



# St Bernadette's School

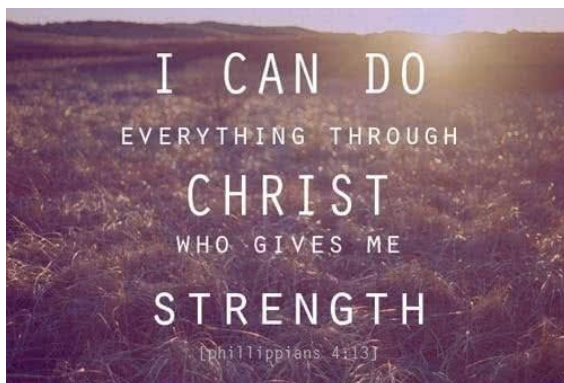
Friday 23 July 2021 — Term 3 Week 2

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Another week of 'at home' learning has come to an end and we still have AT LEAST 1 more week to go. I am not confident that school will resume on site in week 4, though only time will tell. No doubt you are watching the daily news update at 11am to find out what is going to happen. We all just need to do our bit, follow the health orders and stay safe.

Thank you again for the support you have been showing your children while they are working at home. I hope that you all factor in some outside time into your daily routines and only allow your child to complete the assigned work that you and the family can manage. If your child can be on their scheduled class zoom sessions, this would be greatly appreciated, plus it gives you a bit of a breather as the teacher does the work!



I know you would want to join me in thanking all of our staff for what they have been able to do these last two weeks, as many of you have left me messages saying just that. Our staff-teachers, teacher assistants, IT and office staff, are amazing people who are so dedicated to their work and to your children. I know they spend enormous amounts of time sitting at their computers setting work, giving feedback and conducting zooms and I have to remind them to take a break!

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## R.E. NEWS



On July 26 the Roman Catholic Church commemorates the parents of Mary the Mother of Jesus, Saints Joachim and Anne. The couple's faith and perseverance brought them through the sorrow of childlessness, to the joy of conceiving and raising the immaculate and sinless woman who would give birth to Christ.



The New Testament contains no specific information about the lives of Mary's parents, but other documents outside of the Biblical canon do provide some details. Although these writings are not considered authoritative in the same manner as the Bible, they outline some of the Church's traditional beliefs about Joachim, Anne and their daughter.

The "Protoevangelium of James," which was probably put into its final written form in the early second century, describes Mary's father Joachim as a wealthy member of one of the Twelve Tribes of Israel.

St. Joachim and St. Anne have been a part of the Church's liturgical calendar for many centuries. Devotion to their memory is particularly strong in the Eastern Catholic churches, where their intercession is invoked by the priest at the end of each Divine Liturgy. The Eastern churches, however, celebrate Sts. Joachim and Anne on a different date, 9 September.

### Prayer to Saints Anne and Joachim

*Most Holy Saints Anne and Joachim, come close to us and guide our hands and our hearts in the way of virtue.*

*Help us to parent our children and grandchildren with a gentle heart as you did. Show us how to raise our children in faith and bring our families into the Light of Jesus. Remain close to us and help us on our journey to salvation.*

*Saints Anne and Joachim, we place our petitions in your hands and ask that you lay them before the child Jesus.*

*Seek this, my favour [Mention your request] but only if it be for the greater glory of God and the good of my soul.*

### Week 3 Dates

**Mon 19 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>

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If you find that your child is struggling emotionally with the lockdown situation and you would like to talk to someone about it, please contact the office and we will forward your details to our school counsellor, Kristy Washington. Kristy is also working from home though is able to make contact with you via a phone call.

I hope that you and your family members at home and beyond are keeping well and healthy. I also ask that you keep all 'frontline' workers and society leaders in your prayers as we all work together to control this very serious and life-threatening strain of COVID-19.

May God bless and keep you.

**Mrs Bianca Cooke**

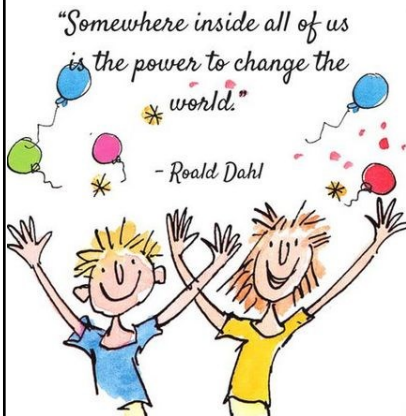
### Wellbeing Library

It has been wonderful to see pictures of the children doing their mindfulness and meditation on Google Classrooms. Over the first two terms they have become expert at being able to block out their thoughts while they give their brain a break from the day's activities.



