



St Bernadette's School

Friday 4 March 2022 — Term 1 Week 6

No. 5

Dear Parents,

A very wet week has tested the patience of many though luckily floods do not affect us here. Hopefully your friends and family remain safe in these trying times. Our prayers are also with the people of Ukraine and Russia as they are all victims of war. Perhaps in your family prayer times or when attending Mass you might make special intentions for those affected by the floods and those affected by war.



This week is Catholic Schools Week and we encourage any families in the area who are interested in their child attending Kindergarten in 2023 to register to attend a school tour and pick up enrolment information. Please tell family, friends and neighbours. We have limited our Catholic Schools Week activities to a morning prayer at Assembly for the school community only (weather depending). We are not holding other activities at this time though have plans in place for many family and community events very soon.

*Now, Lord, come to our aid!
Grant us peace, teach us peace; guide
our steps in the way of peace.
Open our eyes and our hearts and
give us the courage to say:
"Never again war!"
"With war everything is lost".
Instill in our hearts the courage to
take concrete steps to achieve peace.
From Pope Francis prayer for peace*

Mrs Bianca Cooke



Rapid Antigen Test Kits

The final consignment of RAT kits have been issued to students today. 5 kits will be going home to families to be used at parental discretion.

R.E. NEWS



Season of Lent The three practices of Lent are; Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. Almsgiving: Is a sign of our care for those in need and an expression of our gratitude for all that God has given to us.

St Bernadette's is always so generous in their support of Caritas Australia and our Project Compassion appeal. Caritas Australia is the international aid and development organisation of the Catholic Church in Australia and is part of one of the largest aid and development networks in the world.



This Lenten season Caritas will help support vulnerable people around the world, now and **For All Future Generations**

With your support, Caritas Australia will be able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food, security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction.

Project Compassion 2022 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come to build better future for all. Project Compassion shares the stories of resilient and inspiring individuals whose lives and futures have been impacted by the ongoing support of our partners and by your generosity. This includes the story of young Anatercia from Mozambique who, despite facing poverty and food insecurity, can now access school supplies and attend classes. For every \$27 Caritas can provide school supplies for other children like Anatercia to complete their schooling.

Your generosity is the pebble that allows Caritas Australia to create the ripples that will improve the livelihoods of vulnerable communities, supporting them to flourish and create opportunities for future generations to live to their full potential and thrive. For it is through the strength of our compassion that we follow the steps of Jesus Christ and help others build resilience during trying times.

Week 7 Dates

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Open Days for Kindergarten 2023

Tues 8 March
9.15am

Thurs 10 March
11.30am

Fri 11 March
7am

Mon 7 March

8.30am Morning Assembly
1pm Dance Fever rehearsals (Interschool Challenge)

Fri 11 March

Band
Diocesan Swimming



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ENROLLING NOW 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>



Dear Parents, Grandparents and Guardians,

This week in our wellbeing lessons we talked about the challenges that we might encounter. We realised that everyone has times when they are challenged. Stage 1 and 2 read a book called *The Huge Bag of Worries* by Virginia Ironside [YouTube Link](#) and we discussed that it is normal to have worries and it is very important to have people that we can trust to talk to about our worries. We used our hand to mentally record 5 adults that we can talk to when we have something on our mind. Those adults would:

- Listen to you
- Believe you
- Do something to help you



The upper grades watched a Rocketkids episode [Youtube Link -When things go wrong](#) about what we can do when we are faced with challenges or worries are on our mind. The first most important suggestion was to have special people we can talk to. A big congratulations to all grades who eased so easily back into our weekly meditation practice. Many children mentioned that they have used the strategies at home during lockdown. Fantastic!!

Take care
Sally Coppini

Afternoon Pick-Up

Thank you for your patience when collecting your children at the end of the day as we get reacquainted with our pre-COVID procedures. Options for afternoon pick up are:

- **Tuckshop Terrace- 2:45-3pm.** Park in the top carpark and enter the school and wait for your children near the tuckshop/canteen. Leave as soon as possible to avoid being caught in the traffic jam
- **Brisbane Rd- 2:45pm- 3pm.** Please wait away from the gates and your child will be directed to meet you. This is a very busy pick up point at the moment and teachers will dismiss the children in an orderly fashion to ensure everyone is safe
- **Brisbane Rd buses and walkers- 2:45pm**
- **Old Northern Road buses and walkers- 2:45pm.** Children are supervised by staff and the gate is only opened once we have the majority of children in place.
- **Blue Wall car pick up- 3-3:15pm.** Please DO NOT enter the carpark until 3pm or after. This allows other parents using tuckshop terrace pickup a chance to get out of the carpark before Blue Wall begins. Children will be brought out to sit down and wait for their car number at 3pm.

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.

Dance Fever Showcase at

Homebush for those Years 3-6 families interested. Please be advised that there is a change of date for the Showcase- it is now on **Tuesday 5th April**. This date was changed by Dance Fever due to venue availability.



Positions Vacant

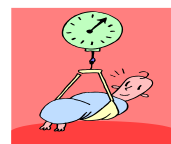
Canteen Workers needed for a paid position in the St Bernadette's School canteen. If interested or for further details, please contact the Canteen Operator- Norma Douaihy via email. (clakit99@hotmail.com).

Canteen News

Due to stock shortages from suppliers and to ensure orders can be processed more efficiently, **online lunch orders will close 9pm the night before from Monday 21st March**. Orders after this time can be sent to school by writing the order on a paper bag and placing the money inside. This will be taken to the canteen in the morning by a class member.

