Dear Parents,

Welcome to Term 4. We’ve enjoyed a very positive start to our final term of 2016. There is much to look forward to as we finalise events and prepare for the many significant and memorable celebrations that will shape this term.

On Monday, staff combined from our three Catholic South Coast Schools to experience a Spirituality day. The focus was on the Pope’s Encyclical Laudato Si’ on Ecology and Climate. The Pope’s message is clear, let us hear “both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor” (Laudato Si’, 49), and do our best to ensure an appropriate and timely response. Monday’s experience moved every one of us, and dialogue continued at our staff meeting yesterday. Our thinking “must translate into concrete ways of thinking and acting that are more respectful to creation. For example: avoiding the use of plastic and paper, reducing water consumption, separating refuse, cooking only what can reasonably be consumed, showing care for other living beings, using public transport or car-pooling, planting trees, turning off unnecessary lights, or any number of other practices” (Laudato Si’, 211).

We’ve welcomed three new families to St Bernard’s this week. A warm welcome to Claire Z (KH), Abbey H (KH), Ryley Z (3BT), Charlie H (5M), Anthony Z (5Y), and Alexa L (6D).

Our Year 5 students and teachers were excited to depart for Birrigai yesterday morning. I’m sure the experience will be memorable!

Please check the term’s Calendar. We have so many upcoming events! Whole school rehearsals have commenced for our school musical which has been very exciting for the children. Make sure you’re free on Thursday 3 November for The Lion King. Our evening performance will commence at 5.30pm. Tickets will be available shortly.

I encourage you all to attend next Wednesday’s Parent Information Session on Social Media. It is certainly an area that requires our constant supervision and vigilance. Senior Constable Donna Clarke will be presenting this session. See flyer on page 5 for more details.

A warm welcome back to what promises to be a fun-filled term. Keep an eye out for details regarding Mission Day Stall requests. Notes are coming home from classroom teachers this week.

Personal regards
Jacqueline Heffernan
Principal
Dear Parents

Let us hear ‘both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor’ (Laudato Si’, 49).

Welcome to Term 4! Monday’s Pupil Free Day saw teachers from our three Catholic Schools on the coast involved in a day of professional learning around the Papal Documents which address the environmental crisis from a Religious view. The documents call us as Catholics, to reaffirm our personal vocations as stewards of creation. In his message for the celebration of the ‘World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation’, Pope Francis writes; “As an integral ecology emphasises, human beings are deeply connected with all of creation. When we mistreat nature, we also mistreat human beings” (2016).

After an engaging morning led by facilitator Mr Patrick McGrath, Senior Officer Catholic Identity, Faith Formation & Religious Education, and thought provoking presentations by local Council, brimming with enthusiasm and compassion, we split into mixed groups and went out to various sites in Broulee to assist with dune planting and weeding, the cleaning up of marine debris, and wildlife monitoring. The afternoon gave us the opportunity to not only contribute to community environmental issues but to also take concrete steps towards what Pope Francis refers to as ‘ecological conversion’ (Laudato Si’, 229).

Below I have provided ‘A Prayer for Our Earth’ which is from Pope Francis’ encyclical, Laudato Si’, and is a call for greater care of the Earth and of each other.

A Prayer for Our Earth

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures.
You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.
Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes.
Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth.
Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognise that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day.
Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.

Amen

Pope Francis, Laudato Si’
“Just as you did it to one of the least of these, you did it to me” (Mt 25:40).

‘Socktober’ is an initiative of Catholic Mission and one way on which our school can raise money and engage in advocacy and formation activities for World Mission Month in October. The ‘sock it to something’ concept is an Australian expression that means to fight, punch or strike out at. For example, each year Socktober will sock it to social issues such as poverty, child labour, child trafficking and homelessness.

This year, the focus project for our fundraising is the Mobile Education Tuk Tuk in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Funds raised for Catholic Mission will help children like 10 year-old Maly and her baby sister Kesor (who live in one of the poorest communities on the outskirts of Cambodia’s capital city) be able to receive an education and break free from poverty, so they may discover a better life and new future. A video will be shown of the Tuk Tuk project at Mass in Week 2.

