



# St Bernadette's School

Friday 5 February 2021 — Term 1 Week 2

No. 2

Dear Parents,

What an exciting week we have had at St Bernadette's!

It has been our first full week of school and we have welcomed our Kindergarten students to our community. They have managed to bravely walk into school on their own (with the help of a Year 6 Leader) and have settled into the routines of school very quickly! Congratulations Kinder!

Some other highlights have been:

All students have been able to make new friends and get to know their teachers.

We have had Dance Fever, Music, Library and PE for the first time this year.

We had our first school assembly that the new Year 6 leaders helped to lead.

We have all been earning Bernie Roo tokens for following the expectations of our school (The Bernie Way) and some children have even earned a gem for their class jar!

I have seen smiling faces as well as heard happy laughs and fabulous manners as I walked around the school from room to room.

I have also seen students dressed beautifully in their school uniform and wearing their hat to and from school each day.

Students have been refilling their water bottles at our refill stations to make sure they stay hydrated throughout the day.

And I rejoice every time I see and hear our whole school community stop at 12pm to pray the Angelus together.

St Bernadette's- congratulations on a fantastic week at school!

Enjoy the weekend and make sure you are well rested for a new week. We look forward to seeing you at the Meet the Teacher meetings next week. (Remember to make your booking online and you are welcome to bring your child to the meeting with you).

Best wishes,

Bianca Cooke

## R.E. NEWS



The beginning of Advent marked the start of a new liturgical year, which marks the transition of the Lectionary cycle for the readings from Year A to Year B to Year C. We have a 3-year cycle built around the 3 synoptic gospels – Matthew, Mark and Luke. We are currently in Year B with the readings of Mark.

Among the four Gospels, Mark's account is unique in many ways. It is the shortest account and seems to be the earliest. Both Luke and Matthew use much of Mark's text. Luke's account contains over half of the verses in Mark's account (some 350 verses out of a total 660 verses in Mark). Unlike Luke and Matthew who begin their accounts with the events surrounding the birth of the Messiah, Mark begins his account with Jesus' public ministry and the mission of John the Baptist. Mark leaves no doubt as to who Jesus was. In the very first sentence of his account he proclaims that Jesus is the "Christ, the Son of God" (Mark 1:1). Jesus was not simply a man among men, but one who caused great wonder, amazement, and awe upon those who encountered him. "They were astonished at his teaching" (Mk 1:22); "they were all amazed" (Mk 1:27); "they were utterly astounded" (Mk 6:51); "the disciples were amazed at his words" (Mk 10:24), Mark stresses Jesus as "Teacher" and as the "Servant of God". Jesus is regularly addressed as "Teacher" by his disciples (Mk 4:38) and by those who seek his help (Mk 5:35). He also uses the Hebrew form of teacher, "Rabbi" (Mk 9:5). Ironically Mark gives little of Jesus' teaching compared with Luke and Matthew. Mark mainly stresses what Jesus did. He depicts Jesus' ceaseless activity and his power over sickness, disease, death, and the work of evil spirits.



### Week 3 Dates

Waste Free Recess & Lunch

#### Meet the Teacher

Interviews all this week

#### Mon 8 February

8.30am Class Lines

DANCE FEVER

3-4.30pm Motiv8sports

#### Tue 9 February

8-10am Uniform Shop

(Emailed orders only)

Safer Internet Day

#### Fri 12 February

Band Lessons

### Coming Dates:

#### Tues 16 February

Shrove Tuesday

#### Wed 17 February

Ash Wednesday

#### Fri 19 February

CENSUS DAY

**REGISTER NOW  
FOR  
KINDERGARTEN  
2022**

**OPEN DAYS:  
Tues 9th March  
9.15—10.15am**

**Fri 12th March  
11.30—12.30pm**

**Register your  
interest via our  
website.**

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

## RE News *continued*

Mark also displays both Jesus' divinity and his humanity. For example, Mark tells us that Jesus is "the carpenter" (Mk 6:3).

