



# St Bernadette's School

Friday 25 September 2020 — Term 3 Week 10 No. 30

Dear Parents,

The end to another term is here and I know everyone is relieved to have some down time for two weeks. The teachers and students have worked exceptionally hard this term and deserve a chance to rest, regroup and recharge ready for term 4.

Thank you once again for your continued support of the Teachers, Teacher Assistants, Office Staff, Mrs Floody and myself as we all strive to give the St Bernadette's children the best education possible. A very special thank you also to Fr Fernando and Father Shinto, for their ongoing support throughout the term.

As you know, Bernie Roo has been a highlight for us this term as Bernie Roo has helped to remind us of our school expectations to be resilient students, better learners and better friends. There will be more to come with our PBS4L project next term as we work towards a whole school reward for reaching our goals.

Have a wonderful break from the routines of a school day and those that are able to get away for a few days, travel safely.

Best wishes,  
**Bianca Cooke**  
Principal

## R.E. NEWS



Please pray for the children in our school and parish who are continuing their preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. It is an exciting and challenging time for families to participate actively with their children on this journey of faith, to foster their growing sense of God and ensure their initiation, begun in Baptism is completed through Confirmation.

For our school and parish it is a joy to support these children and families through prayer.

Children could think of a saint who inspires them and gives witness to Jesus when they are choosing a saint's name for Confirmation.

A Prayer for Confirmation Candidates  
May you have the strength of the SPIRIT,  
the power of PRAYER and the force of FAITH...

To live in SERVICE,  
to LOVE, with all your heart and to let God lead you.

### Week 1 Term 4 Dates

Waste Free Recess & Lunch

**Mon 12 Oct**  
Staff & Students return for Term 4  
**Students Return in Summer Uniform**

**Tue 13 Oct**  
8-10am Uniform Shop  
(Emailed orders only)

**Wed 14 Oct**  
No Choir  
Student Banking  
Year 6 'Becoming Your Best' Incursion

**Thu 15 Oct**  
Year 6 'Becoming Your Best' Incursion



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2021**

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

## Student Council War on Waste initiative – Waste Free EVERY DAY

### Grooming and Uniform Expectations

As we return to school for Term 4 there are a few points to be mindful about regarding grooming and uniform expectations.

The school's grooming and uniform policy can be found on our school's website- Parent Handbook. It states:

- Hair is to be kept neat, tidy and off the collar. For boys: a short neat hair cut and for girls: a neat hair cut with long hair to be tied back. In both cases, fringes need to be short and off the face (not falling across the face or in eyes). It is to be of consistent natural colour. Bleaching, colouring, streaking or tinting of any nature is not permitted.
- Hair styles are to be of a gradual even grade and all extremes of fashion are to be avoided.
- Examples of some styles that are not permitted are ridges, lines, undercuts, steps, bowl cuts, excessive shaping with gel and any shaving cuts (specifically No 1 and No 2.)

The uniform includes a school hat which must be worn to and from school, during sport and outdoor lessons and at all times during play.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

### Summer Uniform

The link to our order form is below. A reminder that in Term 4 students should have transitioned to their full summer uniform by Week 3.

[2020 2021 Summer Uniform Order Form](#)

## Parent Survey Results: Draft New (Religious Education) Curriculum

In week 8 of this term, all parents of students involved in the Term 3 "Test Runs" of the Draft New Curriculum in Religious Education, were given the opportunity to share their feedback and insights. Thank you to all parents who were able to do so. Over 450 parents from across the Diocese have responded and there has been a positive response with the majority of parents agreeing to each of the statements listed below:

- My child has been enabled me to think about their faith
- My child has connected what they have learned to their life
- My child has responded positively to their lessons
- My child has spoken about their lessons at home

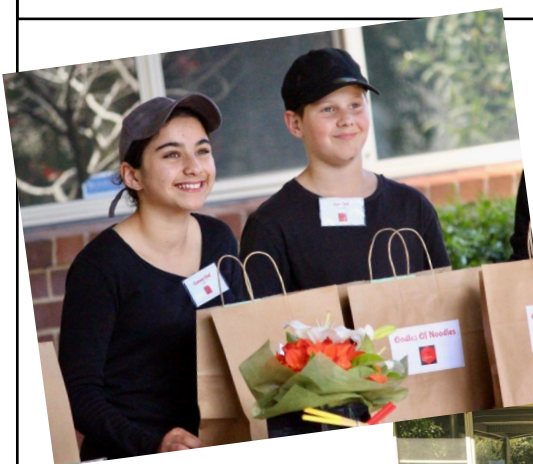
Important insights and points of feedback were also provided which, along with feedback from students and teachers, will be read and reflected on by Mission leaders as they continue to refine the Draft New Curriculum.

