

School Newsletter

Term Three | Week Five

2020



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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

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Due to social distancing, please call the Parish Office 9456 2450 to reserve a seat at Mass.

From the Principal

*We stay at work for you,
you stay at home for us.*

#StayHomeStaySafe



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thanks to everyone who has taken part in our 'thank you' today to our health care workers. The children and teachers looked amazing and we have managed to raise \$296.00 between our staff and students.

So I think it has been a 'St Bernard's Day,' well spent. I am so proud of the efforts the students made today and their truly creative efforts to say thank you. A selection of 'thank you's' will be posted on to Hornsby Hospital, our local aged care homes, Hornsby Police and Hornsby Fire Service this afternoon. Hopefully the messages from the children make them smile.

Carys M. and Ava D, the organisers of our special day, collected the gold coins today and then judged the friendly competition to win the St Bernard's Day prizes.

Below are our lucky winners with their prizes. All the money from today's fundraiser will be donated to 'B you' the children and adolescent arm of 'Beyond Blue'

Covid 19 Updates

There have been several updates this week through Compass on the tighter restrictions that have been put in place. General guidelines around sickness have also been tightened. Below are the guidelines around sickness and respiratory symptoms from the government.

'Staff and students who suspect they may have COVID-19 must not return to school or work until they return a negative COVID-19 result and are symptom-free. **Schools must sight the negative COVID-19 test result.**'

We have been sending all students and teachers home who display symptoms since the start of March and have kept a register to that end - now I must ask that we sight the negative result in line with the current restrictions.

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Our St Bernard's Day Winners



Year 4



Year 5



Year 2



Kindergarten



P & F news

As we are now in Term 3, normally I would be scheduling our 3rd P&F meeting of the year and preparing for disco, trivia night and the end of year functions. It has certainly been a year like no other.

Last term your child took home a small gift from what was supposed to be the Mother's Day stall. The wonderful Vicki Lewthwaite (Tyler, Year 6) had already purchased the perishable chocolates prior to COVID, so we sent these home to the amazing mothers and carers of our beautiful children here at St Bernard's as a small gift from the P&F. A special thank you to Vicki as I know how much she has enjoyed running this stall for the last few years.

I am sure you are aware that this year has certainly been a unique one. Sadly, this means that all events which the P&F generally coordinate with the class parents have been cancelled due to the risks involved. In addition to the P&F meetings, these events include:

Both Mother's and Father's Day Stalls
 Student Disco
 Parents Trivia Night
 International Teacher's Day Luncheon
 Pop up café at the musical
 Cake Stalls
 End of year BBQ



As a result of the cancellations of these events, we were unable to use the left-over soft drink from the fete. To avoid these being wasted and after discussions with Gill and the P&F Executive, we donated over 500 cans of drink to Vinnies Hornsby for their family hampers during the recent school holidays. These were well received and a luxury item for families in need.

Until we can be together as a school community once more, please stay safe and follow the guidelines of NSW Health. I know that many of you are disappointed that we can't host these events, but I am sure once this is over, they will be back bigger and better than ever.

Take care of yourselves, and each other.

Melanie Lord.
 St Bernard's P&F



From the REC (Jackie Tod)



There are those who seek knowledge for the sake of knowledge - that is curiosity.

There are those who seek knowledge to be known by others - that is vanity.

There are those who seek knowledge in order to serve - that is love."

St. Bernard of Clairvaux

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St Bernard's Day

This year for St Bernard's Day, Year 6 celebrated Mass with Father Shaju in the school hall and all other classes joined via Google Meet. As Ethan read in the Welcome to the Mass, "today we gather under different circumstances, but with the same unity and commitment to love and trust in God, like Saint Bernard did."



