

# Newsletter



Issue # 7

Term 4

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Dear Parents

As we commence our first week of Advent this Sunday, we prepare for the celebration of Christ's birth through prayer and reflection. We are reminded to slow down and focus on the Christmas message of Hope, Love, Joy and Peace. At the 6.00pm Mass on Saturday, I will be lighting the first Advent candle as a sign of hope and I would love for some students to join me.



### Thank you

What a wonderful time our school community had at Lollapalooza last Friday. The Pesca stall was busy and attracted much interest! Special thanks to our P&F President, Tori Vincent and our wonderful Jeni McCarthy for their tireless coordination. Their passion and enthusiasm is infectious! Thank you to the many parents who assisted on the night and during the day transporting goods. Your support did not go unnoticed. Our Year 4 students also performed beautifully, singing "We are Australian" and Chanel confidently led the Welcome to Country with Trish Ellis. Also to our amazing staff, thank you for everything you do! It was certainly a team effort and I am sure you would agree with me in saying, a fun night was enjoyed by all!

### Staffing Update

Interviews for all positions are now complete. These took place this week. I am confident I will be able to announce details by the end of the week. We have been allocated 15 classes overall and it is the task of the Executive to best plan for the 2020 school year within these parameters. The configuration of classes next year is as follows:

- 2 x Kindergarten classes
- 2 x Year 1 classes
- 1 x Stage 1 class (multi-age group consisting of Year 1 and Year 2 students combined)
- 2 x Year 2 classes
- 2 x Year 3 classes
- 2 x Year 4 classes
- 2 x Year 5 classes
- 2 x Year 6 classes

We always aim to keep our K-2 classes as small as possible because as you well know, the children aren't as independent. Once the children begin in the Primary, they are gaining more confidence and capacity. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

### First Lego League Competition

Congratulations to Archie C, Ava J, Matthew J, Finn W, Reis G, Isabella J and Jade B who competed at the Robotics Competition a week ago. The "Roboticus" Team came third and won the judge's award. Thank you to Mrs Burtenshaw for supporting the students in preparing them for the competition. The students have loved being part of this experience.



### P&F Christmas Gathering

The P&F have organised a social Christmas gathering this evening commencing at 5.30pm at Corrigans Cove. Please come along and enjoy the company of our community members. Tickets are \$20. It's an opportunity to relax and celebrate the upcoming festive season.

Enjoy your week ahead.

Johanna Wain  
Principal

## What's on

### Weekend Masses

Vigil Mass:

Saturday: 6.00pm

Sunday: 9.00am

Sunday: 5.00pm

### Week 8

#### Monday 2 December

Archdiocesan Finalists

Public Speaking at

Probus

Launch of the Eurobodalla

Environmental Calendar

#### Tuesday 3 December

Year 5 Sports Day

@ Carroll College

#### Wednesday 4 December

2020 SRC 2020 Speeches

9.00am-10.00am

2020 House Captain

Speeches 11.15am-12.15pm

#### Thursday 5 December

Northside Preschool

Visit 9.30am-10.30am

#### Friday 6 December

2S, 2H & SIS Assembly

Enrichment Program

@Carroll College

11.30am-1.00pm

## Birthdays

Happy Birthday to our students who will celebrate their birthday in the coming week:

Lily P.

Paige L.



# Parish News



## *ADVENT: A Time of Waiting in Hope*

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e live in seasons: from spring to summer and from autumn to winter.

Each season remains vital to life and living. In the church, we celebrate different seasons as well: from Advent to Christmas and from Lent to Easter, with some intermittent periods called the Ordinary Time. Each of these seasons add flavour to our faith and our faith journey.

Once again, a warm welcome to a new season and a new beginning. For us in this part of world, it's summer. For the Church, it's a New Year (Year A), ushered in by the season of Advent.

Advent is a season observed in many Christian churches as a time of expectation, waiting and preparation for the celebration of the nativity of Jesus at Christmas. In summary Christ is the reason for the season.

In the Catholic Church, the season consists of four weeks. The four weeks are divided into two parts: Part I commences with the first Sunday of Advent to 16<sup>th</sup> December and part II begins on the 17<sup>th</sup> and ends 24<sup>th</sup> December. This is designed to enable adequate spiritual preparation for Christmas.

At Christmas, we celebrate not only the birth anniversary of Jesus, but we also anticipate his second coming in glory, so we wait in hope.

As a season of preparation and waiting, St. Matthew invites us to be vigilant as we await in hope for the gratuitous hospitality of God towards humanity.

*Fr Martins*

**ANNUAL PARISH CHRISTMAS MORNING TEA:** To say thank you to our wonderful parishioners, there will be a breakfast/morning tea Sunday 8 December after the 9.00am Mass. Bacon and egg rolls, sausage sandwiches, cakes, tea and coffee. Come and help say "*Thank you*". **All are welcome.** Volunteers are needed to help cook and serve the BBQ. See Bernie or ring 0428 227 384.

