

School Newsletter

Term Four | Week Three

2020



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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

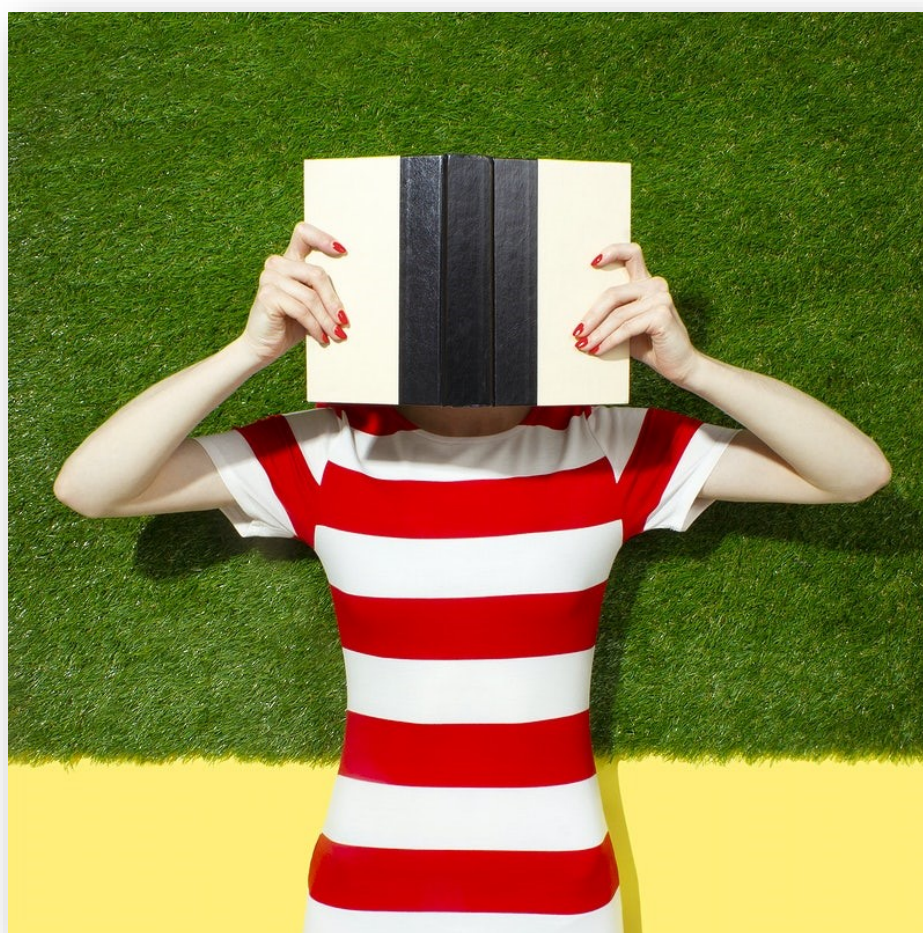
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Due to social distancing, please call the Parish Office 9456 2450 to reserve a seat at Mass.

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet, the Guringai people,
and recognise their continuing connection to land, water and community.
We pay respect to Elders past, present and emerging.

From the Principal



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a busy start to the term, with book week celebrations and our storytime zooms with grandparents. Friday was a lovely day and it was beautiful to have some grandparents from overseas join us. There has certainly been a buzz and excitement around the school which has been very pleasant.

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The excitement continues next week as we welcome our Kindergarten children for 2021 for the first of two “Transition to school” sessions. Transition is being done a little differently this year, with extra precautions being taken due to the pandemic. Rest assured we are following NSW Health and NSW Government regulations on the running of a safe Covid transition and are determined that our new children will still receive a very special St Bernard’s welcome. A special thank you too to Sam Conyngham who joined us in the Kinder parent information session via zoom on Wednesday evening. Sam spoke to our new parents about the value of the P&F and the benefits of getting involved. Clearly this year has been exceptional, but one day things will get back to normal and we will be able to enjoy school events again as a community.

Dates for the Diary

Planning is already underway for next year and I would just like to flag a few important dates with you. As you know we usually begin a new school year with a maths assessment day. This will again be the case for 2021. Below are dates for the first weeks of school that may be useful;

Wednesday 27th January 2021	Staff Development Day
Thursday 28th January 2021	Maths Assessment Day Years 1 - 6
Thursday 28th January 2021	Kindergarten Best Start Assessments
Friday 29th January 2021	Kindergarten Best Start Assessments
Friday 29th January 2021	First full day at school Years 1 - 6
Monday 1st February 2021	Kindergarten first day of school

Closer to the end of term you will be asked to select a time for your child / children to attend their maths assessment on Thursday 28th January. This assessment gives us important information about your child's mathematical understanding and allows teachers to plan accordingly.

