On the weekend a group of gentleman from ALCOA came in and assisted with moving a lot of mulch around the school and clearing it from the area where the Nature Playground will go. This was facilitated by John Kursar and is part of a grant that he successfully applied for in conjunction with the school. I would like to thank John Kursar, Ian McAndrew, Phil Evans, Graham Slocum, Paul Hamstead and Kirstine McDonnell for coming along on the day.

Last week the school leadership team was at the NCEC (National Catholic Education Commission) Conference at the Convention Centre. The conference was a four day event that had many diverse and influential speakers. There were many highlights and it was a very worthwhile experience. I thank Mr Michael O’Dwyer for helming the school in our absence.

Coming home with this newsletter is the draft planner for Term Three. I encourage you to have a good look at the planner and diarise any important dates. A final copy of this planner will also go home with the first newsletter of Term Three.

Reports have been sent home this week, as a result this week’s Parenting Ideas information sheet is about making the most of your child’s report. It outlines how you can share the report with your child to optimise the positive outcomes and successes. I hope you will find the article helpful.

Over the last week the students have been focussing on the virtue of perseverance. Please speak with your child/ren about this virtue and how they can show it at home and at school.

I hope your child/ren will enjoy a restful break from what has been a very busy term. Do keep safe over the holiday period and if you are travelling enjoy the time away with your family.

God Bless

Food For Thought

‘Perseverance is the hard work you do after you get tired from the hard work you already did.’

~ Next Gingrich

‘Great works are performed not by strength but by perseverance’

~ Samuel Johnson
Thank you Worm Wise for the superb incursion on waste management and recycling with worms.

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Check out Mrs Wall’s new addition on Wall Space for holiday fun activities.
http://www.stbernadettes.wa.edu.au/wallspace.html

“When parents play a positive role in their children’s education, students do better in school”

Term 3 meeting dates
Please join us in
Week 2 Friday 29th July 2016 after assembly (approx 9am-10am)
Week 6 Friday 26th August 2016 after assembly (approx 9am-10am)

Term 3 events - more information to come
Father’s Day Stall
Movie Night
Continuation of the implementation and building of the nature playground
Calling all runners (or walkers) would you like to join the St Bernies running team on behalf of Epilepsy WA in City to Surf 2016 Perth. This is in memory of our dear friend and colleague Mary Burns’ son who tragically died last month.


Thank you in advance. Go dust down your runners!!

'Stephen’s Angels’ - City to Surf Run

City to Surf have confirmed we are eligible for entry fee discount! The code is as follows.

This code extends to the entire St Bernadette’s Catholic Primary School community, including teachers, students, parents, family members and any friends or supporters running for Mary and her son this year. The school discount code is to be entered by each individual before payment during registration.

**15% (case sensitive) school discount code: schoolrun16**

The generous people at City to Surf have kindly donated two signed AFL guernseys (football tops for those who do not follow AFL or are Scottish!) This is to help raise funds for Epilepsy WA. The guernseys are West Coast Eagles and Fremantle Dockers and both have been signed by one of their players!

The school is giving you the chance to win one of these amazing prizes by holding a silent auction. The highest bidder wins the prize.

Thank you so much for your fabulous support.

Stephen’s Angels
The clouds and rain cleared on Tuesday for a fantastic sunny day for the Year 5 & 6 Lightning Carnival. With a super early start over 120 St Bernadette’s students climbed aboard the coaches before the first bell to travel to three different venues.

At Santich Park our AFL team played seven games and finished fourth out of the ten teams. Thank you to Matt Perry for coaching the team and the helper Ashlee Glands, Matt Sibraa and Tracy O’Dwyer.

Whilst, at Beale Park our two soccer teams played against nine other schools and achieved an excellent number of win. Thank you to Paul Reid, Luis Murphy for training two teams.
In Fremantle at Frank Gibson Courts our netball and volleyball teams competed for the interschool shields. Our four Netball teams, which were coached by Gail Anton, Kristy Watson, Tammy Donnelly, and Peta Willet, played five games. Congratulations to the Netball Team B & Team C who won the interschool shields.

Mr Hilton also trained and coached four volleyball teams with the help of Kat Bunce, Kim Pages and Jill Lutey. The volleyball teams performed exceptionally and one team made the finals.

The day was a huge success and the students clearly enjoyed the many games and should be very proud of the way they represented St Bernadette’s. Congratulations to all students and thank you to all parent who help make the day possible.

Michael O’Dwyer
This parking bay is for emergency vehicles only.

Please use the designated car park bays.

**Courtesy in the Carpark**

Please exercise courtesy and correct road rules whilst entering and exiting the car park and drop-off/pick-up areas. Children don’t always make predictable moves so your full attention is essential.

A reminder also that we ask that you do not turn right into the entrance off Grand Ocean Boulevard during the peak times, as this causes traffic build-up. Please drive on past the turnoff, go around the roundabout and then turn left into the car park. Whilst this may take a small amount of extra time, it is safer and causes less anxiety for non-St Bernadette’s road users.

Thank you.
The Rockingham Netball Association in conjunction with Netball WA are holding a Net Set Go Program for 5 - 7 year olds. We are looking for boys and girls who would like to learn basic netball skills.

