Dear Parents,

Can you believe we are already at the end of Week 6...the weeks seem to be going very quickly! We began Book Week this year with our annual Book Parade. It was wonderful to see so many costumes and books that have obviously made an impact on the students. A special thank you to all parents for their time and creativity. Tomorrow we will end Book Week with a visit from the award winning surf journalist, DC Green. I am sure the students will enjoy hearing about his writing and gaining some ideas and tips for their own writing.

Sacrament of First Eucharist
We’re looking forward to celebrating First Eucharist with our Year 3 and some Year 4 and 6 students next Sunday at the 9.00am Mass at St Bernard’s. All families are welcome to join us at this special celebration. Please keep the following students in your prayers as they make this Sacrament for the first time: Callum C, Reis G, Jeremy S, William M, Ivy P, Jade C, Ciara C, Lincoln K, Marissa M, Alica H, Stephanie B, Elliot Q, Daisy Q, Isabella H, Lachlan B, Faigyn S, Angus B, Harper P, Lachlan B, Rhys B, Harrison S, Lori K, Kody P, Jayden P, Erin D, Alexander R, Harry R, Mason C and Adam K.

Literacy and Numeracy Week
National Literacy & Numeracy Week will be celebrated at St Bernard’s next week. To end the week, next Friday 2 September, we will be recognising the achievements and efforts of our students across Kinder to Year 6 with a special awards assembly. Each teacher will present four awards; outstanding achievement in literacy and numeracy and consistent effort will also be recognised in both literacy and numeracy. This will follow Stage One Prayer Assembly at 9.15am. All parents are invited.

St Bernard’s Magnetic Noticeboard Holders
Last term the P&F organised a St Bernard’s Magnetic Notice Holder for the fridge. The document holder will help keep your notices displayed in a safe and organised spot. They are being sold in the Office for $5. If you would like to purchase one, please send in an envelope with your details and $5 or alternatively, please feel free to pop into the Office.

Our Year Six students headed off to Narrabeen Sport and Recreation Camp last Tuesday with Mrs Brady, Mr O’Neill, Mrs Heffernan and Mrs Beashel. We wish them a safe trip home and we will notify parents via the Skoolbag App if we expect the bus to be early or late back to school.

Next week Mrs Heffernan will be on leave. We wish Mrs Heffernan and her family an enjoyable time away.

Wishing you a safe and relaxing weekend.

Johanna Wain
Assistant Principal
Dear Parents

On the night before he suffered on the cross, Jesus shared one last meal with his disciples. During this meal he instituted the sacrament of his Body and Blood. He did this in order to perpetuate the sacrifice of the Cross throughout the ages and to entrust to the Church a memorial of his death and resurrection. As the Gospel of Matthew tells us:

While they were eating, Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and giving it to his disciples said, "Take and eat; this is my body." Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins." (Mt 26:26-28; cf. Mk 14:22-24, Lk 22:17-20, 1 Cor 11:23-25)

Recalling these words of Jesus, the Catholic Church professes that, in the celebration of the Eucharist, bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit and the instrumentality of the priest. Jesus gives himself to us in the Eucharist as spiritual nourishment because he loves us. By eating the Body and drinking the Blood of Christ in the Eucharist we become united to the person of Christ through his humanity (http://www.catholic.org/clife/jesus/eucharist.php).

This weekend, 28 students will be receiving the Eucharist for the first time at 9.00am Mass. Members of our school choir will be joining the parish choir and I am sure they will make this celebration reverent and memorable for the candidates and their families. Please accept this as a personal invitation to attend Mass this Sunday 28 August and support the following students as they take this very special step in their sacramental journey;


First Eucharist Retreat Day at Carroll College

Last Friday, Year 3 students from both St Mary’s and St Bernard’s, along with their peers in Years 4, 5 and 6 who are making their First Eucharist this weekend, came together in a day of preparation, reflection and unity. Led beautifully by the Year 9 Faith Formation team from Carroll College and their teacher Mrs Belle Barling, the children worked through a variety of engaging stations which focused on not only preparing for and receiving the sacrament but allowing the Eucharist, our Communion with Jesus, to transform their lives. Leading them to be the hands, heart and face of Jesus in our communities. A special thank you to Belle Barling, Erica Drewson and Steve Bath for their exceptional organisation of the day and to the Year 9 students who gave of their time and leadership to work with our students. Thus further affirming and building on our strong K-6 Pathways here on the coast.

