



St Bernadette's School

Friday 29 April 2022 — Term 2 Week 1

No. 11

Dear Parents,

Our St Bernadette's Day celebrations were a wonderful way to end our first week of Term 2. Thank you to the many family members who were able to join us for our lunch picnic. It was wonderful to be able to welcome you to be with us.

Our P&F Mother's Day stall next Thursday will be a fun experience for the children to buy that special something for their mum, grandmother or special female figure in their lives. Helpers for the stall are always welcome!

Next Friday we look forward to celebrating Mother's Day. An invitation was sent out earlier this week, so please RSVP if you are attending. We are also having open classrooms from 8:45am-9:45am and look forward to showcasing some of the great work that is happening in our classrooms. Hope you can make it.

COVID continues to be evident in our community regardless of changes to COVID regulations and close contacts definitions being eased by the NSW Government. We no longer need to notify families of student COVID cases though encourage RAT kit testing to continue at home as needed. Additional kits can be requested by contacting the school office and a further delivery of kits will be sent home once they are received. Please keep your child at home if unwell even if COVID free.

I hope you and your family had a relaxing Easter holiday break and are looking forward to the term ahead.

May God bless you.

Mrs Bianca Cooke
Principal

R.E. NEWS



Today we reflected on the life of St Bernadette of Lourdes who our parish and school are named after. St Bernadette was born on January 7, 1844, in Lourdes, France and died April 16, 1879 in Nevers. She was a young girl whose visions of the Blessed Lady led to the founding of the shrine of Lourdes.

Bernadette was the eldest of 9 children from a poor family. She often suffered from ill health. Between



February 11 and July 16, 1858, at the age of 14, she had a series of visions of the Virgin Mary in the nearby Massabielle grotto, from which the Parish newsletter takes its name. Mary revealed her identity with the words "I am the

Immaculate Conception" and, among other messages and affirmations, told Bernadette that a chapel should be built there.

Bernadette steadfastly defended the genuineness of these visions despite strong opposition from her parents, the local clergy, and civil authorities, and she faithfully transmitted Mary's messages. However, her humility, truthfulness and modesty encouraged many others to believe in her visions. A few years after her visions she became a nun and took the name Sister Marie Bernadette. She was later canonised by Pope Pius XI who authenticated her visions and the veneration of Mary as Our Lady of Lourdes.

Mrs Shane Robinson
RE Coordinator

Week 2 Dates

Mon 2 May
Motiv8sports commences for T2

Tues 3 May
Dio Cross Country

Thurs 5 May
AFL Gala Day
Mother's Day Stall
AARAS—Stem program commences

Fri 6 May
Mother's Day Celebrations Band
Whole School Assembly

Term 2 Open Days for Kindergarten 2023

Mon 2 May - 9.15am
Thurs 12 May - 2pm
Wed 18 May - 9.15am
Fri 27 May - 9.15am

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>

ANZAC Commemoration

A crowd of thousands gathered before dawn at the Centenary of Anzac Reserve in Kellyville to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice.



Anzac Day on 25 April is one of Australia's most important national occasions. It marks the anniversary of the first major military action fought by Australian and New Zealand forces during the First World War. Anzac Day goes beyond the anniversary of the landing on Gallipoli in 1915. It is the day on which we remember all Australians who served and died in war and in operational service. The spirit of Anzac, with its qualities of courage, mateship and sacrifice, continues to have meaning and relevance to our sense of national identity. Our school Leaders represented our school community at the Dawn service and our Captains laid a wreath on behalf of the school.

Shane Robinson
RE Coordinator

Wellbeing Library

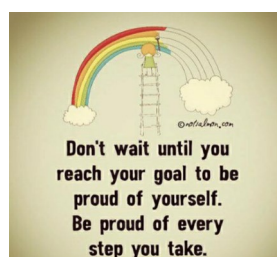
Welcome back to Term 2. Each class starts their library/wellbeing lesson with a 5 minute meditation. They lay down with a pillow and an eye patch if they want and listen to a guided meditation. It is wonderful to see the students embrace this time and how well they can explain the benefits of meditation. It's really encouraging to hear many children continue this practice at home. They were all very excited to see the new 'fluffy' eye patches this term.



We are also talking about goals. Setting goals is a life skill that can help us succeed. By setting goals we have a clear direction of where we want to go, like a road map. Understanding the importance of goal setting is useful from a young age as it gives students a sense of purpose. This is vital for maintaining mental health and students are less likely to experience anxiety about the future. Here are a few links to some resources we used in the lessons.

[Goal Setting for Infants](#)
[Goal Setting for Primary](#)
[Setting goals for Primary](#)

Have a lovely weekend
Sally Coppini



KINDERGARTEN 2023

Our enrolment is underway for Kindergarten 2023. Prospective parents are invited to visit our website and register your interest for one of our upcoming Open Days.

[Register your interest here](#)

All enrolment forms are to be submitted with relevant paperwork by end of May 2022.



Siblings for Kindergarten 2023

Have you let us know yet that you have a sibling for Kindy 2023? If not, please contact Mrs Crake in the school office as soon as possible.

