



St Bernadette's School

Friday 21 August 2020 — Term 3 Week 5

No. 25

Dear Parents,

This week you would have received further communication via email from CEDP and Mr Greg Whitby regarding NSW Health Department COVID-19 updates. I know that you are as sad as I am about the ongoing effects this disease has on our day to day lives at home, work and school, though we can all be very grateful for our health and that the infection numbers in NSW continues to remain low. Nevertheless, we all need to play our part to defeat this very serious illness.

A few points to remind you of:

- **No student should attend school if they are unwell**, especially if they present with flu like symptoms such as coughing, sneezing, runny nose or elevated temperature. Sick children will be sent home and unable to return to school until medically cleared.
- **Any child who is sick MUST be tested for COVID-19 and are NOT allowed to return to school until they return a negative COVID-19 result and are symptom free.**
- **A negative COVID-19 test result must be provided to the school before returning.** The test results can be a NSW Health or COVID-19 Testing Centre letter, SMS, email or Dr's certificate.
- **All Adults, especially at pick up time, need to ensure they are socially distancing themselves from others and move out of the school pick up area quickly. Please use the Blue Wall pick up option or park in Brisbane Road if at all possible.**

There have been some minor changes to school operations also.

- Choir will no longer continue until further notice
- While school band will no longer continue until further notice
- Extra-Curricular activities such as Instrument lessons and Motiv8 will continue under strict COVID-19 Safety Plans already in place though attendance remains at the discretion of the parents

- All whole school celebrations are cancelled or on hold until further notice, including Year 6 Graduation and Kindergarten 2021 Orientation.

As always, we continue to ensure the safety of all is protected by regular handwashing, practising good hygiene, sanitising spaces and high touch points and maintaining social distancing of adults.

Thank you for your ongoing support in this very difficult time.

May God continue to bless you and your family.

Mrs Cooke

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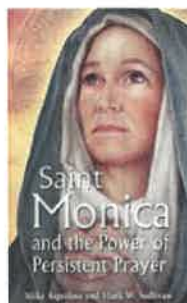


Andrei Rublev, born in the 1360s, died 1427 is considered to be the greatest medieval Russian painter of Orthodox icons and frescoes.



Father Fernando used the picture of this icon to explain the mystery of the Trinity to Years 3 and 4. He visited Stage 2 who have been focusing on the relationship between the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and how the 7 gifts of the Holy Spirit can help shape our lives.

In years 3 and 4 we are looking at particular saints who used the gifts of the Holy Spirit to shape their lives.



Two saints who followed Jesus and used the gifts of the Holy Spirit were St Monica and St Augustine whose feast days are on the 27th and 28th August.

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Week 6 Dates Waste Free Recess & Lunch Everyday

Mon 24 August
8.30am Morning Assembly
3-4.30pm Motive8sports

Tues 25 August
7.30am ICAS English
8-10 am Uniform Shop—
emailed orders only

Wed 26 August
No Choir
Student Banking

Thurs 27 August
2pm School Assembly
(Zoom)

Fri 28 August
Yrs 3-6 Brainstorm—
The Human Race Inc.
Band Lessons

Coming Dates:

Tues 1st September
7.30am ICAS Maths

Fri 25 Sept
Staff Development Day
& Pupil Free Day

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The gift of knowledge helps us to know how much Jesus loves us. It also helps us to know what Jesus wants us to do. When St Augustine received the gift of knowledge his life changed. He knew what Jesus wanted. St Augustine was filled with the desire to do what pleased Jesus. He became a priest. Later he became a bishop.

The gift of wisdom helps us to see everything - people, things and events - the way God does. We see and realise that the only thing that matters is that Jesus loves us. The things that we have are not as important as Jesus. The things we want are not as important as Jesus' love.

According to Pope Francis, the gift of wisdom teaches us to see with God's eyes and to feel with God's heart. St Monica's holy life provides us with a number of examples about living the life of faith. Perhaps foremost is the importance of prayer as a relationship of communion with God. St Monica prayed for many years that her husband and son would come to know the love of God. Through her prayers they began to love Jesus. In fact, her son Augustine loved Jesus so much that he became a saint!

Mrs Shane Robinson—REC

Tell Them From Me

The Tell Them From Me (TTFM) survey is still open. Thank you for the many parents who have already responded.

You are able to access the parent survey on your computer or mobile device by using the URL below:
<http://tellthemfromme.com/Bernie1ch>



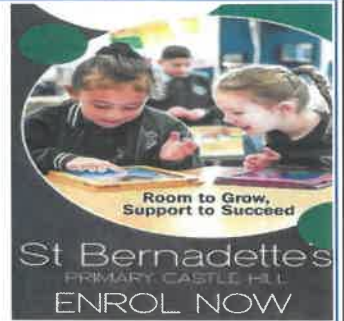
Choir

Thank you to the students who have participated in Choir so far this year. Unfortunately, due to the latest COVID advice from CEDP & NSW Health, we have had to cancel Choir for this term. We will keep you informed if we are able to restart in Term 4.



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LIMITED PLACES
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AVAILABLE**

**Please contact the school
office on 9407 6600.**



ICAS English

Students who have registered online for the ICAS English test are asked to be at school in the Year 4 classrooms for 7.30am on Tuesday 25th August. Come into school via Brisbane Road entrance. If you arrive after the test has commenced unfortunately you will not be able to sit it and no refunds are given. Therefore, it is very important that student arrive on time.

Bottle Tops

If you have any bottle tops—plastic, metal or any other material—could you please send them in for Mrs Evans. They can be any size/material/milk container tops are also ideal. Our Generous Growers Group is looking to use them. Thank you for your help!

Prayers for Baby Clare

Cousins to the Raad family children. Clare is only 1 week old and received open heart surgery this week. Our thoughts and prayers are with baby Clare and her family.



Prayers for Luke Gardoni and his family. Luke is an ex-student of St Bernadette's. Please keep the family in your prayers.

Term 3:

Mon 20 July to Thurs 24 September
Fri 25 September—Staff Dev & Pupil Free Day

Term 4:

Mon 12 October to Wed 16 December (last day for students)