



# St Bernadette's School

Friday 18 March 2022 — Term 1 Week 8

No. 7

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am sure you have noticed that COVID case numbers in the Hills area are continuing to escalate. Luckily our school is managing quite well with minimal numbers of positive cases at this time and we are continuing to notify families when a case does arise. If your child has any symptoms, please keep them home. Children who are sick at school will need to be collected by a parent and go home. You are welcome to continue using RAT kits and if you require extras please contact the school.

Please support our P&F Easter Raffle. I cannot believe the prizes that are available!

We look forward to our Primary Cross Country event on Monday. Thank you to the many parents who have volunteered their time to assist on the day. We would not be able to run events such as this without you. Pray for a fine day!

I must thank many of our outstanding Year 6 students for their dedication and confidence in guiding visitors around our school during school tours. Some of our students even volunteered their time after school hours to assist! Our visitors have all commented on how confident and articulate the students are and that they clearly show great pride in their school.

May God bless and keep you.

Prayer for St Joseph- feast day Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March

*St. Joseph,  
watch over me and care for me  
just as you cared for the child Jesus;  
and by your help, may I come to know  
your Son, and so grow in strength  
and wisdom and the favour of God.  
Amen.*

**Mrs Bianca Cooke—Principal**

## R.E. NEWS



Most Christians view the season of lent as an opportunity to give up a food that we tend to eat frequently or to fast between meals. But the true and original

meaning of lent, is to put us in the place of our saviour, Jesus Christ. He spent forty days in the desert without any source of food. He was tempted by the devil on several accounts. He sacrificed his own life on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins. The purpose of these forty days leading up to the resurrection of Christ, is to challenge ourselves. To give up or devote yourself to something other than the regular.

Lent is a time where we can all show each other kindness and hospitality. Jesus did not suffer his entire life to have us hate each other. All of our St Bernadette's community have the capability to get to know someone that we have never got the chance to come around and talk to. You can all make someone feel welcome into our community. We can and should use the days leading up to Easter to build stronger relationships with our peers and prepare for the celebration of the resurrection of Christ.

### Reflection

A short reflection on the 3rd Sunday of Lent's readings.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SrfmnP4GyAg>

### Reminder

We are encouraging the students to support Project Compassion during Lent as one of the ways we can contribute to helping the vulnerable in our world just as Jesus taught us in the Scriptures.

**Mrs Shane Robinson—RE Coordinator**



### Week 9 Dates

**Open Days for Kindergarten 2023**

**Tues 22 March  
9.15—10.15am**

#### Mon 21 March

Cross Country (Yrs 3 to 6)  
Dance Fever Rehearsals  
Motiv8sports

#### Wed 23 March

**Primary Colours Day**  
Flood Appeal - Donation Day

#### Fri 25 March

**Harmony Day**  
Band

#### Tues 5 April

Futsal Gala Day  
Dance Fever Interschool Challenge

#### Thurs 7 April

Mark Taylor Shield  
Cricket

#### 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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**Email:** [Bernadettech@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:Bernadettech@parra.catholic.edu.au) **Website:** <http://www.stbernadetteschill.catholic.edu.au>

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

## Primary Colours Day—Flood Fundraiser

We are having a special fundraiser day on Wednesday to support victims of the recent floods. We are calling it 'Wear **Primary Colours** to support Primary Schools'. All money raised on this day will be donated to the Lismore Diocese to support primary schools in that area needing to rebuild. Children can wear a **Red, Yellow** or **Blue** shirt with their sports shorts. Gold or fold donations will be accepted at school or via the QKR app: St Bernadette's, Fundraisers, Flood Appeal.



Dear Parents, Grandparents and Guardians,

This week in Kindy, Year 1 and 2 we talked about their likes and dislikes and how it is important to understand everyone is different. They all agreed we can still be friends with others who like different things. We role-played a scenario when two friends like different things. We learnt to use our 'honey' voice not our 'lemon' voice when we respond to our friends. Kindy had their first experience of meditation, they did a fabulous job!