The program commences on Wednesday 20th July 4:00pm - 5:30pm, registrations and payments can be made by logging into our website www.netballwa.rdna.com.au and following the links for the Net Set Go Program. The cost is $90 for a 10 week program, this will include a gift pack.

Thank you for your help. If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact us.

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Dear Parents and Caregivers

As we come to the end of Semester One, I would like to take the opportunity to thank you and your family for the vital role you play within our Catholic Education community in Western Australia. For those of you who have joined us this year, I extend an especially warm welcome.

Some of you may have heard about the 2016 National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC) Conference which was hosted by Catholic Education Western Australia recently in Perth. The conference, attended by more than 1,400 delegates from across Australia and the world, presented opportunities for many of our principals and teachers to contemplate a Catholic education system that provides new educational opportunities and ways of learning.

It was truly wonderful and humbling to hear Honduran Cardinal Rodriguez Maradiaga speak of Catholic Education in Australia as one of the best Catholic school systems in the world. I am confident that this would not be the case without the hard work and dedication of our staff, or without the invaluable contribution from the parents, families and friends that make up our school communities.

This term was filled with countless stories of student achievement, innovative teaching and learning approaches, and inspiring community initiatives across our system of 163 schools. Witnessing the first Catholic School Youth Summit, with Year 10 and 11 students from across our state, reinforced the agility and resourcefulness of Catholic Education to reimagine learning in a complex youth environment. The opportunity to join hundreds of primary school students from across the Archdiocese of Perth to support the 2016 Lifelink Day campaign launch encouraged me to reflect on the role of our schools to grow compassionate school communities, where Christian values flourish in the lives of our children.

As the winter holiday begins, I hope you will have opportunities to spend time with your children, to have fun, and to continue learning with them and from them. I also hope it is a time for you to reflect on the great importance of your role as your child’s first educator. May you be encouraged by the words of Cardinal Rodriguez Maradiaga, in his address to the NCEC Conference, “To be an educator is to be joyful.”

I wish your family a joy-filled winter break.

Yours sincerely

Dr Tim McDonald
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Reading your child’s report

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Could try harder . . . always does her best . . . lacks concentration . . . easily distracted . . . a pleasure to teach . . . Do these comments, taken from a batch of student reports sound familiar? Student reports bring mixed feelings for parents. Pleasure and pride if they are performing well but considerable angst when children are not progressing as you hoped.

Reports can mean anxious times for children too. Will my parents be disappointed or proud? This is the main concern of most children. Kids of all ages take their cues from their parents, so your reaction to their school report can affect the way they see themselves as learners and as people.

Before you rip open the sealed envelope containing the report do a little self-check to see if you are in the right frame of mind:

1. Are your expectations for your son or daughter realistic and in line with their ability?
Expectations are tricky. If they are too high then kids can be turned off learning. Too low and there is nothing to strive for. Pitch your expectations in line with your child's abilities. A quick check of your child’s last report cards may provide you with a good yardstick.

2. Do you believe that children learn at different rates?
There are slow bloomers, late developers and steadies-you-go kids in every classroom, so avoid comparing your child to siblings, your friends’ children and even yourself when you were a child. Instead look for individual progress.

3. Are you willing to safeguard your child’s self-esteem rather than deflate it?
Self-confidence is a pre-requisite for learning, so be prepared to be as positive and encouraging as possible.

School reports come in different formats. Some are prescriptive while some use grading systems such as A, B, C, etc. with room for teacher comments. Regardless of the format school reports should provide you with an idea of your child’s progress in all subject areas, their attitude and social development.

Here are some ideas to consider when you open your child’s report:

- Focus on strengths. Do you look for strengths or weaknesses first? The challenge is to focus on strengths even if they are not in the traditional 3Rs or core subjects.
- Take into account your child’s effort and attitude to learning. If the report indicates that effort is below standard, then you have something to work on. If your child is putting in the required effort, then you cannot ask any more than that, regardless of the grading.
- Broaden your focus away from academic performance to form a picture of your child’s progress as a member of a social setting. How your child gets along with his or her peers will influence his happiness and well-being, as well as give an indicator to his future. The skills of independence and co-operation are highly valued by employers so don’t dismiss these as unimportant.
- Take note of student self-assessment. Kids are generally very honest and will give a realistic assessment of their progress. They are generally very perceptive so take note of their opinions.
- Discuss the report with your son or daughter talking about strengths first before looking at areas that need improvement. Ask for their opinion about how they performed and discuss their concerns.

After reports are read and discussed celebrate your child’s efforts with a special activity or treat. In this way you will recognise progress and remind them that the holidays are just around the corner when they can forget about assessment, tests and reports for a while.
KOLBE CATHOLIC COLLEGE

invites you to attend the

Class of 1996 School Reunion

Date: Saturday 27 August 2016
Time: 4.00pm to 7.00pm
4.30pm College Tour
Venue: Kolbe Catholic College
        Dowling Street, Rockingham
BYO: Drinks
     Cocktail snacks provided
     Partners Welcome
RSVP: Monday 22 August 2016 - Kerry Donaldson, Alumni Coordinator
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