



# St Bernadette's School

Friday, 4 February 2022 — Term 1 Week 2

No. 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very busy week with staff and students settling into the new year. Everyone has been so happy to reconnect with each other, in a COVID safe way of course.

A very special welcome to all our Kindergarten students and new families to our school. We are so excited that you have chosen to join our warm and vibrant school community.

Thank you for your co-operation with our ongoing COVID arrangements for drop off and pick up. I know they are not ideal though will hopefully keep as many students and staff members as COVID free as possible. Continue to display patience with us and each other at the busy morning and afternoon times and that will ensure we maintain a high level of safety for all in and around the carpark and school entry/exit points.

As you have read and probably seen as you drive up towards the church, our office renovation is still ongoing. We have approximately 2 more weeks of work to go before we are able to move back in. The office staff have temporarily relocated to the library and hence have limited phone accessibility. If you do ring the school number and it goes unanswered, please leave a message or ring back a little later. Alternatively, send an email and we will get back to you.

A warm St Bernadette's welcome to our new school counsellor, Mrs Keira Ippolito. Mrs Ippolito will be with us Mondays-Wednesdays and will continue with the great work handed over to her by Kristy Washington. Keira comes to us from another schooling system and has many years of experience working with children from K-6. If at any time you believe your child requires the assistance of a school counsellor, please contact the school or your child's class teacher.

Also another welcome to our new staff members for this year- Miss Nathalie Casten, Mr Joseph Eid, Miss Charlotte Davies, Miss Anne-Lise Sidonie, Miss Dannika Snell. I know they will quickly settle in and get to love St Bernadette's as much as the rest of us do.

Finally, thank you for conducting the Rapid Antigen Tests on your children each Monday and Wednesday morning. I know it isn't fun. It is anticipated that schools will receive more RAT kits soon to be distributed to children for at home testing in Weeks 4 & 5.

Enjoy the weekend and I look forward to seeing you all soon.

**Mrs Bianca Cooke—Principal**

## R.E. NEWS



The beginning of Advent marked the start of a new liturgical year, which marks the transition of the Lectionary cycle for the readings from Year A to Year B to Year C. These cycles are a result of the Second Vatican Council, which ordered a change in the Sunday readings at Mass so that Catholics would become more familiar with the text of the Bible.

As a result, we have a 3-year cycle built around the 3 synoptic gospels – Matthew, Mark and Luke. We are currently in Year C with the readings of Luke.

Each of the four Biblical accounts of Jesus' ministry, death and resurrection brings with it a unique perspective of who Jesus was and what he was about.

Luke's goal is to inspire in Christ's followers a faithfulness to their commitment based on God's fidelity to them. He does this by reminding the hearer/reader of God's past faithfulness and drawing attention to parallels in the present. This instills hope and trust in the promises yet to be fulfilled, including the return of Jesus and the redemption of Israel. Luke's is the only gospel to call Jesus 'Saviour' and salvation is a prominent theme but unlike Mark and Matthew who link salvation to Jesus' death on the cross, Luke shows Jesus saving people throughout his ministry. And today salvation is happening in their midst: "Today this scripture has been fulfilled", "Today salvation has come to this house", "Today you will be with me in paradise".

**Mrs Shane Robinson—RE Coordinator**

### Week 3 Dates

#### Mon 7 February

Dance Fever begins—in class lessons

Meet the teacher via zoom - all week

### Other Dates

#### Fri 8 April

Last day of Term 1

**Did you know** that this week is technically called Week 2 of our school year? Week 1 had only 1 day- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January and it was a staff development day. A bit strange we know. So, next week is Week 3!



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

## Uniform - PE Shirts

Just a friendly reminder that the old PE/sport shirts are no longer to be worn to school as part of the school's PE/Sport uniform. They have been replaced many years ago by the current one that is available for purchase via the uniform shop.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

## Sport Email

Our school has a new email address for sport related enquiries and information - [bernadettechsport@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:bernadettechsport@parra.catholic.edu.au). This email address will be used to communicate sport related activities such as Gala Days and Sport Trials.

## Birthday Treats for Classmates

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



## Water Bottles

Please remind your child to bring a refillable water bottle to school each day as the bubblers remain closed due to COVID-19.



