



St Bernadette's School

Friday 7 May 2021 — Term 2 Week 3

No. 13

Dear Parents,

IF...

If... I could give you diamonds for each tear you cried for me.

If... I could give you sapphires for each truth you've helped me see.

If... I could give you rubies for the heartache that you've known.

If... I could give you pearls for the wisdom that you've shown.

Then you'll have a treasure, mother, that would mount up to the skies
That would match the sparkle in your eyes.
But I have no pearls, no diamonds as I'm sure you're well aware

So I'll give you gifts more precious;
My devotion, love and care.

-Author unknown-



For centuries, Catholics have set aside the entire month of May to honour Mary. It then came into tradition that we also celebrated Mother's Day during May.

We can honour Mary by setting up a special prayer space or by saying the Rosary. We should honour Mary not just because it is a tradition but because Mary is Mother – your mother, my mother, everyone's mother – and because she cares for all of us day-in and-day-out without fail, interceding for us in even the tiniest matters. For that, she deserves an entire month in her honour. Happy Mother's Day to all our mums on Sunday.

Pope Francis has called for a global prayer marathon for the entire month of May, praying for the end to the pandemic. "It is the heartfelt desire of the Holy Father that the month of May be dedicated to a prayer marathon dedicated to the theme, 'from the entire Church an unceasing prayer rises to God,'". The Pope will open the monthlong prayer May 1 and conclude it May 31, the council said. Each day in May, there will be a livestream from one of 30 on all Vatican media platforms to guide the prayer at 6pm Rome time (2am AEST) on Vatican News - English on Youtube.

**Mrs Shane Robinson—
RE
Coordinator**



Week 4 Dates

Full Winter Uniform

Mon 10 May
8.30am Class Lines
3-4.30pm Motiv8sports

Tue 11 May
8-10am Uniform Shop
NAPLAN

Wed 12 May
NAPLAN

Thurs 13 May
NAPLAN
3-4pm NRL Sporting Schools

Fri 14 May
Band Lessons
School Assembly

Coming Dates:

Wed 26 May
P&F Meeting—all invited



R.E. NEWS



Yesterday we celebrated our wonderful mothers with a prayer liturgy in the hall and where the children had the opportunity to tell their mums how special they are to them. We pray especially to our Mother Mary to guide and protect all mothers.

May is the month where we pay homage to our Blessed Mother Mary. Mary was conceived and lived a life 'full of Grace' (Lk. 1:28). She wishes very much to share the graces given her by God on our behalf.



**ST BERNADETTE'S
PRIMARY CASTLE HILL**

**Enrolling now
for 2022**

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

Thank you

Thank you to the P&F for organising the Mother's Day stall. What an amazing array of gifts the children had to choose from! I know there will be many lucky mums, step mums, grandmothers and aunts this Sunday.



Thank you to those parents that were able to assist on the day. As they always say, many hands make light work.

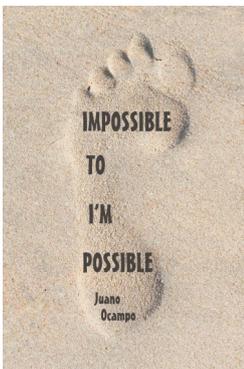
A special thank you also to those parents, especially dads, that were able to help prepare and serve the Mother's Day morning tea that followed the Liturgy. The weather was against us, which was a great shame though your time is greatly appreciated.

Wellbeing Library

This week in our wellbeing lessons we continued to discuss growth mindset. We learnt that our brain can grow and we discovered that scientists have proven that our brain isn't fixed! We can actually change it. We spoke about how mistakes are part of everyone's life and they help us learn.



In the infants classes we talked about the magic word - 'YET'. We also talked about 'red' thoughts which are negative and 'green' thoughts which are positive. We discovered if we add the magic word to the negative thoughts - I can't do this!! they can become positive.....I can't do this YET!!!



We are continuing to practice our meditation at every wellbeing lesson and we encourage them to try it at home with the family.

Resources we used this week for Infants:

[The magic of mistakes](#)

[The power of yet](#)

Resources for Primary:

[Developing a growth mindset](#)

KINDERGARTEN 2022

Limited places remain for next year's Kindergarten intake. Enrolment interviews are now taking place with Mrs Cooke (and for Yrs 1 to 6 2022). If you have not yet submitted your enrolment form and accompanying documents could you please contact the school office as soon as possible.



Mother's Day @ St Bernadette's YouTube

Take a look at our Mother's Day videos at our YouTube Channel. Link is [here](#).

Winter Uniform - Monday 10th May

All students are expected to be in full winter uniform from Monday. Please ensure that students no longer wear summer uniform. Thank you

From the School Counsellor

Is your child aged 8-12?

Are they nervous about doing school talks or speeches? The Centre for Emotional Health is recruiting for an exciting project to discover the best ways to reduce fear of public speaking in children and teenagers aged 8-12. **FIND OUT MORE**

If you are interested in learning more, please email the research team at publicspeakingfears@mq.edu.au or call on (02) 9850 8596—see flyer attached to this email.

