At St. Bernard's School, the six basic rules to which all members of the school community are expected to adhere to are:

- Follow directions.
- Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself.
- Listen to the speaker without interrupting.
- Move safely at all times.
- Treat all property with care.
- Speak appropriately.

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

Reflection

10 Ways Parents Can Work with Teachers to Help Kids ACHIEVE

There's no doubt that the best outcomes for kids happen when teachers and parents work together to support children's learning.

Here are 10 ways you can work with your child's teacher to maximise your child's chances of school success.

1. Know what your child's teacher is trying to achieve.
2. Keep your expectations reasonable and positive.
3. Support your teacher's expectations & activities at home.
4. Send kids to school ready to learn and on time.
5. Inform teachers of your child's challenges and changes.
6. Skill children to work with others.
7. Respectfully seek joint solutions to problems and difficulties.
8. Participate fully in class & school activities.
9. Trust your teacher's knowledge, professionalism and experience.
10. Talk up what happens at school.


Student Leaders

Our Student Leadership positions were announced last Friday and these children will receive their badges at Assembly on 10th March. Please note that on this day Assembly will begin at 2:45pm.

Our Student Leaders are:

School Captains: Jack Caglierio & Raquel Mucilli

House Captains: Red Montanna Gerber Corn George Salem
Blue Mirella Giglio Ahmed Tolba
Green Maria Kambouris Pius Bonjui
Gold Laura Hawi Daniel Balliro

SRC Reps: 3/4C Marcus Vigilante, 3/4M Felix Alessi, 3/4S Isabelle Caputo
5/6M Lisa De Fazio, 5/6K Matthew Kurban, 5/6W Veronica Varol-Pizarro
Prep 2011

Our Preps began full days this week and they have today and next Wednesday at home to rest. They have settled into school and routines extremely well and we are very proud of them.

A special congratulations and welcome to:

- Jaxsyn Aminde
- Zac Assouni
- Peter Athanassopoulos
- Natalie Barone
- Stella Broumos
- Kristian Cavallo
- Jake Cesario
- Janae' Choromanski
- Giovanna Ciavarella
- Michael Cursio
- Montana Egan
- Kai Fenton
- Carlos Ferraro
- Florina Fokianos
- Sophia Franzese
- Christian Galioto
- Christian Gedye
- Luca Grosso
- Massimo Iannuzzi
- Zaid Kaake
- Dylan Mahoney
- Jay Marrocchini
- Gregory Maxwell
- Xavier McCarthy
- Giuseppe Nardella
- Sofia Pagniello-Priolo
- Joshua Park
- Angelos Psarianos
- Alex Rapa
- Sienna Ristevski
- Toby Rossato
- Patrick Sahinidis
- Vittoria Sampos
- Joshua Sampos
- Millie Stanyer
- Amira Tabit
- Niamh Tabit
- Emily Vassiliadis
- Catie Warrick
- Xindi Yu

Building Update

As you will have noticed, our Building Program is near completion. The final work on the hall is occurring this week and some finishing touches will continue over coming weeks. Our Computer Lab is also progressing, with the painting now finished and the carpet end joinery to be installed next week. We will have an Open afternoon for anyone interested in seeing through the entire project once it is completed however, please feel free to wander into the L.I.T. Centre (Literacy, Information & Technology), formerly the Library, before or after school.

Curriculum Newsletters

Each term, you will receive a Curriculum Newsletter which provides parents and students with an outline of the work to be covered throughout the term. The first newsletter accompanies today’s Bernardo.

The aim of these newsletters is to inform parents so that they can help and support the work covered in class and also allow you to see the direction the learning is taking. This sharing of information strengthens the very important partnership between home and school. Should you have any queries please arrange an appointment to see your child’s teacher.

Key Enrolment Dates for Year 7 students in 2012

A reminder to our Year 6 parents that applications for Catholic Secondary and Private Colleges close on 2nd March so please ensure that all paperwork is completed and sent to the school. Please be aware of the important dates below. Places in state Secondary Colleges are organized later midyear.

Critical Enrolment Dates

- Weds 2nd March 2011 – Date by which all applications to colleges close.
- Mon 2nd May 2011 – Date on which offers of places to prospective Year 7 students are to be posted.
- Fri 20 May 2011 – Final date for acceptance by parents of offers made.

