



# St Bernadette's School

Friday 25 March 2022 — Term 1 Week 9

No. 8



Dear Parents,

Today (Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March) we celebrate Harmony Day at St Bernadette's. This day is a national event and celebrates Australia's cultural diversity. It is a day to remind ourselves that we all belong, that we are inclusive of others, we show respect for one another and that we all belong to our country, our state, our locality and our school. It is important to celebrate our differences of culture, gender, ability as well as our similarities because we are all children of God. Regardless of our cultural backgrounds or how long families have been in Australia helps to contribute that richness that is a fundamental part of who we are as Australians.

## HARMONY WEEK



Witnessing such current atrocities and heartbreak overseas should make us all feel blessed that we live in a country that is safe, united and where we look out for one another.

Harmony Day might be celebrated for just one day in the year, though here at St Bernadette's we celebrate our diversity every day and actively teach respect of one another as part of our 'Bernie Way'.

Thank you to Mrs Coppini and the Harmony Day team for organising great events to help promote harmony and celebrate diversity.

*Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. 1 Corinthians 12:12*

**Mrs Bianca Cooke—Principal**

## Thank you

A huge thank you to the St Bernadette's community who generously donated \$1,793 to the 2022 Diocese of Lismore Flood Appeal. Your support is very much appreciated.

## R.E. NEWS



The parable Jesus tells in Sunday's Gospel is unique to the Gospel of Luke. Jesus has been teaching the crowds as he journeys to Jerusalem. As he teaches, the Pharisees and scribes complain and challenge Jesus because he is welcoming sinners at his table. On Sunday we will hear the third of three parables that Jesus tells in response to his critics. These three familiar parables—the lost sheep, the lost coin, and today's parable of the prodigal son—invite us to consider the depth of God's mercy and love.



The creativity and power of those 21 lines have only suffered somewhat because of the popular title given this gem of "The Prodigal Son." The story is mainly about the all-loving mercy of God the Father toward sinners. Only when we admit our place among such souls do we realize that the parable is directed at us just as much as to the original hearers of it. Depending on which of the two sons most resembles us in behaviour, we receive today the gift of clarity as to where our Lenten resolve needs to focus as we go through the remaining weeks of the season.

As Catholics, we all recognise Lent as a season to ask for forgiveness and go to Reconciliation, but it's also a time to search our heart for any unforgiveness that may be there and extend the Lord's mercy to those who have hurt or offended us.



Lent is a time to ask God's help to let go of the hurt and resentment that we can feel, the parts of our history that keep us remembering past grievances and less able to enjoy what God offers to us. The feast is for all!

**Mrs Shane Robinson—REC**

## Week 10 Dates

### Mon 28 March

7.45am Futsal Training  
8.30am Assembly  
1:45pm Dance Fever  
Challenge Rehearsal

### Tues 29 March

7.45am Cricket Training

### Wed 30 March

7.45am Futsal Training

### Thurs 31 March

7.45am Futsal Training  
Kindy 2023 Enrolment  
Applications

### Fri 1 April

7.45am Band  
Whole School Assembly

### Mon 4 April

Infants Dance Fever  
Displays (see over)

### Tues 5 April

Futsal Gala Day  
Dance Fever Interscholar  
Challenge

### Thurs 7 April

Mark Taylor Shield Cricket

### Fri 8 April

Last day of Term 1

### Mon 25 April

ANZAC DAY

### Tues 26 April

Term 2 commences for  
Staff & Students

### Friday 29 April

12 noon St Bernadette's  
Mass followed by picnic  
lunch



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>

### Dance Fever—Hold the date!

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April- Infants Dance Fever display for parents to be held on top court- weather permitting. (In the event of extreme wet weather, this will be cancelled)

8:45-9:15 Year 2

9:15-9:45 Year 1

9:45-10:15 Kindergarten



Come along and see the children's great dancing skills that they have learnt through Dance Fever this term. They would love to entertain you. You never know, there might be a chance for the adults to participate! Preschoolers welcome.

As with all COVID regulations, please do not attend if you are unwell. Masks are optional as the event will be outdoors.

### Primary Cross Country

Thank you to the many parent helpers who attended Monday's Primary Cross Country event. It was a fantastic event, and it was only so successful due to our many parent helpers! Once again, thank you. Congratulations Mrs Blazevic for all your organisation.

### Covid Update

Parents, please continue to monitor your child for any signs of being unwell. The number of positive COVID cases amongst our student cohorts is rising, so if you require additional RAT kits, please contact the office. Of course, please keep your child at home if unwell. Thank you for your co-operation.

Labelling your child's hat, jacket, jumper, water bottle and lunch box is important so that we can return your items if they get lost.

### Staffing Change

Today we farewell Miss Danielle Hutchinson as she leaves St Bernadette's. We wish Miss Hutchinson every blessing in all of her future endeavours and thank her for her service to the St Bernadette's community.