At St Bernard’s we want to fight, punch or strike out at social issues, and to do that we have planned the following events;

**Monday October 17 Week 2** - Bring in a spare, clean sock (a plain, unpatterned sock would be best. Share with a friend if you have a spare pair!). During the day students will be given time to write a prayer on their sock and hang it on a clothes line hung in the 3-6 walkway. Parents and teachers are asked to contribute too!

**Friday 21 October Week 2**
- Mufti-day and Crazy Socks Day! Please wear crazy socks!!
- Mass at 9.15am (Led by the SRC)
- Mission Markets 11.30am –12.30pm. Bring your spare change along. Parents and friends welcome!
- View ‘Happy Feet’ at lunch time in the Hall and make a Gold Coin donation.

**Wednesday 26 October** – Jacqui, Julie and School Captains to attend Mission Mass at St Christopher’s Cathedral, Manuka, ACT.

For more information about Socktober and the Catholic Mission please visit:


Let’s sock it to poverty together!

Kind regards

**Julie Valentini**
Religious Education Coordinator

“Be mindful of Your mercy, O Lord...” (Ps 25:6)
Do we find God or does God find us? This is often the dilemma which can confront us when we seek to live our faith in the world, do we reach out to God or does God reach out to us? Living a faithful life is not beyond our reach. It does call us, however, to be consistent and persistent in being open to the promptings of God. Ultimately, this is about becoming a person who is present to the promptings of God. It calls us to become the message we seek to proclaim. We become a living word formed by God. Our lives are called to be sacramental in the way we encounter Jesus Christ in each other. The same reverence we show to Jesus in the reception of the sacraments is called to also be present in the way we receive and listen to others. It also calls us to recognise the importance of scripture as the Living Word. This is not just an add-on to our sacramental encounter with the person of Jesus Christ. When we listen to scripture we learn how to be guided in our lives to become holy and to avoid what diminishes us. This is why we should be as hungry to listen to the Word as we are to receive Eucharist. At the heart of the prayer of the people gathered is the need to listen to that Word and to allow it to be received and proclaimed by our lives.

Fr John Armstrong
Parish Priest of Batemans Bay
Administrator of Moruya
PO Box 3220
Batehaven NSW 2536
02 4472 4153
jarmstrong@cg.org.au

Have you returned your colour run note?

Registration forms for the colour run are due to the front office now. This will help with the ordering of shirts and equipment for the event.

Sponsorship forms can be returned at any time.
Remember we are raising funds to purchase a shade cloth for the primary play equipment.

Students Registration Form: (Please return to School Office by 14 October)

Students Name: ______________________     Class: _________________

I give permission for my child _________________________ to participate in the school colour run Friday 2 December.

____________________                                    _____________
Parent signature                                                  Date

Enclosed $8 for Starter Pack. These will be distributed to students the day before the event.
Dear Parents,

Welcome back to our last term for the year. I hope you had an enjoyable and relaxing break with your family. We have a number of exciting events happening, starting with the Lion King! I encourage you to please regularly check the term calendar. 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=6h9f2klue1hpjrar0p1lmr112g%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. 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: 6h9f2klue1hpjrar0p1lmr112g@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.

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**St Bernard’s Parent Workshop**

**Wednesday 19 October 2016**

**5.30pm in the iCentre**

**Social Media Presentation facilitated by**

**Senior Constable Donna Clarke**

Childcare will be available in the Kindergarten Classroom.

This workshop is designed to eliminate the stress and anxiety that parents can experience when their child/ren are starting to use Social Media. Donna will speak about the implications of cyber bullying and an emphasis will be on supporting your child at home with social media.

We would encourage you to come along with questions.
Birthdays over the holidays and this week


Learning Support News

iRead
Congratulations to our students who completed iRead last term: Alex R, Kaleb D, Seth Q, Isabella H, Alicia H, Rhys B, Isabella J, Oscar K, Hayley N, Finian B, Braiden W and Ben T.

A special morning tea and certificate presentation will be held on Monday 17 October 2016 at 10.30am in the iCentre.

