



St Bernadette's School

Friday 18th February 2022 — Term 1 Week 4 No. 3

Dear Parents and Carers

This week we held our first whole school assembly via zoom. This was the first opportunity for our school leaders to address the whole school. There were a few nerves at the start, though our leaders quickly settled into their new role. It was also Kindergarten's first 'taste' of zoom and they behaved beautifully.

Thank you to the many, many Year 6 students who were wonderful helpers escorting our Kindergarten students to their classrooms on their arrival to school. I know that many Kindergarten children appreciate an extra smile and someone to chat to while they are walking to their rooms. Our Year 6 students freely volunteered their time to assist, and it was greatly appreciated. True servant leadership!

Next week we should be moving back into our refurbished school office, which is very exciting. As it will take time to settle back in, please be patient with us if making phone calls.

Our phone lines are still restricted so if the phone goes unanswered, please ring back or leave a message. Alternatively, send an email. Thank you for your cooperation. I hope you and your family have a restful weekend.



May God bless and keep you.

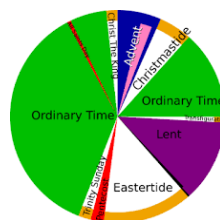
Mrs Bianca Cooke
Principal

R.E. NEWS



When we think about a year we often think of it in terms of its seasons. Each season has its particular feel, its own customs and activities that we associate with it. We adapt or change according to the season.

Our life journey too, can be viewed using the image of seasons. We experience seasons in the physical, social, emotional and spiritual aspects of our lives. A calendar year incorporates the seasons in twelve months or fifty-two weeks which include holidays, commemorative days and days that we could term as ordinary.



The Liturgical Year is similar in the way it is organised. It provides particular occasions and whole seasons to ritualize the significant movements in our Christian life. It is through this cyclical process that the Church renews itself again and again. In the Liturgical Year every season or feast day has its own unique symbols and colour which help us to explore and be involved in the mystery of the incarnation, birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

We begin the Liturgical Year on the First Sunday of Advent then move to Christmas, Ordinary Time, Lent, Triduum or Three Days, Easter, Pentecost and Ordinary Time again, finishing with the feast of Christ the King. The liturgical seasons provide us with a way of looking at the same mystery from different aspects in order to learn something new each time we experience them. Year after year it invites us to deepen our relationship with Jesus.

The different colours are drawn from creation to remind those participating in a liturgy of the different blessings of God. The colours used are white (or gold), purple (or violet), green, red and rose pink.

Week 5 Dates

Wed 23 February
7.30pm P&F Meeting
(on-site & zoom link available)

Fri 25 Feb
Band
1.30pm Year 6
Leadership Liturgy

Week 6 Dates

Tues 1 March
Zone Swimming
Shrove Tuesday

Wed 2 March
Ash Wednesday

Fri 4 March
Band
Whole School Assembly

Week 7 Dates
Catholic Schools Week
Kindergarten 2023
Open Days—see website

Fri 8 April
Last day of Term 1



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FOR KINDY 2023.

Limited places remain
for Kindergarten to Yr 6
in 2022

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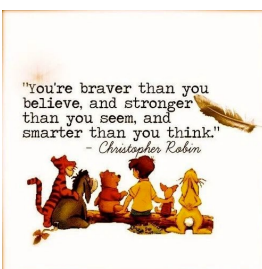
School Calendar: <http://www.stbernadetteschill.catholic.edu.au/en/Community/Events>



Wellbeing

This year at St Bernadette's the children will continue to be involved in our wellbeing program during their library lesson. Wellbeing is often described as the quality of a person's life. The children are learning that wellbeing is when 'our head and heart are happy'. Maintaining wellbeing even when we are sad, lonely, disappointed or even angry is really important. In our lessons we will learn strategies that can help our wellbeing so we are happy, 'most of the time'.

The first couple of weeks we have been focusing on the students' identity. Self-awareness involves students understanding their physical and mental impact on the world and having an idea of what they stand for. It is important that students develop a sense of self as it contributes to self esteem. This week we talked about what they love and their values. Have a chat around the dinner table at home and share with them what you love and value.