Andrew Chinn Concert

On Thursday 8 September, we are thrilled to welcome Andrew Chinn to St Bernard’s. Andrew worked as a classroom teacher in Catholic Primary Schools in Sydney for nearly twenty years before moving into his full time music ministry - sharing his music and his faith with children, teachers and parents. If you have ever attended a school Mass, the chances are you have sung along and tapped your toes to one of Andrew’s songs. Andrew will be conducting workshops with all classes throughout the day and will conclude the day with a whole school concert in the school hall from 1.30pm-2.30pm which all parents are invited to attend. For more information about Andrew Chinn please visit http://www.butterflymusic.com.au/artist/andrew-chinn#sthash.01AKBSel.dpuf.

Blessings on the week ahead,

Julie Valentini
Religious Education Coordinator
Religious Education News

First Eucharist Retreat Day
Year 3 News

Year 3 Retreat at Carroll College

Our Year 3 students headed to Carroll College last Friday 19 August for a day of learning and reflection together, in preparation for receiving their First Eucharist Sacrament this Sunday. Coming along for this exciting day were some St Bernard’s students from our other grades, and the students and teachers from St Mary’s Primary School, along with children from schools in the community who are also making this sacrament. We were also joined by Father John, Father Dominic and Alex who assisted us in our learning throughout the day.

The children participated in fun activities within small groups that were led by the Year 9 Carroll College Faith Formation team. They warmly encouraged the Year 3s and assisted them with role plays, written responses and crafty creations to deepen their understandings of the First Eucharist Sacrament. The day ended with a sausage sizzle and ice block with our Carroll College friends, big brothers and sisters out on the playground. It was a fun-filled experience for everyone, celebrating our connections and friendships as a faith community and being able to get to know each other better, too! We would like to thank the wonderful Year 9 students and teachers, especially Mrs Belle Barling and Mrs Erica Drewsen, who planned and facilitated the day for us so perfectly.

First Eucharist Retreat Day Reflections

“*I liked it when we made rosary beads*”.
“*I liked colouring a picture of the Last Supper*”.
“*I liked working in groups to do activities*”.
“*I liked watching Wreck it Ralph. It taught us about friendship and not judging others*”.
“*I liked saying the prayers together and lighting the candles*”.
“*I loved the Icebreakers. I met knew people from other schools*”.

### Genius Hour Homework

Year Three have been s-t-r-e-t-c-h-i-n-g their brains to research the most amazing topics for homework. We have had science experiments, models, quizzes, power point presentations, videos and reports on a HUGE range of topics.

### Year 3 Published Work
The Eucharist is at the centre of our lives who seek to enter into a relationship with Jesus. This is not just simply a matter of receiving him in communion but by becoming what we receive. This is not just a reward for the good but a way in which we are called to come alive in Jesus. His flesh and blood is called to course through our veins. This is where we can struggle to be ourselves. We often think that either we have to be someone else or that we are not worthy of such a gift. We can start to play games with God. We can try to hide ourselves from this gift, we can walk away from what is on offer or we can pretend that we do not need this gift. Even when we are present to God in the Eucharist we can tend to distance ourselves from what is offered to us. We tend to sit at the back of churches for fear that the relationship may become too real or too demanding. We arrive just in time and leave as soon as we can. Yet if our Eucharist is the source and summit of our lives it calls all people to a deepening relationship with God and each other. It calls us to see Jesus not only in ourselves but also in those who seem to be far away from Christ. Eucharist changes the way we see life and how we are called to live. No longer is it centred solely on what we want but on what God desires for us: to be in communion with God and with each other.

Fr John Armstrong
Parish Priest of Batemans Bay
Administrator of Moruya
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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)
Dear Parents

Literacy and Numeracy are the foundations of all learning. In Week 7 (Monday 29 August – Friday 2 September), schools across Australia, we will be celebrating National Literacy and Numeracy Week 2016. Celebrations here at St Bernard’s commenced this week with our annual Parade to introduce Book Week. They will be continued this Friday 26 August when we welcome children’s author DC Green.

