



St Bernadette's School

Friday 21 May 2021 — Term 2 Week 5

No. 15

Dear Parents,

This week we celebrated National Support Staff Appreciation Day. All schools value the work that Support Staff do each and every day and we at St Bernadette's know we could not survive without them! The role of a support staff member is varied and sometimes no two days look the same. They need to be dependable, hardworking, intuitive, resilient and flexible as well as skillful, adaptable and friendly. Support Staff help to support the teachers in their very demanding job as well as supporting all students in our school one way or another.

A very sincere thank you to:

- Mrs Cassidy, Mrs Crake and Mrs Debrincat for their work in managing the Office and all financial and administrative tasks
- Mr Balfour for his work managing the grounds
- Mrs Allen, Mrs Warner, Mrs Savill, Miss Francis, Mrs Calabria, Mrs Attard, Mrs Henderson, Mrs Vratovic and Mrs Grant for their work supporting students in the classroom and on the playground
- Mrs Carter for her work as our library technician
- Mr Chan for his expertise in IT
- Mrs Washington for her role as student counsellor.

I know you join me in saying:



Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Bianca Cooke—Principal

R.E. NEWS



Children's Liturgy of the Word is when the children leave the congregation to celebrate and reflect on the Sunday Gospel reading in an age appropriate way. The children are led through prayers and readings that are adapted to their level of understanding.

Attending Mass together is a part of being a Catholic family, while Children's Liturgy of the Word allows children to enter the celebration more fully by catering to their needs.

In St Bernadette's Parish, a feature of the 9am Sunday mass (which is now back) is the withdrawal of the children from the ages of 5 to 11 years old to celebrate the Liturgy of the Word. This is set out in Directory of Masses for Children, which is an important document for the guidelines and principles so that the liturgy can be adapted for the children's level of understanding. The Directory states: Sometimes..., if the place itself and the nature of the community permit, it will be appropriate to celebrate the liturgy of the word, including a homily, with the children in a separate, but not too distant, room. Then, before the Eucharistic liturgy begins, the children are led to the place with the adults and meanwhile celebrate their own liturgy of the word.



In Castle Hill, we have a wonderful group of catechists who lead the children in the scripture and breaking open the readings to help them understand the meaning, apply it to their lives and give the children a chance to respond. At 9am mass, it is a wonderful opportunity for the children of our parish to experience the Word of God at their level of understanding. Parents can also assist children to engage more fully in the Sunday Gospel by looking up the weekly readings prior to attending Sunday Mass.

Mrs Shane Robinson—REC

Week 6 Dates

Waste Free Recess & Lunch

Mon 24 May

8.30am Class Lines
3-4.30pm Motiv8sports

Tue 25 May

8-10am Uniform Shop
MusicaViva

Wed 26 May

7.45am Choir
7.30pm P&F Meeting

Thurs 27 May

3-4pm NRL Sporting Schools

Fri 28 May

Band Lessons
9.15am Yr 2 Grade Mass

Coming Dates:

Fri 4 June

9.15am Yr 1 Grade Mass

Sat 5 June

WORKING BEE!
Volunteers required

Wed 9 June

Yr 4 Excursion

Fri 11 June

Head to Toe Donation Day



ST BERNADETTE'S
PRIMARY CASTLE HILL

Enrolling now

for 2022

357 Old Northern Rd, Castle Hill
9407 6600 Register at
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School Calendar: <http://www.stbernadetteschill.catholic.edu.au/en/Community/Events>

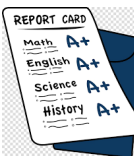
Winter Uniform

Thank you for presenting your child beautifully in their full winter uniform. A gentle reminder that a tie is part of the winter school uniform and expected to be worn by all students. Also, it's great to see a few of the new long-sleeved sports polos being worn by students. This long-sleeved polo is not compulsory, it is optional. Remember that even though the mornings are a little crisp, all rooms are heated and the children warm up quickly. In fact, it is not uncommon to see many, many children without jumpers by recess! Please also make sure that your child's name is clearly labelled on their jumper and jacket as the amount of lost property is starting to build up yet again.



