



St Bernadette's School

Friday 4 September 2020 — Term 3 Week 7 No. 27

Dear Parents,

This Sunday we celebrate Father's Day. Father's Day has become a day of celebration and remembering in almost all countries around the world. It has become a day not to only honour your father, but all men who act as a father figure. Stepfather's, uncles, grandfathers and other significant adult males are honoured on 'Father's Day.'

Here is what some research papers say about Fatherhood.

- Fathers are far more than just 'second adults' in the home. Involved fathers – especially biological fathers – bring positive benefits to their children that no other person is as likely to bring. They provide protection and economic support and positive male role models. They have a parenting style that is significantly different from that of a mother and that difference is important in healthy child development.
- Positive father care is associated with more pro-social and positive moral behaviour in boys and girls.
- The number one factor in developing empathy in children was father involvement.
- Fathers spending regular time alone with their children translated into children who became compassionate adults.
- Even from birth, children who have an involved father are more likely to be emotionally secure, be confident to explore their surroundings and as they grow older, have better social connections.

At this special time of the year we pause to give thanks for our dads, uncles, grandfathers and other special males in our lives. We give thanks to God for giving us these extraordinary men and pray that the Holy Spirit gives them the strength and courage needed to carry out their very important responsibilities.

Happy Father's Day! Mrs Bianca Cooke

R.E. NEWS



The Season of Creation has a special significance for the Catholic Church, particularly since Pope Francis established 1 September as an annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. On Tuesday the St. Bernadette's community stopped at noon to celebrate a special liturgy to begin the Season of Creation.



The Season of Creation or Creation Time, is marked throughout the Christian world from 1 September to 4 October (Feast of St Francis of Assisi) and celebrates the joy of creation as well as encouraging awareness-raising initiatives to protect the natural environment. Pope Francis on Caring for Our Common Home.

"Never have we so hurt and mistreated our common home as we have in the last 200 years." "We are not God. The Earth was here before us and was given to us."

"The idea of infinite or unlimited growth, which proves so attractive to economists, financiers and experts in technology ... is based on the lie that there is an infinite supply of the earth's goods, and this leads to the planet being squeezed dry at every limit."

"Yet all is not lost. Human beings, while capable of the worst, are also capable of rising above themselves, choosing again what is good, and making a new start."

During this season of Creation, we as Christians are called to honour God by caring for Creation and each other. For the 2020 Season of Creation, the suggested theme is "Jubilee for the Earth: New Rhythms, New Hope."

This year, amid crises that have shaken our world, we're awakened to the urgent need to heal our relationships with creation and each other. *Continued on page 2*

Week 8 Dates

Waste Free Recess & Lunch Everyday

Mon 7 September

8.30am Morning Assembly
K-2 Olympics
3-4.30pm Motive8sports

Tues 8 September

8-10 am Uniform Shop—
emailed orders only

Wed 9 September

No Choir
Student Banking

Fri 11 September

Yrs 3 & 4 Olympics

Mon 14 September

Yrs 5 & 6 Olympics

Wed 23 September

Endangered Species
Group Inc.

Thurs 24 September

Last day for students

Fri 25 Sept

Staff Development Day
& Pupil Free Day

Mon 12 October

Staff & Students return
for Term 4

**ENROLLING NOW
FOR
KINDERGARTEN
2021**

**School Tours
Please call
02 9407 6600**

Happy Father's Day to all our dads



Congratulations to the following dads on winning
a Father's Day hamper:

Kindergarten: Mr Healy—Seosamh KG
Yr 1: Mr Sathees Kumar—Rishik 1W & Krishel 4W
Yr 2: Mr Lavulo—Tiffany 2W & Xavier 3G
Yr 3: Mr Shek—Hayleigh 3G
Yr 4: Mr Clemente—Rafael 4W & Bridget
Yr 5: Mr McLaren—Charlotte 5G & Ben 2B
Yr 6: Mr Smith—Amelia 6B

A huge thank you to our P&F Association for their
generous donation of 7 fabulous hampers
(one for each grade).

We hope our dads enjoy their goodies and have a
very special day with their children on Sunday.



RE News continued ...

During the season this year, we enter a time of restoration and hope, a jubilee for our Earth, that requires radically new ways of living with creation.