DC Green has had seven children’s books published, including the Erasmus James series: a frightfully funny fantasy trilogy for 7-107 year olds (and brilliant chimpanzees). The Erasmus books star a cunning boy genius named Erasmus (surprise, surprise), a talking horse with a flatulence problem, bus-sized mutant chooks and the threat of intergalactic war. DC Green has also written a gross horror-superhero-comedy, Stinky Squad, and a funny picture book, Three Little Surfer Pigs. The timetable for the day is: K – Year 2 8.50am—9.35am; Years 3 & 4 9.45am—10.45am; Year 5 11.15am-12.15pm.

Parents are welcome to attend for free. At the end of his show, DC will be selling and signing books.

Read for Australia – Friday 2 September 2016

‘Read for Australia’ is a national simultaneous reading event celebrating reading together. The 2016 ‘Read for Australia’ book is My Two Blankets, written by Irena Kobald and illustrated by Freya Blackwood. It was the Winner of the 2015 Children’s Book Council Award for Picture Books. All classes will read the book and complete activities.

Read for Australia will take place on Friday 2 September 2016.

Literacy and Numeracy Awards

Again this year, we will be recognising the achievements and efforts of our students across Kinder to Year 6 with a special awards assembly in Week 7. Each teacher will present four awards. Recognition awards will be presented for ‘Outstanding Achievement’ in Literacy and Numeracy. Recipients of these awards will have demonstrated exceptional competency levels in their respective classes, achieving top results. ‘Consistent Effort’ will also be recognised in both Literacy and Numeracy. These awards will be presented to those students who continually apply themselves to their learning. This is a great opportunity to celebrate academic achievement with the students and highlight successes that are occurring in our classrooms every day.

This Assembly will be held on Friday 2 September following the Father’s Day Breakfast and Prayer ceremony which is hosted by Stage 1.

We look forward to celebrating National Literacy and Numeracy Week 2016 with you.

Kindest regards

Julie Valentini

Religious Education Coordinator/Literacy Contact
Archdiocesan Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to the 23 students who competed at the Archdiocesan Athletics Carnival at the AIS in Canberra last Thursday. The sun was shining and it was a beautiful day. The students from St Bernard’s and the whole Southern Region team competed with great team spirit and all were very excited to be a part of such a big event. The carnival involved both Primary and Secondary Catholic schools and as you can imagine takes a lot of organisation to run smoothly. It was great to be able to watch some of our students in events such as High jump, Shotput and Discus as well as the track events which are always exciting.

Following this competition, we congratulate the students who were placed in either 1st or 2nd place and gained entry into the MacKillop Athletics Selection Trials at Homebush, Sydney on Monday 19 September. Due to Year 6 being on camp and I am still awaiting a team list, a full list of names will be in next week’s newsletter.

Thank you to Dimity Collier for sending through the photos below.

Legends Shield Rugby League Sydney

On Wednesday, 11 students from Year 5 travelled to Sydney to play Rugby League in the Legends Shield Series Finals. The St Bernard’s team consisted of:


The boys played at least 4 games of Rugby League against other Primary School teams from across the state. At the time of printing, we are awaiting results and I look forward to sharing them with the St Bernard’s Community next week.

AFL Skills Clinic

Over the past few weeks, Years 2, S1S, Year 3 and Year 4 have been participating in AFL skills clinics with Scott from the local AFL club. The students have thoroughly enjoyed taking part in these sessions and have shown some great skill development in just the last 2 weeks.

From Week 7-9, Year 5, Year 6 and Kindergarten will be taking their turn in the skill sessions during PE. With the weather starting to warm up, a reminder for all students to have their drink bottle (water only) and their hat every day.

Wishing you a happy week ahead,

Megan Grant
PE Teacher/Sport Coordinator

Photos of Archdiocesan Athletics Sydney
KINDERGARTEN
FRUIT FACES & NUDE FOOD!
LEGO WALL

Lego Drive

We would like to create a LEGO WALL in the iCentre to display the student’s wonderful creations to their full potential so WE NEED LEGO LEGO and more LEGO so let’s have a LEGO DRIVE-Hat Day.

We are asking for donations of Lego, new or used. If every child was able to donate 10 pieces we would soon have a tub of 4000 pieces.

If you are able to donate a new product we would love packs of GREY 20 by 20 boards.

Over the course of next week if students bring in pieces of Lego they can wear a mufti hat in any Lego colour.

ALL DONATIONS WILL BE MUCH APPRECIATED AS THE LEGO BUCKET IS NEVER LONELY!

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.

