

Newsletter



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Blessings for Advent

HOPE • PEACE • LOVE • JOY



Dear Parents,

We continue to keep the families, friends and our broader community in our prayers who have been affected by the bush fires. We also thank the firefighters and emergency workers who have been working tirelessly to keep our community safe. On the first weekend of Advent, Pope Francis said "our expectant waiting for Jesus requires vigilance in the form of *marvelling at God's action and at His surprises. Vigilance means "paying attention to our neighbour in difficulty and allowing their need to draw us in, without waiting for him or her to ask us for help". Our giving tree at school, is one way we can help those less fortunate. We will be presenting all gifts to St Vincent de Paul next Monday at our Carols evening.*

It is certainly a special time of year! There is excitement in the air as the students are preparing for Christmas and finishing up the 2019 school year. As I look back on the year, I can see how much has been achieved and how the students have grown in confidence and maturity. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers for their support and wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy holiday. This will be our final newsletter for 2019. I would like to congratulate and thank the Staff of St Bernard's for their dedication to teaching and learning and their care for all students. We have an incredible team who are continually growing and learning together to provide the best for our children. I feel very privileged to be a part of the St Bernard's community. On behalf of the school community I thank Mr Hornby for his contributions to St Bernard's and wish him all the very best in Canberra.

Talent Quest

Thank you to the 2019 SRC and Mrs McRae and Mrs Socha for their organisation of the **Talent Quest**. This will be held on Tuesday 17 December 2019 commencing at 9.15am. I would like to acknowledge the work of the SRC and House Captains this year. They have done everything asked of them and have done it very well.

Term 1 2020 School Dates

To begin the 2020 school year, the staff from St Mary's Primary School, Moruya, Carroll College and St Bernard's will come together to complete the last two modules of the Berry Street Training. The dates for Term 1 are as follows:

Tuesday 28 January 2020: Berry Street Education Model Training Part 2 (Stamina & Engagement)

Wednesday 29 January 2020: Berry Street Education Model Training Part 2 (Character)

Thursday 30 January 2020: Staff Planning Day (Pupil Free)

Friday 31 January 2020: Years 1-6 Students commence

Thursday 6 February: Kindergarten Students commence

May the Spirit of Christmas bring you peace and hope. I look forward to working with you next year.

Johanna Wain
Principal

What's on

Weekend Masses

Vigil Mass:

Saturday: 6.00pm

Sunday: 9.00am

Sunday: 5.00pm

Week 10

Monday 16 December

Carols and Nativity

Scene @

St Bernard's Church

5.00pm-6.00pm

Tuesday 17 December

Talent Quest

9.15am

Wednesday 18 December

Year 6

Big Day Out

Final Day 2019

Birthdays

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

Bronte E.

Caprii R.

Bill E.

Summer H.

Cale P.



YOUR K-12 CATHOLIC SCHOOL PATHWAY
CARROLL COLLEGE BELLFIELD | ST BERNARD'S PRIMARY SCHOOL BATEMANS BAY | ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL MORUYA

Parish News



This weekend marks the end of the first part of the advent season, counting from the first Sunday of advent to 16th December, ushering us into the second part with the celebration of Gaudete Sunday (Rejoice Sunday). During this weekend, we light the rose-coloured candle at mass to lighten the mood as we cross the mid-point

between the start of the season and the joy that comes with the anticipation of the celebration of Christmas.

Advent is a season with rhythm. This can be seen in the organisation of the liturgy and the symbolic rituals. Central to this rhythm is the Word.

In the first weekend, St. Matthew in the text of the Gospel, presented the image of the rapture with the example of the flood at Noah's time, the men in the fields and the women on the millstone, urging all to stay awake. This fire-alarm approach is meant to create spiritual anxiety. To calm the anxiety, the second weekend offered a voice; a voice crying in the wilderness: *prepare the way of the Lord...*

In this third weekend, John from the prison, sent his disciples to confirm if, Jesus is truly the awaited messiah. Jesus responded with a list of testimonies: the blind sees, the lame walks, lepers are cleansed, the dumb speaks, the dead rises, and the poor hears the good news. As we journey through this advent season, may we encounter with joy the Word made flesh, who liberates.