In Years 3-6 we talked about positive affirmations. When you say something over and over, you start to believe it is true; and what you believe influences what you do and what happens to you. We came up with a long list of positive things we can say to ourselves rather than negative. We decided that we are all 'AMAZING'. We watched an episode of Rocket Kids-[Self Esteem: How to feel awesome about you](#). Have a wonderful weekend.

Take care  
Sally Coppini



## 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! Contact the office for further details.

## KINDERGARTEN 2023

Thank you to the parents who have attended one of our tours this week. Thankfully the weather was much better this week. Our enrolment process has already started for Kindergarten 2023. Please submit your enrolment forms with relevant paperwork no later than **March 31st**. Thank you.



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

Have you let us know that you have a sibling for Kindy next year? If not, please contact Mrs Crake in the school office as soon as possible. You can also submit an enrolment form now by clicking on our website and downloading the form. Please submit all forms with relevant paperwork no later than **March 31st**. Thank you for your cooperation.

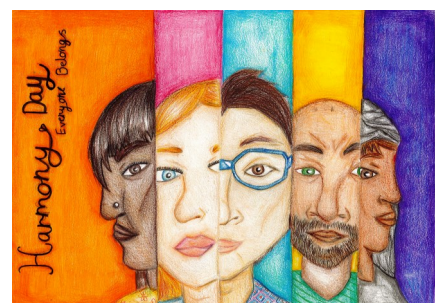
## Harmony Day— Fri 25 March

Our school will be celebrating Harmony Day next Friday. 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 '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 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](http://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.



## ICAS Results 2021

Although many participants received their results last year, all certificates have now arrived at school. All participants received their certificates in today's assembly (ex-students will have them sent home with siblings or posted).

Special Congratulations to the following students for their achievements.

Writing	English	Mathematics
<b>High Distinction</b> Keona D'souza		
<b>Distinction</b> Nevan Fernando Ava Papandrea Sebastian Haywood Matilda Maggs Renee Sakkal	<b>Distinction</b> Jingzhi Sun Ridhima Talwar Sebastian Haywood Matilda Maggs Keira Pereira Joseph-Anthony Raad	<b>Distinction</b> Lucia Aiossa Xavier Ranieri Emma Sakkal Jingzhi Sun Savannah Jaucian
<b>Credit</b> Tessa Kaufmann Samuel Khamis Ewan Osborn Lucia Aiossa Jeslyn Ariyanayagam Jessica Coghlan Julia Foong Adam Gamble Emma Sakkal Jingzhi Sun Ridhima Talwar Tayla Van Ryswyk Sophia Khamis Not for Publication Sofia Aiossa Piper Johnson Thomas Nourdine Kiera Pereira Rachel Sahabu	<b>Credit</b> Keona D'Souza Nevan Fernando Aidan Jaucian Lucia Aiossa Jeslyn Ariyanayagam Jessica Coghlan Alexis Mortel Xavier Ranieri Emma Sakkal Aditi Gowda Not for Publication Not for Publication Sofia Aiossa Thomas Nourdine Rachel Sahabu	<b>Credit</b> Keona D'Souza Aidan Jaucian Julia Foong Adam Gamble Ridhima Talwar Sebastian Haywood Not for Publication Not for Publication Matilda Maggs Sofia Aiossa Joseph-Anthony Raad Lucas Ranieri Rachel Sahabu
<b>Merit</b> Jordi Ekladios Zara Osborn	<b>Merit</b> Ewan Osborn Julia Foong	<b>Merit</b> Tessa Kaufmann Alexis Mortel Jet Jackson
<b>Participation</b> Ryder Egan Aditi Gowda Not for Publication Sofia Papandrea Liam McGovern	<b>Participation</b> Tessa Kaufmann Samuel Khamis Ava Papandrea Sophie-Therese Raad Jordi Ekladios Adam Gamble Benjamin-Jude Raad Arianni Sebastian Tayla Van Ryswyk Ryder Egan Savannah Jaucian Sophia Khamis Zara Osborn Sofia Papandrea Liam McGovern Renee Sakkal	<b>Participation</b> Oscar Barone Nevan Fernando Samuel Khamis Eleanor Lee Ewan Osborn Ava Papandrea Sophia-Therese Raad Jeslyn Ariyanayagam Jessica Coghlan Jordi Ekladios Benjamin-Jude Raad Arianna Sebastian Tayla Van Ryswyk Ryder Egan Aditi Gowda Sophia Khamis Zara Osborn Sofia Papandrea Alexander Barone Liam McGovern Thomas Nourdine Keira Pereira Renee Sakkal