In Service Day

On Thursday 24th February the staff will be attending a Professional Development day facilitated by Phillip Holmes-Smith on NAPLAN data. The children do not attend school on this day. OSHC is available, bookings essential.
**Fees and Levies**

Accounts will be sent home this week and I remind all families that levies are now overdue. This payment covers the costs of book packs and essential supplies and was due at the end of 2010. School fees for Term 1 are also due. A reminder that there is a discount of $90 for any family who pays the year’s fees in full by the end of March. If any family is experiencing difficulty, please arrange an appointment time to meet with me to discuss the situation.

**Education Maintenance Allowance**

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) provides assistance to eligible families by helping with the costs associated with the education of their children. If you are eligible for the EMA, please obtain a form from the office. This form needs to be completed each year.

Regards,

Joanne Doherty.
Principal

**L.I.T. (Literacies Information Technology)**

On Tuesdays, Prep children borrowed books for the first time. It would be wonderful for parents to share the chosen book with their child as reading to them each night is a valuable experience. Parents you are extremely welcome to come and visit me in the L.I.T. Centre (formerly the Library) and explore our beautiful new spaces.

The L.I.T. Centre is open at 8:45am on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays and for 15 minutes after school on these days also - Josephine Natoli.

**OSHC**

Over the summer holidays, the following maintenance work was carried out on the garage:

- Removal of old garage roof
- Installation of new colorbond roof
- Removal of old guttering and spouting
- Removal of old door frame and door
- Installation and painting of new door frame and door

The Parish paid for this maintenance work.

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**CALENDAR - TERM 1 2011**

**FEBRUARY**

- Wednesday 16th: Year 5/6 ACMI excursion Prep Testing
- Thursday 17th: 7:00pm Board Meeting
- Monday 21st: 6:00pm Fete Meeting
- Wednesday 23rd: Prep Testing
- Thursday 24th: In Service Day
- Friday 25th: 3:55pm–7:00pm Twilight Sports

**MARCH**

- Tuesday 1st: 5:00pm & 7:00pm Year 1/2 Baptism Night
- Sunday 6th: 10:30am Prep and Year 3/4 Buddy Mass
- Tuesday 8th: School Photos
- Wednesday 9th: Ash Wednesday
- Thursday 10th: 2:45pm Assembly Year 3/4
- Monday 14th: Labour Day (public holiday)
- Tuesday 15th: 5:00pm & 7:00pm Year 3/4 Reconciliation Night
- Thursday 17th: St Patrick’s Day
- Thursday 24th: 3:00pm Assembly Year 1/2
- Friday 25th: Melbourne Markets Incursion (all grades)
- Thursday 31st: Year 1/2 Camp Dinner (time to be advised)

**APRIL**

- Sunday 3rd: 10:00am-4:00pm Fete
- Thursday 7th: 3:00pm Assembly Prep
- Friday 8th: 1:00pm Term 1 concludes
ITALIAN LANGUAGE CLASSES

Please be informed that Italian Language Classes will commence at Coburg Primary School, 98 Bell Street, Coburg, on Saturday 19th February and will run for 2.5 hours from 9:00am-11:30am and 1:30pm-4:00pm. Monday classes will commence on the 14th February and will run from 4:00pm to 6:00pm. Students from Grade Prep to Year 12 are welcome. The tuition fee for the year is $150.00 per student.

ST ALOYSIUS COLLEGE, NORTH MELBOURNE
A Catholic Secondary College for Girls Year 7-12
ACCELERATED LEARNING PROGRAM
Information Night February 19, 2011
Phone: 9329 0411 to register
For selected students commencing Year 7 2012
Applications now open, closing March 4, 2011
Select Entry Test March 19, 2011
Visit www.aloysius.vic.edu.au (under Enrolment Information) for application details

PASCOE VALE FESTIVAL – SATURDAY 12TH MARCH 2011 – 12NOON - 5:00PM

Featuring children's activities, market stalls, entertainment stage and much more!
Hallam Reserve, Corner Boundary and Landells Road, Pascoe Vale. Free entertainment.
Community event for all the family. For more information phone 9240 1111 or visit www.moreland.vic.gov.au.