Fr. Martins

PPC Report 28th November 2019

- The Parish welcomes Seminarian Eden Langlands on Pastoral Placement.
- We encourage ongoing prayer for rain and wish to canvass for material support for those impacted by the fires.
- Pope Francis in '*apperuit illis*' introduces the Word of God Sunday to be celebrated on the 3rd Sunday in January (19th 01. 2020
- The parish is thankful to Phil Billington and all those who participated in the Phase 2 of the Plenary sessions in the parish in the month of November.
- The 2020 Parish Diary is in the making. Please contact the office for queries.
- Monday 16th Dec. 5pm Christmas carols and gift giving at the church.
- From Carroll College: Year 11 retreat at Nowra completed; Student leadership team met in Tuross, and keen on issues of charity and Mental Health, with Mo-vement raising \$1200 for mental health along with St V de P Christmas appeal. 500 children enrolled next year and Monday 2nd Dec Orientation day for 100 year 7 enrollees organised
- Pastoral Care – A successful year with so many visitations. Thanks to Marie Weatherall and the team members.
- Parish Pilgrimage 2020/21-Interested people, please, contact the office.
- The PPC wish to thank all parishioners for their generosity throughout the year, especially with contributions and support for the new overhead screens.

STAMPS FOR MISSION 2019

Your stamps this year have raised \$65000!!!!

On behalf of Mary MacKillop Today, we thank all those people who have assisted in supplying used stamps. From 2001 until now, the total raised has been \$378,000. It is through your efforts that the legacy of Saint Mary MacKillop Today continues in Peru.

THANKYOU ALL!!

Religious Education News

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A

The Sunday's reading from Matthew's Gospel (11:2-11) continues to build on the Advent themes of anticipation, preparedness and hope. As we draw closer to the celebration of the Nativity, this reading is confirmation that our hope is not misplaced. It emphasises the joy that lies in the anticipation and expectation of what is coming.



We pray that in this season of Advent -

That Nations suffering from war will become peaceful places for their people.

That those who are sick may find strength in God.

That the poor, the homeless and the hungry will be helped by others who show God's love

That those displaced from their homes during fires will find peace

That farmers and those that live on the land will remain strong and resilient in this time of drought

That all of us may remember to live our lives as Jesus showed us.

December Dates to Remember

Friday 13 December – Year 6 Graduation Mass, candle Ceremony & Prize Giving in St. Bernard's Church 9.15am

Monday 16 December – Christmas Carols with Nativity scene & St Vincent de Paul Christmas Giving Tree. St Bernard's Church 5pm

Tuesday 24 December – Christmas Eve Children's Mass 6pm. Children's Nativity and Christmas Carols included as part of the Mass.

Christmas Eve Children's Mass 6pm

Practice Sessions for Christmas Eve Children's Mass will be held in St Bernard's Church on **Monday December 23rd**.

Musicians will practice from 3.00 pm

Readers and children in the Offertory and Nativity processions will be needed from 3.30-4.30pm

A note regarding the Christmas Mass will be sent home tomorrow.

Wishing you a happy and peace filled weekend as you travel through the Advent Season.

Sharon Beashel Religious Education Coordinator

Assistant Principal News

Dear Parents

This Advent season is an exciting time for students as they prepare for Christmas in their classrooms. The Nativity and Carols evening which will be held on Monday evening at 5pm in the church is a new event for us and will be a lovely way to end the year and celebrate Christmas as a community.

Year 6 have been preparing for the Graduation Mass this week and they have impressed us with their focus to make the Mass a very special occasion. For the Year 6 students, the end of primary school can bring feelings of anticipation for high school and new experiences and for others this can also be a time of sadness for what they will leave behind. I wish each of the Year 6 students the very best for their future schooling. I have enjoyed getting to know each of them this year. I would like to recognise the contribution and commitment to leadership we have witnessed with the members of the SRC and House Captains. Thank you for your leadership and commitment to St Bernard's:

Our 2019 School Captains: *Erin D and Bill E* and our SRC: *Josh N, Lori, Danika E, Angus B*



2019 House Captains

Tenison *Bella McK and Jeremy S*
MacKillop *Marissa McD and Rhys B*
Lourdes *Isabella H and Elliot Q*
Clairvaux *Lachlan B and Sophie C*



Step Up

On Tuesday afternoon each student will have the opportunity to meet their new teacher for 2020 and join with their new class members for the first time. A great deal of thought has gone into making new class groups. We know that children will look forward to finding out their class for 2020.



I would like to personally thank all families for their support this year. In addition, I would like to thank Jo for her leadership as Principal and for her dedication and care for the whole school community. Thank you to each member of staff who has gone above and beyond for the children in their care. Best wishes especially to Sam Hornby as he moves to Canberra. He will be missed.

I wish you and your families a safe and enjoyable break. May the Spirit of Christmas bring you peace and hope.

Karen Hadley

Assistant Principal

Year 6 News

*Goodbye &
Thank You!*

Thank you to all our teachers!



To all our classmates...thank you for your friendship, the laughter (especially on our camps 😊), for the lunchtime fun and ALL the memories!



*Year 6 Graduating
Class 2019*

PIC•COLLAGE

Class Awards



Week 8 Class Awards

Presented at Assembly: 8.45am : Friday 6 December 2019.