BOOK CLUB IS DUE BACK FRIDAY 2 SEPTEMBER
Year 4 News

Year 4s’ Term 3, Top Ten – and it is only halfway through the term!!

1. Mrs Socha returning

2. NAIDOC day and working with Henry Stewart

3. Reading and sharing the story
   “Rowan of Rin”

4. Storyline activities - group work - making, researching, discovering new things

5. Dragon drawing

6. Pyjama Day

7. Year 4 Assembly

8. Book Week Parade

9. Story writing and publishing

10. Olympic lunches
As part of the Year 5 Storyline focus this term on the Australian Gold Rush, Leo T and Kai K wrote fantastic character descriptions depicting their life in Year 5’s gold village called ‘Joe’s Creek Goldfields’.

Hi,

My name is Hong. I am 19 years old. I deliver vegetables and fruit to the sly grog shop but the name is basically soup, coffee, meals.

I also look for gold and golden nuggets. I use a pan to find the gold. I have a special spot. It’s near the blacksmith and the big tree. There’s a little creek. I live across from the soup, coffee, meals so it’s easier to deliver. I have a really big field where I grow the vegetables and fruit.

John White and Bob John Oakland Boucher and Richard Collins and Tony Johnson are my friends. My family help me, mostly my brother but mum and dad make huts for a living.
Character description of Brian Shorthead

Hi my name is Brian Shorthead. I am 43 years old. I have a family of 4. I have a wife named Sally age 36, a son named Bradley age 14 and a daughter named Jessy. My family lives in Joe’s Creek Goldfields Hotel. I am working as a miner and a panner and I do night shifts some nights. I have been working as a miner and a panner for 22 years from now. Working at Joe’s Creek Goldfields is fun. I make about 100 pounds a week. I use to pan and mine without a licence but I got caught and I was sent to prison for 5 years. When I came out of prison I got I licence and continued my career as a miner and a panner.

By Kai Kousal.

Congratulations Kai on your published writing. You should be very proud of this work.
P & F News

Good afternoon

This year is going too fast.

Some dates to remember for September.

**Father’s Day stall is Friday 2 September.** Presents will be starting from $2 to $7. We have selected gifts that don’t have dad written on them so our children can choose to buy for grandparents, uncles or other male role models.

More information will be sent out closer to the time.

On Tuesday 6 September we have our P & F meeting in the Board Room from 7.00pm. We normally finish around 8.00pm/8:30pm. Please come along. It’s a great way to be a part of our school, have lots of laughs and get to know other mums and dads in our school community. We look forward to meeting you.

Tori Vincent
P & F President

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SCHOOL BANKING NEWS $$$

**Congratulations to these School Banking savers**

**Congratulations to** Amelia B (4M) and Hunter B (2C) - a Wildlife Writer Set. Jack R (KJ) and Neve S (S1S) - a Jump and Skip Rope. Kate P (1H) - a Backtrack Eraser Pen. Reis G-N (3C) - Outback Pat Bag Tag. Wonderful savings!

Also congratulations go to the following students who received a Silver Certificate: Ava J (1H) and Remi C (KH). Well done! Thank you to all students who participate as quite a few students are coming up to receiving their Gold Certificate.

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Community News

BATEMANS BAY GIRLS ONLY AFL AUSKICK

Last week we saw the start of the Batemans Bay Girls only AFL Auskick.
Being run at Hanging Rock Oval on Wednesday afternoons between 4.00pm & 5.00pm.
This program concentrates on fun, participation and skill development in a safe and friendly environment.
Girls between the ages of 4 - 10 years are welcome.
This 6 week program costs $45.00 which covers insurance and all girls get the AFL pack (rrp $35.00).
Only 20 spots available - contact Scott to register 0481 268 656

FIREWORKS INFORMATION EVENING
THURSDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2016

You are invited to a fireworks information evening. Vic Fleming from Mosaic Fire Fireworks will explain the differences between fireworks and what to look for when you are thinking about organising a display. He will also show you examples of different types of displays.

The evening is also a fundraiser for the Mogo Bush Fire Brigade. There will be a BBQ on the night, any contribution to the evening would be appreciated but is not essential. Food and drink will be provided.

RSVP: 26 August 2016 to 0404 483 975 or email hello@mosaicfire.com.au

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Jennie Marsh on 0409826593

Krys Wise on 0424712779