



St Bernadette's School

Friday 19 March 2021 — Term 1 Week 8

No. 8

Dear Parents,

This week (and this weekend) we celebrate Harmony Week. It was great to see children dressed in the colour orange or in their family cultural costume.

We certainly are a diverse family here at St Bernadette's!

So, what is Harmony Week? It is a time to celebrate Australian multiculturalism, inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural background, language background, ability or disability. It is a day of respect for everyone that calls Australia home. It is about love for others.



Jesus himself taught us:

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." John 15:12

We show love for one another by being respectful, kind, caring, considerate and open to new cultural experiences. After all, all of us at St Bernadette's have a family history that began in another country! Why not check out some delicious and fabulous recipes that celebrate cultural diversity!

<https://www.harmony.gov.au/a-taste-of-harmony>

Talking about recipes, keep an eye out for details of how you can be involved in creating our very own St Bernadette's School Cookbook! It will be a professionally printed publication filled with easy and delicious recipes that are St Bernadette's family favourites. Another great way to celebrate Harmony and Diversity!

Take care and stay safe if driving on the wet roads this weekend.

Bianca Cooke—Principal

R.E. NEWS



"Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do," Jesus said as his executioners crucified him and onlookers reviled him. These are challenging, radical words, and the forgiveness that Jesus asks of us is an important part of making this Lent one of deep conversion. C.S. Lewis captured the difficulty of Christ's standard when he wrote in his book "Mere Christianity," "Everyone says forgiveness is a lovely idea, until they have something to forgive."

Jesus' radical call to forgiveness is repeated each time we pray the Our Father and utter that all important word "as," "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." At the conclusion of teaching the Our Father, Jesus reinforces the point, "For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father also will forgive you; but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses" (Matt 6: 14).

No one should have to suffer an injustice, and yet, all of us inevitably do.



This challenge presents us with a choice between holding on to our anger and hurt, or letting go of it, trusting

in God's eternal justice and praying for those who have harmed us.

We Catholics are blessed with the beautiful gift of the sacrament of Reconciliation (John 20:22-23) that Jesus gave us so that we could encounter his mercy in-person. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a Sacrament of Healing. Our relationship with God is healed when we receive forgiveness during Reconciliation. When we confess our sins to a priest, we are speaking to Jesus and it is he who forgives our sins, once again reconciling us with himself, the Father and the Holy Spirit.

May the Holy Spirit fill our heart with a desire to forgive so that we can live a life reconciled with God and man, so that our world becomes a place of peace transformed by the joy of the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

Reconciliation is available on Saturdays; 8:30 to 9:00 am and 4:00 – 4:30 pm.

Week 9 Dates

Waste Free Recess & Lunch

Mon 22 March

8.30am Class Lines
Dance Fever
3-4.30pm Motiv8sports

Tue 23 March

8-10am Uniform Shop
(Emailed orders only or QuickCliq)

Wed 24 March

3pm Futsal Training

Fri 26 March

Band Lessons

Coming Dates:

NAPLAN 2021

11 May Online testing opens
21 May test must be completed

Thurs 1 April

Last day of Term 1

Fri 2 April

Good Friday

Mon 19 April

Staff & Students return for Term 2



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Enrolling now

for 2022

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

COMPASS PARENT PORTAL

Have you downloaded it yet? So many benefits ... ease of communication, push notifications, update family details, quick & easy absentee notification, school calendar and more! Contact the office for further details.



We hope you enjoyed the Facebook video about Five Finger Breathing. It is one of the many wellbeing practices we will be learning about this year.

Kinder, Year 1 and 2

We discussed their likes and dislikes and how it is important to understand everyone is different. They all agreed we can still be friends with others who like different things. We read the story about Carla and her creative sandwiches. Here is a link [Carla's Sandwich Year 3 and 4](#)

This week we talked about positive affirmations. We came up with a long list of positive things we can say to ourselves rather than negative. We decided that all of us are 'AMAZING'. We listened to the book called "I think I am" by Louise Hay. Here is a link to the book [I think I am by Louise Hay](#).

Year 5 and 6

Strengths and limitations were the topic of conversation this week. We talked about having realistic dreams and the possibility that we can achieve them if we keep trying. We watched a youtube clip of someone we thought would have had limitations but realised he overcame them with some help. Here is the link. [No limitations](#) We also listened to a story about the lion inside all of us. That lion helps us achieve great things. [The Lion Inside by Rachel Bright](#).

