



# St Bernadette's School

Friday 29 October 2021 — Term 4 Week 4

No. 34

Dear Parents,

I can say that we are all very tired at the end of a very big and busy week! I am sure that your children are also. Waking up early, being organised to leave the house on time, concentrating hard all day, eating at break times only and wearing a school uniform again have been big adjustments for everyone though the children have done exceptionally well. Hearing laughter ring throughout the school brings me such joy. I am so glad that everyone is back.

Thank you also for co-operating with the adjustments that we had to make for drop off and pick up procedures as well as changes to break times. These procedures will remain in place until the government relaxes COVID-19 regulations/ restrictions for schools. We do not operate under the same conditions as the general public as we are working with a mostly non vaccinated clientele, hence the staggered break times and changes to normal routines. We will certainly let you know when things can 'go back to normal'. A reminder that the 2:30pm dismissal time is for **KINDERGARTEN, YEAR 1 AND THEIR SIBLINGS** only. All other children are dismissed at the usual time of 2:45pm.

Unfortunately, we have a few teachers now on leave for a variety of reasons and the relevant classes and their families have already been notified. Mrs Macey, Mrs Thomas and Mrs Mulligan are on leave till the end of the year. Mrs Thomas and Mrs Mulligan are excitedly looking forward to the birth of their babies. Mrs Bullen, Mr Bamford and Mrs Evans are also taking some short amounts of leave and we look forward to their return later this term. Our thanks to Mrs Hennessey, Mrs Sills and Miss Davies for stepping in.

Have a wonderful weekend.

**Bianca Cooke**

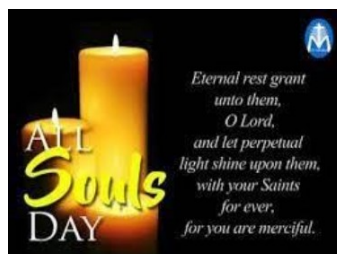
## R.E. NEWS



All Saints' Day is a solemn holy day of the Catholic Church celebrated annually on November 1. The day is dedicated to the saints of the Church, that is, all those who have attained heaven. It should not be confused with All Souls' Day, which is observed on November 2, and is dedicated to those who have died and not yet reached heaven.

November 1 is marked annually in the Catholic liturgical calendar as a day to remember and venerate saints from around the world and throughout history— not only those known and canonised, but also all unknown as well.

In the 4th century, All Saints' Day traditions served to honour the great number of individuals martyred for their faith during the persecutions in the late Roman Empire. It was during the 8th century that Pope Gregory III declared that all saints be remembered on November 1.



All Saints' Day is an opportune time to consider the example saints offer us today and to reflect on how we can imitate their holiness. As Pope Benedict XVI remarked in 2011, All Saints' Day calls us "to see the Church... as Christ wanted it, that is, as the communion of saints".

All Souls' Day follows All Saints' Day on November 2, when Catholics remember, pray and offer Mass for the souls of the departed, that they may be purified and attain the Beatific Vision."

**Mrs Shane Robinson—RE Coordinator**

### Week 5 Dates

**Wed 3 November**  
7pm Kindy 2022 Parent Information Evening—Zoom

**Wed 10 November**  
Yrs 5&6 ICAS English

**Thurs 11 November**  
Yrs 3&4 ICAS English

**Fri 12 November**  
12 noon Band Demo—Zoom

**17 & 18 November**  
Yr 6 'Becoming your Best' days

**18 November**  
Yr 3&4 ICAS Maths

**Fri 19 Nov**  
Yrs 5&6 ICAS Maths

**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>

### Birthday Treats for Classmates

Due to COVID conditions it is preferred if birthday treat items are store bought and individually wrapped - no lolly bags or whole cakes. Thank you for your cooperation.

### Sport Days

Please note change to **Year 5** sport days: Tuesday & Thursday  
Thank you.



### ICAS Test Dates

For those students who are participating in the ICAS tests for English and Mathematics, please see dates below. These will be conducted in school hours this year. Unfortunately no new entries are able to be submitted at this time.

#### Week 6

- ♦ 10th Nov Wednesday 10:00-12:00 Year 5 & 6 students to complete English.
- ♦ 11th Nov Thursday 10:30-12:40 Years 3 & 4 students to complete English.

#### Week 7

- ♦ 19th Nov Friday 10:00-12:00 Year 5 & 6 students to complete Mathematics.
- ♦ 18th Nov Thursday 10:30-12:40 Years 3 & 4 students to complete Mathematics.

### Congratulations to

Piper Johnson 6G for becoming the very first Child Ambassador for Fortem Australia- a group that is committed to supporting first responder families. This opportunity came about due to Piper's Voice of Youth speech titled ESKies, which is short for Emergency Services Kiddies. Click on the link to read more.



<https://fortemaustralia.org.au/article/fortem-is-excited-to-announce-our-first-child-ambassador/>

### 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.

### 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.



### School Absences

Just a reminder that if your child is absent from school, please notify us via the Compass Parent Portal App or a note to the teacher please. It is a requirement that every absence is notified to the school.