After viewing the following link, you might reflect on how you can be a 'Steward of Creation' and care for our environment?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=09ojKLEKD68>

Mrs Shane Robinson—REC

St Bernadette's Olympics

On Monday 7 September our Kindy to Year 2 students will enjoy a fun day of sport and activities as we hold our 'Olympics'. Students should wear their sport uniform with their 'House' colour t-shirt. Then next Friday, 11 September, Yrs 3 & 4 will have their turn. Yrs 5 & 6 will have the same opportunity on Monday 14th September.



Water Bottles

A reminder again that as the weather is now warming up that all students need to bring a water bottle to school **every day**. Due to COVID-19 our bubblers are still turned off. So many students are coming to the office that still don't have a water bottle with them. Thank you for your assistance.



Assistance for Lebanon

The SRC has been very aware of the need for donations and assistance in Lebanon (thinking globally). The SRC would like to draw your attention to the following pages where donations can be made to support people and communities in need:

<https://www.maronitesonmission.com/>
Maronites on Mission Australia (M.O.M) and

<https://www.caritas.org.au/learn/emergency-response/middle-east-emergency-appeal>
The Caritas Network

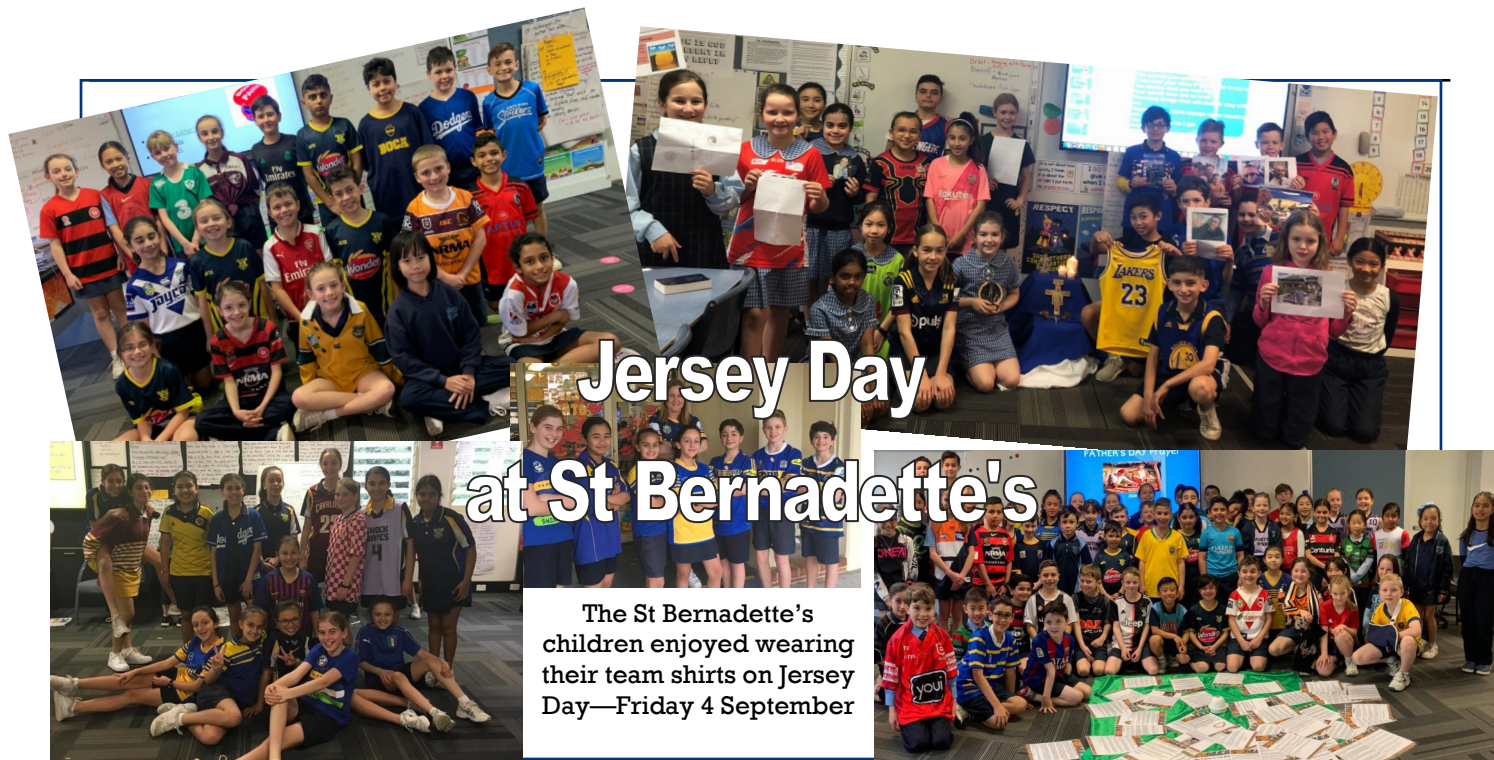
The SRC thanks you in advance for supporting organisations that can provide substantial support and make a difference.