**The child safeguard training session to be held at the Parish on Friday 6 December is coming up. Everyone is encouraged to come along. The sessions are designed to discuss safe people and safe places with a focus on working with vulnerable people. Please let us know if you wish to attend as soon as possible.**

## Religious Education News

**YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND OUR CHRISTMAS CAROLS & NATIVITY  
SCENE**



**IN ST. BERNARD'S PARISH CHURCH  
MONDAY 16 DECEMBER STARTING AT 5PM**

Each Grade will present a Christmas Carol  
&

Kindergarten will present The Nativity Story  
**Christmas Giving donations for  
St. Vincent de Paul**  
will take place during the Carols

### **DONATIONS FOR FOOD HAMPERS**

- **Non perishable food items that are not due to expire for 6 months**

### **DONATIONS OF GIFTS & TOYS**

- **Wrapping paper and gift bags for donations of toys and gifts**
- **Only new items still in packaging can be gifted.**

Hampers are received by individuals and families in your local community who have been recently visited by Conference volunteers from the St Vincent de Paul Society.

**Non perishable food items can be dropped into classrooms or the school office at any time.**

**Thank you in advance for your generous support of this annual Christmas Giving appeal.**

Sharon Beashel REC

# Assistant Principal News

Dear Parents

I'm sure you would agree that Lollapalooza was an extraordinarily successful community building event. Thank you to everyone for supporting this inaugural event through your attendance or volunteering your time in some way.

## Sea Country Excursion

Year 5 students will be walking to Casey's Beach tomorrow to take part in an excursion facilitated by Fisheries NSW and Sea Country Rangers, with the focus on building cultural knowledge related to the Batemans Marine Park environment. The students will be involved in hands-on activities and demonstrations relating to the topics sea tucker, traditional harvesting methods, middens, artworks and ceremonies. We thank the Sea Country Rangers for offering this experience.



## K-12 Pathway Sports Day

On Tuesday 3 December the Year 5 students will make their way to Carroll College to take part in a combined sports day with St Mary's students. The aim of the day is to have lots of fun together while being introduced to the College environment. Mr Brady and the Physical Education teachers will be co-ordinating the day.

## Year 7 Orientation Day

Tomorrow students from Year 6 will be travelling to Carroll College as the Year 7 class of 2020 to take part in a range of learning experiences. While students will be making their way there, they will be greeted by Mrs Burtenshaw, Mrs Ireland and Mrs Coulter to make sure that everyone is settled in and ready for the activities provided.

## ICAS Competition

Next Friday 6 December we will be holding our final Awards Assembly for the year. At this assembly the final ICAS competition certificates will be presented.

## Leadership Speeches

Next Wednesday 4 December students from Year 5 will have the opportunity to present a speech to state why they would like to be elected to the Student Representative Council or House Captain team in 2020. We look forward to the opportunity of hearing these speeches and choosing our school leadership team for next year.

Times and locations for the speeches are:

*SRC Speeches will be held at 9.00am in the Hall*

*House Captain Speeches for Lourdes - 11.15am in 4M*

*House Captain Speeches for Tenison - 11.15am in 5H*

*House Captain Speeches for Clairvaux - 11.15am in 3M*

*House Captain Speeches for MacKillop -11.15am in iCentre*

## Stockland Mall Christmas Performance

On Tuesday 10 December St Bernard's will perform at the Village Centre, Stockland Mall on the main stage at 11.30am. Year 4 will sing 'We Are Australian' in Dhurga and Year 2 and Stage S1S will sing songs from their upcoming Assembly and a range of Christmas Carols. Students from Dee Farnell's singing lessons will also perform. Please mark this date in your calendar to support our students who will be showcasing their singing talent.

I hope that you enjoy a relaxing weekend.

*Karen Hadley*

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# Year 1 News

Year One have been enjoying learning about Australia. Throughout our study of Australia we have learnt about States and Territories, famous landmarks, Indigenous cultures and celebrations. We have incorporated Art into our inquiry learning about Australia.



Spring Blossom



Uluru



Sydney Opera House

NYE Fireworks



Mr Chicken



# Sports News

## St Bernard's Swimming Program

Congratulations to our fantastic students on their amazing swimming this week. The instructors, teachers and I are extremely proud of the improvement in strength, skill and stamina shown by our students. Here are some photos of the fun.





# Sports News



# School News

## BEE A SUPER SAVER

School Banking is back for Term 4.

Power up your savings with regular deposits on school banking day.

Your school banking day is

**Wednesday**

Remember, every 10 deposits earns a free gift\*, like these eye-catching Zoo-laces.



For Buzzy's savings tips, worksheets and other fun activities, visit the beehive [imb.com.au/beehive](http://imb.com.au/beehive)  
Don't have an account for school banking? Visit IMB Bank Batemans Bay, 21 Orient Street. Ph 4478 4400.



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## Beeswax Wrap

Let's reduce the plastic used in lunchboxes. Have you thought about using beeswax wraps? Made from 100% cotton and beeswax. Wrap a sandwich, cheese, produce, and cover a bowl.

**Reusable:** Wash with cool water and gentle soap, and reuse.

To order please return the form below and return to the Front Office or order through QKR.

Student \_\_\_\_\_

Class \_\_\_\_\_

Large Wraps 32cm x 32cm \$4.00 each  
(Sandwiches, small bowls)

Small Wraps 20cm x 25cm \$3.00 each  
(Lunchbox snacks)

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### COMMONWEALTH BANK STUDENT BANKING

Congratulations to the following students:

Erica S 3W - Bronze Certificate

Elyssa W 3W - Silver Certificate

Well Done!

Last day to order rewards for this year is  
Wednesday 4 December



School Banking