Dates for Term 3:	
Friday 4th September	Father's Day Prayer
Tuesday 15th September	The Dish

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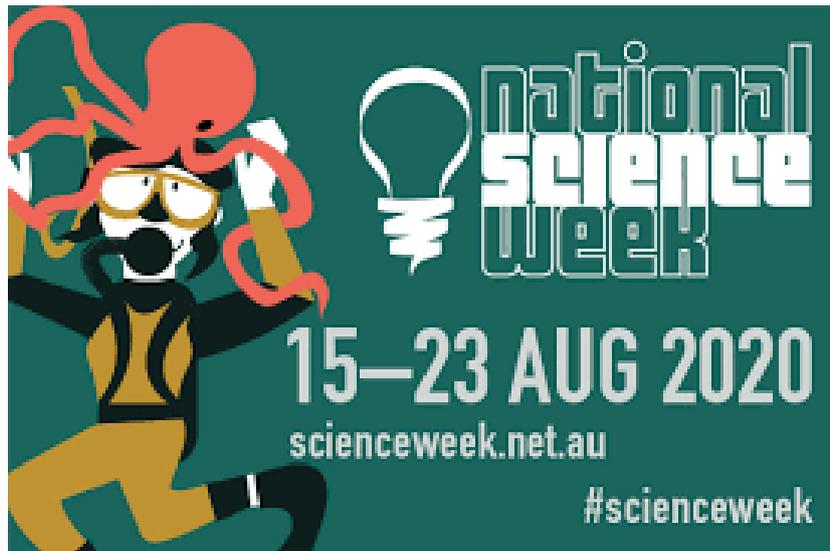
From the AP (Anne-Marie Hutchins)

NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK

National Science Week is Australia's annual celebration of science and technology. We believe that this year, more than any other, it is important to recognise the work done on our behalf by scientists, medical researchers, and health professionals, as well as the meteorologists, bushfire propagation mathematicians and others who helped the fire fighting authorities to combat the recent devastating bushfires.

The new Science and Technology Syllabus states:

Through studying Science and Technology students explore scientific and technological concepts and gain knowledge and understanding of the world. They develop skills in conducting scientific investigations and designing and producing solutions through learning about the Living World, Material World, Physical World, Earth and Space, and Digital Technologies.



WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO STUDY SCIENCE?

- **The scientific method fosters thinking skills-** It's where you start with an idea, create a concrete way to prove or disprove your idea, and objectively show what you learned.
- **Science feeds a natural love for learning-** Children are inquisitive explorers by nature and science offers lots to explore. Because much of science is hands-on, it appeals readily to most children.
- **Science opens doors to many disciplines-** Building an aptitude for science can be helpful in other areas of study.
- **Science prepares for the future-** As we prepare the next generation of consumers, voters, creators, and policy makers it is critical to ensure they are not only comfortable but adept in science.

From the classroom (Year 3)

Year 3 have been learning about solids, liquids and gases, their properties and how these materials react when heated and cooled.

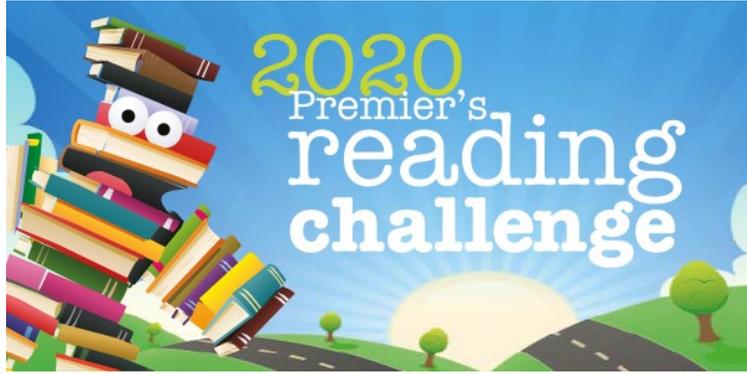
This week they have investigated materials through an iPad microscope and were amazed at what they saw.

They also predicted and investigated how long it takes for different sizes of ice to melt.

Some of the ice took all day to melt!



What's been happening in **the learning hub?**



Congratulations to the following children who have joined the list of students to have completed the PRC at St Bernard's:

- Kindergarten:** Olivia B. Annie T.
- Year 1:** Thomas F-T. Daniel Mc. Ronan O. Tristan P.
- Year 2:** Riley T.
- Year 2:** Sophia C. Ava D. Sienna F-T. Elise Mc. Archie T.
- Year 4:** Robyn O. Harry T.
- Year 6:** Max J.