NDIS
Representatives from the NDIS support organisation “Uniting” visited Mrs. Heffernan and myself in the last week of Term 3. If you haven’t already registered online to apply for funding support or you have questions to ask about the NDIS please ring Kimberly Clothier on 0429 076 283 or Debbie Diggins on 0429 210 934.

Brochures are also available at the front office.

The Girl Campaign
TGC presents “Self Lovin” over 4 sessions: 17 November, 24 November, 1 December & 8 December 2016. Sessions will be held at University of Wollongong – Batemans Bay from 4.30pm-6.30pm.

Girls aged 8-12 are invited to attend. Total cost for the 4 sessions is $80.00.

Sessions will empower and educate girls to realise their self worth.

Included in sessions will be educational and inspirational presentations, practical activities, self-esteem and body confidence building resources and light refreshments.

Enquires and bookings please phone Kimberli on 0438 743 479 or info@thegirlcampaign.com

The Girl Campaign workshop
When: Saturday 22 October 2016, 9.00am - 4.00pm
Where: BIG 4 Narooma Easts Holiday Park, 41 Princes Highway Narooma
Cost: $20.00 per person

Girls 10-13 years are invited to attend a one day workshop designed to build resilience and self-confidence.

Join Kimberli Eke, founder of The Girl Campaign in a gorgeous bell tent for a day of fun. Participants will learn to have a greater appreciation for the beautiful girl staring back from the mirror. Kimberli has been running The Girl Campaign for various age groups along the South Coast of NSW.

Bring your hat, swimmers, sunscreen and packed lunch. Payment to be made on the day.

Bookings essential (maximum 20 participants)
For more information or to book your place please contact Zoe Morgan, Coordinator, Community Development and Youth:
T: 02 4474 7470 or E: zoe.morgan@esc.nsw.gov.au
Sharon Beashel, Learning Support/Coordinator
Welcome to Term 4. I hope you all enjoyed a restful break with your families.

Can you believe it is October already! We have some exciting things in the planning stages for PE this term and I look forward to the weather warming up! On that, it is important that all students continue to bring water to drink during PE sessions. I also would like to remind all students that they must have their school hat during PE. Thank you for your cooperation.

**MACKILLOP STATE ATHLETICS**

We wish the very best of luck to Kayden R (Year 5) who is competing at the MacKillop All State Athletics Championships next week in Sydney.

Kayden will be competing in the Junior Boys High Jump competition. This is such an amazing achievement and opportunity for Kayden. Kayden placed second at the MacKillop Trials Athletics Championships last term (as pictured with his medal), which allows him to enter the next competition. Congratulations on your fantastic efforts to reach this level of competition. We look forward to hearing of your results on your return.

**RUGBY LEAGUE SKILLS SESSIONS**

Next week, all classes K-6 will be participating in Rugby League skills sessions during PE classes. These sessions will be facilitated by the local NRL development officer, Tim Del Guzzo. Sessions will be modified to best suit the students. I am sure the students will be excited to participate in the different activities planned.

**NETBALL GALA DAY**

A final call for students (boys and girls) in Years 3 and 4 to participate in a Netball Gala day in early November. Ideally, students should already be playing netball (or have played) and are familiar with the skills and rules of the game. Alternatively, if your child is keen to give it a try or is considering playing competitively next year, please feel free to contact me. So far, I have only had a few parents contact me in regards to this event. A more detailed note will be sent home in the coming week. I’m sure the gala day will be lots of fun.

**NETBALL SKILLS CLINICS**

As part of the Sporting Schools program, St Bernard’s has received some funding to be put towards facilitating Netball clinics for Grades 3-6. These clinics will be taking place later in the term. This will be an exciting opportunity for our students as we have not had the development officers available to conduct the skills sessions until recently. I am currently in the process of booking the sessions. More information will be communicated to you in coming weeks as confirmation comes through.

As you can see, things aren’t slowing down despite getting close to the end of the year. Please feel free to contact me at school if you require any information regarding sporting events or PE this term.

Wishing you a happy week ahead.