Congratulations to the following children who received class awards this week. It is great to see so many children working hard and receiving acknowledgment for their efforts - well done to all!

Kinder KB: Harper B, Scarlett C, Ellena D, Rosa H, Cruze W.

Year KH: Lilly G, Leila K, Evie P.

Year 1B: Brennan C, Oscar J, Lucy J-P.

Year 1H: Flynn A, Gurnoor K, Emerson K.

Year S1S: Kobi B, Annie F, Ella-Maree G.

Year 2H: Keira A, Caprice F, Rogan H, Marco H,
Alice McD, Parker W.

Year 2S: Isla B, Isla J, Isabella L, Lawson M.

Year 3M: Chloe K, Max L, Zarly P, Charlie R, Joshua T.

Year 3W: Estella G, Erica S, Elyssa W.

Year 4G: Leo H, Alexis H, Jaz S, Neve S, Nicholas W.

Year 4M: Sarah A, Maya B, Benjamin E, Summer H.

Year 5C: Kassidy C, Paige L, Kadyndy McD, Lily P.

Year 5H: Brianna G, Akira W.

Year 6B: Jade B, Brooklyn B, Isabella J.

Year 6C: Ciara C, Reis G-N, Lori K.

Year 6I: Angus B, Joshua N.

ICAS Awards

ICAS Mathematics Test

Participation:

Isabella D (2H), Lawson M (2S), Maizi M (2S), Molly W (2S), Remi C (3M), Lara D (4G), Ellie-Rose D (5C), Cortnae-Jane F (5C), Murray H (5C), Charlotte W (5H), Elliot Q (6C).

Merit:

Ruby B (2S), Stephanie B (6C).

Credit:

Parker W (2H), Jackson M (3W), Erica S (3W), Levi L (4G).

Distinction:

Elyssa W (3W), Taavi W (3M).

ICAS English Test

Participation:

Marco H (2H), Isabella D (2H), Ruby B (2S), Lawson M (2S), Molly W (2S), Elyssa W (3W), Taavi W (3M), Mishell F (3W), Jackson M (3W), Lara D (4G), Jaz S (4G), Ellie-Rose D (5C), Cortnae-Jane F (5C), Murray H (5C), Charlotte W (5H), Wendy H (5H), Elliot Q (6C), Savannah McG (6I).

Merit:

Remi C (3M).

Credit:

Isla B (2S), Erica S (3W), Stephanie B (6C).

ICAS Writing Test

Participation:

Remi C (3M), Erica S (3W), Ellie-Rose D (5C), Murray H (5C), Savannah McG (6I).

Merit:

Jaz S (4G).

Credit:

Jackson M (3W), Joshua T (3M), Wendy H (5H).

Distinction:

Abbie M (4G)

Banking & School News

COMMONWEALTH BANK

STUDENT BANKING

Congratulations to the following student:

Cortnae F - 5C - Polar Pencils and Pencil Topper

Jade B - 6B - Water Skimming Bounce Ball

Erica S - 3W - Polar Pencils and Pencil Topper

Aimee H - 5C - Water Skimming Bounce Ball

Well Done!



Happy Birthday to all the students who will celebrate their day over the holidays.

We hope you have a great birthday.

Ryley Z.
Oscar B.
Richard A.
Lily D.
Leo H.
Evie P.
Annabelle W.
Brodie M.
Flynn A.
Levi L.

Annaleise G.
Rosa B.
Korban S.
Rosa H.
Noah B.
Chelsea T.
Emileigh W.
Georgie K.
Chelsea S.
Joshua T.

Zach A.
Torin D.
Macy L.
Priya M.
Abel M.
Sofia R.
Eden D.
Stella F.
Aureyah L.
Imogen R.



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Sora is a student-friendly App providing a personalised reading experience.

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search for 'ACEN Member Collection' as your school and library.



Looking for a good movie or a good video to watch over the holidays?

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Learning Labs 2020

April School Holidays

Save the Date!

LITTLE LEARNING LABS (YEARS 1-2)

EARLY LEARNING LABS (YEARS 3-6)

Learning Labs is coming again to UOW Batemans Bay!

Learning Labs is targeted at students from Years 1 to 6 during 2020, who are excelling in their area of interest within their year group; and are passionate, self-motivated and curious learners.

It is designed for students to participate in challenging, fun and innovative workshops, which will be held over two days and are presented by academics and professionals with specialist training or a specific interest in gifted education.

DETAILS

15 & 16 APRIL 2020

9.00 AM TO 3.30 PM

UOW BATEMANS BAY CAMPUS, HANGING ROCK

Look out for more information coming in Term 1 2020!

