



# St Bernadette's School

Friday 19 February 2021 — Term 1 Week 4 No. 4

Dear Parents,

Our readings at Thursday's Leadership Liturgy shared important messages for our newly appointed leaders as well as all of us at St Bernadette's.

The key messages were:

*'Every single one of you has some gift that tells others the Spirit is working in you. That gift is for the good of everyone.'*

AND

*'Come, follow me'.*

Jesus and St Paul gave these directions to the very first Christians; they are words to be shared with people for all time.

Sometimes it's tricky trying to determine what gifts from the Holy Spirit we actually have and sometimes it's really tricky following all of the teachings of Jesus. Though one thing remains constant, and that is God's love for us and God's wish that we all do the best that we can do every single day.

Whether we are a school leader with a badge or not, we are **all** leaders. We lead by example. We show others the way by going there first. We show others the right way to behave so that they can copy. We treat others with kindness so that they will do that in turn to others. We are polite so that others use their manners. We take turns in our games and include those children who need a friend so that others do the same and make new friends. We demonstrate respect to adults, parents, teachers, students and visitors because that is the St Bernadette's way. We also persevere when things are tricky- we don't give up, we try again and learn from our mistakes. We are prayerful and uphold our faith as it is at the centre of all we do.

We all need to be responsible, to be active, to be compassionate and caring, to strive for our learning goals, to be hard working, to be honest, to be encouraging, to be a good listener and most importantly- to keep our sense of humour and smile!

I congratulate our 2021 School Leaders and know that they will make our school and their families very proud.

May God bless and keep you.

**Mrs Bianca Cooke—Principal**

## R.E. NEWS



During the Season of Lent, we can focus on the three practices of Lent which are; Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving.

**Prayer:** In class, the children pray special Lenten prayers as they draw closer to God in preparation for Easter.



**Fasting:** Many children have chosen to give up a favourite toy, game or food treat for the duration of Lent as they begin to realise the suffering so many people in our world experience every day.

**Almsgiving:** Is a sign of our care for those in need and an expression of our gratitude for all that God has given to us.

Every Lent St Bernadette's raises money for the charitable organisation Caritas through 'Project Compassion' to help less fortunate people in poorer countries.

Every year Project Compassion has a new theme to help inspire us to donate. This Year Caritas has based their theme on the prayer by St Oscar Romero **'Be More'**. To Be More Kind, to be more helpful and to give more.

The money from project compassion will be used for some of the following projects; \$5 will buy a chicken that provides eggs for school children in the Solomon Islands, \$10 can supply COVID prevention kits for families in a refugee camp, \$20 will buy COVID Prevention Kits for primary schools in Tanzania and \$160 will provide families with materials for their own indoor toilet in Indonesia.

Members of the Mini Vinnies team presented to each grade a talk about project compassion and provided a project compassion box for donations. Thank you to the many students who have already donated on Shrove Tuesday after receiving their pancakes. We raised \$268.90 for Project Compassion.

**Mrs Shane Robinson—REC**



### Week 5 Dates

**Waste Free Recess & Lunch**

**Mon 22 February**  
8.30am Class Lines  
3-4.30pm Motiv8sports

**Tue 23 February**  
8-10am Uniform Shop  
(Emailed orders only)  
CEDP AFL Trials

**Wed 24 February**  
CEDP Soccer Trials

**Fri 26 February**  
Band Lessons  
MacKillop Basketball

### Coming Dates:

**Fri 5 March**  
Yrs 3 to 6 Cross Country  
(& 8 Yr old Yr 2 students)

**Sun 7 to Sat 13 March**  
**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK**

**School Photo Day**  
Tues 16 March  
7.30am Sibling Photos

### KINDERGARTEN 2022

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

**Fri 12th March**  
**11.30—12.30pm**

**Registrations are essential via our website.**

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

## Student Council War on Waste initiative – Waste Free EVERY DAY

### Big Week at St Bernadette's—Shrove Tuesday, Ash Wednesday and Yr 6 Leadership Liturgy

A huge thanks to our P&F Association who kindly gave students a pancake on Tuesday. The children really enjoyed them.



For Ash Wednesday children took part in a prayer service and received the ashes.



The whole school and invited parents gathered to share in the celebration of our Yr 6 student leaders being presented with their leadership badges for 2021.



## KINDERGARTEN 2022 OPEN DAY

**Tues 9 March—9.15am**

**Fri 12 March—11.30am**

Prospective parents are invited to attend one of our Open Days for Kindergarten 2022. Due to



COVID restrictions this year, parents **MUST** register their interest on our website: [here](#)

A total of 30 people per session will be enforced.

Therefore, in order not to miss out please inform any friends or relatives that are planning on coming to our Open Days that they need to register first.

Enrolment packs will be available on the day.

Enrolment forms are available to download from our website.