Take care
Mrs Coppini

Resources

[We are special YouTube](#) (K-2)
[What I like about me](#) (K-2)
[Identity and Values YouTube](#) (3-6)
[The Reflection in me](#) (3-6)

Parking Around the School

Parents are asked to be mindful of where they park before and after school. Please do not park in bus zones or in front of driveways. Remember you may need to park further away and walk into school if you cannot find an appropriate place to park. Please be respectful to our neighbours at all times. Police have been alerted to this matter and regularly check school zones.



Entry to the school is via Brisbane Road **only**, not from Old Northern Road. Care must be taken at all times when driving through the car park and Kiss 'n Drop zone—children are around and their safety is our top priority. Please do not park in the kiss 'n drop zone in the morning. If you need to get out of your vehicle then you must find a parking space. Thank you for your assistance.

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](#)

All enrolment forms are to be submitted with relevant paperwork no later than **March 31st**.



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 by end of February 2022. You can also submit an enrolment form now by clicking on our website and downloading the form. All forms to be submitted with relevant paperwork no later than **March 31st**. Thank you for your cooperation.

Bookclub

Children have been given Bookclub brochures for Term 1 2022. 20 percent of all orders goes back to the school to purchase new material for our children. For any further info please email bookclub.stbpnf@gmail.com or call/text on 0401 001 121.

Orders Close **Midnight 4th March 2022**.

DONT FORGET!



SCHOLASTIC Book Club
orders are due:
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BONUS!



SCHOLASTIC

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.

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!

**Congratulations to the following
students receiving Bernie Way & Class Merit Awards
Bernie Way Award— Being Safe & Being Respectful**

	Bernie Way Award	Bernie Way Award	Class Merit Award	Class Merit Award
KB	Victoria Grech	Not for Publication	Elizabeth Said	Not for Publication
KG	Mason Khoury	Madison Melloy	Katerina Dvorjak	Ashton Mirakhour
KW	Not for Publication	Adeline Reid	Louis Caruso	Aaliyah Rodrigues
1B	Gabriella Cascio	Not for Publication	Rachel Bardaxis	Ryann Rann
1G	Marcus Leong	Amelie Perete	Axel Nguyen	Olivia Jung
1W	Chelsea Di Matteo	Sisendra Sathees Kumar	Not for Publication	Not for Publication
2B	Jeffrey Xue	Jane Azzi	Colton Nadas	Hannah Gao
2G	Annie Heneghan	Mikayla Palma	Samuel Viski	Hugh Thorpe
2W	Abel Alatlí	Rebecca Chaccal	Harrison Duff	William O'Byrne
3B	Katie Coghlan	Andre van Jour	Kelvin Yohan	Wilma Mormul
3G	Arabella Egan	Benjamin Maggs	Isabelle Minett	Austin Ellis
3W	Quintus Feng	Ava Zeaiter	Xavier Lai	Iris Jiang
4B	Emilia Crecca	Samuel Wakim	Aidan Lam	Gabriella Rees
4G	Victoria Ibrahim	Isaad Saad	Ava Papandrea	Michael Mitchell
4W	Hamish Smith	Ameera Singhal	Eleanor Lee	Elliot Greer
5B	Abby Guy	Joshua Mathews	Bryan Tjandera	Jessica Coghlan
5G	Janaya Habito	Adam Gamble	Xavier Lavulo	James Zeaiter
6B	Nathan Elias	Krishel Sathees Kumar	Sebastian Haywood	Oscar Nicholson
6G	Aditi Gowda	William McManus	Khiara Heyes	Elle Dibble
6W	Philippa Smith	Riley McGlynn	Michael Saad	Laura Scanlon
	Merit Award—PE	Merit Award—PE	Merit Award—Drama	Merit Award—Drama
RFF/ Diversity	James Zeaiter—5G	Zoe Osborn—1B	Emily McVean—2W	William O'Byrne—2W

Well Done to all of our St Bernadette's students who participated in the Summer Reading Challenge.