Mid Year Reports

Teachers are currently working on the student Mid Year Reports, which will be sent home to parents on Thursday 17th June. Parent Teacher Interviews will be available by appointment in Week 10-, 21st-25th June (booking details to come closer to the date). The reports will have the same format as at the end of last year.



All students will receive a level of achievement in each Key Learning Area (subject) based on a scale described by the words:

Working With Assistance, Working Towards, Working At, Working Beyond or Working Deeply.

There will also be an effort grade displayed in each Key Learning Area. Comments will be written for Religious Education, English, Mathematics as well as a General Comment.

It is important to remember that the majority of students are expected to receive **Working At** grades which indicate that they are achieving the expected outcomes.

A lot of time and consideration is put into allocating the grades for each student. Grades are allocated based on a number of variables such as student work samples, assessment tasks, observations and class work. Please keep in mind that your child's grades may have varied from previous years, especially if they have moved into a new stage this year (Year 1, Year 3, Year 5).

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.

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.



Letter Box Drop

To promote our school to new families in the area, we are seeking some volunteers to do a letter box drop near where you live. If you are able to assist us, please contact the school office and flyers will be sent home with your eldest child. Thank you for your assistance.



Head to Toe Donation Day

Friday 11th June (Feast of the Sacred Heart)

The St Vincent de Paul Society have launched their Winter Appeal. National President Claire Victory said that historically low wages and cuts to income support, coupled with rising house prices and the decline in affordable rental accommodation, are pushing more families into homelessness.

'As temperatures drop, more people are living in cars, couch surfing or sleeping in situations that put them at risk.'

'It has also placed 124,000 more families at increased risk of homelessness, with low wage earners, casual workers and single parents experiencing greater rates of job insecurity and lost income than other groups. That means more than 25,000 children under the age of 18 face homelessness each night. As children move from one temporary accommodation to another, routines are lost, friendships are broken and education suffers. The critical years of childhood become filled with trauma, with long-term impacts for the future.'

The St Bernadette's Mini Vinnies is holding a fundraiser to try and raise funds for those who are homeless. Every \$22 raised, provides the funds for safe accommodation for a night.

On **Friday 11th June** children who come dressed **Head to Toe in warm clothes** are asked to bring a donation to support the Vinnies Winter appeal.



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

Playing our Part to Build a National Picture of Child Health



The AEDC gives us a national picture of the development, health and wellbeing of children in their first year of full-time school. Since 2009, the census results have helped communities, schools and governments plan services and develop better policies to target support for children and families. Our Kindergarten teachers will be completing the surveys over the next two weeks. To find out more about the census and how communities are using the data to help children and families visit the AEDC website: www.aedc.gov.au. If you have any questions, you can contact Mrs Floody through the office.

ICAS Assessments

We will once again be hosting for students who choose to participate in the ICAS Assessments. For students interested in Years 3-6 please note the following dates:

ICAS Writing Tuesday 10th August
 ICAS English Wednesday 18th August
 ICAS Mathematics Wednesday 1st September

Students will need to be at school by 7:30am and online payment information will be sent home next week.

Tell Them From Me Survey

Tell Them From Me (TTFM) is an online survey system for parents, students and teachers - designed to gauge student engagement and wellbeing, teacher input and parent feedback.

TTFM is conducted throughout the Diocese and can provide a basis to inform school improvement, taking into account key drivers of student outcomes and applying them to the unique context of an individual school. Data is refreshed and generated with each new survey.

The survey window will be from Monday, 31 May to Friday, 25 June. Students from Years 3-6 will participate.

Details on how parents can participate in the survey will be sent home as they become available.

If you handed in a **Pavlova Roll** recipe for the cookbook fundraiser, please contact Mrs Cassidy on 9407 6600 or email us at bernadettech@parra.catholic.edu.au (attention Mrs Cassidy) as soon as possible.

Debating

Two teams of students from Year 6 participated in a debate against Christ the King North Rocks. The topic for this debate was "Australia should close all its zoos".

