we discover where we find life. By living our lives to the full we discover a God who sustains us and works with us. The place where we are known by God and can cooperate with God’s dream for us.

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"The intellectual quest is exquisite, like pearls and coral. But it is not the same as the spiritual quest. The spiritual quest is on another level altogether. Spiritual wine has a subtler taste. The intellect and the senses investigate cause and effect. The spiritual seeker surrenders to wonder." (Rumi Wisdom; trans. Timothy Freke)

Premiers Reading Challenge
Students from Year 3 – Year 6 are reminded there is only 1 day left to complete the Premiers Reading Challenge. All completed Student Reading Logs need to be signed and handed in to Theresa Hopman in the iCentre for validation. Premier's Reading Challenge concludes tomorrow.

Theresa Hopman
theresa.hopman@cg.catholic.edu.au

DAVE BERRY’S GUITAR LESSONS
Mr Berry has decided to stop teaching guitar lessons at St Bernard’s. His last day will be Friday 19 August. Mr Peter Rich has been appointed to take over his lessons. He is very excited about creating a guitar orchestra later in the year. Mr Rich will take over Mr Berry’s guitar lessons on 9 September. Everything will continue as normal for the rest of the term so please keep refer to your current timetable.

We would like to thank Mr Berry for his wonderful commitment over the last five years. I know the children have enjoyed the lessons as there is always a waiting list!
Dear Parents,

We have now reached half way through the term. All classes have been highly engaged in their Storyline units of work. The Storyline method engages students in stories, providing them with a meaningful context for learning. Each class is using Storyline as an approach to teaching their History or Geography units of work. The method of learning enables the teacher to set the scene and the students to create and develop a story whilst gaining knowledge and skills. For example Stage One’s Unit is The Toy Museum. The focus is on similarities and differences between toys today and toys in the past. It introduces children to the concepts of ‘old’ and ‘new’, and encourages them to think about the changes in their own lives and in those of their family or adults around them. The students have been allocated curator roles to become experts in the history of toys. Each class will present their unit of work on **Thursday 22 September from 11.15 - 12.30pm**. Each class will be open for parents to celebrate the term’s learning. Add the date to your diary! Units of Work for Term 3:

- Kindergarten: The Farm
- Stage One: The Toy Museum
- Year 3: All Creatures Great and Small
- Year 4: Australia’s Environments
- Year 5: The Australian Goldrush
- Year 6: The Lonely Planet

**ICAS Tests**

Students who sat the Spelling and Writing ICAS Tests will be presented with their ICAS certificates at tomorrow’s Assembly.

**First Aid**

Last week, all Staff were involved in updating their CPR and First Aid Qualifications. Kirrily Hillier lead the Staff through the steps on how to administer first aid in a variety of situations. Vital learning took place as well as a few laughs! Thank you to Kirrily for her time.

Have a great week ahead.

Johanna Wain
Assistant Principal

**BOOK PARADE - MONDAY MORNING @ 9.15am in the HALL**

**ALL FAMILIES ARE WELCOME**
Our annual Father’s Day Breakfast will be held on Friday 2 September from 7.00am to 8.15am. All students are welcome to invite their fathers, grandfathers, uncle or special friend to come to the breakfast to celebrate Father’s Day.

The breakfast is prepared by the Staff at St Bernard’s. To assist with catering arrangements would you please complete the attached form and return to school by Monday 22 August if you are able to attend.

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Father’s Day Breakfast
Friday 2 September 2016

Please indicate the number of selected foods/drinks you require. Children are able to order a bacon and egg roll too if they wish.

Bacon and egg roll

Milo

Juice

To assist with catering arrangements would you please complete the form above and return to the Office or alternatively email your request to office.stbernards@cg.catholic.edu.au by Monday 22 August. Thank you.
BOOK WEEK VISITING AUTHOR

Author DC Green will be visiting our school during Book Week on Friday 26 August. He will run sessions with stage groups during the day. Parents are most welcome to attend for free.

DC Green will be selling and signing his books after sessions.

All books cost $15 except for Three Little Surfer Pigs, which has been slashed to $10 and the two City of Monsters books ($19 each).

Students who buy more than one book will receive a free-signed poster!!

Buy all three Erasmus James books for just $35 or all six DC books for a mere $95!!!

Simply bring in an envelope to the school with money inside and the title(s) of DC’s books on the front of the envelope.

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Three Little Surfer Pigs

A hilarious picture book of the classic fairy tale, featuring gorgeous art by Simon McLean. Ten per cent of all proceeds go to CanTeen Australia.

‘Evilly entertaining…. The rhyme is great fun!’ – Sally Odgers.

Erasmus James and the Galactic Zapp Machine

Erasmus James zapps to a world where humans, ninja horses and mutant chooks live in peaceful harmony. At least they all did … until Erasmus makes a deal that could lead to galactic war! $15. Ages: 8+

‘An awesome read from the literary giant of surf journalism!’ – Australia’s Surfing Life.