These are our winners:

Harry Wigham—6B
Jessica Coghlan—5B
Ewan Osborn—4G
Isabelle Minett—3G
Anastasia de Groot—2B
Jacob Puleo—1W
Ruby Giorelando—KB



Congratulations to Samara Colaco in Year 4 who has progressed to trial for the MacKillop team for tennis and Aleksander Puleo in Year 5, Samuel Lean-Fore and Jackson Leib from Year 6 who have progressed to trial for the MacKillop team for AFL!

We wish them every success.



Birthday Treats for Classmates

Due to COVID conditions it is preferred if birthday treat items are store bought and individual (ie. cup cakes/doughnuts) - no lolly bags or whole cakes. Thank you for your cooperation.

Reminder: Sport Email

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

Executive Directors Summer Reading Challenge—CLOSING 25 FEB 5PM

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.

Terms and Conditions can be found [here](#).



R.I.P. †† Our prayerful sympathy is extended to the Cascio family (Arianna in 3G and Gabriella 1B), following the recent passing of their grandmother.



Term Dates for 2022

Term 1— Fri 28 January to Fri 8 April

Term 2—Tue 26 April to Fri 1 July

Term 3— Mon 18 July to Fri 23 September

Term 4—Mon 10 October to Fri 16 December (for students)

Please note no staff development days have been included

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P&F News: Grade Parent Contact Lists

St Bernadette's P&F

Dear Parents,

Each year the P&F put together a list for each grade containing contact information for other parents in their grade. This helps parents plan social events (birthdays, play dates, etc) but also provides the P&F with up to date contact details for our correspondence.

This list is distributed to other parents in your grade and is not published or shared beyond that group.

Please provide your contact details using QR code or link below if you wish to be added to the 2022 class list. You will need to submit this form once for each child, ensuring that you complete all the details each time.



LINK: <https://forms.gle/xipAjRbiyCoWxYFX6>

The closing date to complete these details is Friday, 26 February 2022.

Any questions please email GPC.stbpnf@gmail.com

Regards, Rita Bradshaw (Grade Parent Co-ordinator)

Other Items:

Come and join your fellow classmates at St Bernadette's Football Club! We are a school community club which caters for students in Kindy (u/6) to Yr 6 (u/12). Training is on a Thursday evening at Eric Mobbs Reserve Castle Hill. Games are on Saturdays in the local Hills area. Fees are tailored to assist families - we offer a \$20 early bird discount (ends Feb 28!) and a \$20 sibling discount. The Club provides the playing jersey. Active kids vouchers accepted. You can register here: [Home | Play Football](#) For any further information go to [About SBFC – St Bernadette's Football Club](#), email sbfcfooty@gmail.com, or call our club registrar, Leighton Hawkes on 0412 751 724. There are a number of positions available on the committee for any parents wishing to volunteer! If website coordinator, social media communications coordinator, bbq roster coordinator or field equipment coordinator sound interesting please don't hesitate to get in touch with us. We look forward to welcoming you to our football club for the 2022 Winter season.

Oakhill College Open Day

We warmly invite prospective students and families to the Oakhill College Open Day on **Sunday 6 March from 10 - 2.00pm**. Join us for a student led tour around our beautiful campus and visit our subject displays, meet our staff and students, watch some of our co-curricular activities and a variety of performances. Bookings are essential, so please register on our website and for any COVID-19 updates: www.oakhill.nsw.edu.au

Mount St Benedict College Open Day

Sunday 6 March 10—2pm Please note: Families with a daughter in Year 5 should apply now for Year 7, 2024. Limited places available for Year 7, 2023 (girls in Year 6). Online Expression of Interest forms should be lodged by the end of Year 4.

OLMC Open Day

Sunday 6 March 10—2pm You are warmly invited to join us for Open Day 2022. Bookings can be made by visiting the college website www.olmc.nsw.edu.au

Kellyville Rouse Hill Magpies—AFL

Register now—www.krhjfc.com.au or registrar.krhjfc@gmail.com 0491 683 251 For boys and girls ages 5+.

Baulkham Hills Brumbies—Junior Rugby League

2022 Registrations for the 2022 season opened on 1 Dec 2021. To register: www.bhbrumbies.com.au Meet & Greet Fri 4 March Castlewood Reserve - Brand New! Under 11 Girls Blues Tag