



St Bernadette's School

Friday 29th May 2020 — Term 2 Week 5

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Dear Parents,

I am in awe at how well the children have adjusted to the normal routines of school so quickly! The noise on the playground on Monday morning grew to a deafening crescendo as all of the children arrived at school and met all of their friends for the first time in many weeks. There was absolute joy on most faces, a couple with some tears that quickly evaporated, though a growing sense of excitement that everyone was back together again.

The teachers had been waiting for this day and were just as excited as their students!

Thank you for your co-operation at drop off and pick up times. It was particularly challenging on the rainy mornings and it seemed that the queue of traffic just trying to enter and exit the driveway at Brisbane Road truly tested your patience. As more families than usual are driving to and from school at the moment, we are being flexible and keeping the kiss and drop gate open for a few minutes longer to help those stuck in traffic.

Please observe all traffic signage, keep to the speed limits that are sign posted, be extra cautious of pedestrians and

No Right Turn out of the driveway at Brisbane Road.

There have been police patrols in the area this week so please do not drop your children off in bus zones!

Thank you to those family members waiting at the Tuckshop Terrace at afternoon pick up. Please remember to social distance as much as possible and exit the school grounds as soon as you can. That way the carpark will empty quicker in readiness for the families using the Blue Wall pick up.

For those NRL fans, enjoy the reintroduction of the games this weekend!

Have a great weekend.

Mrs Bianca Cooke—Principal

R.E. NEWS



Pentecost always falls 50 days after Easter. It celebrates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and the Virgin Mary. It is often called the 'the birthday of the Church'. The disciples of Jesus were waiting to receive the Holy Spirit because that is what Jesus told them would happen. Just before He was taken up to heaven he told them that they would receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on them and they would be his witnesses in the whole world (Acts 1:8).

The disciples and other Christians had come together to thank God and suddenly a sound like the blowing of a strong wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were singing.

Next, they saw tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. When the tongues of fire came they were filled with the Holy Spirit and the disciples began speaking in different languages. The main message for the disciples was to go out and spread the Good News. That is our mission today as Catholics.



We must spread the Good News to all we meet. Let others know about our faith, do not be afraid to let everyone know that we follow Christ. Perhaps this week we could do that by inviting a friend or family member to join you for family prayer or Scripture reading. We could also follow Christ's example of caring for others by donating to the St Vincent de Paul's Winter Appeal.

[https://www.vinnies.org.au/page/Donate/Vinnies Current Appeals/Vinnies SA Coronavirus Appeal/](https://www.vinnies.org.au/page/Donate/Vinnies%20Current%20Appeals/Vinnies%20SA%20Coronavirus%20Appeal/)

Mrs Shane Robinson—REC

Week 6 Dates

Waste Free Recess & Lunch

Sun 31 May
Pentecost Sunday

Mon 1 June
8.30am Class Lines

Tue 2 June
8-10am Uniform Shop
(Emailed orders only)

Wed 3 June
NO Student Banking
until further notice

ENROLLING NOW
KINDERGARTEN
2021

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School Calendar: <http://www.stbernadetteschill.catholic.edu.au/en/Community/Events>

What is National Reconciliation Week?

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

The dates for NRW remain the same each year; 27 May to 3 June. These dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey—the successful 1967 referendum, and the High Court Mabo decision respectively.

Reconciliation must live in the hearts, minds and actions of all Australians as we move forward, creating a nation strengthened by respectful relationships between the wider Australian community, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.



27 MAY – 3 JUNE

#NRW2020 #InThisTogether2020

National Reconciliation Week 2020 Theme in 2020 Reconciliation Australia marks twenty years of shaping Australia's journey towards a more just, equitable and reconciled nation. Much has happened since the early days of the people's movement for reconciliation, including greater acknowledgement of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander rights to land and sea; understanding of the impact of government policies and frontier conflicts; and an embracing of stories of Indigenous success and contribution.

