



# St Bernadette's School

Friday 26 March 2021 — Term 1 Week 9

No. 9

Dear Parents,

The end of term 1 is nearly here and as a Catholic Community, we are excited that the Easter season begins this week.

Holy Week starts this Sunday and continues through to Easter Sunday. We have the traditions of Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and of course Easter Sunday to remember the words, actions and sacrifices of Jesus from all those years ago. We know that the Catholic faith experiences a full range of emotions as we commemorate this most special of weeks in our Liturgical year. Palm Sunday emits joy, triumph and homage yet Good Friday is the reminder of total opposite feelings. Easter Sunday brings us back to joy, trust, triumph, amazement and faith.

This Lenten season, the Pope challenged us to open our hearts to God's word, seek forgiveness of God and others we have wronged, speak words of comfort, consolation, strength and encouragement and to be hopeful. He also encouraged us all to follow in the footsteps of Christ by showing love for all. After all, 'love is the highest expression of our faith and hope'. These certainly are words for contemplation and reflection!

May the blessing of the risen Lord accompany all of us on our journey towards the light of Easter.

Thank you once again for your continued support.

**Mrs Bianca Cooke**  
Principal

## R.E. NEWS



The last week of Lent is called Holy Week. Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday (this Sunday) and commemorates the triumphant arrival of Christ into Jerusalem, just days before he was crucified.



Holy Week ends on Holy Saturday which is the day before Easter Sunday. Palm Sunday is known as such because the faithful will often receive palm fronds at mass which they use to participate in the re-enactment of Christ's arrival in Jerusalem. In the Gospels, Jesus entered Jerusalem riding a young donkey, and to the lavish praise of the townspeople who threw clothes, or possibly palms or small branches, in front of him as a sign of homage. This was a customary practice for people of great respect. Palm branches are a widely recognized symbol of peace and victory, hence their preferred use on Palm Sunday.

The use of a donkey instead of a horse is highly symbolic too as it represents the humble arrival of someone in peace, as opposed to arriving on a steed in war.

St Bernadette's students will have a prayer room focus on Holy Thursday, where they focus on the events of Holy Week through Scripture readings, prayers, symbols and discussion of each event for Holy Week, starting in the Parish Hall and ending with the crucifixion focus in the prayer garden.

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### Week 10 Dates Waste Free Recess & Lunch

**Mon 29 March**  
8.30am Class Lines  
Dance Fever Display  
3-4.30pm Motiv8sports

**Tue 30 March**  
8-10am Uniform Shop  
(Emailed orders & QuickCliq)  
FUTSAL Comp

**Wed 31 March**  
Yr 3 Excursion

**Thurs 1st April**  
Last day of Term 1

**Fri 2nd April**  
Good Friday

**Mon 19 April**  
Staff & Students return for Term 2

**Fri 23 April**  
St Bernadette's Day

**NAPLAN 2021**  
11 May Online testing opens  
21 May test must be completed



**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>



## RE News

You can use the following prayer with your family for Holy Week.

### Prayer for a Celebration of Holy Week

*Jesus, Our Redeemer and Lord, Enter into my mind and heart as Holy Week unfolds and open me to the grace of this sacred time. Through its symbols and stories, awaken in me an awareness of your great sacrifice, made so generously on our behalf. As I gather with other members of my parish family, fill me with humility, gratitude, and reverence. From the solemn celebration of Palm Sunday to the opening of the Triduum on Holy Thursday, may my focus remain on you. As I listen once again to the agonizing story of your passion, death, and burial, may I learn what it means to say, 'your will be done.' And, throughout the quiet space of Holy Saturday, may I await, dormant and expectant, for your rising to new life as Easter dawns. I ask this in your holy and blessed name.*

**Mrs Shane Robinson—REC**



This week in our Wellbeing lessons we talked about the meaning of gratitude. We learnt about an experiment that measured people's happiness. Each morning

a group of people wrote down what they are grateful for. The scientists compared it to people who wrote down what annoyed them each day. They found amazing results! The people who thought about the things they were thankful for were much happier than the others. We had a chance to write down one thing or person that we were grateful for and placed it into our Gratitude Jar.

Practising gratitude means you are regularly thinking about all the things you are thankful for in your life.

Research suggests that practising gratitude can improve your mental wellbeing. Being grateful for people, places and things in our lives and identifying them can reduce negative emotions and help us track the positive things in our lives, this helps us feel happy and optimistic.



[The Gratitude Experiment](#)    [Kid's President Thankful By Eileen Spinelli](#)    [What is gratitude?](#)

## Library Helpers Needed

The library is looking for volunteers to help cover the many new books that we have ordered. We would love to hear from you. Please contact Mrs Coppini via the school email. Thank you.



## We are looking for ....

Do you have any of the following items? If so, Mrs Evans would like to hear from you.

- Plastic colour bottle tops
- Egg cartons
- Used coffee grinds

All items can be dropped off at the office. Thank you.

## KINDERGARTEN 2022

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



All completed enrolment forms should now be submitted (with all necessary paperwork) by **Thursday 1st April 2021**.