Parade College Campus Tours

Families are invited to experience the Parade College community at both our Bundoora and Preston campuses by enjoying a personalised tour with senior staff. Tours operate on a fortnightly basis, starting at 9.15am sharp, and run for approximately 45 minutes. Bookings are essential and can be made by phoning Bundoora campus on 9468 3300 or Preston campus on 9480 2922. Dates for February are:

**Bundoora campus**
- Wednesday 16 February
- Friday 25 February

**Preston campus**
- Tuesday 15 February
- Wednesday 23 February

1436 Plenty Rd Bundoora
8 Clifton Grove Preston

Nurturing well rounded individuals since 1871.
Last week, the students at St Bernard’s participated in WOW week and started to learning about the nine values. This Values programme is an initiative of the Australian Government. The students will continue to learn about these values throughout term one.

About Values Education

The Australian Government Values Education programme is founded on the National Framework for Values Education in Australian Schools. The National Framework provides a vision, a set of core shared values and guiding principles for fostering values education which have been agreed to by the Ministers for Education in all States and Territories after national consultation.

Values are the:

- priorities individuals and society attach to certain beliefs, experiences, and objects in deciding how they shall live and what they shall treasure.
  (Hill, 2004)

- principles and fundamental convictions which act as general guides to behaviour, the standards by which particular actions are judged as good or desirable.
  (Halstead, Taylor and Taylor, 2000)

The nine shared values that have emerged from Australian school communities and the National Goals for Schooling in Australia in the Twenty-First Century. These values reflect a commitment to a just, multicultural and environmentally sustainable society and are part of Australia’s democratic way of life:

- **Care and Compassion** - Care for self and others.
- **Doing Your Best** - Seek to accomplish something worthy and admirable, try hard, pursue excellence.
- **Fair Go** - Pursue and protect the common good where all people are treated fairly for a just society.
- **Freedom** - Enjoy all the rights and privileges of Australian citizenship free from unnecessary interference or control, and stand up for the rights of others.
- **Honesty and Trustworthiness** - Be honest, sincere and seek the truth.
- **Integrity** (Doing the right thing) - Act in accordance with principles of moral and ethical conduct, ensure consistency between words and deed.
- **Respect** - Treat others with consideration and regard, respect another person’s point of view.
- **Responsibility** - Be accountable for one’s own actions, resolve differences in constructive, non-violent and peaceful ways, contribute to society and to civic life, take care of the environment.
- **Understanding, Tolerance and Inclusion** - Be aware of others and their cultures, accept diversity within a democratic society, being included and including others.

Margaret Govers – Student Wellbeing/Welfare Coordinator.
Celebrating The Eucharist
A 2 hour session on the Mass and the new translation

Wednesday March 2, 2011
Time: 7.30pm - 9.30pm
Venue: St Margaret Mary's Church, North Brunswick

The first part with Fr Tony McSweeney SSS aims to deepen our love and understanding of the Mass. It establishes a context for looking at the changes to the Mass texts. After which Tricia Murray looks at the new DVD on the Eucharist, 'Become One Body, One Spirit in Christ', and suggests ways in which we might use it in parishes.

Finally we'll respond to what we've heard. It's a time to ask questions, to hear what parishes are doing, to find out about resources etc. It's a time to pray.

CONTACT: Please contact Ann Saunders, Deanery Resource Co-ordinator, if you're interested in coming. Tel: 0415 070 919. Email: syd.rd@commander360.com

PROGRAMME

Prayer and Welcome
Celebrating the Eucharist – Fr Tony McSweeney
7.30pm
For 12 years Fr Tony McSweeney SSS was superior general of the Blessed Sacrament congregation. Now based at St Francis' Church Melbourne he frequently leads retreats and formation days on Eucharistic spirituality.

The Changes to the Mass texts in 2011
8.20am
How to use the new DVD on the Eucharist in parishes – Tricia Murray
8.30am
Tricia works for the Catholic Education Office. She is a member of a working group exploring how the DVD might be used in schools. This has led her to consider how it might be used in parishes.

Open Discussion – responding to what we've heard.
A time to ask questions, to hear what parishes are doing, to find out about resources etc. Facilitated by Damian Cereleghe.
9.00pm
Prayer
9.25pm
Supper
9.30pm

Location:
St Margaret Mary's Church,
51 Mitchell Street,
North Brunswick.