Erasmus James, King of Kid’s Paradise

Erasmus James zapps to a tropical world where adults are banned, there are no rules and all the other kids want him to be their king! But what is the dark secret that lurks beneath Kid’s Paradise? $15.

‘Far out, funny and fabulous!’ – CoastKids magazine.

Erasmus James and the Grat Siege

Grats! Giant rats!! – surround my castle. My troops defend bravely. My mates - mutant chooks, ninja horses and grommets - are also out-numbered, starving and stinky. They turn to me for inspiration. To Erasmus James, the boy who doomed the universe! $15


Stinky Squad

Oztrailer has mysteriously turned into a nation of brain-eating zombies. The only hope is five teens with revolting superpowers like acid vomit and super-sticky pimple pus: Stinky Squad! Ages: 10+. $15.

**Monster School**

Monster School is packed with mafia goblins, joker giant spiders, socially challenged zombies and snarky vampires. Humans are the endangered species! $19. Ages: 10 +

‘A wild, wise-cracking ride.’ – Ian Irvine.

**Goblin Mafia Wars**

PT and the Dead Gang must find the last dragon eggs, prevent a mafia goblin war and save the world – again! Featuring the most awesome female characters in fantasy history. $19. Ages: 10 +

‘A monster mash of hilariously epic proportions!’– Just So Stories.

[http://www.facebook.com/DCGreenAuthor](http://www.facebook.com/DCGreenAuthor)

Notes regarding the performance have been sent home. I hope you all enjoy the show!

Sharon Beashel  
Learning Support/Coordinator

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**Book Week - Book Parade**

On Monday 22 August students will participate in a Book Parade at 9.15am, to celebrate Book Week and the announcement of the Children’s Book Council of Australia Children’s Book of the year.

The theme this year is “Australia Story Country” and children are invited to dress in either **Australian theme/colours**, to fit with the theme, **OR** as their **favourite book character**.

We also ask that children bring along their favourite book for the parade.

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**Have you downloaded the Qkr APP?** It 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 school fee payments at a time and place that suits you. Please contact us if you have any questions.
Archdiocesan Athletics Canberra

Congratulations to the 23 students representing St Bernard’s and the Southern Region Schools at the Archdiocesan Athletics Carnival. I am confident they will all shine in their chosen sports today. I look forward to sharing the results of our students in next week’s newsletter.

We wish the very best of luck to the following students:


Rugby League Legends Shield Finals Series.

Next Wednesday, 11 students from Year 5 will be travelling to Sydney to play Rugby League in the Legends Shield Finals at Macquarie University Sporting Fields. This event is the culmination of League games that have been played so far this year. It is a great achievement for these boys and I am sure they will thoroughly enjoy being part of this exciting event. We wish the boys football team all the very best and we know they will represent St Bernard’s with fantastic sportsmanship. I thank Mrs Angela Holmes who will supervise the team on the day. I also would like to thanks Mrs Di Metcalf for all of her help in the lead up to this event and also to Tremayne Chatfield, Tim Del Guzzo, Steve Adams and Billy Shooks for training and assisting the boys on the day. It is a huge commitment and I thank them for being so supportive of the team.

Best of luck goes to:


Hockey Gala Day.

Last Thursday, Years 5 and 6 students travelled to Gundary Oval at Moruya to join in a Hockey Gala day organised by Cheryl Sutherland from the Eurobodalla Hockey Association. The students had a fantastic day and they displayed great team spirit to the other schools that were participating on the day. Thank you to the teachers who travelled with them to the event – Mr Justin O’Neill, Mrs Rebecca Brady, Mrs Di Metcalf and Mrs Julie Ireland. Photos are on the next page.

Have a happy week ahead,

Megan Grant
PE Teacher/Sport Coordinator

THE FINAL CANTEEN OLYMPIC LUNCHES WILL BE FRIDAY 26 AUGUST, KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR THE SPECIAL.
Sport News—Year 5 & 6 Hockey
Hi everyone

On Tuesday I had Ann-Maree come and help me sort out the school uniform shop. Thank you for taking the time out of your day to help. It looks tidier and now when anyone comes to buy or donate it's easy to see where what goes.

The Father’s Day stall is coming up on Friday 2 September 2016 and we are wondering if anyone has any plastic bags they no longer need. We use them to put the children's presents in for them to easily carry. We also are always looking for more helpers on the day. It’s a great way to help out and get to know more parents at our school. Just a reminder if you can get your working with children check done and hand it into the office before the day, that would be great. If you are unsure on how to get it here is the link. It's very easy and fast and free for volunteers.

Have a great weekend.

Tori Vincent
P & F President

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**SCHOOL BANKING NEWS $$$**

**Congratulations to these School Banking savers**

*Congratulations to* Matthew J (3BT) and Brok Dwyer (1VS) who received a Galaxy Glider. Liam H (3H), Ava J (1H) and Macey F (KH) - a Wildlife Writer Set. Ava J (1H), Zach A (1VS), Lachlan W (KB) and Rhys S (3C) - an intergalactic rocket. Riley S (4M) and Elyssa W (KB) - a Jump and Skip Rope. Mia B (5Y) - a Backtrack Eraser Pen. Wonderful savings!