Matthew softens it a bit by saying that Jesus is the "carpenter's son" (Matt. 13:55). Mark even tells us about Jesus' emotions. Jesus was moved with "compassion" (Mk 6:34); he "sighed" (Mk 7:34; 8:12); he "marveled" at the unbelief of his own townsfolk (Mk 6:6); he "looked" upon the rich young man and "loved him" (Mk 10:21). Mark also adds vivid details that the other Gospel writers leave out. For example, he describes Jesus' tenderness as he took the little children "in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands upon them" (Mk 10:16). On another occasion Mark describes Jesus "asleep on a cushion" in the stern of the boat as the apostles feared for their lives when caught in the storm at sea (Mk 4:38).

Students will also be focusing on the readings and themes of Matthew in class during their Religious Education Learning Cycles.

**Mrs Shane Robinson—REC**

## Meet the Teacher

Bookings are **now open** for Meet the Teacher. Bookings will close at 9am on Monday.

Meetings are strictly 10 minutes- if you require a longer appointment contact your teacher through the office for another date.

Meetings are held on site in teacher classrooms or via zoom. If you choose a zoom option, a link will be available in your confirmation email.

The purpose of these meetings are to allow you to meet new class teachers for 2021 and to provide teachers with information about your child- their strengths, challenges and any learning insights and patterns you are aware of. Teachers appreciate and value the information you hold about your child and look forward to working together in partnership.

Bookings can be made via **[schoolinterviews.com.au](https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au)** or click on this link:

**<https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/book/closed?z=FNIS7>**  
Event code: **dsjtt**

## KINDERGARTEN 2022 OPEN DAYS:

**Tues 9 March**  
9.15-10.15 am

**Fri 12 March**  
11.30-12.30 pm

Register your interest via  
our website.



## Sport & Library Days:

### Sport

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| <b>K</b> | Mon & Thur  |
| <b>1</b> | Mon & Wed   |
| <b>2</b> | Mon & Thurs |
| <b>3</b> | Mon & Thur  |

**Additional sport**                      **3W wks 4,7,10**  
**uniform day on Tues**           **3G wks 2,5,8**  
                                                 **3B wks 3,6,9**

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| <b>4</b> | Mon & Tues |
| <b>5</b> | Mon & Tues |
| <b>6</b> | Mon & Wed  |

### Library Borrowing Days

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| <b>K</b> | Thursday           |
| <b>1</b> | Wednesday          |
| <b>2</b> | Thursday           |
| <b>3</b> | Tuesday & Thursday |
| <b>4</b> | Tuesday            |
| <b>5</b> | Tuesday            |
| <b>6</b> | Wednesday          |

## Zone Swimming Carnival

The Zone Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday the 19th February, 2021 at Mt Druitt Swimming Centre. Due to the ever changing circumstances of COVID-19 restrictions, we are unable to confirm whether spectators and parent helpers will be allowed to attend. We are hoping to get clarification next week with notes coming home with students as soon as possible. I would like to congratulate the following students who will be invited to represent St Bernadette's at the Zone Carnival:

Lucia Aiossa  
Natalie Alam  
Rafael Clemente  
Matilda Cowper  
Olivia Goss  
Savannah Jaucian  
Grace Kalina  
Jack Kirkham  
Amelia Lavis  
Thomas Looker  
Paloma Lopez  
Thomas Macey  
Calan Mooney  
Harry Palmer  
James Sahabu  
Rachel Sahabu  
Jai Salter  
Sebastian Vilorio  
Sophie Vilorio  
Abigail Wigham  
Douglas Windress

**Ilana Blazevic—Physical Education Teacher & Sports Coordinator**



## Kindergarten News

Our newest members of the St Bernadette's community have settled in well.

