



# St Bernadette's School

Friday 15th May 2020 — Term 2 Week 3

No. 13

Dear Parents,

Our first week of gradual re-entry to school went exceedingly well. The children were excited to be back and see their teachers and friends and the teachers were so happy to be doing a bit of 'normal' teaching again. Thank you for supporting the school as we transition back to fulltime attendance in the next few weeks.

As you know, schools are required to follow the directives of the State Government so we will continue to adjust our plans accordingly, working towards fulltime attendance in the second part of the term. School remains open each day for any child that needs to attend due to parental work commitments.

Some information you may not be aware of:

- All bubblers are turned off- children are expected to bring their own water bottle each day
- The Canteen will re-open soon; it is closed for now
- PE lessons are not occurring this coming week
- Remote Learning opportunities will continue to be provided for all students via See-Saw or Google Classroom
- Teacher comments and feedback online will be less than it has in the past few weeks as they are also teaching some lessons face to face during the day
- Parents to continue to drop children to school at the entry gates or kiss and drop zone in the mornings. Parents are able to collect children at the end of the day from Blue Wall pickups or onsite at Tuck Shop Terrace
- All classrooms have soap and paper towel for regular hand washing
- There is hand sanitiser in all rooms
- All classrooms are sanitised at the end of the school day
- We have employed a cleaner to work three hours during the day to do frequent cleaning of toilet blocks, hand rails and other high touch points throughout the school. This is in accordance to the regular schedule of cleaning
- If you have any questions or problems, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

I pray that you and your family remain in good health.

Best wishes,  
Mrs Bianca Cooke

## R.E. NEWS



This year we mark 5 years since Pope Francis released the highly influential encyclical, Laudato Si. In acknowledgement of this, our global church has called on its members to acknowledge and celebrate Laudato Si Week, beginning on May 16 and concluding on May 24.

Pope Francis' Encyclical Laudato Si was a worldwide wake up call to help humanity understand the destruction that man is rendering to the environment and his fellow man. While addressing the environment directly, the document's scope is broader in many ways as it looks at not only man's effect on the environment, but also the many philosophical, theological, and cultural causes that threaten the relationships of man to nature and man to each other in various circumstances.

The document was in many ways the epitome of Pope Francis. It is an unexpected topic. It presents Gospel truths, and, it provides a challenge for everyone. We're living through history-shaping events. The Laudato Si' teaches us how to build a better world-together. People everywhere are crying out for hope, and our faith is urgently needed to light the way. For Laudato Si' Week, 16-24 May, Catholics are uniting in solidarity for a more just and sustainable future.

Below is a message from Bishop Vincent Long on the Anniversary of 'Laudato Si'. Bishop Vincent's message is timely in these challenging times. He reminds us that we are all interconnected and we have a responsibility to care for our planet and to look after the poor and afflicted.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-LLWjANWHzc>

Here is a link to a 'Prayer for the Earth' that you can use to reflect on and pray for our world. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VJz0ZuxxMIO>

**Mrs Shane Robinson—Religion Coordinator**

### Week 4 Dates

**Waste Free Recess & Lunch Everyday**

**Mon 18 May**

**GOLD** House students

**Tues 19 May**

8-10 am Uniform Shop—  
emailed orders only  
**GREEN** House students

**Wed 20 May**

**RED** House students  
NO Student Banking  
until further notice

**Thurs 21 May**

Students of Essential  
Workers

**Fri 22 May**

**Blue** House students

**A reminder that  
children are welcome  
to attend school on any  
day (not just their  
allocated day).**

**Canteen is closed until  
further notice.**

**ENROLLING NOW  
FOR  
KINDERGARTEN  
2021**

**Please call:  
02 9407 6600  
for further  
information**

**Limited Places  
Available**

## Gradual Return of Students to School Plan

Each school and local context is different and our plan reflects the needs of our community to ensure that onsite learning and remote learning continues.

**Week 4 & 5**  
**18th May—29th May**

Monday 18th May	Tuesday 19th May	Wednesday 20th May	Thursday 21st May	Friday 22nd May
Gold House	Green House	Red House	Essential Workers	Blue House
+Essential workers	+Essential workers	+Essential workers	+Essential workers	+Essential workers
+Remote learning will be scheduled for home	+Remote learning will be scheduled for home	+Remote learning will be scheduled for home	+Remote learning will be scheduled for home	+Remote learning will be scheduled for home
Monday 25th May	Tuesday 26th May	Wednesday 27th May	Thursday 28th May	Friday 29th May
Gold & Green House	Gold & Green House	Red & Blue House	Essential Workers	Red & Blue House
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As you can see, our teachers will be providing onsite and remote learning opportunities every day of the week. There will be times when teachers are unable to respond as promptly to remote learners as they have been as we move forward with students on site. Please be assured teachers will respond as soon as they can.

Students will be aware of their house colours from previous years and if they have siblings (siblings are in the same house colour). If you are unsure of your child's house colour please email the office for confirmation.

All students will need to return with a water bottle as all bubblers have been turned off.

We kindly ask that all children enter the school gates on their own. Adults are reminded of social distancing when dropping off and picking up. School dismissal remains the same. Blue wall pick-up is encouraged.

**Charmain Floody—AP**

### Welcome Back Students

It has been wonderful to see so many beautiful faces at school this week. Next week (Week 4) the staggered return to school is the same as this week with students invited to attend on their House Colour Day. A reminder to send your child to school with recess, lunch and a water bottle every day (as school bubblers are turned off during this time).

### Book Club—Term 2

This term the book club brochure is available via this link:

<https://scholastic.com.au/book-club/virtual-catalogue-1/>

Instructions on how to order via Loop are attached to this newsletter. The last date for orders to be placed online is

**Mon 18th May.**

Thank you

**Book Club Coordinators**



### Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the following children who have successfully completed the challenge, even though we haven't been at school very often.  
*Eva Bradshaw, Abigail Symin, Samuel Khamis, Alexa Kouknas, Kristina Jelwan, Thomas Looker, Grace Semaan, Kevin Le.*



## Kindergarten 2021

Thank you to parents who have already submitted their enrolment applications for Kindergarten 2021. Interviews will take place again this week. If you have not yet submitted your form, could you please forward it to the office by Wednesday 20th May.

## Complaints & Grievances

Parents please note that if you would like to make a complaint/grievance about a school matter, please collect a complaints form from the school office or send an email to

BernadetteCH@parra.catholic.edu.au

All matters will be attended to under strict confidentiality.

## Online Book Subscription

We have been gifted with a subscription for all K-2 children to use an online book collection.

We thank CEDP for providing us with the 1 year subscription to the PM eCollection.

At St Bernadette's we will be using this resource to supplement our home readers. This means the resource is available for you to use with your children at home.

You can download the app PM eCollection from the app store for an iPad or log in on a computer by going to [app.pmecollection.com.au](http://app.pmecollection.com.au)

As the children attend school over the coming week, they will receive a card with their username and password. This copy is for you to keep at home in a safe place.

**Mrs Charmain Floody—AP**

### Term 2:

Mon 27 April to Fri 3 July

### Term 3:

Mon 20 July to Fri 25 September

### Term 4:

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

## Fee Relief for Families

The three ways that parents/carers can apply for fee relief are outlined on the CEDP website at

<https://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/>

The page includes a list of 'Frequently Asked Questions'. Please seek this assistance if you need.



**ENROLLING NOW FOR  
KINDERGARTEN 2020 & Years 1 to 6**

**Please contact the school office if you would  
like to enrol your child in 2020.**

**PLACES ARE FILLING FAST!**