



St Bernadette's School

Friday 22 October 2021 — Term 4 Week 3

No. 33

Dear Parents,

What a fantastic week we had with Kindergarten and Year 1 students back at school! They had the chance to re-connect in person with their friends, classmates and teachers and settled back into the school routine without a hiccup. We look forward to having everyone back on site on Monday.

A reminder that the day's timetable has changed to accommodate COVID restrictions.

- The day begins as usual at **8:30am**
- Children are to be dropped at the gates from 8am and will move directly to their classroom till learning time begins
- Recess and lunch times are staggered so that students remain with their own grade only
- Canteen is open for lunch orders and lunch time sales of ice blocks and drinks only. Online lunch orders are preferred. (NO recess sales or recess orders available) New revised menu attached.
- Dismissal begins at 2:30pm for Kinder & Year 1 students **plus their siblings**
- All other grades are dismissed as normal at 2:45pm
- Tuckshop Terrace is **not** an option for afternoon pickup
- Blue Wall 'drive by' pickup, Brisbane Road gates and buses, Old Northern Road walkers and buses are the only options available. (This worked seamlessly this week!)
- Masks for teachers are required indoors
- Masks for students are a parental decision - as always
- Library is closed- no borrowing
- Uniform shop is open on Tuesdays for **online orders only**.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend and look forward to life returning to the 'new normal' for you and your family.

Thank you for your very kind words and smiling faces!

Bianca Cooke—Principal



Week 4 Dates

Mon 25 October
Welcome back to all students Kindergarten to Year 6!

Fri 29 October
WORLD TEACHERS DAY!

Wed 3 November
K22 Parent Information Evening—Zoom

Fri 12 November
12 noon Band Demo—Zoom

Wed 1 December
K22 Orientation

Wed 8 December
K22 Orientation

Tues 14 December
7pm Yr 6 Graduation

Wed 15 December
Last day for students

Thu 16 & Fri 17 December—Staff Development Days



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for 2022**

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

R.E. NEWS



The feast of St. John Paul II is marked on October 22, the anniversary of the inauguration of his pontificate. Traditionally, the feast of a saint is celebrated on the anniversary of his/her death, the day the person left for his/her eternal abode. However, in the case of Pope John Paul II, his feast was fixed for **October 22**, when his **pontificate was officially inaugurated**.

St. John Paul II, Latin **Johannes Paulus**, original name **Karol Józef Wojtyła**, (born May 18, 1920, Wadowice, Poland—died April 2, 2005, Vatican City; beatified May 1, 2011; canonized April 27, 2014; **feast day October 22**), **bishop of Rome** and head of the **Roman Catholic Church** (1978–2005), the first non-Italian **pope** in 455 years and the first from a Slavic **country**.



His pontificate of more than 26 years was the third longest in history. As part of his effort to promote greater understanding between nations and between religions, he undertook numerous trips abroad, traveling far greater distances than had all other popes combined, and he extended his influence beyond the **church** by campaigning against political oppression and criticizing the materialism of the West. He also issued several unprecedented apologies to groups that historically had been wronged by Catholics, most notably **Jews** and **Muslims**. His unabashed Polish **nationalism** and his emphasis on nonviolent political activism aided the **Solidarity** movement in communist **Poland** in the 1980s and ultimately contributed to the peaceful dissolution of the **Soviet Union** in 1991. More generally, **John Paul** used his influence among Catholics and throughout the world to advance the recognition of human dignity and to deter the use of violence.

Mrs Shane Robinson—REC

Staggered Dismissal Arrangements

- Any change in going home arrangements, please confirm with class teachers in writing.
- Any K or 1 student not being collected at 2:30, please advise class teachers in writing (if not already) so they can remain in the classroom with class teachers until 2:45.
- Any 2-6 student with a K or 1 sibling that is being collected at 2:30, please advise class teachers in writing so they can be ready at the gates by 2:30.



LAST FEW REMAINING PLACES KINDERGARTEN & Years 1 to 6 2022

Have you enrolled your child for Kindergarten 2022? Limited places remain for next year's Kindergarten intake. Interviews are also taking place for Yrs 1 to 6 2022. Please submit your enrolment form and accompanying documents to the school office as soon as possible.



This week Kindy and Year 1 were so excited to return to school and we are eager to welcome back the other grades next week. It has been a long time since they have interacted with each other and remembering all the social norms can be daunting. There might be times when your child comes home after interactions in class or on the playground that they are unsure how to handle or solve.

A great way to help them is to role play the situation; act it out, taking the roles of all the people involved. You can listen to the story and ask questions first so you learn all the details and then take the role of your child and act out the best response or action that would solve the issue. You can do it a couple of times and then give your child the opportunity to act it out.

“Kindness is a silent smile, a friendly word, a nod of encouragement. Kindness is the single most powerful thing we can teach children.”

This allows them to feel what it might feel like in real life to respond to people and particular issues. Do it a couple of times and give them an idea of all the different reactions that others might have to them. If they are prepared with the words and actions they feel more in control and less anxious.

This week and next week we will focus again on kindness. We realised that it can be as simple as a smile. Kindy and Year 1 watched a video about the “Kindness Kid”, his catchphrase was “*kindness to the rescue*”!! Have a great weekend, take care.