We welcomed parents and students on Tuesday morning. From Wednesday morning, our youngest students have entered the school gates on their own and been escorted to their learning space by our Year 6 leaders. Today (Friday) their classes and teachers have been confirmed.

From Monday, KG will place bags outside the glass doors, KB & KW will place their bags on the passive grass area before school. They will again be assisted by Year 6 leaders at drop off. On Monday they will go to the learning space for grade play and on Tuesday morning they will join our before school playground.

Exciting times ahead!

## Attendance

As 2021 resumes, we are reminded that there are currently no restrictions on student attendance at school- unless a student has flu like symptoms. In this instance, students need to have a covid-19 test and cannot return to school until a Negative result has been received, a copy of which **MUST** come to school.

Students are expected to attend school every day. If they happen to be absent, please email (or phone) the school office [bernadettech@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:bernadettech@parra.catholic.edu.au) with a reason for absence. Any emails will be forwarded to relevant teachers.

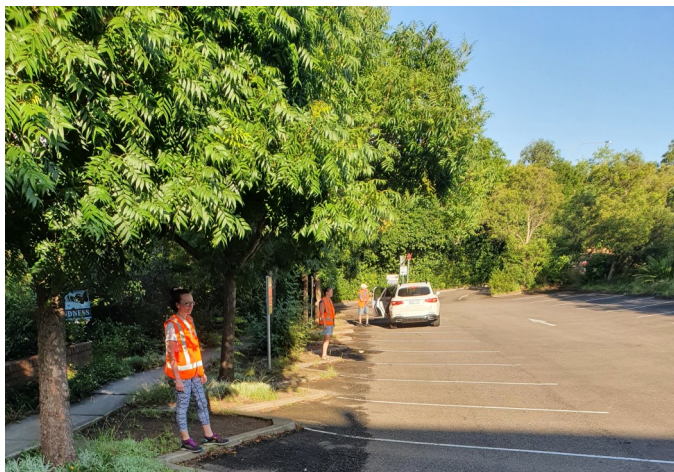
## Dance Fever

Dance Fever specialist lessons commenced on Monday and will begin next Monday for Kindergarten. Be sure to ask students to show you their moves!

## Thank you - P & F

Another big thank you to P&F volunteers who helped keep the carpark moving each morning. Your help has been invaluable!

Now that everyone knows exactly how the 'kiss and drop' section operates in the morning, please remember to drive as far forward in the drop off zone as possible to allow for a maximum number of cars access to the zone at once. Thank you also for all cars entering the car park via Brisbane Road only.



## 2021 School Fees

**Term 1 School Fee** accounts will be sent home from the Catholic Education Office shortly and will be due **Tuesday, 16th March, 2021**. Flexible Payment Plans (FPP) will again be offered in all Schools in the Parramatta Diocesan - 2021.

The FPP is an alternative to our current payment terms of **30 days** and offers families choice to pay their annual fees weekly, fortnightly or monthly over either a six month period from **March to August (Standard Plan)** or nine month period **March to November (Extended Plan)**.

**Fees can be made by cash, EFTPOS, BPOINT, BPAY or POSTBILLPAY- (NO CASH OR CHEQUES).** If you take advantage of the BPAY facility to pay your school fees, you will need your biller code and reference code which are located on the bottom righthand side of your school fee account.

Please allow 2 days for all BPoint, BPay and POSTBILLPAY payments to reach our account.

Should you wish to make other arrangements for the payment of your 2021 school fees please contact Mrs Vicki Cassidy on 94076600 or email [vcassidy@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:vcassidy@parra.catholic.edu.au).

Reminder to all families that a Term's notice (10 school weeks) in writing **MUST** be given to the Principal before the removal of a student or a full term's fees will be payable. The notice can be given any time during term for the next term and where appropriate notice has been received a pro-rata credit will be calculated. Where a term's notice has not been given to the Principal the terms school fees will be charged for your child/children.

