



# St Bernadette's School

Friday 7 August 2020 — Term 3 Week 3

No. 23

Dear Parents,

I thought I would take this opportunity to remind our school community about a few things regarding car park etiquette and safety as I know there have been some near misses and one minor collision in recent weeks. I know that we all want the best for our children and their safety is paramount, so it requires the co-operation of all parents to ensure that this happens.

Please do not use the front driveway (Brisbane Road) as a drop off zone. Some cars have been driving into the driveway to drop off their children and then reverse out as others are walking behind them. Mr Balfour will place traffic cones on the driveway entrance each morning so please find a park spot somewhere on Brisbane Road or the surrounding streets. The children are encouraged to walk up the steps and into the bottom gate.

Those parking in the Parish Carpark are asked to adhere to a few simple rules.

- Park wholly within the lines of allocated spaces.
- Do not park in disabled parking unless you have a permit
- Nose in/front of car into the space when parking in the angled 45° spots
- Nose in or reverse in when parking in the straight 90° spots (See photos page 2)
- No Right Turn from the driveway into Brisbane Road
- Give way to pedestrians at all times.

If we all adhere to these rules then there will be fewer incidents and a smoother exit, especially at dismissal time.

A very special thank you to most families who always do the right thing and show patience and care. Your children will learn these valuable personal traits because of your modelling.

Stay warm and dry this weekend!  
Mrs Bianca Cooke



## R.E. NEWS



At St Bernadette's we will celebrate Mary MacKillop's Feast Day, which is celebrated on the 8th August. This is also the date of her death in 1909. This year it is 10 years since Mary MacKillop was canonised as a saint. Next Monday classes will join in a Liturgy of the Word to celebrate her feast day.  
<http://www.marymackillop.org.au/>



Mary MacKillop was devoted to the service of the poor. Her love for poor children knew no bounds. She established

a Catholic school system for children who were isolated and in poor circumstances. She had a practical love for those who were poor and destitute. She set up orphanages, refuges for the sick and elderly, and visited those who were in prison. She welcomed those experiencing difficult situations and provided opportunities for those who were most vulnerable in society.

Pause for Reflection: In what way is God calling me to bring good news to those who are poor?

Prayer: God of love your heart reaches out to those who are poor in our world. Open our eyes and ears to hear the cries of your people bound down by the injustices of this world. May we like Mary MacKillop respond in word and action to the struggling people of our world. St Mary of the Cross, serving the neglected ones, pray for us.

Action: Next week reach out to someone in your neighbourhood who is in need.

### Week 4 Dates

Waste Free Recess & Lunch Everyday

#### Mon 10 August

8.30am Morning Assembly  
K-Yr 2 Brainstorm Inc.  
Mary MacKillop Mass (in school Zoom)  
3-4.30pm Motive8sports

#### Tues 11 August

8-10 am Uniform Shop—  
emailed orders only

#### Wed 12 August

7.45am Choir  
Student Banking  
Yr 3 Skyworks Inc.

#### Thurs 13 August

3pm & 3.45pm Yrs 3-5  
Sporting Schools  
Basketball Clinic

#### Fri 14 August

7.45am Band  
Kindy 'Farmer for a Day'  
Assembly (Zoom)

**Tues 18 & Wed 19 Aug**  
School Photo Day

#### Tues 25 August

7.30am ICAS English

#### Tues 1st September

7.30am ICAS Maths

#### Fri 25 Sept

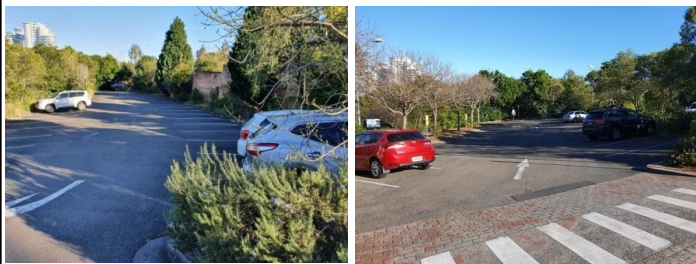
Staff Development Day  
& Pupil Free Day

**ENROLLING NOW  
FOR  
KINDERGARTEN  
2021**

**School Tours  
Please call  
02 9407 6600**

## Car Park Rules

Park your car nose-in for 45° spots.



Nose-in OR reverse for 90° spots.



## Privacy

Parents, please keep in mind that you are not allowed to take photos of children other than your own without their parents' permission. To do so is a breach of Privacy and Child Protection Policies. Thank you for your cooperation.

## TELL THEM FROM ME Survey

In the coming weeks we will be inviting students, teachers and all parents to provide feedback on their experience of our school using an online survey called Tell Them From Me. All schools in the Parramatta Diocese have undertaken this survey for a number of years to provide valuable feedback and assist with forward planning. Details about how you can access the survey will be shared soon.



Tell Them From Me



## Parish News

### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION - CONFIRMATION 2020

Parish families who would like their child to commence preparation to receive the sacrament of confirmation are invited to attend our information evening that will be held on:

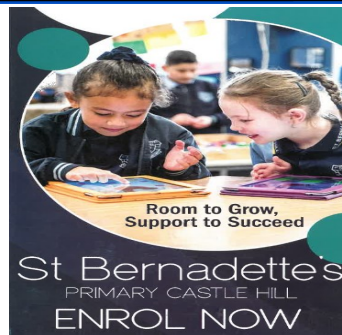
**Tuesday 11th August at 7pm in the Church.**

This preparation process is suitable for children who are in year 6 or above and have already received the sacraments of baptism, reconciliation and eucharist. The evening should last approximately one hour and, under current restrictions, we ask that only parents attend. For more information, contact Alice Bradshaw, Sacramental Co-ordinator, at the parish office on 9634 2622 or [sacraments@stbernadette.org.au](mailto:sacraments@stbernadette.org.au) (Monday & Tuesday).

## ENROLLING NOW FOR KINDERGARTEN 2021 & Years 1 to 6

### SCHOOL TOURS NOW AVAILABLE

Please contact the school office on 9407 6600.



## School Photos—Tues 18 & Wed 19th August

Photo envelopes have been sent home for individual and sibling photos. If you wish to purchase photos please order online and then forward envelope to class teacher. Please return all envelopes prior to photo day. Sibling photos will be taken at recess and lunchtime. A schedule will be placed in the newsletter next week. A reminder that all students will need to be in **Full** winter uniform on their photo day. If you need to purchase any items of uniform—please order via uniform order form on our website.



## Our First Egg!!

Good news everyone—our chickens have laid their first egg.



## School Events

As you know, COVID-19 has forced us to change the way we 'used to do things'. This is certainly the case for schools. Unfortunately, at this current time, we are not allowed to hold excursions, whole school events or invite large groups of parents onto the site. This means that all external sporting events such as Gala Days and Carnivals are cancelled, as are whole school Masses, Father's Day celebrations and even Grandparents Day celebrations. Instead Mrs Orsini and the Colour House Captains are currently investigating some fun physical activities that we can hold at school, just for the students. More details to come once plans have been finalised.

At this point, we do not know what the end of year events will look like though we will continue to keep you up to date with changes as they come to hand.

## NSW Premier's Reading Challenge



Congratulations to the following children for completing the Premier's Reading Challenge:

Maya Salloun	Spencer Tang	Lucas Reyna
Patrick Kelly	Valda Mormul	Johnny Symin
Kiara Heyes	Tiana Symin	Bridget Clemente
Eleanor Read	Antonio Wadih	
Danibel Elia Gallaza	Jason-Leigh Knight	



# St Bernadette's School Garden

**Just look how wonderful it's looking!**