## Naplan 2022

The NAPLAN 2022 testing window is May 10-20. We will publicise our specific schedule closer to the time.

**Next week** we will conduct our NAPLAN online Practice tests. These are only designed to test our system capabilities and to provide students with an experience of the testing environment. The practice tests are all conducted online and are NOT marked and no feedback is provided, however, our teachers will monitor students to observe any generalisations.

**Year 5** will participate in 2 papers- an Omnibus on Tuesday (Mixed questions) and a Writing sample on Thursday. **Year 3** will only participate in an Omnibus on Thursday as they will complete the Writing sample on paper for NAPLAN (not online).

## Dance Fever—Have you bought your tickets yet?

In Week 9 as our Primary students attend the cross country, all Infants will participate in 2 lessons throughout the day. On Monday of Week 10 all Primary students will receive 2 lessons throughout the day. We thank our Dance Fever teachers for being so flexible to accommodate our Cross Country event for Primary students.

All notes have been collected for students participating in our Inter-School Dance Challenge. You would have received a separate note this week regarding tickets and costumes. Thank you for being available to support our willing participants in the extra-curricular event.

## Library Books

Please return your library books weekly so that new books can be borrowed from our wonderful library.



## 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**. 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.

## Entry to and from school—Reminder

- Entry via Brisbane Road only (not Old Northern Road)
- Please do not U-turn in the Brisbane Road bus bay area
- Drive slowly through the car park at all times
- Car Pick Up entry at 3pm not before

Thank you for keeping our students safe at all times. Also, school starts at 8.30am and finishes at 2.45pm every day. If you arrive after 8.30am please escort your child to the office and sign them in as late.



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

	<b>Bernie Way Award</b>	<b>Bernie Way Award</b>	<b>Class Merit Award</b>	<b>Class Merit Award</b>
<b>KB</b>	Not for Publication	Dominic Tan	Michael Macey	William Thomson
<b>KG</b>	Sienna Sciberras	Walter Windress	Scarlett Bibin	Angus De Groot
<b>KW</b>	Angela Han	Anston Lee	Harrison Bojanowski	Natalie Bird
<b>1B</b>	Isabelle Mirakhour	Elizabeth Tan	Sebastian Barone	Angus O'Byrne
<b>1G</b>	Grace Chen	Oscar Pellicano	Hugo Saliba	Allegra Sciberras
<b>1W</b>	Emily Wigham	Not for Publication	William Rowe	Nathaniel Hanna
<b>2B</b>	Anastasia De Groot	Harvey Greer	Sienna Kirkwood	Asthton Mooney
<b>2G</b>	Thomas Bojanowski	Tahlia Baker	Archer Black	Elise Rae Goseco
<b>2W</b>	Melina Biyanwilage Dona	Olivia Inchaustegui-Herrera	Tali Berrell	Errol Gaya
<b>3B</b>	Alirah Zaidan Sciberras	Charles Watson	Abigail Barone	Joseph Aiossa
<b>3G</b>	Elliana Escobar	Matthew Horey	Nayonika Sharma	Carter Jollow
<b>3W</b>	Rishik Sathees Kumar	Amelia Banovic	Jai Kirkwood	Braxton Johnson
<b>4B</b>	Sophie Viloría	Lachlan O'Connor	Gabriel Saad	Georgia Gillogly
<b>4G</b>	Charlize Alatli	Christian Rizk	Ewan Osborn	Josephine Burraston
<b>4W</b>	Madison Pena	Rachel Zeaiter	Grace Abdo	Samuel Khamis
<b>5B</b>	Patrick Kelly	Matilda Cowper	Alyssa Hawkes	Caleb Tan
<b>5G</b>	Jeslyn Ariyanayagam	Calan Mooney	Peter Abdo	Lucia Aiossa
<b>6B</b>	Not for Publication	Xavier Schellack	Holly Procter	Tess Gooley
<b>6G</b>	Gianni Castellan	Renee Mathias	Chelsea Nicolaou	Peter Georges
<b>6W</b>	Fabian Crecca	Zara Osborn	Isabella Campo	Riley McGlynn
	<b>Merit Award—PE</b>	<b>Merit Award—PE</b>	<b>Merit Award—Diversity</b>	<b>Merit Award—Drama</b>
<b>RFF/ Diversity</b>	Sebastian Aloschi	Isaac Saad	Jamie Haj	Michael Mitchell