Canteen is now open for recess counter sales. Thank you.

Our congratulations to the Thomson family on the birth of their new baby boy—Edward George Thomson, brother to Oliver (3W) and William (KB). Our best wishes to the family.



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

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

| | Bernie Way Award | Bernie Way Award | Class Merit Award | Class Merit Award |
|---------------------------|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| KB | Ruby Giorelando | Evelyn Duff | Georgia Lee | Andreas Mortel |
| KG | Selina Dooley | Jacob Isak | Jaiden Binoy | Elianna Asabere |
| KW | Brendan Rizk | Cassandra Tsang | Allegra Gulczynski | Daniel Naylor |
| 1B | Alexa Pavlidis | Zoe Osborn | Mikaylah Lincoln | Amelia Baltyn |
| 1G | Lauren Gulisano | Jacob Lennon | Ilaria Dahdah | Michael Forder |
| 1W | Not for Publication | Jakob Puleo | Harlow Steward | Ethan Jollow |
| 2B | David Cuff | Mia Taylor | Sophia Dormido | Jeffrey Xue |
| 2G | Samuel Coleman | Isabella Rees | Cameron Mcvean | Nicole Irwanto |
| 2W | Chloe Tjandera | Luke Elias | Nicola Watson | Emily Mcvean |
| 3B | Jeremy Tan | Lexie Hughes-Brogan | Harvey Kemmis | Poppy Thornton |
| 3G | Saanvi Talwar | Zara Sakkal | Cameron Lennon | Alyssa Dan Phuong Le |
| 3W | Sienna Petitto | Evan Parame | Not for Publication | Harrison Mortlock |
| 4B | Tiffany Lavulo | Roxanne Succar | Oscar Barone | Lily Alam |
| 4G | Christopher De Ponte | Tessa Kaufmann | Megan Ow | Zachary Drogaris |
| 4W | Keona D'Souza | Savya Shrestha | Sienna Khoudair | Amelie Saliba |
| 5B | Hayleigh Shek | Caleb Tan | Sofia George | Oscar O'Byrne |
| 5G | Emily Boxshall | Johnny Symin | Lila Oliver | Jordi Ekladius |
| 6B | Sebastian Napoli | Mia Parame | Tiana Symin | Thomas Looker |
| 6G | Marissa Zeaiter | Clovis Chan | Kristina Jelewan | Adam Wassif |
| 6W | Jude Saliba | Emily Mitchell | Sophie Pratt | Savannah Jaucian |
| | Merit Award—PE | Merit Award—Drama | | |
| RFF/ Diversity | Noah Clark, Sarita Sridhar, Evelyn Duff | Max Abouhamad, Johnny Symin | | |

Sport News:

Congratulations to Rafael Clemente (6G) who was selected from the Parramatta Diocese Basketball team to join the McKillop team and compete in the state championship event in Tamworth. What an amazing achievement. We are so proud of you! We wish you and your team every success in the Championship.

It was a very wet and soggy day last Tuesday but Mrs Younis, Mrs Blazevic & 30 St Bernadette's students went along to Mt Druitt Swimming Centre to compete in the **Hills Zone Swimming Carnival**. All the children were so well behaved and had some outstanding results in the pool. Congratulations to the following students who have progressed to compete at the Diocesan Swimming Carnival next Friday 11th March.

Elliot Lavis, James Sahabu, Rafael Clemente, Abigail Wigham, Amelia Lavis, Evelyn Hughes-Brogan, Georgia Gillogly, Laura Scanlon, Savannah Jaucian, Sophia Khamis, Sophia Vioria, Zara Osborn.

An extra special congratulations to Savanna Jaucian & Sophie Vioria who were both Age Champion Runners Up for their age group.



St Bernadette's P&F Easter Raffle 2022

LAUNCHING MONDAY!
WATCH THIS SPACE FOR MORE DETAILS.
OVER \$1,000
WORTH OF PRIZES TO BE WON

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or email: apply@fireflyhr.com.au.

Scan to apply



Come and join your fellow classmates at
**St Bernadette's
Football Club!**

We are seeking players for under 9 (year 3) and under 11 (year 5) teams.

Training is held on a Thursday evening at Eric Mobbs Reserve Castle Hill. Games are on Saturdays in the local Hills area. The Club provides the playing jersey. Active kids vouchers accepted.

You can register here: [Home | Play Football](#)

We are accepting donations of second hand soccer shorts. Collection tubs are located at Brisbane Road (weather permitting) and Blue wall gates.

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.

Other Items:

Gilroy Catholic College

Enrolling Now—Gilroy is a comprehensive, co-educational Catholic secondary school. Learning and teaching at the College focuses on challenge and diversity in the classroom to ensure that all students are engaged in their learning and offered every opportunity to achieve. Our aim is to empower our students to be people of faith who are confident, collaborative and creative.

Visit our website to apply or visit the college to collect an enrolment pack. Applications close 18th March 2022.

Oakhill College Open Day

We warmly invite prospective students and families to the Oakhill College Open Day on Sunday 6th March from 10.00am-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

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OPEN DAYS

8 March 9:15am-10:15am

10 March 11:30am-12:30pm

11 March 7:00am-8:00am

15 March 3:00pm-4:00pm

17 March 4:00pm-5:00pm



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Scan QR code to register your interest

Enrolling Now for Kindy 2023