At this time, in our community, doing meditation is a great way to relax away from the information overload that Covid and the lockdown are creating. Smiling Mind is a great app we utilise in the classroom and the

children are familiar with the mindful language and expressions used in each activity.



Many children in the coming week or weeks might be in a situation where they need to have a Covid test. I have included a story that will help children.

### [A Covid Testing Story](#)

I have also included a lovely story about lockdown, it might be a good video to watch as a family.

[Windows by Patrick Guest and Jonathon Bentley](#)

Take care  
**Sally Coppini**

### KINDERGARTEN 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.

### 2021 School Fees—Term 3

Term 3 School Fee statements will be sent home next week from the Catholic Education Office and will be due on **Wednesday, 18th August**. If you do not receive your Term 3 account please contact the school office as soon as possible.

If your family requires some additional support due to financial hardship, please email [vcassidy@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:vcassidy@parra.catholic.edu.au) to discuss your options for fee support or deferment. To ensure that this process is fair and aimed at those most in need, you may be required to provide supporting documentation about your circumstances.

*Thank you for those families who have finalised Term 1, 2 & 3 2021 school fees already.*

**Fees can be made by CREDIT CARD, EFTPOS, BPAY, BPOINT or POSTBILLPAY**

### ICAS News

Payments for ICAS testing are due online by Sunday 25th July.

At this stage, the ICAS testing is going ahead as scheduled.

Writing 10th August  
English 18th August  
Mathematics 1st September

However, when/if there are any announcements about changes or postponements we will notify you as soon as we know.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

**Mrs Charmain Floody**

### 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.**

#### 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



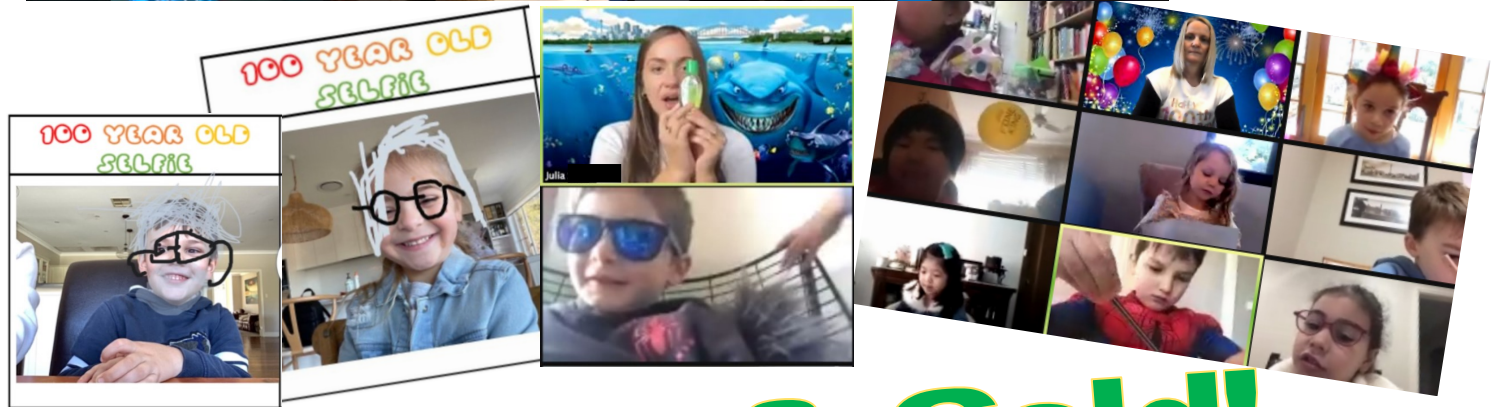
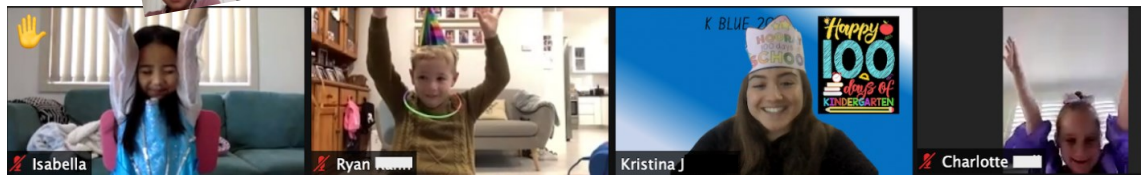
Cover your nose and mouth when coughing and sneezing with a tissue or your elbow. Put the tissue in the bin and wash your hands



# Remote Learning



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