### Swimming News

Last Friday, 12 students attended the Diocesan Swimming Carnival at Blacktown. We had more success in the pool with 7 of our swimmers progressing to compete at the MacKillop Swimming Carnival next Tuesday 22nd March.

Congratulations to Rafael Clemente, Savannah Jaucian, Sophia Khamis, Amelia Lavis, James Sahabu, Laura Scanlon and Sophie Viloría.

We wish them every success.



### Congratulations

to Juliana Zaiter (Yr 6) who has been selected into the Parramatta Diocesan Girls Soccer Team and will represent CEDP at the MacKillop Trial in Goulburn on Friday 27th May.

Good luck Juliana!















## St Bernadette's Magic Square













Year 4 has created these magic squares. The symbols add to give the numbers in the circles at the end of each row and column.

Challenge your family to find the value of each symbol.













Easy Created by Jamie Haj Year 4

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Medium Created by Tiffany Lavulo Year 4

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			38		=	
			51		=	
66	36	53				

Challenge Created by Oscar Barone Year 4

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			3795		=	
			10751		=	
7440	3962	7273				










## 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

### Answers

Easy      Medium      Challenge

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## School Fees 2022

Term 1 school fees are now due. If you haven't already finalised your account for Term 1 we ask if you could please make payment, thank you to all families that have finalised their account already.

If you have not received your 2022 school fee account, please contact the school office asap.

Should you wish to make an arrangement for your 2022 school fee account please contact Mrs Vicki Cassidy on 9407-6600 or email [vcassidy@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:vcassidy@parra.catholic.edu.au).

**Fees can be made by BPOINT, EFTPOS, BPAY or POSTBILL (NO CASH Payments)**

Also, just a reminder to all 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 term for the next term and where appropriate notice has been received a pro-rata credit will be calculated. Where a term's notice has not been given to the Principal the terms school fees will be charged for your child/children.

## P&F News:

### Easter Raffle

Welcome to the P&F's first Easter Raffle.

Please see the attachment for more details.

The raffle will be drawn **Friday 8 April 2022** and the winners will be contacted to arrange pick up so no children will have to collect the prizes and take them home this also helps with allergy concerns.

Good Luck!

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



## Ambrose

### AMBROSE BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Are you looking for care Before or After School Care? We are currently taking applications for care starting within the coming weeks. Please email [stbernadettesch@ambrose.org.au](mailto: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](mailto:stbernadettesch@ambrose.org.au) for more information and enrolment forms.

### Other Items:

**OLMC Parramatta—Year 7 2024 Enrolment Information Evening—Tues 29 March 2022 6pm** (registration from 5.30pm) Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta warmly invites you and your family to attend our Year 7, 2024 Enrolment Information Evening. Hear from our College Principal, Ms Lucie Farrugia and other key members of the College Leadership Team and discover why a Mercy Education is treasured for life. Enquiries: 8838 1222 or [enrolments@olmc.nsw.edu.au](mailto:enrolments@olmc.nsw.edu.au)

## 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

**Last Open Day in Term 1**

**Tuesday 22nd March at 9.15 am**

Visit our website to register your interest. All enrolment forms to be submitted by March 31st 2022.