



# St Bernadette's School

Friday 24 June 2022 — Term 2 Week 9

No. 19

Dear Parents,

Yesterday you would have received your child's Mid-Year Report via the COMPASS Parent Portal. I hope you had the opportunity to sit with your child and discuss their academic results as well as effort grades and commended them on their many achievements. Please ensure that you download a copy of your child's report and save it to your own files for future reference. Your child's report will be available on the COMPASS app whilst they are enrolled at St Bernadette's. Many of you have made an interview time to meet with your child's teacher next week and your child is welcome to attend this meeting with you if you so choose.

As you know, next Thursday is a NSW School's staff strike day for Catholic as well as state school staff. Thank you in advance if you are able to keep your child at home that day. Children that need to attend school are to wear their proper uniform for the day, bring their own recess and lunch and they will be supervised in mixed groups by an available staff member. Formal classes will not be held. Canteen will not be available this day.

We are very excited to finish our term on Friday with a **Colour Fun Run** and activity day. Many thanks to the P&F for organising this fabulous event. Families are welcome to come along at your child's allocated grade time. See previously shared information for further details.

May God bless and keep you.  
**Mrs Bianca Cooke**

*Prayer to Saint John the Baptist  
(Feast Day 25<sup>th</sup> June)*

*O God,*

*You raised up St. John the Baptist  
to prepare a perfect person for Christ.*

*We call upon St. John's intercession  
to make us faithful to truth and justice,  
as You did Your servant.*

*Lord, may You increase  
Your life within us.*

*Amen.*

## R.E. NEWS



Today, on the feast of The Most Sacred Heart, we celebrate God's creative love bursting forth into the heart of creation, into the heart of humanity. It is a day to reflect on the boundless love that God has for each person.



In essence it speaks of the great tenderness of a God who stoops down and lifts us up when life is filled with challenges and suffering. God's love reaches out to us, invites us, and draws us into the very heart of God where our lives are transformed into being the hands and feet, the gentle voice and the listening ear of Christ in the world today. In essence the feast of the Sacred Heart is about celebrating the goodness, kindness and compassion that was at the heart of Jesus' ministry. A way to celebrate this feast would be for us to give recognition to the many acts of random kindness and goodness that we see around us each day. For it is in the daily activities of life that people continue to give witness to the compassionate face and heart of God. Compassion calls us to be a beloved Christlike presence in our world today. In recent times, I guided a group through the experience of good listening. I posed this question to reflect upon: 'reflect on a time in your community when good listening brought about a positive change in your group'. One such example came from a parish community who heard the news of a drought-stricken community and the community worked together to bring about a supportive and positive outcome which became a mutually enriching experience.

Are you willing and ready for the goodness and compassion of your life to be poured out for others, so that the divine dance of love continues?

**Thank you for your generous donations** for our Mini Vinnies Winter Appeal on the Feast day of the Sacred Heart. Together we raised over \$1,500.00!



### Week 10 Dates

**Mon 27 Jun-Wed 29 Jun**  
**Parent/Teacher Interviews**

**Wed 29 June**  
Whole School Assembly  
1:50pm

**Thur 30 June**  
Teacher's Strike

**Fri 1 July**  
**School Colour Fun Day**  
Last Day Term 2

### Term 3:

**Mon 18 July**  
Staff Development &  
Pupil Free Day

**Tues 19 July**  
Students return

**Thu 21 July**  
7:45-8:25am Choir

**Fri 22 July**  
Yr 1 excursion

**Mon 25 July**  
Yr 1 Minibeasts Inc.

**Tues 26 July**  
Grandparents Day &  
Book Fair

**Fri 29 July**  
Police Band Workshop &  
Concert  
2pm Whole School  
Assembly  
**4.30pm Welcome Disco  
for new families**

### ENROLLING NOW FOR KINDY 2023.

Limited places remain  
for Kindergarten to Yr 6  
in 2022

**Address:** 357 Old Northern Road, Castle Hill NSW 2154 **Phone:** 9407 6600

**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>



Dear Parents, Grandparents and Guardians,

This week in Wellbeing we are enjoying talking about KINDNESS. Doing good is not only beneficial for the person on the receiving end and those who witness the kind action, but also for the givers of kindness. When we are kind and intentionally perform acts of kindness, we get a boost in our own wellbeing and happiness. It feels good to help others and it helps us focus on the positive things in our lives. It's a win-win!

Facebook.com/ThinkPositivePower

How you make others feel says a lot about who you are.



Leave them with a smile, a hug, and a kind thought.

When we perform acts of kindness or help others our brain releases dopamine, oxytocin and endorphins that scientists refer to as the "helpers high". These

endorphins make us feel good and our body craves this good feeling.

Carry out a random act of kindness, with no expectation of reward, safe in the knowledge that one day someone might do the same for you.

—PRINCESS DIANA



Sometimes we turn to food, devices and other less healthy sources of pleasure that release the same chemicals in our brain. Kindness is a great way to give our brain what it craves in a healthy way and help others while we're at it.

Primary students watched a beautiful video about how kindness is contagious, I recommend you to have a look. If you have Infants children you might wonder about their new saying, "kindness to the rescue !!" Watch the Sesame Street video to find out how your children can become a Kindness Kid.

[Sesame Street - The Kindness Kid](#)

[The Kindness Boomerang](#)

Have a wonderful weekend  
**Sally Coppini**



**Positive Behaviour Support for Learning (PBS4L)  
Week 8 Focus**

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

## School Colour Fun Day—Fri 1 July

### Last day of Term 2

A fun day has been planned for the children on the last day of Term 2. Be prepared to get dirty! Be prepared to get covered in colour! A flyer was sent home on Wednesday—see over for details.

