

# **St Bernadette's School**

## Friday 10th June 2022 — Term 2 Week 7 No. 17

Dear Parents,

Are you a parent who uses Kiss 'n Drop or Blue Wall pick up? Do you drive up and down our steep driveway? *Have you noticed our new safety mirror* at the bottom of the *driveway*? At our recent P&F meeting a suggestion was to install a safety mirror at the bottom of the driveway so drivers could see pedestrians walking towards the driveway from in front of the school. A great suggestion that was enacted this week.

Have you signed up for the COMPASS Parent portal? If not, please do so without hesitation by contacting the office for assistance. The portal is used for many reasons - school notifications and alerts, managing your child's attendance, ordering school photos and receiving your child's Mid-Year Academic Report. A reminder that your child's Mid-Year Academic Report is due to parents on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June. This will be followed up by Parent Teacher interviews in person or via zoom in week 10. Details on how to book an appointment time online will be shared soon.

I hope you and the family have a restful long weekend! Enjoy the Monday public holiday.

#### **Prayer for the Feast of the Most Holy**

**Trinity** (this Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June) God of relationships, you gave us your Son, You gave us your Spirit, May we always follow you in all that we do and say. Amen.

Mrs Bianca Cooke Principal





Trinity Sunday is the first Sunday after Pentecost (Sunday 7th June) to honour the Holy Trinity - the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. While the word 'trinity' does not appear in Scripture, it is taught in Matthew 28:18-20 and 2 Corinthians 13:14 along with many other Bible passages. The Bible tells us, "And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit'" (Matthew 28:18-20). The concept of the Holy Trinity can never be completely understood. That is the mystery. But it is clearly taught in Scripture. Understanding this comes through the work of the Holy Spirit; therefore, it is appropriate that this mystery is celebrated the first Sunday after Pentecost, when the outpouring of the Holy Spirit first occurred.

Before Jesus was crucified, He told the disciples that the Holy Spirit would come after Him. Jesus said: "And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counsellor to be with you forever – the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you" (John 14:16-18). Just as Jesus said, 40 days after the resurrection (10 days after He ascended into heaven), the promise was fulfilled when Peter and the early Church were in Jerusalem for Pentecost.

Trinity Sunday is to explain, to the best of our ability, the clues written in Scripture to guide

us to a fuller understanding of our triune God. The Father is God from the beginning (John 1:1). Jesus revealed Himself as equal to the Father in John 10:30, "I and the Father are one." Together, they sent the Holy Spirit. The Bible tells us, "For there are three that bear record in Heaven, the Father, the Word and the Holy Spirit, and these three are one" (1 John 5:7-11). To understand the Trinity is to understand God more fully.

#### Week 8 Dates

**Mon 13 June** Queen's Birthday Holiday

**Tues 14 June** 3pm Martial Arts Sporting Schools Program

Fri 17 June Assembly/School Awards Starts at 1:50pm HSIE/Science books coming home 7.30am St 2 Soccer Girls 3-4pm St 2 Soccer Boys

**Sat 18 Sun 19 June** Parish Holy Communion Masses

**Mon 20 June** Primary Athletics Carnival

**Tues 21 June** Stage 2 Soccer Gala Day

Wed 22 June School Photo Day 7.30am, 10.30am & 1pm Sibling Photos

**Thurs 23 June** Reports on Parent Portal

**Fri 24 July** St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal

Tues 26 July Grandparents Day & Book Fair

#### ENROLLING NOW FOR KINDY 2023.

Limited places remain for Kindergarten to Yr 6 in 2022



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#### Term Dates for 2022

Term 2: Tue 26 April to Fri 1 July Term 3: Mon 18 July—**Staff Development & Pupil Free Day** Tues 19 July to Thursday 22 September Fri 23 September—**Staff Development & Pupil Free Day** 

Term 4: Mon 10 October - Staff Development & Pupil Free Day

New Assembly Time School Assemblies will now commence on Friday at **1:50pm** 



#### Wellbeing Library

Dear Parents, Grandparents and Guardians,

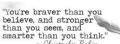
Worries!! They are part of everyone's life all the way

from Kindy to the Queen of England! With worries comes anxiety and over the next couple of weeks in Wellbeing we will explore what anxiety is.

Anxiety comes from a part of our brain called the amygdala (an awesome part!), it's there to protect you from danger. Your amygdala switches on when it thinks there might be danger. I explained to the children



it is like their own 'fierce warrior'. When it senses danger it fuels your body so it can be strong, fast and powerful. Sometimes there is a 'teeny' problem! Sometimes it doesn't check it out and there really isn't





any danger at all. Anxiety can come from worries that are imaginary, like *monsters under the bed* or from things that might happen in the future like we might not be able to finish our homework in time.

The students will have the opportunity to give their worries to the worry jar for a while but our main take home message was that it was really important to talk about your worries with someone. The students came up with many ways to help when they are worried, ask them to share them with you, often their wisdom is profound.

Have a worry free long weekend. Sally Coppini Hey Warrior by Karen Young



#### Positive Behaviour Support for Learning (PBS4L) Week 7 Focus

Respectful: Wearing uniform according to St Bernadette's uniform policy

#### **Uniform and Grooming**

Thank you for ensuring that your child is in the correct winter uniform each day. Wearing our uniform with pride is what helps to set the tone of our school so please continue to monitor how your children wear their uniform to school. A reminder that grooming is an important part of taking pride in our uniform and appearance.

Last week all classes in our school took part in reminder lessons on expectations around how we wear our school uniform with pride. This way **all** students know and understand our school expectations and we are all on 'the same page'.