Please contact the Batemans Bay Learning Labs team if you have any questions at bbay-learninglabs@uow.edu.au

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Community News

January 2020 School Holiday Tennis Clinics Batemans Bay Tennis Courts



Our School Holiday Clinics are a brilliant way to improve children's tennis skills.

Programs are fun, exciting and provide a learning pathway for every child.

- Suitable for children aged 5 - 16
- Beginner to Advanced
- Children are divided into groups in accordance with their age and standard
- Technical and tactical development for beginner to advanced
- Player assessment and analysis
- Balance and movement tennis training
- Other fundamental and kids sports skills
- Pathway into Term coaching and competition

CLINIC 1

Date: 7th & 8th January

Time: 9.00am-12.00pm

Cost: \$70

CLINIC 2

Date: 14th & 15th January

Time: 9.00am-12.00pm

Cost: \$70

CLINIC 3

Date: 21st & 22nd January

Time: 9.00am-12.00pm

Cost: \$70

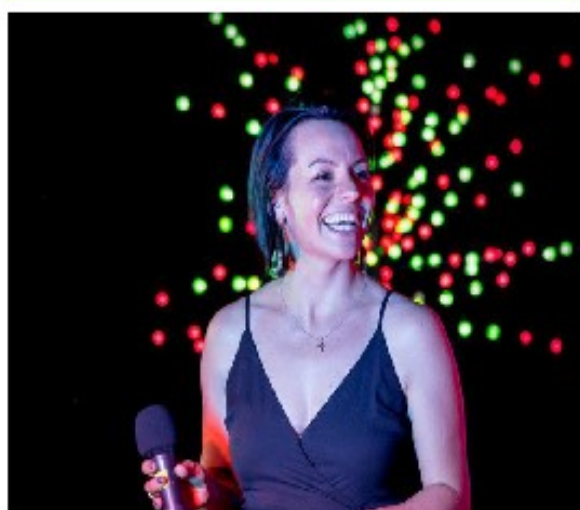
Talk to Rob about family discounts for 2 or more children.

Children need to bring a hat, drink, sunscreen and morning tea. Tennis racquets are provided if needed

If you would like to book a position for your child please text me or call for more information on 0419407945. You can also email jrfrawley@bigpond.com Bookings are essential.

Please follow Batemans Bay Tennis Academy on Facebook for new programs and all coaching details.

SINGING LESSONS



Singing Lessons with Dee Farnell

Currently taking group and individual students for 2020, Deanna Farnell has over 15 years' experience in vocal tutoring, choir directing and professional music, musical theatre and acting performance. Good vocal technique, building confidence and enjoyment are at the centre of her music education philosophy and she cannot wait to continue working with the wonderful St Bernard's students in the new year!

Dee is a registered Creative Kids Provider and CK Vouchers can be redeemed with her.

Spaces are filling up with some groups already full so if you'd like more information, please text or call Dee: 0424 044 043

Community News

Celebrate

Australia Day in the Bay!

Sunday January 26th

8am to 11am

**CORRIGAN'S BEACH RESERVE
BATEHAVEN**

**FREE
ENTRY**

**\$5 BIG BREAKFAST
GAMES & FUN ACTIVITIES
LIVE MUSIC
JUMPING CASTLE
FACE PAINTING**

Lots of fun not to be missed!! Everyone welcome !!

Community News

SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN: Narooma- Moruya-Eden-Merimbula- Bega

Hey parents!! The Kids are off school on Wednesday Dec 18!!

IF YOU LIVE NEAR OR IN EDEN OR MORUYA THEN WE CAN HELP KEEP THEM BUSY
WHILST YOU AR WORKING OR XMAS SHOPPING!!

PCYC Far South Coast is offering fun activities in Eden on Dec 19 and Moruya on Dec 20 to keep your kids active and engaged. From archery to bubble soccer and mixed activities – there's something for everyone.

For full details and schedule visit www.pycnsw.org.au/far-south-coast/school-holiday-

Your child must become a PCYC Member first before you can book them in to a program.

Check the weather, wear suitable clothes, hat and enclosed footwear and bring snacks/lunch and drink bottle

Cost \$20 for existing members and \$30 for new members

We can't wait to see you there.

#pcycfarsouthcoast #schoolholidays #pcycnsw #empoweringyoungpeople

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Please join us!

Moruya Library is officially opening after months of extensions and renovations. To celebrate, we're inviting everyone over.

When: Saturday 14 December, 10am to 2pm

Where: Moruya Library, Vulcan Street, Moruya

Join us for a free sausage sizzle, Lego play, face painting, a scavenger hunt, entertainment, music and more.

The family fun day is free, no bookings required.

For more information, phone the library on 4474 1333.

- ★ Face painting
- ★ Scavenger hunt
- ★ Lego play
- ★ Live music and entertainment

