



St Bernadette's School

Friday 18 June 2021 — Term 2 Week 9

No. 19

Dear Parents,

As you know, mid-year reports went home with students yesterday. I hope that you were able to spend some time sitting down with your child and looking at the report together. It should be a time to read the assigned subject grades and comments written by the teacher. It is a chance for you to congratulate them for their efforts and achievements. Please do not compare your child to other children as every child learns and develops at their own rate. The most important thing to look for is their growth in achievement and their effort or attitude to learning.

It was an honour to read all of the children's reports and I thank the teachers for all that they did to prepare them. It is great to see that most families have booked a Parent Teacher Interview for next week. Of course, your child is welcome to attend the interview with you, if you so wish. The booking system is now closed, though contact the office for any further assistance.

A reminder that the first day of Term 3 for students is **TUESDAY 13th July**.

Monday 12th July is a pupil free day. This means there are no classes or supervision of students at school on this day. The staff will be engaged all day in professional learning. COSHC occasional care is available for that day if needed. Please contact COSHC directly to arrange a position.

Mrs Bianca Cooke—Principal

Term 3:

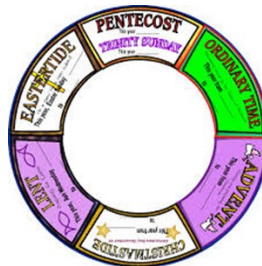
Mon 12 July
Staff Development Day
Tues 13 July
Staff & Students return

R.E. NEWS



Just as we mark our lives by anniversaries, the Church celebrates the mysteries of Christ's life in a pattern. Within the cycle of a year the Church remembers and celebrates the Paschal Mystery, the birth, life, suffering, death, Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus. The Church's liturgical cycle recalls the Paschal Mystery over a yearly cycle. At Mass we also remember the Paschal Mystery and are constantly nourished by the story of Jesus and the body and blood of Jesus in the Eucharist.

The seasons are Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter. On May 30th we celebrated the feast of the Most Holy Trinity. This celebrated one of the oldest traditions of the church, to call God by the names of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. These are the three persons of the Holy Trinity.



Apart from these seasons, there are 33 or 34 weeks of the year that do not celebrate a particular aspect of the mystery of Christ but are devoted to the mystery of Christ in all its aspects. This period of the Church calendar is called Ordinary Time, which is the period we are now in. The liturgical colour for Ordinary Time is green. This Sunday we will celebrate Mass for the 12th Sunday of Ordinary Time.

In every classroom the prayer table is also covered with a coloured cloth to reflect the Liturgical season.

As each grade attends the Parish Mass on a Friday they are noticing that the altar cloth has a particular colour as do the priest vestments. The colour of these will match the season of the church unless it is a Solemnity or Feast Day and then the colour could be red or white.

Mrs Shane Robinson
Religious Education Coordinator

Week 10 Dates

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Mon 21 June
8.30am Class Lines
3-4.30pm Motiv8sports

Tue 22 June
8-10am Uniform Shop
(QuickCliq Orders)

Wed 23 June
7.45am Choir
K-2 Start Smart Money incursion

Thu 24 June
3-6 Start Smart Money incursion

Fri 25 June
Band Lessons
Last day of Term 2

Term 3
Mon 12 July
Staff Development Day

Tues 13 July
Students return

Fri 16 July
St Bernadette's Athletics
Carnival Year 3-6



ST BERNADETTE'S
PRIMARY CASTLE HILL

Enrolling now
for 2022

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

Gates & School Start Times

A very gentle reminder to all families that school begins at **8:30am**. Playground supervision starts at **8.00am**. All children are expected to be onsite and lining up with their class when the second line up bell sounds - **8:30am**. Children arriving after 8:30am are considered late.



ALL perimeter gates will be locked at 8:30am and any child arriving after this time will need to be signed in at the office by a parent.

We all know that traffic is heavy in and around Castle Hill in the mornings, so perhaps leave 5 minutes earlier to cope with traffic delays.

Thank you for your cooperation.
Mrs Cooke

Grade Contact Lists

Please be reminded that Grade Contact Lists of family phone numbers and email addresses are to be used to arrange play dates, party invitations etc. They are not to be used to contact other parents to discuss school related problems that involve their child. If your child has a problem that occurs AT SCHOOL, there are a number of ways you can assist.