Please have a wonderful weekend and perhaps offer a prayer of thanks that our friends in Victoria can finally emerge from lock down. They have done extremely well and we should congratulate their efforts. Please also remember all those in other parts of the world who continue to live under severe restrictions and are separated in difficult times from their loved ones.

Please take care and God Bless
Gill Austin



From the REC (Jackie Tod)

Catholic Mission Fundraiser

Thank you so much for all of your support and donations last Friday for our Catholic Mission Fundraiser. What a wonderful day we had and it was even more fabulous that we could share this time with our grandparents. We had grandparents joining us from all over the world...England...Spain...Portugal...just to name a few. The children were so pleased and excited to be able to connect with their beautiful grandparents.

The St Bernard's Students donated over 200 pairs of socks that will be taken to The Dish in Hornsby and when the money was added to the Year 5 craft stall from last term we raised \$436 for Catholic Mission. What an amazing effort! Well done and thank you so much!



Remembrance Day

On Wednesday 11th November, children will join with their class in a Remembrance Day Liturgy and lesson. On Remembrance Day we reflect on the sacrifice of people who have died fighting for their countries during times of war.

Date changes

Dear Parents, please note the date changes of the Year 6 Graduation Mass and the End of Year Mass. These events will look slightly different to normal but will still be just as much of a celebration as usual. Further detail will be given closer to the dates.

Dates for Term 4

Wednesday 11th November	Remembrance Day Prayer
Tuesday 17th November	The Dish
Friday 11th December	Andrew Chinn Workshops and Christmas Concert
Wednesday 16th December	Year 6 Graduation Mass
Friday 18th December	End of Year Mass



From the AP (Anne-Marie Hutchins)

STUDENT, PARENT AND TEACHER SURVEY

TTFM- Tell Them From Me

In the coming two weeks we are inviting the teachers, parents and Year 4-6 students to provide feedback on their experience of our school using an online survey. The surveys are an important part of our whole school evaluation and planning process. This will be the third year in which we have participated and used this tool for future planning. We will also be able to compare the data from the past three years to pinpoint the effects of changes and improvements made. All surveys are anonymous and are concurrently being used by all schools in our Broken Bay Diocese. The Year 4, 5 and 6 students and all classroom teachers will be completing their surveys at school using randomly produced usernames and passwords.

We would like to invite all parents to complete the *Tell Them From Me (TTFM)* Partners in Learning survey. As we value the role of parents and carers within our school community, we would greatly appreciate your feedback. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at St Bernard's.

The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. You are able to access the parent survey on your computer or mobile device by using the URL below:

<http://tellthemfromme.com/wp3qs>

Thank you for your support.

Anne-Marie Hutchins



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

What a week!

BOOK WEEK 'CURIOUS CREATURES, WILD MINDS'

MAGIC SHOW

'Books are Magic' Show performed by the Magician Joel Hewlett was a great start to our Book Week and was greatly enjoyed by all students. The show was designed to teach children the joys of reading and the adventures that await them in the pages of a book. There were many laughs and surprised looks from the children including the star appearance of a cute white rabbit.

BOOK FAIR

Thank you to all the students and families that purchased items from our Book Fair that ran for a week. It was wonderful to see children get so excited about books. A special thank you to the families that made donations towards the purchase of books for the Hub. With the commission made from the sales we will further supplement books requested by teachers to support reading groups in the classrooms. There are many items from the Book Fair that are on backorder so be assured these items will arrive but we ask for your patience as delivery could take a couple of weeks before they arrive at school. As soon as they arrive they will be distributed. Enjoy reading your new books!



ART COMPETITION

The Year 6 Hub Leaders, Suzie, Ethan, Oscar and Claire organised and promoted an Art competition based on the Book Week theme 'Curious Creatures, Wild Minds'. Students were asked to design a 2D or 3D representation of a curious creature using any medium: paint, draw, sculpt, build etc. There were many interesting and creative entries coming in during the week for display in the Hub. The Hub leaders helped to judge and choose the prize winners. Congratulations to Reve (Early Stage), Layla and Jack R (Stage One), Tahlia and Henry N (Stage Two), Lilly and Alex (Stage Three) for winning the competition for their stages.