Existing families wishing to enrol their child into Kindergarten 2022 are asked to contact the school office before the end of February. All completed enrolment forms can now be submitted with all necessary paperwork by **Friday 2nd April 2021**. 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.

### St Bernadette's Summer Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the following students who took part in the reading challenge over the summer holidays.

Their names were drawn out (1 per grade) and they each received a \$20 Dymocks voucher.

Kindy William Rowe KW

Year 1 Jack Ranieri 1W

Year 2 Spencer Tang 2B

Year 3 Ashleigh Nguyen 3B

Year 4 Xavier Ranieri 4B

Year 5 Sofia Papandrea 5G

Year 6 Sofia Aiossa 6B



### 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



## Library Wellbeing

This week in our wellbeing lessons we have been focusing on some ways we can help keep our wellbeing healthy.

- We can connect with others: your family, friends, and your community.
- We can be active: sport, dancing or just walking.
- We can take notice of what is around us, be curious.
- Keep learning: lots of children spoke about new sports and hobbies they are learning this year.
- Give your time, your presence, your appreciation, or even a simple smile.

[5 ways to well-being YouTube link](#)

## Kindergarten, Years 1 & 2

We looked again at identity and focused on how our identity makes us different from other people. We discussed things that influence our identity like our culture, family, school, interests. The students learned that their identity makes them who they are and that it is possible to be friends with others who have different opinions and identities. We read the story by Mem Fox, 'Whoever you are'. [Whoever you are by Mem Fox YouTube link](#)

## Year 3, 4, 5 and 6

Students learned to identify what they want and how they want to feel in the future and setting goals to work towards this. We discussed the importance of thinking about the future as well as noticing and enjoying the present. We created a vision board to show what we want our future to be like and feel like. Have a go at home as a family! They are rewarding and fun to create.



## Summer Uniform

The link to our order form is below:

[2020 2021 Summer Uniform Order Form](#)

### 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

## Book Club

Children were all given bookclub brochures.

For our new parents and those ordering for the first time please use the following link to order.

[https://](https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent/Login.aspx)

[mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent/Login.aspx](https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent/Login.aspx)

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.

Orders Close Midnight Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Feb 2021.

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Mrs Coppini is so excited with her first bookclub order for the school library.

Look at these items that were possible to purchase with the bookclub money raised!



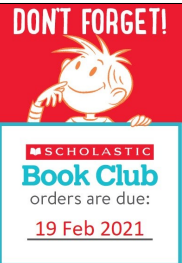
## Parish News:

### Sacramental Program-First Holy Communion

There will be a Parent's Information Evening on Tuesday 2nd March at 7pm in the Church for any parents wishing to register their child for the Sacrament of Communion this year. The program is for students in Year 4 and up, who have already completed the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

For more information please contact Laura Burton at [sacraments@stbernadette.org.au](mailto:sacraments@stbernadette.org.au) or 9634 2622.

**R.I.P.** †† Our prayerful sympathy is extended to the Lavis family (Amelia in 5B and Elliott in 2G), following the recent passing of their great grandfather. May he rest in peace.



## Grade Parent Contact List

### LAST REMINDER

Each year the P&F put together a list for each grade containing contact information for other parents in their grade. This helps parents plan social events (birthdays, play dates, etc) but also provides the P&F with up to date contact details for our correspondence.

This list is distributed to other parents in your grade and is not published or shared beyond that group.

Please provide your contact details (using the link below) if you wish to be added to the class list for 2021. You will need to submit this form once for each child, ensuring that you complete the required details each time.

LINK: <https://forms.gle/rsC9NJJH4GSCSdgT9>

The closing date to complete these details is **Friday February 19**. Any questions please email [secretary.stbpnf@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.stbpnf@gmail.com)

### Catherine McAuley Westmead

Open Day—Wed 10th March— cancelled!

The school is now offering small group tours over a number of days in early March. Book a place on a school tour by visiting the school website under Enrolment/Visit our School. Enrolment applications for Year 7 2022 (First Round Offers) are due by Friday 19th March 2021. Tel: 9849 9100 for further details.

### Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta

Open Day Sun 7 March—You are warmly invited to the OLMC Parramatta Open Day from 10-2pm. Discover how OLMC is transforming learning and meet the new college principal Ms Lucie Farrugia. Register for Open Day at [www.olmc.nsw.edu.au](http://www.olmc.nsw.edu.au)

### Oakhill College Open Day—Sun 7 March 10-2pm

Student led tours, subject displays, meet staff and students, watch some of our co-curricular performances.

Principal's address is at 10am, 11am and 12 noon. Bookings are essential, so please register on our website and for any covid-19 updates: [www.oakhill.nsw.edu.au](http://www.oakhill.nsw.edu.au)



Here are some more pictures of our wonderful St Bernadette's student leaders.