



St Bernadette's School

Friday 20 November 2020 — Term 4 Week 6 No. 36

Dear Parents,

On Friday 27th of November we farewell Miss Ashleigh Tabone from the St Bernadette's family and wish her every blessing at her new school- Santa Sophia, Box Hill. Ashleigh has worked tirelessly in her Diversity role as an Intervention, Reading Recovery and EMU teacher. Her expertise in literacy and numeracy intervention has assisted many young learners at our school, in particular Year 1 and Kindergarten students. She has also been a wealth of information and support for staff members. Good luck Ashleigh!

This time of the year is always a hectic time as schools try to finalise staffing arrangements for the following year. Class/Grade teachers have not been set as yet and a full staff list with positions will be announced at the end of week 9. The students will meet their new teacher and classmates on Monday week 10.

I would like to welcome the following staff members to our school for 2021. Miss Danielle Hutchinson and Miss Rachelle El-Hage are now permanent members of staff. Miss Rebecca Mann is also joining us as a permanent Diversity teacher. Welcome also to Miss Julia Smith and Miss Jessica Piperata to St Bernadette's.

This Wednesday evening we are holding a P&F meeting in the library at 7:30pm. All are welcome to join us either face to face (following COVID-19 restrictions of course) or via zoom. Please do not attend if you are unwell. The election of 2021 positions will be held as well as general business. Thank you to our current P&F team for remaining ever positive and helpful, even in difficult circumstances. I know that COVID-19 has altered most of our activities this year though this will not stop us from making some plans for next year!

Have a safe and restful weekend.

Mrs Bianca Cooke - Principal

R.E. NEWS



The feast of the presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Temple dates back to the 6th Century in the East and to the 14th Century in the West. The feast celebrates the tradition recounted in James' apocryphal gospel that at a very early age, Mary went to the temple to totally consecrate her life to God. The Church didn't want to underline the apocryphal account but wanted to celebrate the fact that Mary, from the very moment of her conception, belonged totally to God to fulfil His Divine Will.



Apart from the events relayed in the Gospels little is known about Mary's life. From the Gospels we do know that Mary was always 'the handmaid of the Lord' (Lk 1:38). The Angel Gabriel's greeting at the Annunciation tells us something about her as she is referred to as 'full of grace' (Lk 1:28), which really means, 'full of God'. Mary's sanctity wasn't something that occurred from the Annunciation onwards, but she was always holy as she was 'full of grace' and without sin. She lived a life that was always holy and that was devoted to God.

Mary is the daughter of the Father, that long-awaited daughter of Israel, who was always in a continuous dialogue with God in her soul. On the 21st November, is the feast of her total consecration to God and her full dedication to the Divine Plan. She never denied God anything and she always corresponded perfectly to His Grace and the Holy Spirit and as such is the perfect model of consecration for all Christians whatever our particular vocation.

This feast is a good occasion to renew our devotion to God, to try to carry out our daily duties in the Lord's service.

**Mrs Shane Robinson
Religion Coordinator**

Week 7

Term 4 Dates

Waste Free Recess & Lunch

Mon 23 Nov
3-3:30 pm Motiv8sports

Tue 24 Nov
8-10am Uniform Shop
(Emailed orders only)

Wed 25 Nov
No Choir
Student Banking
7:30pm P & F AGM in
the school library or via
ZOOM

Fri 27 Nov
Year 3 Incursion—
'Fizzics'

Other Term 4 Dates:

Wed 2 Dec & 9 Dec
Kindy Orientation

Thu 3 Dec
Swimming Carnival -
Competitors Only

Fri 11 Dec
Whole School
Celebration Day

Tue 15 Dec
7pm Year 6 Graduation
Mass

Wed 16 Dec
Last day of school for
students.

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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

Mini Vinnie Social Justice Initiative

This is a reminder for children to please bring in Christmas treats, non-perishable food and/or a small gift for the St Vincent de Paul and school/ parish Christmas Hampers Appeal. **Please ensure that all non-perishable food donations such as biscuits, pasta and tinned vegetables are in date.**



Each class has a particular family they are collecting goods for. Please send all donations to your child's class by Thursday 3rd of December. Thank you to those families who have already generously donated.