Megan Grant
Sports Coordinator

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**IMB BANK WILL BE PRESENT AT OUR FIRST ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK ON FRIDAY 14 OCTOBER 2016 IF YOU WISH TO SET UP AN ACCOUNT FOR YOUR CHILD.**
St Bernard’s Primary School
Batemans Bay
Presents

THURSDAY 3 November 2016
Matinee Performance 1.00pm
Evening Performance 5:30pm

Tickets
$5 per person, $10 per family
*Tickets available for pre purchase at the school office
Tickets also available at the door before each performance*

Music & Lyrics by
Elton John & Tim Rice
Additional Music & Lyrics by
Lebo M, Mark Mancina, Jay Rifkin, and Hans Zimmer
Based on the Broadway production directed by
Julie Traymor

Disney’s The Lion King KIDS is presented through special arrangement with
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**CANTEEEN SPECIAL - WEEK 2**
PASTA CARBONARA $3.50 OR $5.00 MEAL DEAL.

**SCHOOL BANKING NEWS $$$**

Congratulations to the School Banking savers who received the following:

- Lori K (3C) Hunter B (2C) and Chloe H (4M) - Backtrack Eraser Pen.
- Jessica K (S1S) and Keely B (2C) - a Jump and Skip Rope.
- Harry B (KB) and Floyd P (KH) - Intergalactic Rocket.

Wonderful savings!

Also congratulations go to the following students who received a **GOLD Certificate** go to: Erica S (KB). Fantastic!

In Term 4, two new rewards have become available to redeem:

- Bush Fly Fan
- Wriggly Glow Worm

**P & F NEWS**

Welcome back to Term 4. I hope everyone had a fun and safe holiday. I know it went too fast for us.

This term is a very exciting one. We have the colour run on 2 December. The children are very excited about this and so am I. If you haven’t already handed in your permission form please do so as we need to order t-shirts so that they can be worn on the day. We are also looking for parents/carer helpers to come and assist us in making the children as colourful as we can. If you are able to help please contact the front office and let them know. All money raised is going towards a much needed sun shade for the Senior play ground.

Thursday 25 October is our P&F meeting from 7.00pm in the Board Room down from the front office. Please feel free to come along. It’s a great way to meet other parents/carers.

Monday 28 November is our P&F social dinner. We welcome anyone to come and celebrate the wonderful year we have had.

On Thursday 1 December we have our school disco.

Have a wonderful weekend
Tori Vincent
St Bernards P & F President
Batemans Bay Rugby Union

4 week “Twilight Rugby 10-a-side 2016”

**Friday evenings** - Under 10’s, 12’s, 14’s & 16’s & girls

Hanging Rock Oval, Batemans Bay       **Time:**  5.30pm – 8.00pm

**Dates:**    Friday 14, 21 & 28 October & 4 November 2016

**Cost:**   Only $10 per player if not already ARU 2016 registered

**Teams:**    Milton, Braidwood, Batemans Bay, Broulee, Narooma

**Registration of teams:** by Monday 10 October 2016

**Contact:**    Peter Ryan 0409 470 295 or Ronnie Collier 0408 247 644 or email rugbymail@bigpond.com. New players are welcome to come & try.

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**ART CENTRAL AFTER SCHOOL CLASSES**

**Tuesdays 11 October – 13 December 2016**

All classes cost $15.00 per child

All classes 3.30pm to 5.00pm.

24 Church Street, Moruya on Riverside Park.

Entertaining and educational art play with Monica. Explorative play with colour, texture, line and mixed media.

Please phone 4474 3123 or email artcentral@artcentral.org.au to make a booking.

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**Marist College North Shore Concert Band Music Performance**

**Where:**    St Bernard’s Primary School Hall

**When:**    Wednesday 26 October at 2.00pm

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**BARRA TENNIS @ Batemans Bay**

**Pleasurelea Caravan Park, Sunshine Bay**

We are currently taking bookings for tennis lessons for Term 4. For enquiries or bookings please contact Brad on 0434 474 468 or email barratennis1@gmail.com
**Eurobodalla skate park competition**

- Scooter
- BMX
- Skate

- All ages
- Free entry
- Massive prizes
- Live DJ music

12pm-4pm at your skate park:

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