



# St Bernadette's School

Friday 16 July 2021 — Term 3 Week 1

No. 21

Dear Parents,

Thank you once again for the way that you have been supporting your children with at home learning this week. It is great to see everyone engaged and so productive! We understand the complexities of the current Lockdown/Stay at Home orders, especially if you are also trying to work from home. As the Premier keeps reinforcing, it is critical that everyone stays at home to stop the spread of COVID-19.

Next week all classes will be scheduling a daily zoom catch up for the children and details of this meeting will be shared with everyone next week via your child's online learning platform- Google Classroom for Years 1-5 or See-Saw for Kindergarten. The meeting is not compulsory though might be a welcome change for your child to see the faces of their teacher and classmates. The primary students have already been having zoom sessions this week and it is great to see most students online with their teacher to not only say hello, though to also talk through any questions or problems they may be experiencing with At Home learning tasks. Parents are welcome to sit next to their child in the zoom.

Please remember that the work set by the teachers is a guide only. Do not stress if your child does not complete all the work and only allow your child to complete the work that is manageable for your family situation. If you have any problems or questions, please do not hesitate to contact the class teacher via a message on your child's online platform or by phone call/email to the school.

Next week we will continue to have a very small number of staff on site daily as most are working from home, as the Premier has advised. All Class Teachers are working remotely and on site supervision is by other staff members on a rotating roster. Please, keep your children at home with you unless you are an essential worker and have no other choice. Thank you for your cooperation.

I pray that you and your family remain happy and healthy.

May God bless you, Mrs Bianca Cooke

## R.E. NEWS



Religious Education in Catholic schools has always aimed to develop children's capacity to express their growing understanding, appreciation, thoughts, questions and insights into God, Jesus, the Scriptures, the Church, the Sacraments, Prayer and life as a Christian. This is essential to their participation in the religious life of the school and the parish. Teachers are continually assessing students' learning and reporting to on their developing religious literacy.



The teachers focus on building knowledge and assisting students to make meaning so they can apply their understanding. The staff use the Senses approach which is a powerful approach to engage with scripture and a way to develop the student's understanding of their faith. The senses have the basis in the catechism of our Catholic church.

In building knowledge, the Literal Sense focuses on the meaning conveyed by Scripture. We learn about the Scripture in the context of when it was written. We look at the cultural context, who is the author and who wrote the Scripture and the links to the Old Testament. It is also important to view the passages before and after to help build the understanding of the Scripture.

In making meaning the Spiritual Sense explores the deeper meaning of the Scripture. We identify how God is revealed to us in the Scripture and how the message is connected to catholic Church teaching, practices and traditions. In the Application Sense we apply or transfer the knowledge and understanding the Literal and Spiritual Senses to our lives

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### Week 2 Dates

Waste Free Recess & Lunch

**Mon 20 July to Fri 30th July**  
Remote Learning

**Term 3 dates:**  
Tue 13 July to Thu 16 September

Fri 17 September—**Staff Development Day**

**Term 4 dates:**  
Tue 5 October to Wed 15 December

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



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

## 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.

### R.E. News continued ...

The students' knowledge and understanding of faith leads them to respond through their words and actions.

You could ask your children the following questions about a Bible story they read last term; What does the passage reveal about Jesus? God? What Sacraments are present in the Scripture? What connections can I make to Catholic teaching, practice and tradition in the message of the Scripture? How can I apply the message of the scripture at home, at school and in the community?

*Mrs Shane Robinson—REC*

### Zoom Class Check In

Beginning week 3 each class will hold its own zoom check in. Older grades may also have additional Zoom sessions scheduled.

All links for zooms will be available in the google classroom or on SeeSaw as a link. You need only click on the link and wait for the teacher (the host) to admit you. These zooms will occur at the same time each day using the same link.

Please see below for the start times for each grade, each class will have its own link and its own zoom.

**Kindergarten- 10:00am**

**Year 1- 9:30am**

**Year 2- 11:00am**

**Year 3- 12:00pm**

**Year 4- 9:00am**

**Year 5- 9:00am**

**Year 6-9:00am**

### School Fees

CEDP have advised that due to current COVID-19 lockdown restrictions, the printing of Term 3 School Fee statements has been postponed till further notice.

If you would like to discuss this matter further please email [vcassidy@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:vcassidy@parra.catholic.edu.au) or contact Vicki Cassidy on 9407 6600.

## KINDERGARTEN & Years 1 to 6 2022

Have you enrolled your child for Kindergarten 2022? If not, limited places remain for next year's Kindergarten intake.

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.



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Here are a few links to resources that might help you explain the current coronavirus pandemic to your children or prepare you for some tricky questions they might ask you.

Stay safe and take care.

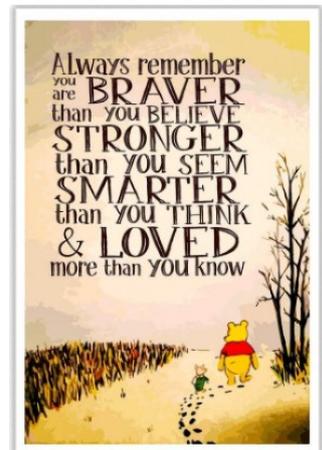
*Mrs Coppini*

[Working From Home Checklist Black Dog Institute](#)

[Supporting Children During the Coronavirus Pandemic](#)

[Macquarie University-How to talk to your children about coronavirus](#)

[A Social Story about Corona](#)



### ANNULMENT INFORMATION WEBINAR

Each year the Catholic Tribunal Office, Diocese of Parramatta and CatholicCare WSBM Solo Parent Services present an Information Session to help people understand the process of Annulments in the Catholic Church. Questions are answered in detail on all aspects of the Annulment process. The event will be held online via Zoom. **Date:** Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July **Time:** 7pm -9pm **Registration is Essential and will be handled by the Tribunal Office:** For further details and to register, please call the Tribunal Office PH: 8838 3480 or email [tribunal@parracatholic.org](mailto:tribunal@parracatholic.org)

### 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