New Readers

Great news! We have just purchased additional guided reading sets. If you are able to assist with covering books, please come and collect some sets from the office. Thanks for your assistance.



NAPLAN Update

Next Thursday, March 25, children in Years 3 and 5 will participate in an online NAPLAN practice. This practice test is to allow students to practice using the online platform. Year 3 will complete an omnibus test (questions from all aspects of NAPLAN), Year 5 will complete an online writing task and an omnibus test as well.

KINDERGARTEN 2022

Prospective parents are invited to enrol their child into Kindergarten 2022. Enrolment packs are available from the school office or to download from our website.



All completed enrolment forms can now be submitted with all necessary paperwork by **Friday 2nd April 2021**.

Existing families wishing to enrol their child into Kindergarten 2022 are asked to contact the school office by end of March and also submit an enrolment form. It is very important for our 2022 planning that we know how many siblings to expect. Your assistance in notifying the school is much appreciated.

School Photo Day

Thank you to parents/students who arrived early on Tuesday morning for the sibling photos—it was an overwhelming success. Photos will be distributed next term.



2021 NSW PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

The Premier's Reading Challenge has begun and we invite all students to start reading. Students will be getting their Login and Passwords sent home in the next few days. You can read about the challenge using this link. [Premier's Reading Challenge](#)

If you have any questions or have any difficulties with passwords please email Mrs Coppini via the school email. Thank you.

School Fees—2021

If you haven't already finalised your account for Term 1 we ask if you could please make a payment now, thank you to all families that have finalised their account already. Should you wish to make an arrangement for your 2021 school fee account please contact Mrs Vicki Cassidy on 9407-6600 or email vcassidy@parra.catholic.edu.au.

Fees can be made by BPOINT, EFTPOS, BPAY or POSTBILL.

Just a 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.

COVID-19 symptoms



Fever



Cough



Sore throat



Shortness of breath



Loss of smell



Loss of taste

Stay Safe



Clean your hands thoroughly for at least 20 seconds with soap and water, or an alcohol-based hand sanitiser



Cover your nose and mouth when coughing and sneezing with a tissue or your elbow. Put the tissue in the bin and wash your hands



Harmony Day 2021



Sport News:

Our Fantastic Futsal teams have won their Grandfinals this week for the 20/21 Futsal Season. Both teams were undefeated for the entire 18 games played. U8s 'Green with Envy' coached by Angelina Zaiter and U11s 'The Gunners' coached by Joe Frketic.



Summer Uniform

The link to our order form is below.

[2020 2021 Summer Uniform Order Form](#)

QuickCliq—new preferred sales method for ordering uniform. It's so quick and easy to use—and currently used by parents to order recess/lunch from the canteen. Once you have created your QuickCliq account you will have access to the Uniform Shop as well as the school canteen in one handy app: www.quickcliq.com.au The order form on the school website will continue to be accepted for now during this transition phase.

Winter Uniform Changeover- All students are expected to be in winter uniform from Monday 10th May. Please do not leave your ordering of winter items to the last minute as stock levels vary.

Late Lunch Orders & Payments

A message from Claudia's Kitchen: Remember to order your child's lunch by 8:30 am, however, parents can contact Quickcliq on 1300 116 637 to **place and pay** for late orders. Thank you.

Other Information:

Festival of Democracy-Free Event-Fri 16 Apr
Celebrate democracy in Australia's oldest Parliament with free, fun activities for children and their families from 4-12years. Sessions: 9—10.20am, 10.30—11.50am, 12pm-1.20pm and 1.30—3pm. Bookings essential: 9230 2047 or communityengagement@parliament.nsw.gov.au

Neighbourhood Week

It's Neighbourhood Week and The Hills Community Aid are running some events to celebrate. See the attached

Child Protection—NEW

CEDP has launched a new Building Child Safe Communities form and online training module that **ALL** volunteers are required to complete.



ALL parents/volunteers must have completed this new online training in order to be able to help in classrooms/ around the school, carnivals, gala days and on excursions (including grandparents that help with reading).

The new link is:

https://cedp.aul.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eg4ATdmnlyyyfNH

Thank you for your support.

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* (*Student's last day is Wed 15th December)

Thu 16 & Fri 17 December—Staff development days