Also congratulations go to the following students who received a Bronze Certificate: Reis G-N (3C), Lily D (KH). And Silver Certificates go to: Hunter B (2C), Siahra W (1H), Rhys S (3C) and Brianna G (2C). Well done! Thank you to all students who participate.

A member of the Commonwealth Bank staff is coming to talk to Kindergarten about the School Banking program on Tuesday 30 August 2016 at 11.15am.

The School Banking program includes an exciting and exclusive Rewards Program that encourages students to get into the habit of saving regularly.

Every time your child has made ten deposits at school they can choose an exclusive School Banking reward item in recognition of their regular savings habits.

Remember, School Banking day is every **Wednesday**.

Our school receives $5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit).

Heidi Miners
School Banking Coordinator
IMB School Banking is a fun and easy way for kids to learn the benefits of regular saving. With an IMB Zoo Account for School Banking, kids receive a welcome pack, a $5 head start to their savings and ongoing rewards for making regular deposits. The school P&F also benefits with $5 for each account opened.

How does IMB School Banking work?

- Open an IMB Zoo School Banking Account at either IMB Batemans Bay or at school during an account opening session.
- Every child will receive an IMB School Banking Cash Wallet and Deposit Book.
- IMB School Banking is available every Wednesday - complete the deposit slip and enclose the money you would like to bank.
- Drop off the IMB School Banking Wallet to the school office by 9:30am.
- The wallets will be collected and dropped off to the branch for processing.
- The wallet will be returned to school the following Thursday.
- Children will receive a free IMB gift for every 10 school banking deposits made into their Zoo Account.
- It's that easy to save.

IMB will be here at school to open accounts.

**Friday 19th August 2:00pm - 3:30pm**
**Monday 22nd August 8:15am - 9:30am**

Parents: Please remember to bring a medicare card and drivers licence. Parents MUST be present to open accounts - if you can't make it don't worry. You can open your account anytime at IMB Batemans Bay.

For more information call IMB Batemans Bay on 4472 5970.
imb.com.au/schoolbanking  Ph: 133 462
IMB Member & Zoo Account form

Child’s details
[Office use only]
Member no.: Account no.: 

☐ Please tick one of the following:
☐ My child is a new IMB Member
☐ My child has an existing IMB Zoo Account held in Trust For:
☐ My child has an existing IMB Zoo Account opened in their own name.

Child Account Holder (please complete your child’s personal details below):
Child’s surname: Given name/s as shown on ID: 
Date of birth: Gender: ☐ F ☐ M Postcode: Residential address: 
Mailing address: As above Postcode: 
Phone no.: Name of school: (for School Banking students only)

Parent’s details
[Office use only]
Member no.: 

☐ Parent/Legal Guardian
Please complete your personal details below, as the parent or legal guardian who will be listed on this account as the ‘Authority to Operate’ (ATO). It is important to understand that the ATO is the only person who can authorise account withdrawals, changes to your child’s account details and changes to your child’s personal details.

Mr | Mrs | Ms | Miss
Surname: Given name/s as shown on ID: 
Previous/other name/s: Date of birth: Residential address: 
Mailing address: As above Postcode: Postcode: 
Mobile: Work no.: Home no.: 
Email address: 
Occupation: Gender: ☐ F ☐ M

Are you, or your child, a citizen or resident for tax purposes of the United States? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Account access
You will automatically be registered for Full Internet Banking access, unless you tell us otherwise. Your mobile phone number will be registered for SMS Authentication to approve all new third party transactions, regardless of the amount.
If you do not wish to be registered for Full Internet Banking access, please tick this box ☐

☐ Please choose a password:

Teleservices Password - Mandatory
This is your spoken password used when calling IMB Direct. Please ensure you choose something you can remember!
Must be between 4 and 10 characters long (alphabetic letters and/or numbers).

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HEARING AWARENESS WEEK
21 AUGUST - 28 AUGUST 2016

This year during Hearing Awareness Week the Quota Club of Batemans Bay would like to encourage all young children, teenagers and their parents to be aware of the damage that can be caused to delicate hearing by the use of iPods and audio equipment that is turned up too loud. Please listen UP and turn it DOWN! Your hearing needs to last you for the rest of your life—please take care of it.

Extraordinary science with ordinary stuff
Can you really make an air cannon with a garbage bin, or launch marshmallows with a vacuum cleaner? Join Dr Graham for extraordinary science with ordinary everyday items, featuring experiments you can try at home... along with some you definitely should not! Lots of fun for ages 6+

Narooma Library: Saturday 20 August 10.30am – 11.30am. Free event

CANTEEN - WEEK 6
Mon 22 August  CANTEEN CLOSED
Tue            CANTEEN CLOSED
Wed            HELPER NEEDED
Thurs          HELPER NEEDED
Fri            HELPER NEEDED