Sport Uniform—Term 2

Kindy	Tuesday & Friday
Yr 1	Monday & Thursday
Yr 2	Monday & Wednesday
Yr 3	Wednesday & Friday
Yr 4	Monday & Tuesday
Yr 5	Monday & Thursday
Yr 6	Tuesday & Thursday

School Photos

Please note this date: **Wednesday 22nd June** for school photos. All students will need to be in full winter uniform on this day. As usual sibling photos will also be taken. Further details will come home soon via the Compass Parent Portal.



NAPLAN 2022

A reminder that the NAPLAN 2022 testing window is May 10-20 for students in Year 3 & 5.

All students are required to have their own headphones for each of the online tests. Please see our St Bernadette's schedule for NAPLAN sessions below.

Parents of students in Year 3 and 5 that are absent for a test session please advise the office in the morning. If a child is absent for any of the above tests, they are able to sit a 'make-up' session anytime until May 20. If it becomes apparent due to isolation requirements that a test cannot be made up in this time please phone the office to discuss options with our NAPLAN coordinator, Mrs Floody.

	Writing	Reading	Conventions of Language	Mathematics
Yr 3	Tuesday 10 th May 8:40am Written paper test	Wednesday 11 th May 11:15am Online test	Thursday 12 th May 8:40am Online test	Friday 13 th May 8:40am Online test
Yr 5	Tuesday 10 th May 8:40am Online test	Wednesday 11 th May 8:40am Online test	Thursday 12 th May 11:15am Online test	Friday 13 th May 11:15am Online test

Take a Look at our New Playground Art
Over the holiday period our playground received a spruce up with some fresh art work. We hope our students enjoy the new games.



AARAS- After School Program at St Bernadette's

In Term 2, you can register your child in a new after school program at St Bernadette's. The *Australian Academy of Robotics and Stem* (AARAS) will be holding classes on Thursday afternoons and the program runs from week 2 (May 5) till week 9 (June 23). Classes begin at 3pm and conclude at 4:30pm. All registrations and enquiries are directed to AARAS, NOT the school office. Registered students are met after school by the program staff and are dismissed at the Blue Wall area by the program staff. Parents are advised that you CAN use your Creative Kids voucher when registering for this program. This program caters for students from K-6, see the flyer attached for additional information.

Mothers Day Breakfast—Fri 6th May

Mums are invited to attend our celebrations which start at 7.30am with breakfast followed by Open Classrooms and then Mass at 10am. Please see attachment with full details and a link for reply for catering purposes. Also if any dad's are available to help, please let us know. RSVP online - [RSVP Link](#) by 2nd of May.



Mothers Day Stall

Students will have the opportunity to purchase gifts from our Mothers Day Stall on Thursday next week. Gifts range from \$2 to \$15. Please send your child with cash if you would like them to purchase something. For Kindergarten children it is a good idea to send money in an envelope marked with their name & class.

St Bernadette's Day Liturgy & Picnic 29/4/2022



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.

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. Latest Thank you.

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.

St Bernadette's Infants Cross Country Carnival 2022

The 2022 Infants Cross Country Carnival will be held on Friday 20th May, 2022 at school (weather permitting).

The event will be held between 11:00am - 12:45pm for years K-2 on the grass area. The children will also be participating in a number of activities on Bottom Court, Handball Court and Tuckshop Terrace.

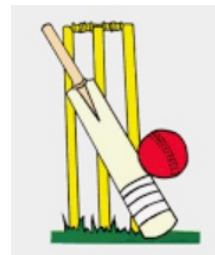
Children are to come dressed in their school sports shorts and may like to wear a coloured t-shirt of their house colour. Children are also required to wear their school hat and bring a water bottle. Preschoolers and younger siblings are to be under the direct supervision of their parents at all times. Unfortunately they cannot take part in the activities and games due to safety concerns.

Looking forward to a great day!
Yours sincerely,
Mrs Ilana Blazevic



Cricket News

Congratulations to our school cricket team who finally got to play their wet weather postponed match.



This year, we entered a team in the *Mark Taylor Shield* which is not a gala day but rather a knock-out of rounds with each game being 60 overs.

Our first round game was against a more experienced St Michael's (Baulkham Hills) team.

Whilst our team showed determination and great sportsmanship and fairness for all team members, we were unfortunately defeated. St Michael's 4/111 after 30 overs; St Bernadette's chasing with 10/40 in 21 overs. A rain affected game made for difficulties in the field early in the game and a heavy ball on a wet pitch when batting.

Thank you to Mr Lean-For for coaching the team, to Mr Osborne for assisting with umpiring on the day, to parents who assisted with training in the mornings and to all the parents and families that battled *all* the elements to support our players at the match.

Alexa Kouknas	4B
Eve Lincoln	4B
Georgia Gillogly	4B
Ewan Osborn	4G
Hamish Smith	4W
Patrick Kelly	5B
Ashton Payce	6B
Hayden Dmello	6B
Sebastian Napoli	6B
Gianni Castellan	6G
Grace Semaan	6G
Isaac Beshay	6G
Jack Kirkham	6G
Jackson Randall	6G
Samuel Lean-For	6W

Charmain Floody
Assistant Principal

P&F News:

Uniform Orders—Winter

Winter uniform is now available to order via the Quickcliq App. We ask that all students be in full winter uniform in Week 6, Term 2. For the first five weeks of Term 2, students can wear either summer **or** winter uniform (not a mixture). Uniform orders will be sent home via your child on a Tuesday afternoon.



Term Dates for 2022

Term 2—Ends 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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