Sally Coppini

Sport Uniform Days—Term 4

Kindy	Thursday & Friday
Year 1	Wednesday & Thursday
Year 2	Monday & Thursday
Year 3	Wednesday & Friday
Year 4	Monday & Tuesday
Year 5	Tuesday & Wednesday
Year 6	Tuesday & Thursday



School Leavers

We are planning for the 2022 school year and to help us with this please advise the office via email if your family will not be continuing at St Bernadette's in 2022. A reminder to 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 the term for the next term and where appropriate notice has been received, a pro-rate credit will be calculated. Where a term's notice has not been given to the principal, the term's school fees will be charged for your child/children.

Summer Uniform

A reminder that all students should be in full summer uniform. If you have any pre-loved items that you would like to donate to the uniform shop these can be brought to the school office. Thank you!

Michael Grose—Parenting Ideas Upcoming Webinar for Parents Michael Grose presents: Using birth order knowledge for a parenting edge

Michael Grose, the founder of Parenting Ideas, is a bestselling author of 12 parenting books and an award-winning speaker. He is a former primary school teacher with 15 years experience and a parenting educator with 30 years experience. Michael holds a Master of Educational Studies from Monash University specialising in parenting education, a Bachelor of Education and a Diploma of Primary Teaching from SCV Toorak (now Deakin). He is a member of the Professional Speakers Australia Hall of Fame, receiving their Educator of the Year award in 2013. This school has a membership with Parenting Ideas, one of Australia's most trusted sources of parenting education and support. As part of this membership, all the parents in this school community can attend this webinar at no cost. Further details [here](#).



Key learning and discussion points include:

- how birth order works and why it sometimes doesn't make sense
- why birth order applies to both large and small families
- how to conduct a birth order audit for your family • the impact that your own birth order has on your parenting
- essential parenting strategies for kids who don't quite fit the birth order mould The webinar will be held on **10 November 2021 at 8-9 PM AEDT**.

Term 1 2022 dates:

Fri 28 Jan—Staff Development & Pupil Free Day
Mon 31 Jan—Staff Dev Day & MAIs
Tues 1 Feb—Years 1 to 6 commence
Wed 2 Feb—Kindergarten 2022 commence
Fri 8 April—Last day of Term 1

Tuckshop News:

ONLINE LUNCH ORDERS ONLY— REVISED MENU



The tuckshop will re-open on **Monday 25th October** with a revised menu. (attached to this email) Please check this menu before ordering online via Quickcliq. The canteen will also **ONLY** be open for lunchtime sales of frozen items and drinks, it is not open for recess orders or sales. Lunch orders must be placed in advance. Thank you for your assistance.

Enrol now for COSHC for Term 4 and 2022!

We offer an exciting and safe space for children of all ages to come before and after school. We are currently accepting bookings! Please email stbcastlehill@cdpsl.org.au for any enquiries. We look forward to having you join us soon!

Band News:

Putting The Band Back Together!

Last term and across the school holidays, students from St Bernadette's band were given the opportunity to participate in an optional recording project run by Teaching Services Australia (TSA).

Over 300 students joined from more than 50 schools to rehearse weekly on Zoom.

They worked in 5 groups at various levels ranging from beginner to advanced and each group learned and recorded a band song. Some students submitted audio recordings whilst others also participated in the video recording session. Everyone worked hard, learned a lot and enjoyed making music together.

Congratulations to those students from St Bernadette's who participated, you have done an amazing job keeping music alive in these challenging times.

If you would like to see an example of what these students achieved, see the link below:

<https://vimeo.com/628944425/b11501d6b3>



Here are the other four songs we have recorded:

Star Wars – <https://vimeo.com/630025576/38c34823d2>

Monster Rock – <https://vimeo.com/628940687/6d08a268cb>

Old MacDonald Had A Band – <https://vimeo.com/629506441/e15dd17a4a>

Power Rock – <https://vimeo.com/629653737/0364f30ae7>

ST BERNADETTE'S SCHOOL BAND JOIN THE BAND!

Is your child interested in joining the school band?

The school band is now taking enrolments for 2022 and is open to all students currently in years 2-5.

No prior experience needed!

During Term 4 students will see a band demonstration highlighting the different instruments available to learn at school. **After this demonstration they will receive a flyer with information** about school band and how to enrol.

What do you need to do?

1. **Carefully read the flyer** for information about the school band (or visit www.teachingservices.com.au/EOI)
2. **Select which instrument**** your child would like to play in the band – there are some important factors to consider when selecting an instrument and these are all covered on our website
3. **Enrol online** – once you have confirmed which instrument your child wishes to play, please finalise your enrolment online

Learning an instrument in an ensemble is a great way to experience the social, educational and personal benefits that music and the arts have to offer! TSA provides a variety of tuition options as well as instrument hire and sales to help parents give the gift of music to their children.

TSA is a registered COVID-safe provider and delivers instrumental programs with a focus on inclusion, student engagement and well-being.

***Selecting an instrument during remote learning and COVID restrictions will be different to previous years – TSA will provide parents with clear and simple advice to help you find the instrument best suited to your child.*



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