



St Bernadette's School

Friday 11 March 2022 — Term 1 Week 7

No. 6

Dear Parents,

This week was Catholic Schools Week. The weather interfered with our whole school prayer time though certainly didn't dampen the enthusiasm of our school leaders and Year 6 students as they proved to be very keen and informative guides to our prospective families for 2023. It was exciting to see so many new families come for a look around and hopefully make St Bernadette's their 'home' next year. The visitors did not enter classrooms though were guided around the site and glanced through windows to see the children hard at work.

We did not plan any other large scale community events for this week as we are still being conservative in our approach to re-opening since the relaxation of COVID restrictions. We have many events planned for later.

Please be aware that we are still experiencing positive COVID-19 cases amongst the children. Grades affected are being notified. Please continue to monitor your children for symptoms and use the RAT kits accordingly. Please notify the school if you require more kits for at home testing.

Please pray for those communities affected by floods and those in war torn countries. Let us all pray for peace.

Mrs Bianca Cooke
Principal

PRAYER FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Lord Jesus, you came among us as teacher to reveal to us the Father's endless love and mercy. Our Catholic schools continue to give witness to your compassion and wisdom, seeking always to ensure that we are all welcome no matter who we are.
May our Catholic schools continue to be places of connection and sources of hope and enthusiasm for our young people and their families.
May the work of our Catholic schools always be guided by the inspiration of your Spirit.
Amen.

R.E. NEWS



Through prayer we are being called into a dialogue with God. Lent is a time to focus on prayer, so we can build that relationship with God. A first step is that we need to make a commitment for a time and place to pray. But how to pray? How to find God's voice inside our noisy minds and busy schedules? How to quiet down and listen?

'Lectio divina' is an ancient form of prayer that's accessible to all. The church provides daily Scripture readings that can be the gateway to prayer.

Choose a daily reading and go through it slowly. Pause and recall a word or phrase that particularly speaks to you. Spend time reflecting on what moves you. Then slowly read the entire text again to put the phrase into context and explore deeper meaning. You could read and reflect on this Sunday's Gospel, Luke 9:28-36 which is the Transfiguration.

The experience of the Transfiguration had a very important significance in the life of Jesus and of the disciples. It helped them overcome the crisis of faith and to change their ideals concerning the Messiah.

Here are some reflection questions for you to reflect on the Scripture:

1. Jesus took Peter, James and John up to a mountain. Where do you like to pray? What do you like about praying alone and with others?
2. In the Gospel, Peter, James and John have a powerful, unforgettable and indescribable experience of God. Have you ever had an experience of God that transformed your life? If not, share a time when you felt especially close to God.
3. Also in the Gospel, the three apostles are told to listen to Jesus. How do you go about listening to Jesus?
4. What is the one thing Jesus is saying to us in this Sunday's Gospel about how a disciple should speak or act?



Week 8 Dates

Open Days for Kindergarten 2023

Tues 15 March
3-4pm

Thurs 17 March
4-5pm

Tue 22 March
9:15-10:15am

Fri 18 March
Maths Books coming home

Fri 8 April
Last day of Term 1



ST BERNADETTE'S
PRIMARY CASTLE HILL

**ENROLLING NOW
FOR KINDY 2023.**

Limited places remain
for Kindergarten to Yr 6
in 2022

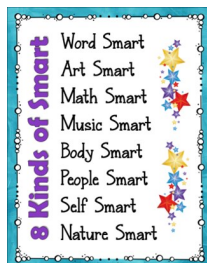
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School Calendar: <http://www.stbernadetteschill.catholic.edu.au/en/Community/Events>



Dear Parents, Grandparents and Guardians,
This week in our wellbeing lessons we explored the different types of intelligences. In the upper grades we look at Howard Gardiner's Multiple Intelligences. Gardiner suggested that there are a variety of ways people can show intelligence. We often use the term 'smart', so we talked about being word smart, math smart, people smart or music smart etc.



The students decided that everyone has one or more kinds of 'smart' and that no 'smart' was better than the rest. Knowing what you are good at or smart at, can help you form a better understanding of your identity.

Many grades recorded their kind of smart and we placed them into a jar, it symbolises that we need everyone's gifts or 'smarts' to make the world go round. The jar says; *"Together we can! When we mix all our gifts and strengths together, we make a great team!"*

I have included the links of the resources we used in class this week.

[All the Ways to be smart by Davina Bell](#)
[Multiple Intelligences - Howard Gardiner](#)

Have a great weekend.
Sally Coppini

Are you an ex-student of St Bernadette's?