STORYTIME WITH GRANDPARENTS

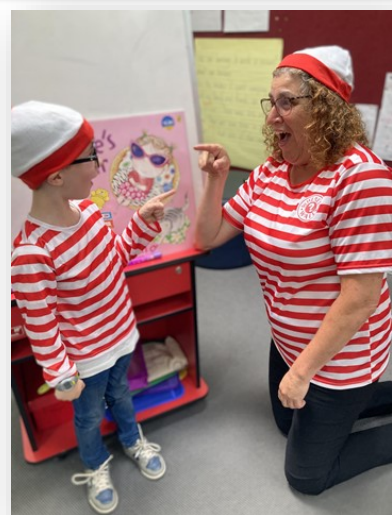
We found a way to connect with our grandparents both near and far, even during these difficult times. We shared some of our learning and book week tasks with our grandparents as well as taking the opportunity to share stories from the shortlisted books via the zoom platform. It was wonderful to see the smiles on our grandparents as children paraded in their costumes in their classrooms or shared their work. The children were so excited to see their grandparent's reactions and give them a virtual wave.





DRESS UP DAY

Our week ended with a day of dressing up as either a book character or a 'curious creature' or a 'wild mind'. Children and staff enjoyed the fun of their creative outfits and sharing their characters with their class. A special thank you to our wonderful parents for their creativity and support in having the children look fantastic!



St Bernard's Award Nominees

What is the award?

The St Bernard's award is awarded to students who 'go above and beyond' in regards to following our PBL rules or displaying our school values.

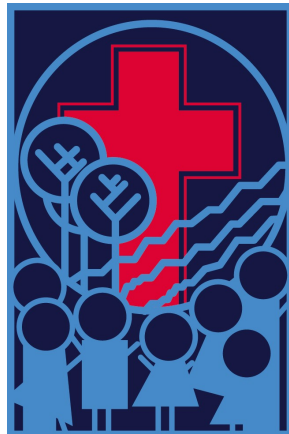
How often is it awarded?

It is awarded twice a year. One student in infants (K-2) and one student in primary (3-6) will receive the award.

Nominations so far for semester 2, 2020:

Infants

Students Name	Reason for nomination
Lachlan (Year 1)	Lachlan is an outstanding member of our school community. He continually shows the PBL rules and show goes above and beyond to care for others.
Elouise (Year 1)	Elouise continually goes above and beyond all PBL rules. She is a courteous learner and strives for excellence in all school endeavours.
Thomas (Year 1)	Thomas has had an exceptional start to the second semester demonstrating PBL rules and ensuring he is striving for excellence. He is a wonderful part of our school community.
Martha (Year 1)	Martha is kind, caring and considerate to all students. She is a wonderful member of our school community who lets her light shine each and every day.
Olivia (Kindergarten)	Olivia is growing in confidence as a learning and is always striving to do the best and be the best she can.
Finnigan (Kindergarten)	Finn loves learning and helping others to learn. He consistently follows the PBL rules.
Liam (Kindergarten)	Liam is growing in confidence as an independent learner who gives 100% to his learning. He consistently follows the PBL rules.



Primary

Name	Reason for nomination
Ava D (Year 3)	Ava is always ready to learn and is in the right place at the right time.
Zane (Year 3)	Zane is a quiet achiever who always lets others learn. He always follows our school rules.
Kyrah (Year 5)	Kyrah has had such an incredible year of respectfully following all our schools PBL rules, she has been so inclusive of others and been an excellent role model to all. Well done Kyrah!
Luka (Year 5)	Luka tries very hard to do his best in following our school PBL rules.
Ava P (Year 3)	Ava tries hard to succeed in all that she does and is always in the right place at the right time.
Katya (Year 3)	Katya is a quiet achiever, always giving her best efforts to produce quality learning.
Sophia (Year 3)	Sophia always gives her best efforts in her learning and is a caring friend.
Tom (Year 5)	Tom is a kind and caring student of St Bernard's Catholic school. He is always following each of our PBL rules and makes sure others are doing so in the process.
Jack (Year 3)	Jack consistently does his best in all his learning and is a good classroom role model.
Mia (Year 5)	Mia is a respectful and positive member of our St Bernard's community. She makes sure others follow our PBL rules by modelling them to all grades.
Ella (Year 5)	Ella is a prime example of someone who follows all PBL rules in Year 5.
Bailey (Year 5)	Bailey is a student who always tries his best in everything he does, including following our PBL rules.
Verity (Year 4)	Verity is a pleasure to speak with in the classroom and shows respect to self and others. Her happiness brings copious amounts of joy to our school community.