You can:

- Talk to your child about their problem
- By sympathetic and understanding of their worries
- Provide practical ways they can handle the situation themselves at school
- Encourage your child to speak to the playground duty teacher or class teacher if a problem is ongoing
- Develop resilience in your child by allowing him/her to handle the situation themselves first
- Contact your child's class teacher.

You should not:

- contact the parents of other students to discuss a school related problem that involves their child.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Cooke.

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.



Working Bee

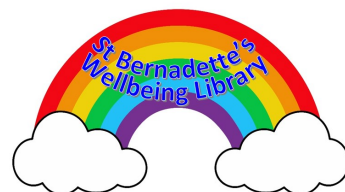
A very big thank you to all those parents and children who turned up to our school Working Bee. You did a fantastic job and we really appreciated your hard work and support to beautify our gardens.



Many thanks from the Garden Club Staff. **Thank You!**

Wellbeing Library

This week in our wellbeing lesson we looked at KINDNESS.



To be kind, we must show that we are friendly, generous (give without expecting anything in return) and considerate (put others' needs before our own). It doesn't cost anything to be kind, so we should spread it whenever and wherever we can.

The benefits of kindness to others is clear, and now there is research that shows the benefits for the person performing kindness themselves. Kindness has been found to ease anxiety and produce the feel good hormone that makes us happy.

We read a story about being a bucket filler. Listen to the story on Youtube to understand we all carry an invisible bucket around with us. When we are kind we fill the other person's bucket as well as our own. Our bucket (our wellbeing) is a sign of how we are feeling. We all agreed we don't want to be a 'bucket dipper'. These are the times we are not kind.

Watch some of the resources we used this week with the family.

Have a great weekend.

Kinder - Year 2

[Have you filled a bucket today? YouTube.](#)

[Sesame Street - The Kindness Kid](#)

Year 3-6

[The Kindness Boomerang](#)
[The Science of Kindness](#)



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

TTFM—Tell Them From Me Survey

We are inviting students, teachers and parents to provide feedback on their experience of our school using an online survey. The surveys are an important part of our whole school evaluation and planning process.



We would like to invite you to complete the Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning survey. As we value the role of parents and carers within our school community we would greatly appreciate your feedback. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at St Bernadette's Castle Hill.

The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. You are able to access the parent survey on your computer or mobile device by using the URL below:

<http://tellthemfromme.com/stbern2021>

Parish Notice:

Confirmation Program: Parent Information Night

There will be a parent's information Evening on

Monday 21st June at 7pm in the church.

Our confirmation program is aimed at children in Year 6 or above, who have already completed their Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.

For more information contact Laura Burton (Sacramental Co-ordinator) at the Parish office (02) 9634 2622 or sacraments@stbernadette.org.au

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_eg4ATdmlnyyfnH

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**

School Fees—Term 2 2021

If you haven't already finalised your account for Term 2 we ask if you could please make a payment now. Thank you to all families that have finalised their account already for this term. 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.

Congratulations St Bernadette's Debating Teams

Today we had our third debate of the year against St Michael's Baulkham Hills.

The topic of the debate was that "The Olympics are a Waste of Money" Both teams did a great job of preparing and delivering their arguments, however, both teams were narrowly defeated.

Debating will resume next term for the final two debates.

Congratulations to both teams for their efforts today.



Other Items

Hills Community Aid is here for you!

At this time we are practicing physical distancing while encouraging social inclusion. We are providing over the phone, email and video support for a range of our services. If you would like to speak with one of our staff please call and leave a message on our answering service (02) 9639 8620 or email and a member of staff will be in contact. Follow our Facebook page to stay up to date with our social support services

Emergency Contact Numbers:

Lifeline	13 11 14
Kids Helpline	1800 551 800
Link2Home	1800 152 152
DV Support Service	1800 737 732
Beyond Blue	1300 224 636
MensLine Australia	1300 789 978
COVID-19 Helpline	1800 020 080

ONE WEEK
TO GO!

St Bernadette's
MAJOR FUNDRAISER 2021

**SUBMIT YOUR RECIPE &
HELP CREATE A NEW PLAY
AREA FOR THE KIDS AT
ST BERNADETTE'S**

All funds raised by the cookbook
will go towards transforming the
dirt area above 'bottom court'
into a new playground area.

Submit **one** family favourite
recipe and leave your mark in
our cookbook!

Submit via the [link](#) or
email your recipe to
cookbook.stbpnf@gmail.com