## Arrival and Departure for Students

Before school supervision starts at 8am. School commences **PROMPTLY** at 8.30am. Any students arriving after 8.30am need to be signed in as late by a parent/guardian.

In the afternoons, all children are supervised on to buses, across roads, to after school care or while waiting for the Car Pick Up Service.

School finishes at **2.45pm**.

Pick Up times during Covid:  
2:30pm Kindy, Year 1 and Siblings  
2:45pm Year 2—6



## Thank You P & F Helpers!

Thank you to our P & F helpers for ensuring that the first morning school drop off went smoothly!

## KINDERGARTEN 2023

Our enrolment process has started for Kindergarten 2023. Prospective parents are invited to visit our website and register your interest for one of our open days/times.

[Register your interest here](#)



## Siblings for Kindergarten 2023

As we prepare for Kindergarten 2023, it is imperative that we know how many siblings to expect. If you would like to enrol a sibling into Kindy next year please email Mrs Crake at the school office on [bernadettech@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:bernadettech@parra.catholic.edu.au) before March 31st 2022. You can also submit an enrolment form now by clicking on our website and downloading the form. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Sport Uniform & Library Days for Term 1

	Sports Uniform	Library Borrowing
K	Monday & Thursday	Thursday
1	Monday & Tuesday	Tuesday
2	Monday & Wednesday	Wednesday
3	Monday & Wednesday	Wednesday
4	Monday & Tuesday	Tuesday
5	Monday & Thursday	Thursday
6	Check Year 6 Diaries	Tuesday/Thursday



**Congratulations** to Mrs Thomas who had a baby girl, Thea, on 31<sup>st</sup> January and to Mrs Mulligan who also had a baby girl, Tess, on 29<sup>th</sup> December 2021. So exciting for both families and we look forward to meeting these new additions one day soon.



## COMPASS PARENT PORTAL

This is our main form of communication with families. A notification was sent to all parents who have not yet downloaded the App. Kindergarten and new families to the school—you can now join us too!

So many benefits ... ease of communication, push notifications, update family details, quick & easy absentee notification, school calendar and more!

## The St Bernadette's Summer Reading Challenge is finishing soon.

Once you have read your books, fill out your form and return it to school by **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022**. You never know it might be YOU who wins one of our special prizes. You can enter more than one sheet. The more the merrier!





## 2022 Staff and their Classes

PRINCIPAL	Mrs Bianca Cooke
Asst. Principal	Mrs Charmain Floody
KB	Miss Julia Smith
KG	Miss Kristina Jurcevic
KW	Miss Dannika Snell
1B	Miss Madeline Koeberler
1G	Miss Nathalie Casten / Mrs Debbie Sills (Wednesday)
1W	Miss Danielle Hutchinson
2B	Mrs Stephanie Hottes / Mrs Maryanne Lean-Fore
2G	Miss Jessica Piperta
2W	Mrs Julie Brunt
3B	Miss Charlotte Davies
3G	Mrs Karyn Lee / Mrs Amy Macey
3W	Mrs Debjani Ghosh
4B	Mrs Alexandra Buscall
4G	Miss Anne-Lise Sidonie
4W	Mrs Shane Robinson – Mrs Bianca Bojanowski (3 days fortnight)
5B	Mr Joseph Eid / Mrs Debbie Sills (Tuesdays)
5G	Miss Stephanie Vasiliou
6B	Mrs Amanda Thorpe/ Therese Younis
6G	Mr Stephen Bamford
6W	Miss Rachelle El-Hage

### Optional Meet the Teacher Zoom Meetings

Bookings will open at 3pm today via [schoolinterview.com.au](https://schoolinterview.com.au) for these 10 minute appointments. You will receive an email/ Compass notification with the booking code. The meeting is an opportunity to meet with your child's teacher for 2022 and share with them information about your child- their strengths, challenges and any learning insights and patterns that you are aware of.

These optional meetings are strictly 10 minutes, if you require a longer appointment contact your teacher through the office for another date.

Bookings are a 'first come, first served' basis- don't wait to book! The bookings will be closed on Monday morning at 9am.

### Grade Newsletters—Term 1 2022

On Monday, digital copies of grade newsletters will be sent to all families. The newsletter provides a term overview for the grade- important dates, information about the grade learning and some grade procedures.