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DON'T FORGET!

Book Club

orders are due:
Thursday 10th September

Book Club LOOP

for Parents

LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club
Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for parents.
To order and pay for Scholastic Book Club by credit card visit:
www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP

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Gallery St Bernard's Day



Year 4



Year 5



“Professionals”



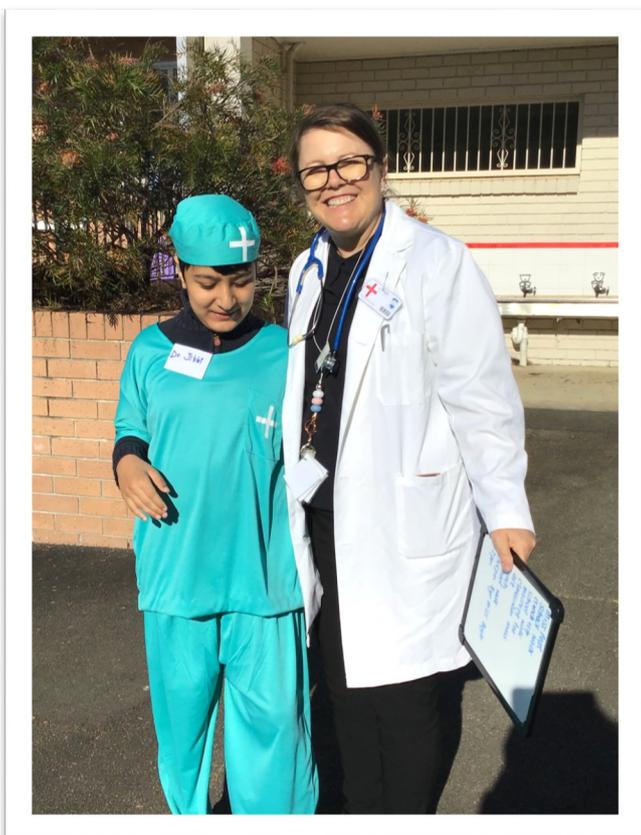
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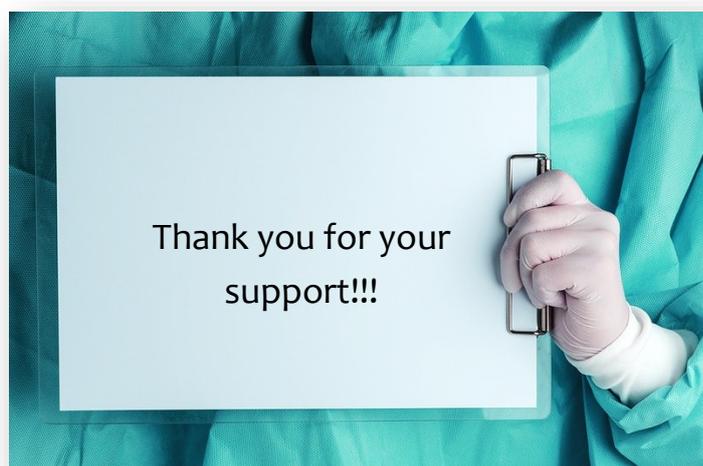
Kindergarten



Year 1



“Frontliners”



Events

For upcoming events, please refer to the Google Calendar on the News and Events page of the school website:

<https://www.sbbdbb.catholic.edu.au/news-events/google-calendar/>



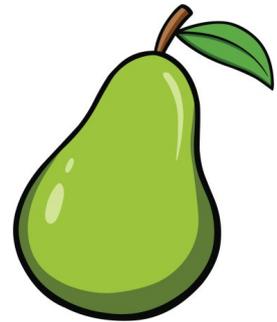
Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop is open on selected Fridays from 8.30—9.30. To order please use the QKR app.

Canteen

Lunch orders on Wednesday and Friday only.

To order please use the QKR app.



Community

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

School photos have been rescheduled to **Thursday 17th September**.

Full winter uniform is to be worn on this day, NOT sports uniform.

Photo envelopes will be sent home today.

Please order online and return the envelope to the school office.