### AARAS—After School



### Program at St Bernadette's

Once again, in Term 3, you can register your child for the after school program: The Australian Academy of Robotics and Stem (AARAS) will be holding classes on Thursday afternoons and the program runs from week 2 (July 28) till week 9 (Sep 15). 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, flyers were attached to our last newsletter. Return participants will continue on with new lessons.

School Assembly for Week 10 has been brought forward to Wednesday 29 June at 1:50pm  
Parents Welcome

### ICAS Registrations are still open

Tests are held at school at 7:15am Writing Tuesday August 9, English Tuesday August 16, Mathematics Wednesday August 9.

<https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps>

School Code: TZE784

Registrations close July 29

### Parent & Teacher Interviews

Bookings close at 4pm today (Friday).

Any enquiries after this need to be through the office.

### NAPLAN Dates for 2023

Please be advised that NAPLAN dates for 2023 have been brought forward for students in years 3 and 5 next year.

NAPLAN will be held in Term 1 from Wednesday 15 March to Monday 27 March 2023.

Please ensure that these dates are 'event free' for your children so that they can participate.

### Student Reports via the Compass

#### Parent Portal

Teacher digital signatures have now been uploaded to student reports.

There was a CEDP glitch that has now been rectified. Feel free to download an updated version of your child's report.

# COLOUR FUN RUN DAY

## FRIDAY, 1 JULY 2022

**Get ready to end the term with a super fun, colour filled day!**

**All activities and accessories are free of charge (proudly supported by our amazing P&F!)**

**For details of the event please see note from the school**

What a great way to end a semester of successful learning at St Bernadette's!  
Here are the school details you need to know.

***FAMILY MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO COME AND WATCH AT YOUR CHILD'S TIMESLOT.***

**WEAR TO SCHOOL:** A white T shirt and older clothes you don't mind getting coloured\*, joggers, hat/cap

**TO BRING:** A change of clothes (optional) and an old towel to wipe yourself down  
Normal Recess and Lunch

**PROVIDED:** Safety glasses and colourful accessories per child to keep

<b>SESSION TIMES:</b>	9:15am-10:00am	Years 4 & 5
	<b>10:00am-10:30am</b>	<b>RECESS</b>
	10:30am-11:15am	Years 2 & 3
	12:15pm-1:00pm	Kindergarten & Year 1
	<b>1:00pm-1:40pm</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>
	1:40pm-2:30pm	Year 6

If you do not wish your child to participate in this activity, please notify the school office via email.  
Your child can opt out on the day if they wish and be a spectator.

\* All colour powder products are low irritant and made from corn starch. As the children will not be getting wet, the colour powder should easily wipe/shake off skin and hair. The powder should wash out of clothes. Children with asthma/allergies are welcome to wear a face mask (byo).

*If you would like to be a helper on the day, please notify the office or Mrs Amanda Baker 0413 348 175*

**All helpers must have completed the CEDP Building Safe Communities module.**

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## KINDERGARTEN 2023

Our enrolment process is underway for Kindergarten 2023. Prospective parents are invited to visit our website or call the school office on 9407 6600 to arrange a school tour/interview. [Register your interest here](#) All enrolment forms are to be submitted with relevant paperwork by end of June 2022.



## 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.



## Choir

Choir will be starting up again next term on Thursday mornings before school in the PDHPE room from 7:45am—8:25am beginning week 1 (21st July). If your child is in Years 3-6 and would like to join the St Bernadette's choir, please email Mrs Blazevic at [Bernadettechsport@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:Bernadettechsport@parra.catholic.edu.au) and a permission letter will be sent home.

## Reminder: Sport Email

Our school has a new email address for sport related enquiries and information - [bernadettechsport@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:bernadettechsport@parra.catholic.edu.au). This email address will be used to communicate sport related activities such as Gala Days and Sport Trials.

## School Fees

Term 2 school fees are now due. If you haven't already finalized your account for Term 2 we ask if you could please make payment, thank you to all families that have finalized their account already.

Should you wish to make an arrangement for your 2022 school fee account please contact Mrs Vicki Cassidy on 9407 6600 or email [vcassidy@oparra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:vcassidy@oparra.catholic.edu.au). Fees can be made by BPOINT, EFTPOS, BPAY or POSTBILL (No CASH Payments).

## Staff Development & Pupil Free Days

Monday 18th July  
Friday 23rd September  
Monday 10th October

**R.I.P.** †† Our prayerful sympathy is extended to the Hall family (Charlotte in 1B), following the recent passing of her grandfather. May he rest in peace.



## P&F News:

### Uniform Orders—Winter

Winter uniform is now available to order via the Quickcliq App. 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. Uniform orders will be sent home via your child on a Tuesday afternoon.



## Monday's Primary Athletics Carnival

Our students had a wonderful day at our Athletics Carnival on Monday.

A big thank you goes out to our parents and grandparents who volunteered. Carnivals are impossible to run without your assistance and your time is very much appreciated.

Age Champion, Age Runners Up and Colour House points will be announced at Monday morning's assembly. Letters to students who have qualified for zone will be sent home next week.



## Other Items:

### Hills Community Aid

Hills Community Aid is a not for profit organisation supporting the community. During the July holidays we will be holding a FREE family fun day & also have some workshops available. See attachment to newsletter.

## 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**

Tues 11 Dec to Fri 16 December (for students)