### St Bernadette's Car Park Reminder Applicable for current arrangement due to Covid

**NO ENTRY INTO SCHOOL FROM OLD NORTHERN ROAD AT ANYTIME.**

**SCHOOL ACCESS IS VIA BRISBANE ROAD.  
DO NOT TURN RIGHT OUT OF SCHOOL DRIVEWAY INTO  
BRISBANE ROAD.**

Parents are not to park in the teacher's car park at any time.

Please use pedestrian crossings.

Remember you are entering a school please drive with caution.

#### Kiss 'n Drop:

Children must exit from the left hand side of the car only.

Parents are not to exit the car.

Children are to have bags in the car with them, do not get bags from boots.

#### Blue Wall Pick Up (during Covid)

Please do not queue prior to 2:20 in front of the disabled carpark for 2:30 pick up.

Number to be displayed in front window left hand side. Children must be able to put on own seatbelt, if they are unable to please collect your child from Brisbane Road.





## Executive Directors Summer Reading Challenge

Taking part in the Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge is easy! Students just need to read something they enjoy and tell us in 50 words or less why they loved it. The more a student reads, the more times they can enter the reading challenge and the more chances they have of winning one of two \$500 JB Hi-Fi vouchers or one of 30 runner-up gift vouchers to the value of \$30. Students can enter [online](#) by visiting the CEDP website. **Entries close at 5:00pm on 25 February 2022.** Terms and Conditions can be found [here](#).



## Anaphylaxis

At St Bernadette's each year there are a number of children who experience anaphylaxis – in particular a severe allergic reaction when they are exposed to peanuts and nut related products. If those children are exposed to these foods a severe allergic reaction can occur within 20 minutes of exposure and can rapidly become life threatening. Accidental exposure to these foods can happen at eating times and in the case of one of our students, the allergic reaction can be triggered when another person has touched or eaten these foods and then that person touches them. As a community we can assist these children by making our school environment safe. We ask families to:

- NOT use peanut, nut and chocolate spreads when making and sending sandwiches to school.
- remind children NOT to share their food with other children at school
- explain to your children the seriousness of food allergies for those children who are affected by them and that we can help to keep these children safe by the choices we make.

Should you wish to have more information about anaphylaxis this can be found at the Anaphylaxis Australia website [www.allergyfacts.org.au](http://www.allergyfacts.org.au)

*Thank you for your assistance with all that you do to help us provide a safe environment for all the children at St Bernadette's Primary School.*



## School Tuckshop

The canteen/tuckshop will only be open for lunch orders and lunchtime counter sales. No recess orders or recess counter sales will be available. To order your child's lunch online, please use this [Quickcliq link](#). There will also be a modified menu which is attached.

## Allergy Advice for Online Tuckshop Orders

If your child has a food allergy, it is important to add his/her known allergies to the Health Warning in **Quickcliq**. Click on the 'Student' tab and look under 'User (student/participant) details' to find the 'Health Warnings' field. This will help to prevent the likelihood of your child having contact with foods that they are allergic too.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation—Reminder

For those interested in enrolling in the Sacrament of Reconciliation program for 2022. The program is aimed at children in year 3 or above who have received the sacrament of Baptism. Please contact [sacraments@stbernadette.org.au](mailto:sacraments@stbernadette.org.au) for enrolment details. Registrations close 14 February.



## Motiv8 After School Sports Clinic

Motiv8 is now open for bookings—Monday Afternoons for K-Year 6.

Visit their website at [https://motiv8sports.com.au/m8\\_event/term-1-monday-st-bernadettes-castle-hill-8-week-after-school-sports-clinic/](https://motiv8sports.com.au/m8_event/term-1-monday-st-bernadettes-castle-hill-8-week-after-school-sports-clinic/)

## P&F News:

### Summer Uniform

Our uniform shop is open every Tuesday morning between 8 and 10am. Due to COVID restrictions we are only accepting online orders via Quickcliq. <http://www.quickcliq.com.au/>

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**R.I.P.** †† Our prayerful sympathy is extended to the Succar family (Roxanne 4B and Chafic 1B), following the recent passing of their grandfather. May he rest in peace.