**Student Council War on Waste initiative**

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**Waste Free EVERY DAY**

## Going Home Arrangements

Thank you to parents who have already completed and returned the Going Home Arrangements form. It is very important that the school knows this information so if you have not already returned this form then please do so on Monday. Any changes to your child's going home arrangements must be in writing to the teacher. Thank you for your assistance.

## Contact Details

If any at time your contact details change (mobile, address, work) we ask that you please notify the school via email. Please include your child's name and class.

## Book Club

Children were all given Bookclub brochures this week. For our new parents and those ordering for the first time please use the following link to order.

<https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent/Login.aspx>

For more information about BookClub please check out the following link:

[https://www.scholastic.com.au/media/5817/bc\\_guide\\_parent\\_2021\\_au.pdf](https://www.scholastic.com.au/media/5817/bc_guide_parent_2021_au.pdf)

20 percent of all orders goes back to the school to purchase new material for our children. For any further info please email [bookclub.stbpnf@gmail.com](mailto:bookclub.stbpnf@gmail.com) or call/text on 0401 001 121. Closing date for orders is 19 Feb 2021.

## Congratulations to our Former Students

Today Amelia Sing ex student of St Bernadette's received the Dux Award for achieving the highest ATAR at Gilroy Catholic College in 2020. Well done to Amelia! Also at Gilroy Catholic College, Nicole Homsy was awarded with School Captain and Zoe Rowntree—Vice Captain. Well Done!!

**R.I.P.** †† Our prayerful sympathy is extended to the Semaan family (Grace in 5B), following the recent passing of her grandfather. May he rest in peace.



## Term 1:

Fri 29 Jan to Thurs 1 April

## Term 2:

Mon 19 April to Fri 25 June

## Term 3:

Mon 12 July to Fri 17 September

## Term 4:

Tues 5 October to Fri 17 December

*Please note no Staff Development Days have been included in these dates.*

## P & F News:

### Summer Uniform

The link to our order form is below.

[2020 2021 Summer Uniform Order Form](#)

### St Bernadette's Football Club

Come and join your fellow classmates at St Bernadette's Football Club! We are a school community club which caters for students in Kindy (u/6) to Yr 6 (u/12) Training is held on a Thursday evening at Eric Mobbs Reserve Castle Hill. Games are on Saturdays in the local Hills area. Our fees are tailored to assist our families - we offer a \$20 early bird discount and a \$20 sibling discount. The Club provides the playing jersey.

Combined with the Government Active Kids \$100 voucher it makes the 2021 season fees very reasonable You can register here: <https://registration.playfootball.com.au/common/pages/reg/welcomeregplus.aspx?entityid=75337&id=74937> For any further information go to <https://sbfc.org.au/>, email [sbfcfooty@gmail.com](mailto:sbfcfooty@gmail.com), or call our club registrar, Leighton Hawkes on 0412 751 724. We look forward to welcoming you to our football club for the 2021 Winter season.



### St Bernadette's Netball Club

Any age, ability or fitness level, STBNC would love to see you on the court with them this season.

Registration is open to girls over the age of 5, and boys aged from 5-12 years old.

## Contact STBNC

Cassandra Holden,  
Club President  
[stbncpresident@hotmail.com](mailto:stbncpresident@hotmail.com)  
Davina Pratt,  
Club Registrar  
[stbncregistrar@hotmail.com](mailto:stbncregistrar@hotmail.com)

Additional Registration Information, Fees and Instructions can be found at:  
<http://sbnc.nsw.netball.com.au/>



### AFL Westbrook

Come try AFL at Westbrook this Sunday 9-11am. Auskick for 5-8years and AFL 9-12years. All boys and girls are welcome. Greenway Oval Cherrybrook.

### Positive Partnership FREE Autism Workshops for Parents

Positive Partnerships are running two online workshops in February for NSW parents and carers. Refer to the attached flyers. Participants can register at: <https://www.positivepartnerships.com.au/>