**ENROLLING NOW FOR
KINDERGARTEN 2021
(Limited Places)
& Years 1 to 6**

**SCHOOL TOURS NOW
AVAILABLE**

Please contact the school
office on 9407 6600.





Jersey Day at St Bernadette's

The St Bernadette's children enjoyed wearing their team shirts on Jersey Day—Friday 4 September

Year 6 Comics

To celebrate the arrival of our gorgeous chickens, year 6 are participating in a comic competition. Each week comics will be entered and the winning entry will be the new installment of 'The Adventure of Chicky, Bobbie and Chickille O'Neal'. Look out for them in the newsletter each week!

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Compass Parent Portal

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, parents will soon be invited to download an app 'Compass' to allow you to receive school notifications quickly and easily as well as do a range of other actions. To ensure a smooth transition, it is important that we have your correct details on our records. Please notify the school via email (if you have not already done so) if you have:

- ⇒ Moved house recently
- ⇒ Changed your mobile phone number
- ⇒ Changed your email address
- ⇒ Changes to any emergency contacts

Thank you for keeping us up to date with any changes.

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)

Summer Uniform

An email was sent to all parents this week advising that students can now wear either full summer or full winter uniform (not a mixture) as the weather heats up.



From day 1, Term 4 all students can wear their full summer uniform and are expected to be wearing it by Week 3 Term 4.

Our summer order form link is below if you need to place an order. The uniform shop is open again next Tuesday.

[2020 2021 Summer Uniform Order Form](#)

Catholic Out Of School Hours Care(COSHC) Vacation Care

We have planned 9 really fun 'in-centre' days for the children to attend! We will be following our COVID-19 protocols to ensure the health and safety of the children, staff and families. If you are requiring care for the upcoming school holidays please contact Casey from COSHC

via coshcstbernadettescastlehill@parra.catholic.edu.au

Important

St Bernadette's Netball Club



Calling all 5 and 6 year old boys and girls! Would you like to learn the skills of netball and are in Kindy this year?

St Bernadette's Netball Club is running an 8 week program after school in Term 4. If you are interested, please contact Davina

on stbncregistrar@hotmail.com to express your interest. The cost is \$80 and you are able to use the Active Kids Voucher.

Woolworths Cricket Blast

Woolworths Cricket Blast is a fun and fast program for kids of all abilities to learn new skills and play Australia's favourite sport.

Junior Blasters ages 5 to 7—60 minutes or Master Blasters ages 7 to 10—90 minutes

For more information and registration visit www.playcricket.com.au and click on 'Where can I play?' and enter your

postcode. First session is free to Come & Try! Active kids voucher can be used for all programs.



School Leavers

We are planning for the 2021 school year and to help us with this please let the office know if your family will not be continuing at St Bernadette's in 2021. A reminder to families that a term's notice (10 school weeks) in writing MUST be given to the principal before the removal of a student or a full term's fees will be payable. The notice can be given any time during the term for the next term and where appropriate notice has been received, a pro-rate credit will be calculated. Where a term's notice has not been given to the principal, the term's school fees will be charged for your child/children.

Walk to School Safely Day—Sept 11

ACTIVE KIDS ARE SMARTER KIDS

FRIDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2020

Fast Facts:

WHAT:

National Walk Safely to School Day

WHEN: Friday 11th September 2020

WHERE: In all primary schools across the Australia

WHY: This national initiative aims to encourage children to lead a healthier, more active lifestyle by simply including a walk at the beginning, at lunchtime and at the end of each day. The event also promotes reduced car-dependency, greater use of public transport, cleaner air, improved diets and road safety to primary school children throughout Australia.



COVID-19 symptoms



Fever



Cough



Sore throat



Shortness of breath



Loss of smell



Loss of taste

Stay Safe



Clean your hands thoroughly for at least 20 seconds with soap and water, or an alcohol-based hand sanitiser



Cover your nose and mouth when coughing and sneezing with a tissue or your elbow. Put the tissue in the bin and wash your hands