### Student Data Validation

As part of our annual system and legal requirements, Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP) is asking families to ensure all relevant contact and student information is up to date and accurate for the purposes of communication and providing relevant support to students.

On Monday 19 October, households will receive an email or SMS from CEDP with a link and login details to the Student Data Validation (SDV) form.

Once you have logged in you will be able to verify existing information from the school database and update if necessary. The process should not take more than 15 minutes and will need to be completed by 5:00pm on Friday 6 November.



Well Done Year 6  
who cooked up some  
wonderful take-away  
dishes for their  
**Risky Business**  
projects.  
Fantastic work kids!



**Congratulations to the following  
students receiving Social Skills Awards**

<b>KB</b>	Not For Publication	Errol Gaya
<b>KG</b>	Brody Van Ryswyk	Seosamh Healy
<b>KW</b>	Tali Berrell	Jacob Woolford
<b>1B</b>	Lily Smith	Isaac Pellicano
<b>1G</b>	Nayonika Sharma	Harrison Mortlock
<b>1W</b>	Elliana Escobar	Isaac Nader
<b>2B</b>	Yuna Haely Parcon	Amelie Saliba
<b>2G</b>	Evelyn Hughes-Brogan	Nevan Fernando
<b>2W</b>	Daniel Rowe	Christian Khoudair
<b>3B</b>	Ava Berrell	Benjamin-Jude Raad
<b>3G</b>	Peter Abdo	Audrey Michael
<b>4B</b>	Ashton Baker	Jackson Randall
<b>4G</b>	Sophie Pratt	William McManus
<b>4W</b>	Chelsea Nicolaou	Krishel Sathees Kumar
<b>5B</b>	Douglas Windress	Thasandi Fonseka
<b>5G</b>	Paloma Lopez	Alexander Barone
<b>5W</b>	Jesse Oliver	Isabella Mathews
<b>6B</b>	Danielle Khoudair	Charlotte Cowper
<b>6G</b>	Olivia Kirkham	Ryan Suwandy
<b>6W</b>	Ella Lagana	Anotonio Wadih

## BOOK WEEK 2020

### Curious Creatures, Wild Minds

Although usually celebrated in the last week of August, this year's Book Week has moved to Term 4 Week 2, 17th – 23rd October.



- ◇ Our students have already started creating their curious creatures in the Library this term.
- ◇ Following on from this, an official colouring page was sent home on Thursday. This can become an optional entry into our school colouring competition. Please return submissions to class teachers by Tuesday 13th October (Week 1).
- ◇ Throughout the term, students will be reading books that have been shortlisted CBCA 2020.
- ◇ In week 2, each grade will be attending a session with Tony Murphy (cartoonist, Illustrator, Author).
- ◇ Friday, 23rd October Book Character Dress Up! Come dressed as your favourite book character, curious creature or wild thing!



## Featherdale Wildlife Visit

In 2019 a group of our students were the winners of the Featherdale Wildlife Endangered Species competition. We were not able to go to Featherdale for our planned excursion so Lauren and her animals came to visit us instead. Thank you to Featherdale Wildlife Park in Doonside for their generosity. The children thoroughly enjoyed learning more about Australia's unique wildlife and patting some of them too!



## P & F Sausage Sizzle

Special thanks to our P&F group who treated all of the children and teachers with a sausage sizzle for lunch on Thursday to end off a busy Term 3. Thank you! They were delicious!



Our wonderful BBQ helpers:

Nick Gooley;  
Dianna Zaiter;  
Amanda Baker;  
Tony Kassis;  
Dianne Zeaiter;  
Claudia Azzi;  
Adel Kouknas;  
Rosemary Bounasiff;  
Mary Zaiter;  
Karen DeSousa;  
Vanessa Touma