If so, we would love to know if there were Sports House **names**, not just colours, when you were a student here. If you have details, let us know via email or phone call. Thank you for your help!

OPEN DAYS—KINDERGARTEN 2023

Thank you to the parents who braved the weather to attend our first Open Day on Tuesday. More Open Days are planned for next week (see back page for dates and times). All enrolment forms to be submitted with relevant paperwork no later than March 31st.



[Register your interest here](#) for our Open Days. 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.

Harmony Day 2022—Friday 25th March

Our school will be celebrating Harmony Day on Friday 25th March. The students are encouraged to wear traditional dress that reflects their background and cultural diversity. Alternatively, the students can wear something orange to symbolise inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging. Traditionally, orange signifies social communication and meaningful conversations.

Grades will be participating in activities throughout the day which promote how all Australians equally belong to this nation and enrich it. All children will experience a live performance from "Cultural Infusions" on the day.

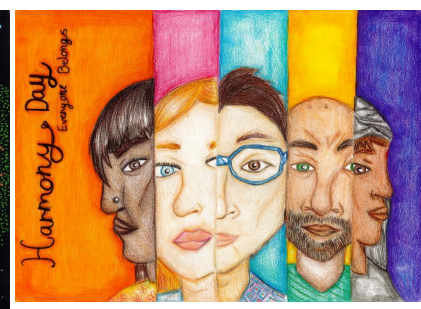
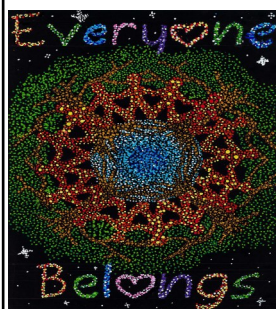
K-2: Chinese Lion Dance
3-4: Viva Mexico
5-6: Bollywood Infusion



As part of this celebration the 'Moving Forward Together

Association' are holding a poster and song writing competition which we encourage the students to enter. This is open to 700 schools to promote the positive benefits of harmony and unity. Details of the 2022 Competition and registration forms are on this website: www.movingforwardtogether.org.au. Entries are now open. They will close on April 16th. The theme for the 2022 competitions is 'Celebrating Harmony'.

We are looking forward to celebrating our cultural diversity and how this makes us special.



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.

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!

Canteen News—Reminder

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION 2022

Parish families who would like their child to commence preparation to receive the sacrament of Eucharist (first Holy Communion) are invited to attend our information evening being held on **Thursday, 24th March at 7.00pm** in the Parish Church. This preparation process is suitable for children who are currently in Year 4 and above, who have received the sacraments of Baptism and Reconciliation. The evening will last approximately one hour and children do not need to attend.

If you have any questions or would like information, please contact the Parish Office on 9634 2622 or sacraments@stbernadette.org.au



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

Due to large interest we have created extra teams among some age groups. It's not too late to register so come play with your mates!

We have spots available for players in under 6 (kindy), under 7 (year 1), under 9 (year 3) and under 11 (year 4 and 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 are 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](#), mail 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.

P&F News:

Easter Raffle



A huge thank you to all the families and friends that have bought tickets already. This coming Monday we will be showcasing the prizes at assembly for all the kids to see. Don't forget the raffle will be drawn on 8 April 2022 and all you need is one \$5 ticket to be in it to win it!

<https://www.rafflelink.com.au/stbpnfeaster2022>

A special thank you to those that have donated towards the raffle: Jo Baker, Lydia Dahdah, Di Zaiter, Rita Bradshaw, Heath Baker and Fred Baker.

Thank you to our sponsors:



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AMBROSE BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Are you looking for Before or After School Care? We are currently taking applications for care starting within the coming weeks.

Please email

stbernadettesch@ambrose.org.au for more information.



AMBROSE AUTUMN VACATION CARE

We have a super fun and exciting Vacation Care planned for the April School Holidays. We are off on some great excursions, dress up themed days and great workshops you don't want to miss! Please email:

stbernadettesch@ambrose.org.au for more information and enrolment forms.

Other Items:

Motiv8sports—2 day Super Camp April School holidays
See attachment to newsletter for further details.

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

ST BERNADETTE'S PRIMARY CASTLE HILL



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

ANOTHER DATE FOR KINDERGARTEN 2023 OPEN DAYS:

TUESDAY 22ND MARCH 9.15am—Please email: Bernadettech@parra.catholic.edu.au
if you would like to attend.