2020 also marks the twentieth anniversary of the reconciliation walks of 2000, when people came together to walk on bridges and roads across the nation and show their support for a more reconciled Australia. As always, we stand on the shoulders of those who came before us, and Australians now benefit from the efforts and contributions of people committed to reconciliation in the past.

Today we work together to further that national journey towards a fully reconciled country. Reconciliation is a journey for all Australians – as individuals, families, communities, organisations and importantly as a nation. At the heart of this journey are relationships between the broader Australian community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

We strive towards a more just, equitable nation by championing unity and mutual respect as we come together and connect with one another. On this journey, Australians are all In This Together; every one of us has a role to play when it comes to reconciliation, and in playing our part we collectively build relationships and communities that value Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, histories and cultures.

Uniform Shop

Again, a very special thank you to our Uniform Shop helpers who have given countless hours of their own time to ensure the children look so great in their winter uniforms. There are a few items on back order and unfortunately the COVID situation has interfered with supply.

Kindergarten 2021

Interviews with families continued again this week. We are now in the planning phase for 2021 and ask that if you wish to be considered for a placement in 2021 that your form be submitted as soon as possible as we are filling up fast. Thank you.



Sick Note Reminder

As school returns to face to face teaching, if your child is sick and you are keeping them home, please ensure you send in a note to explain their absence.

Mid Year Reports

Mid Year reports will go home in week 10 in a different format to what we are all used to. This is due to the fact that normal schooling was interrupted by the COVID pandemic. We will be reporting on Religious Education, English, Mathematics as well as Learning Behaviours. Effort grades will be assigned as well as a general written comment. The biggest difference is that there will not be A-E grades nor attendance data entered. These changes are in line with Government decisions for all schools.



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KINDERGARTEN 2021**

Please contact the school office on 9407 6600 if you would like to enrol your child into Kindergarten 2021 or Years 1 to 6.

Fee Relief for Families

Attached to this newsletter is a letter from CEDP emailed to all parents on 20 April regarding fee relief for families.

Also, the three ways that parents/carers can apply for fee relief are outlined on the [CEDP website](https://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/) at:

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

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

Blue Wall Pick Up

Thank you for your patience as we have had much larger numbers of families accessing blue wall pick up. We have allocated extra staff for this duty each day and appreciate your children's cooperation. A reminder that children need to know their pick up number (top tip—write it somewhere for the first few days). Also, children need to be able to fasten their seat belt on their own so cars can move quickly through the loading zones.

It would be appreciated if parents who have picked up from Tuckshop Terrace could move promptly from the carpark so we can begin the blue wall pick up promptly at 3pm.

Lost Property

If your child has lost a pair of pink reading glasses, please contact the office.



Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the following children for completing the Reading Challenge—a great effort!

Benjamin Maggs, Alexander Sholkie, Lily Alam, Keona D'Souza, Martin Lousin, Alastair Mattin, Natalie Alam, Mikayla Alam.

Our congratulations to the Mormul family on the birth of a baby girl, Greta, sister to Hilda 5G, Valda 3B and Wilma 1W. Our best wishes to the family.



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)

Tuckshop

Tuckshop is fully operational again every day for recess and lunch. Online orders are to be placed before **8AM** and can be placed in advance. The canteen is also open every day for orders and over the counter items.

Recess orders need to be collected from the Tuckshop at recess time. The Tuckshop menu has been attached again to this newsletter.

P & F News:

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop volunteers are working tirelessly to make sure all our students have their winter uniform needs sorted! Unfortunately global shortages have meant our suppliers are out of stock of many key items. For parents who have submitted orders for these items please be assured your items have been placed on back order and will be forwarded through your child's classroom as soon as we can.

In the meantime, if any parents have second hand items to donate we would be very grateful! Any donated items can be left in the school office for collection by uniform shop staff and will be washed thoroughly before resale.

Additionally please ensure order forms are completed fully, including payment details as without this information your order may be delayed.

As a reminder order forms need to be received by Monday 5pm for processing on Tuesdays.

The uniform shop will reopen to face to face customers when advised by Mrs Cooke.

The order form is available for download from our website or link: [2020 Winter Uniform Order Form](#).

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