## Siblings:

Existing families wishing to enrol their child into Kindergarten 2022 are asked to contact the school office by end of March. 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. All enrolment forms are to be submitted by **Thursday 1st April 2021**.

## Dance Fever Displays—Monday 29 March

Parents are invited to attend the Dance Fever displays on Monday, top court at the times below:

8.45-9.30am Years 5 & 6

9.45-10.30am Years 3 & 4

11.15—12pm Kindy to Year 2

Students will showcase what they have learnt in their Dance Fever lessons this term.

Parents are required to sign in on the NSW Service QR code on arrival at the blue wall gate. Also remember to socially distance whilst on site. Sanitiser will also be available.



## Easter Eggs at School

As the Easter season and the common practice of sharing chocolate eggs is approaching, it is important to remember that there are a number of children at St Bernadette's who are severely allergic to nuts, eggs, and/or dairy etc. Parents are asked to support us by ensuring that lollies/chocolates/Easter eggs are not brought to school by the children, either for themselves or to share with others. Thank you for your continued cooperation in making St Bernadette's a safe environment for all our children.



## Farewell to Mr Ciccarelli—Band Director

Mr Ciccarelli from TSA works with our band and instrument students on Fridays had his last day at St Bernadette's today. John has worked with TSA for 16 years and has been with our students at St Bernadette's



for the last 3 years. We thank him for his service to education and music and wish him well on his next endeavours.

## Congratulations to the following students receiving Social Skills Awards

<b>KB</b>	Not for Publication	Oliver Khamis
<b>KG</b>	Ophelia Ho	Grace Chen
<b>KW</b>	Sophie Read	Amelia Baltyn
<b>1B</b>	Jake Younis	Melina Biyanwilage Dona
<b>1G</b>	Macy Kaufmann	Emma Gillogly
<b>1W</b>	Wei Yu Chen	David Yong
<b>2B</b>	Joseph Aiossa	Iris Jiang
<b>2G</b>	Harper Clark	Alexander Sholkie
<b>2W</b>	Ava Zeaiter	Harvey Kemmis
<b>3B</b>	Tessa Kaufmann	Nevan Fernando
<b>3G</b>	Georgia Elias	Sophie Vioria
<b>3W</b>	Elliot Greer	Layla Dmello
<b>4B</b>	Oscar O'Byrne	Alyssa Hawkes
<b>4W</b>	Matilda Cowper	Hailey Xue
<b>5B</b>	Not for Publication	Hayden Dmello
<b>5G</b>	Olivia Damiano	Ryder Egan
<b>5W</b>	Nicolas Reyna	Sophia Khamis
<b>6B</b>	Carla Kamel	Renee Sakkal
<b>6G</b>	Chloe Karam	Rachel Sahabu
<b>6W</b>	Sara Uricoechea	Joseph-Anthony Raad

### SRC Representatives

Congratulations to the following students who were nominated by their peers to be their class member for the Student Representative Council.

2G Alexander Sholkie	4B Lucia Aiossa
2B Xavier Shalala	4W Abby Guy
2W Harrison Mortlock	5G Sofia Papandrea
3G Ava Papandrea	5B Amelia Lavis
3B Eve Lincoln	5W Juliana Zaiter
3W Mariella Zaiter	

A thank you also to our Captains and Vice Captains who will represent Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 6. Our badges have now arrived and we will be presenting the SRC members with their badges at the Monday Morning Assembly.

Parents are most welcome to attend, please sign in with the Service NSW app upon arrival.

### NAPLAN

Our practice tests were completed without a hitch! Thank you to students who completed the test and staff for their organisation and preparation.

NAPLAN dates for Term 2 are from 11<sup>th</sup> May to 21<sup>st</sup> May. Our specific timetable and dates will be available early next term.

### Sport News

Congratulations to Sebastian Vioria, James & Rachel Sahabu, Savannah Jaucian, Paloma Lopez & Charlotte McLaren who



competed at the MacKillop Swimming Carnival at Homebush last Tuesday!

### 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](mailto:vcassidy@parra.catholic.edu.au).

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

### Wet Weather

It was noticed with all the rain that many children arrived at school using umbrellas, please be aware that children (particularly K-2) should be using a raincoat rather than an umbrella. This is to ensure the safety of all as umbrellas can often be dangerous when being handled by children.

### Summer Uniform

The link to our order form is below.

[2020 2021 Summer Uniform Order Form](#)

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

**QuickCliq**—the 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](http://www.quickcliq.com.au) The order form on the school website will continue to be accepted for now during this transition phase.

### Holiday Camps

Easter's coming soon and so are some exciting AFL Holiday Camps across Greater Sydney. If your child is looking for a great way to spend a day outside playing games, kicking goals and having lots of fun, Please register your interest at <https://aflnswact.com.au/holidayprograms/> as we have limited spots. Best suited for kids aged 5 – 8 and the best part is, they are ABSOLUTELY FREE. Get in Fast!"



**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  
email [cookbook.stbpnf@gmail.com](mailto:cookbook.stbpnf@gmail.com)

### 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

### New Disabled Parking

We have a new Disabled Parking spot in our carpark which gives easy access to our blue wall gate and office door. Please keep this space free for our parents with children who need it most.



### 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.