We welcome two new staff members to 1W for the remainder of the year. Welcome to Mrs Renee Khattar (Mondays & Tuesdays) and Miss Natalie Morrow (Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays) who will be the class teachers for 1W. We are excited that they are joining our community and know that you will make them welcome to the St Bernadette's family. Sincere thanks to Mrs Cathy Hennessey for working with 1W for the last 4 weeks.

### Naplan Practice Tests

We completed our NAPLAN practice tests this week in Years 3 and 5. Congratulations to the students and teachers for their preparation. We will endeavour to ensure any absent students will be able to participate in a practice test in week 11.

### KINDERGARTEN 2023

Thank you to all the parents (and little ones) who attended our Open Days in Term 1. Please submit all enrolment forms and relevant paperwork by March 31st 2022.



### Siblings for Kindergarten 2023

Thank you to our existing parents who have notified us of their sibling enrolment for Kindy 2023. Could you please submit your forms no later than 31st March. Thank you



This week in our Wellbeing lessons we talked about the meaning of gratitude. We learnt about an experiment that measured people's happiness.

Each morning a group of people wrote down what they are grateful for. The scientists compared it to people who wrote down what annoyed them each day. They found amazing results! The people who thought about the things they were

thankful for were much happier than the others. We had a chance to write down one thing or person that we were grateful for and placed it into our Gratitude Jar.



Practicing gratitude means you are regularly thinking about all the things you are thankful for in your life. Research suggests that practicing gratitude can improve your mental wellbeing. Being grateful for people, places and things in our lives and identifying them can reduce negative emotions and help us track the positive things in our lives, this helps us feel happy

and optimistic. Thank you and have a wonderful weekend.

### Sally Coppini

Here is a link to the resources we used this week.

[The Gratitude Experiment](#)

[Kid's President](#)

[Thankful By Eileen Spinelli](#)

[What is gratitude?](#)

### 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!

**R.I.P.** †† Our prayerful sympathy is extended to the McLaren family (Ben in 4G), following the recent passing of his Grandfather. May he rest in peace.



### Canteen News—Reminders

- As of Monday 21st March, the new cut off time for lunch orders is now **9pm the night before**. E.g Mondays orders are to be completed by 9pm Sunday night and so on.
- Late orders will no longer be accepted online but the canteen will accept handwritten lunch bags with the correct money placed in the class basket. If change is required, it will be returned in the child's lunch bag that day.
- As we have returned to normal trading, frozen items and jelly are no longer available to order online, (unless in a meal deal) but students can now buy these items at the canteen window.

### Birthday Buckets are back!

Attached to this newsletter is a flyer regarding the purchase of Birthday Buckets from the Tuckshop.

### Sport News:

#### Cross Country

Thank you to all the parents and carers who assisted in various roles at the Primary Cross Country held last Monday 21st March at Bella Vista Oval. The success of all our carnivals depends on our volunteers and I know the children love seeing their loved ones on their journey around the course and at the finish line.

Thank you also to all of the teachers for ensuring the day ran smoothly.

Congratulations to all who participated in the race. The top 6 of each age group (8/9yrs combined, 10yrs, 11yrs, 12yrs) will progress to the Diocesan Carnival at Eastern Creek on Tuesday 4th May.

The Colour House that took out the day, with a total of 841 points was Green!



## Harmony Day 2022

St Bernadette's children enjoyed many Harmony Day activities today with singing, dancing and traditional dress. Together we celebrated harmony and cultural diversity.



### 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

## P&F News:

### Volunteers Wanted

Mums, Dads and kids, have you a spare hour or two? Garden clean up required.

We would love to get the school veggie gardens and common areas back into tip-top condition for Term 2. In the recent weather, the weeds have taken over.

Team up with friends and families. After drop off, before pick up, after school for an hour or two - whatever suits you. If the weather or another commitment crops up - no problem - just re-schedule.

Please email or text Nick Gooley - [nickjgooley@bigpond.com](mailto:nickjgooley@bigpond.com) / 0488 177 618 - to be included in the roster. Get in quick, don't miss out.

Thanks for your ongoing support of the P&F and our wonderful school and children at St. Bernadette's.

### Easter Raffle

Thank you to all the families who have bought tickets in our Easter Raffle so far. Be quick so you don't miss out as tickets are selling quickly. Thank you to Pupsa Winendiah for her very kind donation of an Easter cake toward the 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.

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

Good Luck!

### 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.



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### Other Items:

#### Free Fun with the Parliament of NSW—April 22 9 to 3pm

Join the Festival of Democracy at NSW Parliament House these April school holidays. Celebrate democracy in Australia's oldest Parliament with free, fun activities for children and their families from 4-12 years.

- Make a speech in the historic Parliamentary chamber
- Make craft animals and objects
- Learn how to vote
- Visit the historic rooms
- Purchase a Democracy sausage
- Chat with Henry Parkes, the five-time Premier of NSW
- Participate in our school holidays colouring-in competition and more ...

Bookings via Eventbrite:

<https://education.parliament.nsw.gov.au/festival-of-democracy-2022/>