If the class teacher speaks to a child about corrections needed to their uniform or grooming and the issue persists, a reminder letter will be sent home to parents. A copy of this letter is attached to this newsletter. It is the same information that is on our school website and has been in place for many, many years. Please take the time to familiarise yourself with these expectations. If your child cannot wear a part of the uniform correctly (temporarily) for any reason, please put this in writing and address it to your child's class teacher. Thank you always for your support.

#### Tell Them from Me Survey

You are invited to complete the *Tell Them From Me* (*TTFM*) Partners in Learning survey. As we value the role of parents and carers within our school community, we would greatly appreciate your feedback. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at St Bernadette's. The surveys are an important part of our whole school evaluation and planning process.

The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. You are able to access the parent survey on your computer or mobile device by using the URL below:

#### http://tellthemfromme.com/stbern2022

Students in Years 4-6 (plus teachers) will be completing the survey in the next few weeks. The students will complete the survey in their class with their class teacher. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

#### **New School Flags**

Thank you to our local Federal Member, Mr Alex Hawke and his office team for providing our school with new flags- Australian Flag, Aboriginal Flag and Torres Strait Islander Flag. These are now proudly flying on our flagpoles each day.

#### **Congratulations Tiana**

Tiana Symin (6B) recently received 1st place at her singing school winning her a recording scholarship. What an amazing achievement!



#### Mini Vinnies

Congratulations to the following students who have joined the Mini Vinnies group:

#### Year 4

Lily Alam, Alexa Kouknas, Sophie Viloria, Harry Watson, Jamie Haj, Isaac Saad, Bianca Hanna, Hamish Smith, Ben McLaren, Daniel Rowe, Evie Hughes-Brogan, Mariella Zaiter, Ava Papandrea, Haely Parcon, Roxanne Succar, Tiffany Lavulo, Emilia Crecca, Clare Baker, Layla Dmello, Eve Lincoln, Victoria Ibrahim, Savannah Younis.

#### Year 5

Emily Boxshall, Alexia Peharda, Calan Mooney, Hayleigh Shek, Janaya Habito, Emma Sakkal, Lucia Aiossa, Harper Moynahan, Aleksander Puleo, Hailey Xue, Jessica Coghlan, Xavier Ranieri, Riley Bandiera, Adam Gamble, Audrey Michael, Matilda Cowper, Abby Guy, Alyssa Hawkes, Joshua Mathews, Hayden Sharwood, Max Abouhamad, Martin Gao, Zoran Djurisic, Jordi Ekladiou.

#### Year 6

Zara Osborn, Khiara Heyes, Renee Mathias, Elle Dibble, Pippa Smith.

# Grandparents Day & Book Fair- SAVE THE DATE!

It's time to let all our grandparents know the date of our special day just for them: **Tuesday 26th July.** Further details will follow.



#### School Photo Day—Wed 22 June

Have you ordered your school photos yet via the Compass Parent Portal? Sibling photos will start at 7.30am, recess and lunchtime. Please let your children know if they are to have a sibling photo. All students must be in full winter uniform on that day. No envelopes will be coming home via students.

#### **KINDERGARTEN 2023**

Our enrolment process is underway for Kindergarten 2023. Prospective parents are asked to contact the school office on 9407 6600 to arrange a school tour/



interview. Please submit enrolment forms together with relevant paperwork by end of June 2022.

#### **Canteen News - New Tabs for late orders**

To ensure orders can be processed more efficiently, **online lunch orders should be placed by 9pm.** Orders after this time can be sent to school on a paper bag with money inside or **parents can now place online orders for recess and 'late orders' should they miss the 9pm cut off time.** Late orders **can be placed the same day with a cut off time of 8.30am.** Both tabs have limited items to choose from.

**R.I.P.** †† Our prayerful sympathy is extended to the Thomson family (Oliver in 3W and William in KB), following the recent passing of their grandfather. May he rest in peace.



#### Sport News:

**Congratulations to Rafael** Clemente (6G) who played in the MacKillop team at the NSWPSSA State Championships for Basketball in Tamworth last week. They were undefeated on days 1 and 2 but unfortunately lost in the semi-finals. Such an amazing effort. We are so proud of you!



#### Ilana Blazevic Sports Coordinator

#### Netball

What a fabulous day we had! Last Tuesday,

St Bernadette's entered 4 teams into the NSW Netball Schools Cup Gala Day held at the Baulkham Hills Netball Club. For our 2 junior teams, it was the first gala day that they have attended and they all did an amazing job and had a great time. Both of our senior teams were undefeated and have qualified to compete at the Netball Regional Finals at Homebush on the 29th August. Congratulations girls!



#### **Cross Country**

Congratulations to Lexie Hughes-Brogan (3B), Georgia Gillogly (4B) & Emily Mitchell (6W) who competed at the NSW CCC & CPS Cross Country Championships at Eastern Creek on Tuesday 7th June. They all ran an incredible race. Lexi ran 2km in a time of 9:28.00 placing 3rd for the Parramatta Diocese, 18th overall for her age



group, Georgia ran 2km in a time of 08:53.7 placing 3rd for the Parramatta Diocese, 13th overall for her age group and Emily ran 3km in a time of 15:01.2 placing 4th for the Parramatta Diocese, 35th overall for her age group. What an amazing achievement girls. You made both our school community and diocese proud!

### P&F News:

**Uniform Orders—Winter** Winter uniform is now available to order via the Quickcliq App. Uniform orders will



be sent home via your child on a Tuesday afternoon. All students should now be in full winter uniform. Thank you for your support in sending your child to school everyday in the correct uniform.