Lost Property

We have a **mountain** of unclaimed jumpers, jackets, hats, lunch boxes and drink bottles. All items are NOT labelled with a child's name OR the name has washed away and can no longer be read.

We realise it is hard for parents to come and check for their child's lost items due to COVID-19 restrictions so we are going to place all lost property items in front of the blue wall gates each day from 7:30am-3:30pm next week only.

Please come and see if your child's items are there. Of course, it goes without saying that, you would not take anything that does not belong to you.

Any questions, please contact the office.

MAI Dates for 2021

It has been advertised in the newsletter that students in 2021 will return to school on Friday 29th January, Kindergarten will commence on Tuesday the 2nd of February.

Please note, we will be holding the annual Mathematics Assessments Interviews (MAI) on:

- Wednesday 27th January
- Thursday 28th January,
- Friday the 29th January- for Kindergarten 2021 only.

Bookings will become available later in the term via schoolinterviews.com.au.

R.I.P. †† Our prayerful sympathy is extended to the Knight family (Jason-Leigh 6B), following the recent passing of his grandfather recently. May he rest in peace.



2021 Return Dates:

Years 1-6 Friday 29 January
Kindergarten Tuesday 2nd February

End of Year Reports—An Update

This semester, our school is one of a number of Diocesan schools that have transitioned to a new CEDP reporting system through an application called COMPASS. The remainder of CEDP schools will be included in this new reporting system in the first semester next year. We are grateful to be included in this round of schools as the new system is more user friendly and reliable.

In this new format we continue to report student achievement in the same subject areas and a 5 point scale as always, as well as provide grades for effort and application. In fact, this new report does not look too different from the half yearly one that we devised as a school earlier this year.

The biggest differences are that the 5 point grade scale labels has moved from A-E to wording and that Further School Involvement will not be included in a separate section this semester due to the many cancellations of school events caused by COVID-19. There will be comments for RE, English, Mathematics and a General Comment and a section for work habits.

The wording of the 5 point grade scale is as follows:

- Working Deeply
- Working Beyond
- Working At
- Working Towards
- Working With Assistance

The Effort scale is now a 4 point scale. The wording for this section is now:

- Excellent
- Very Good
- Good
- Requires Improvement

The whole grade comparisons of subject achievement will not be included on the report though can be requested once you receive the school report in Week 9, if you so wish.

This new report format will be used by all grades, Kindergarten to Year 6.



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

KB	Bryce Jiang	Harvey Greer
KG	Bruce Zheng	Olivia McManus
KW	Sofia Presti	Lucas Liu
1B	Stella Pace	Nikolas Puleo
1G	Asia Amy Ah Siu	Leah Pavlidis
1W	Wilma Mormul	Austin Ellis
2B	Zahra Mardanian	Mariella Zaiter
2G	Ava Papandrea	Eleanor Lee
2W	Roxanne Succar	Grace Abdo
3B	Cooper Keremelevski	Aleksander Puleo
3G	Lucas Keremelevski	Arianni Sebastian
4B	Thomas Masina	Grace Semaan
4G	Jackson Leib	Amelia Lavis
4W	Elle Dibble	Emily Mitchell
5B	Oscar Polley	Lucas Ranieri
5G	Chloe Malandrino	Isaac Frketic
5W	Poppy Dibble	Sofia Aiossa
6B	Cohen Orsini	Layaan Arraf
6G	Liam Conlin	Bridget Clemente
6W	Samuel Akle	Nicholas Beames

**St Bernadette's Got Talent
Virtual...Last Days!**

- All entries must be filmed on a camera roll (no social media platforms such as Tik Tok, Snapchat or Instagram will be accepted) and emailed to lmckinnon6@parra.catholic.edu.au .
- Please name the file with student grade, surname then first name eg. Year 6 - Floody, Charmain.
- Each student is only permitted one entry. Group entries are allowed. If student groups are from multiple grades, then entry is to the oldest group members grade.
- Items are to be between 1 minute – 2 ½ minutes ONLY.

All entries need to be received by **Monday of Week 7 (November 25th)**