Our Affirmative team (Piper, Matthew, Sofia and Douglas) travelled to North Rocks and were narrowly beaten while our Negative team (Thomas, Renee, Xavier and Hilda) stayed at school and won their debate.

The children are to be congratulated on their performance today regardless of the results. They were great ambassadors for our school.

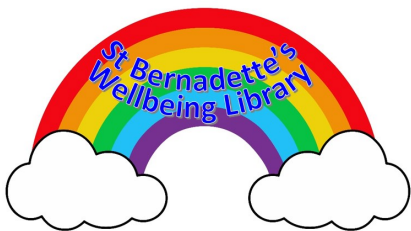
Special thanks to our Chairperson, Will, our timekeepers Jude and Poppy and our Adjudicator Anne Younis.

Mr Stephen Bamford—Year 6



Wellbeing Library

This week in the Wellbeing Library we reminded ourselves about the goals we set as we are exactly halfway through the 2021 school year.



We talked about our emotions and realised there are no good or bad emotions, just good and bad ways to express them. There will be times when we are angry, sad, happy and excited and we learn over time how to manage our emotions.

In Years 2 to 6 we watched a video about emotions from a great Youtube channel called RocketKids. [RocketKids.Emotions](#). We also talked again about resilience and saw a video about three people who could have easily given up but didn't. [RocketKids - People who never gave up](#).

Don't forget the Premier's Reading Challenge which finishes at the end of August.

Have a safe and happy weekend.

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.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eg4ATdmnlyyfnH

Thank you for your support.

Term 2:

Mon 19 April to Fri 25 June

Term 3:

Mon 12 July—**Staff Development Day**

Tue 13 July to Thu 16 September

Fri 17 September—**Staff Development Day**

Term 4:

Tues 5 October to Wed 15 December

Thu 16 & Fri 17 December—**Staff Development Days**

Generous Growers Group—Parent Helpers

Our gardening group are seeking the help of a parent that could come in once a week, perhaps in the afternoon, to water the top and bottom garden? Can you help with a week or two? If you can please contact the school office. Tap key will be provided.



Sport News:

The Stage 3 Wanderers Cup Soccer Gala Day scheduled for Tuesday 22nd June at Granville has been cancelled due to an issue with the council and the grounds.

The Wanderers Cup will now be held on **Tuesday 3rd August at Blacktown.**

P & F News:

QuickCliq for Uniform Shop & Tuckshop

The new preferred sales method for ordering uniform & Tuckshop is QuickCliq. It's so quick and easy to use. Once you have created your QuickCliq account you will have access to the Uniform Shop as well as the school Tuckshop in one handy app: www.quickcliq.com.au.

The P&F team invite you to the **Term 2 Working Bee**—See the attached notice.

See attached P&F's:

- 1) Notice of Agenda for upcoming meeting
- 2) Minutes from previous meeting



OLMC

WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP FORUM

Wednesday 26 May 2021

You are invited to attend the fourth annual OLMC Women in Leadership Forum on Wednesday May 26, 2021. It will be an opportunity to be inspired by renowned women from a variety of fields, as they share their perspectives on women in leadership and discuss how each of us can be courageous advocates with limitless possibilities.

Date: Wednesday 26 May 2021

Time: Drinks and canapes from 6pm. Panel Presentation and Q&A session from 6.30pm.

Venue: Ailsa Mackinnon Community Centre, Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta. Enter via Gate 7 Ross Street.

RSVP: Please RSVP by Friday 21 May at www.olmc.nsw.edu.au/WILForum



Melanie Silva
VP, Managing Director for Google Australia and New Zealand (OLMC Parramatta Class of 1994)



Michelle Lee
Adventurer and Athlete



Prof. Deborah Richards
Professor, Department of Computing at Macquarie University



Dr Natalia Galea
Feminist Scholar and Olympian (OLMC Parramatta Class of 1991)



**ST BERNADETTE'S
CASTLE HILL**

LAST DAY TO SUBMIT YOUR RECIPE!

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
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