Dear Parents, Grandparents and Guardians,

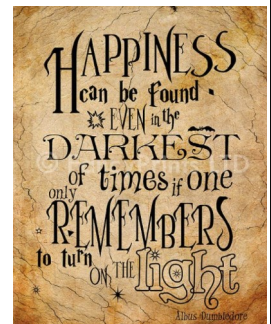
This week we welcomed back all grades to St Bernadette's, laughter, chatter and the lovely sounds associated with classroom learning filled the school grounds. Smiles were in abundance.

Years 2-6 revisited last week's wellbeing topic of 'kindness'. I have included the link to a video that sparked a lot of discussion. The children in the video spoke about hope. Hope is a feeling of optimism or a desire that something good will happen. The opposite is hopelessness. We all need to feel hope.

Kindy and Year 1 read a book about worries and they shared some of what worries them. The main focus was to remind them that we all have worries and it is very important to share them with someone who will carefully listen.

Our Wellbeing Library symbol is the rainbow which is a sign of hope. God sent the rainbow to Noah and reminded him whenever he sees it he should know that God is near especially when we are worried. Take care and have a lovely weekend.

**Sally Coppini**



### 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



## Term 1 2022:

**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 has re-opened 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.



## 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.

## Uniform Shop

Our summer uniform is available to order via the Quickcliq App. Please note that the uniform shop remains closed to parents so the only way to order uniform is via the App.

**Thank you** to the wonderful P&F committee for organising a zooper dooper for every child today to congratulate them for their hard work during remote learning and also as a special 'welcome back' present.



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## 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](mailto: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>



NOTE: the picture above has a hyperlink attached which could be used in place of the vimeo link.

If you would like to include them, here are the other four songs we 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>

## Keeping families and children well—COVID-19 Bulletin

Please click [here](#) to find the latest COVID-19 bulletin from the Centre for Population Health.



## School Opal Cards 2022

Students who need a School Opal card or travel pass for 2022 can [apply](#) now. A new application will need to be submitted if you are applying for a school travel pass for the first time.

**Congratulations to the following  
students receiving Bernie Way & Class Merit Awards  
Bernie Way Award— Being a Learner/Being Resilient**

	<b>Bernie Way Award</b>	<b>Bernie Way Award</b>	<b>Class Merit Award</b>	<b>Class Merit Award</b>
<b>KB</b>	Hugo Saliba	Diyana Faris Abdelamir	Jakob Puleo	Ilaria Dahdah
<b>KG</b>	Airlie Roberts	Elijah Inchausteghui-Herrera	Marcus Leong	Bernadette Bardaxis
<b>KW</b>	Alexander Baltyn	Ethan Jollow	Rachel Bardaxis	Sophie Read
<b>1B</b>	Blake Moynahan	Natalie Daniel	Tahlia Baker	Shivaan Suvarna
<b>1G</b>	Suravi Gowda	Hugh Thorpe	Macy Kaufmann	Colton Nadas
<b>1W</b>	George Habkhouk	Mila Vijesh	Sophia Dormido	Errol Gaya
<b>2B</b>	Daniel Dvorjak	Lexie Hughes-Brogan	Junyi Wang	Isaac Nader
<b>2G</b>	Stella Pace	Calvin Dmello	Alexander Sholkie	Isaac Pellicano
<b>2W</b>	Abigail Symin	Austin Ellis	Archie Gulczynski	James Tsang
<b>3B</b>	Zara Mortlock	Gabriel Saad	Ewan Osborn	Jacob Baker
<b>3G</b>	Georgia Elias	Evelyn Hughes-Brogan	Savya Shrestha	Megan Ow
<b>3W</b>	Zahra Mardanian	Samara Colaco	Christopher de Ponte	Layla Dmello
<b>4B</b>	Ethan Mi	Alyssa Hawkes	Lucas Keremelevski	Jordi Ekladios
<b>4W</b>	James Zeaiter	Max Abouhamad	Ridhima Talwar	Adam Gamble
<b>5B</b>	Jude Saliba	Sebastian Napoli	Amelia Lavis	Marissa Zeaiter
<b>5G</b>	Kristina Jelwan	Fabian Crecca	Rafael Clemente	Michael Saad
<b>5W</b>	Matthew Baker	Jack Kirkham	Ssavannah Jaucian	Addisyn Ream
<b>6B</b>	Campbell Sing	Sofia Aiossa	Tahlia Haj	Charlie Thom
<b>6G</b>	Elle Gaya	Paul Makhlof	Isabella Perete	Nathan Coutinho
<b>6W</b>	Haley Gonzales	Harry Palmer	Ava Rendulic	Lucas Ranieri
	<b>Merit Award—PE</b>	<b>Merit Award—PE</b>	<b>Merit Award—PE</b>	
<b>RFF/ Diversity</b>	Blake Moynahan—1B	Martin Gao—4W	Rafael Lamata—4W	



**MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS OUR  
WONDERFUL TEACHERS AT ST BERNADETTE'S!**

Loving God,  
You came among us as a teacher, healer and saviour.  
On this World Teacher's Day, bless your teachers  
Help them become even more joyful disciples and profound  
echoes of your wisdom,  
Bless our teachers with the gifts of Your truth, beauty and goodness.  
Bless them with integrity, so that they bring Your words to life.  
Bless them with courage and perseverance to walk the  
paths You have laid out.  
We pray in the name of Jesus  
who knows all too well the challenges and joys of  
being a teacher  
Amen



# 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](http://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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