2021 School Fees—Term 2

Term 2 school fee statements have been sent home from the Catholic Education Office and will be due on Wednesday, 26th May. Thank you for those families who have finalised Term 2 school fees already. Fees can be made by credit card, EFTPOS, BPAY or POSTBILLPAY or if you wish to discuss your account please email vcassidy@parra.catholic.edu.au

Term 2:

Mon 19 April to Fri 25 June

Term 3:

Tue 13 July to Thu 16 September (Mon 12 July & Fri 17 September - Staff development days)

Term 4:

Tues 5 October to Wed 15 December (Thu 16 & Fri 17 December—Staff development days)

NAPLAN 2021

NAPLAN begins on Tuesday for Years 3 and 5.

Please ensure students are arriving at school on time and have their own headphones to use.

All tests are conducted online excluding Year 3 Writing. The test schedule at St Bernadette's will be as follows:

	Writing	Reading	Language Conventions	Numeracy	
Year 3	Tuesday 11th May 9am Paper Copy	Wednesday 12th May 9am Online	Wednesday 12th May 11:30am Online	Thursday 13th May 9am Online	*All Year 3 Writing must be completed by Friday 14th May **All other tests must be completed by Friday 21st May
Year 5	Tuesday 11th May 9am Online	Wednesday 12th May 9am Online	Wednesday 12th May 11:30am Online	Thursday 13th May 9am Online	

PBS4L



Teaching behavioural expectations and positively acknowledging students for following them is an effective approach to create and maintain a positive school environment. This fortnight our PBS4L whole school expectation focus is 'Owning and accepting consequences for our behaviour and actions'. This means following through on things you say you will do, owning up to your good and bad choices and understanding that there are consequences (both good and bad) for our behaviours and actions. In class we will be learning about this expectation and how it looks. Teachers will be positively acknowledging this expectation in all school settings with Bernie Roos and verbal feedback.

We would encourage you to have the conversation with your child(ren) at home about how they are responsible for their own behaviour and actions and what your expectations are.

This allows us to work in partnership and children do not receive mixed messages. As always our approach is acknowledging all of the good choices that your children display at school, allowing for the development of a strong school community.

Your PBS4L Team



Children need to learn to take responsibility for their actions so that they do not become adults believing that nothing is ever their fault!

Sport News:

Congratulations to the 46 students who represented St Bernadette's at the Diocesan Cross Country on Tuesday. All the children should be very proud of themselves for their efforts on the day. They were tough conditions in the rain. Thank you to the parents that volunteered to assist on the day. Special congratulations to Georgia Gillogly, Michael Mitchell, Juliana Zaiter, Liler Oliver, Emily Mitchell and Isaac Frketic who have qualified to represent the Parramatta Diocese at the NSWCCCCPS Cross Country on Tuesday 8th June at the Sydney Motorsports Park, Eastern Creek. What an achievement!



Congratulations to Ava Rendulic from 6W who has progressed to trial for the MacKillop team for Netball! Such an amazing achievement. We wish her every success.

P & F News:

Uniform Shop

We thank everyone for their transition to online ordering via QuickCliq. As of week 5 emailed order forms will no longer be accepted.

The new long sleeve polo shirts have been so popular amongst the parents and children. We have now sold out of some sizes but have another order coming next term. The long sleeve polo shirt is a great option for extra warmth during the cooler months but also in autumn and spring when the weather is so unpredictable. Stock will be updated on QuickCliq as it becomes available.

A Message from our P&F:

A huge thank you to all the wonderful parents who gave up their time to help with our Mother's Day wrapping and Stall.

This years Mother's Day fundraiser was one of our most successful years yet. It was such a joy to witness the excitement on all the children's faces.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful Mother's Day!

Debbie & Laura



Book Club

Children were all given BookClub brochures last 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>

A huge 20 percent of all orders goes back to the school to purchase new material for our children. For any further info please mail bookclub.stbpnf@gmail.com or call/text on 0401 001 121. Orders Close **Midnight Monday 10th May 2021**. Below is the order received by Mrs Coppini during the school holidays for books she was able to purchase for the library with the BookClub money raised. Thank you parents!



R.I.P. †† Our prayerful sympathy is extended to the Zaiter family (Christopher in 6W, Juliana 5W and Mariella 3W), following the recent passing of their grandfather. May he rest in peace.





**ST BERNADETTE'S
CASTLE HILL**

ST BERNADETTE'S MAJOR FUNDRAISER FOR 2021 WE'RE PUBLISHING OUR VERY OWN COOKBOOK!

2021 is the year for our school community to come together to create and publish our very own cookbook.

This exciting project will involve our children and their families as well as our fantastic teachers and staff.

The St Bernadette's Cookbook will be full of your most loved family favourites. From snacks to quick & easy weeknight meals, weekend feasts to mouth watering desserts.

Each recipe will be a dedication to your children & family, making this a beautiful and personalised gift for your family & friends in time for Christmas.

**Stay tuned for our cookbook photography weekend!
Date & venue TBC**

**PLEASE SUBMIT 3 OF
YOUR FAVOURITE
RECIPES FOR
CONSIDERATION.**

**DON'T DELAY,
SUBMISSIONS CLOSE
FRIDAY, 21st MAY 2021**



**CLICK ON THE LINK
BELOW TO SUBMIT
YOUR RECIPES**

[STB Cookbook Link](#)

**1 RECIPE PER FAMILY
WILL BE INCLUDED**

**Help
NEEDED**

**If you have the skills and some free-time
in any of the following professions:**

**Photography
Graphic Design Work
Food Styling
or Printing**

**AND would like to be involved in the production of the
St Bernadette's Cookbook please contact
Pauline Chaccal on 0414 653 287 or
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